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COL Czarnik is presently the commander of the Supreme Headquarters Allied Powers Europe (SHAPE) and North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) Healthcare facilities where he works closely with the NATO SOF Headquarters. He previously served as the Deputy Command Surgeon ('07-'08) and then Command Surgeon ('08-'11) for the Joint Special Operations Command at Fort Bragg, North Carolina. He served for many years on a classified Special Operations medical contingency force, conducting worldwide missions in support of U.S. Counterterrorism operations. His previous appointments include Chief of Medical Training at the U.S. Army Special Operations Command, 3rd Special Forces Group (Airborne) Surgeon/Combines Joint Special Operations Task Force-Afghanistan Surgeon, Staff Emergency Physician at Womack Army Medical Center, Battalion Surgeon for the 1st Battalion/75th Ranger Regiment, and General Medical Officer at Tuttle Army Health Clinic.

COL Czarnik received a BA in Philosophy (1989) and Biochemistry (1989) from Ripon College and an MD from the Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences (1993). He completed a Transitional Internship at Tripler Army Medical Center in 1994 and an Emergency Medicine Residency from 1997-2000 at Brooke Army Medical Center/Wilford Hall Medical Center. He received certification from the American Board of Emergency Medicine in 2001, recertified in emergency medicine in 2011 and is medically licensed by the Tennessee State Medical Licensure.

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