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U.S. Army Colonel James F. Cummings graduated from the Georgetown University School of Medicine in 1993. He then completed a categorical internship and residency in internal medicine at the Walter Reed Army Medical Center. He then was assigned to dual appointments as a staff internist in the Departments of Internal Medicine and in the Department of Emergency Medicine

COL Cummings next duty station was at Fort Bragg, N.C., where he served as a staff internist in the Department of Internal Medicine at the Womack Army Medical Center and later was selected as the regimental surgeon for the 504<sup>th</sup> Parachute Infantry Regiment of the 82<sup>nd</sup> Airborne Division.

In 2000, COL Cummings focused his medical research skills as the assistant chief and subsequently chief of Overseas Vaccine Development for the Department of Immunology's Division of CDI at the Walter Reed Army Institute of Research (WRAIR). He has held several other positions at WRAIR, including director of OCONUS Vaccine Trials for the Department of Immunology's Division of CDI, chief of the Department of Field and Clinical Trials for the Division of Malaria Vaccine Development and chief of the Department of Clinical Trials, Division of Regulated Activities. He deployed in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom, serving as the Theatre Infectious Diseases Consultant, and culminated his tenure at WRAIR as the director of the Division of Regulated Activities and later the director of Translational Medicine.

COL Cummings serves as an assistant professor of medicine at the Uniformed Services University of Health Sciences and on the clinical faculty at the Commonwealth Medical College in Scranton, Pa. He also served as a consulting associate clinical professor at the Duke University School of Medicine and clinical instructor of Pharmacy Practice at Campbell University in North Carolina. He has been elected to fellowship both in the American College of Physicians and the Infectious Diseases Society of America and has received the "A" designator from the U.S. Army Surgeon General and awarded the Order of Military Medical Merit.

He has contributed to nearly 30 published journal articles and books. His military awards include the Meritorious Service Medal (with three bronze oak leaf clusters (3BOLC), Joint Service Commendation Medal, Army Commendation Medal (4BOLC), Army Achievement Medal (BOLC), National Defense Service Medal with Device, Iraq Campaign Medal with Campaign Star, U.S. Army Parachutist Badge and Australian Army Parachutist Badge.