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U.S. Coast Guard Captain Sharon L. Ludwig graduated Summa cum Laude with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Anthropology from the University of Maryland. She earned Master of Arts in Medical Anthropology and Doctor of Medicine degrees from the University of Colorado, and a Master of Public Health degree at Johns Hopkins University. Her internship in Obstetrics and Gynecology was at Fitzsimons Army Medical Center in Colorado. She completed a residency in Public Health and General Preventive Medicine at the Walter Reed Army Institute of Research (WRAIR). She is board certified in Public Health and Preventive Medicine and board eligible in Occupational and Environmental Medicine.

During nine years in the U.S. Army, CAPT. Ludwig's service included assignments as Preventive Medicine Officer and Chief of Occupational Health at Fort Drum, N.Y. and the Infectious Disease Epidemiology Officer at the newly formed Center for Health Promotion and Preventive Medicine. She deployed to Egypt, Kuwait, Saudi Arabia and Bosnia. During each tour, she established theater disease and injury surveillance programs, conducted outbreak investigations and supplied other preventive medicine services to deployed troops from all services.

In 1998, CAPT Ludwig entered the U.S. Public Health Service as the first Preventive Medicine/Epidemiology staff officer to the Coast Guard's Chief Medical Officer (Service Surgeon General equivalent). As a staff officer, she accomplished major changes to health care policies and early recognition and response to disease threats such as SARs and the anthrax attacks on the U.S. Postal Service.

In 2006, CAPT Ludwig served for three years as the Coast Guard Division Chief of Health Systems Management. She joined AFHSC in her current position in 2009.

Her military awards include Four Meritorious Service Medals; Army Commendation and Achievement Medals; Coast Guard Achievement Medal; numerous Coast Guard, PHS and Army team and unit citations; two National Defense Service Medals; two Armed Forces Expeditionary Medals; Global War on Terrorism, Southwest Asia, and Armed Forces Service Medals; North Atlantic Treaty Organization Medal; and the PHS Field Medical Readiness Badge.

CAPT Ludwig has contributed as an author to numerous peer-reviewed publications, posters, and abstracts. She is currently the WRAIR Preventive Medicine Residency Advisory Committee Chair and is a faculty advisor to the Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences Department of Preventive Medicine.