

## **Biography for Doctor James Gregory Jolissaint**

James Gregory (Greg) Jolissaint, MD, became a Howard County resident in the Spring of 2011 following a 32-year career in the US Army. He joined the Veterans Affairs (VA) on January 12<sup>th</sup>, 2015, following 4+ years with General Dynamics Information Technology's (GDIT's) Military and Veterans Health Sector. He is currently assigned as the Chief of Staff/Chief Medical Officer for the Martinsburg VA Medical Center in Martinsburg, West Virginia.

Greg attended Louisiana State University (LSU) in Baton Rouge, Louisiana, on an Army ROTC Scholarship. He earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Zoology and was commissioned a Second Lieutenant of Infantry. After completing his Infantry Training at Fort Benning, Georgia, Lieutenant Jolissaint transitioned to Fort Campbell, Kentucky, where he successfully served in Infantry Battalion positions that included Rifle Platoon Leader, Battalion Staff Officer, and Infantry Company Commander in the 101<sup>st</sup> Airborne Division (Air Assault).

Captain Jolissaint left active duty to pursue a medical career; while serving as a US Army reserve officer, he earned a Doctorate of Medicine from Louisiana State University School of Medicine (New Orleans). Doctor Jolissaint returned to active duty where he completed his Family Medicine Internship and Residency at Eisenhower Army Medical Center, Fort Gordon, Georgia. In 1998, Lieutenant Colonel Jolissaint earned a Master of Science Degree in National Resource Strategy from the National Defense University (NDU) in Washington, DC. In March 2012, Doctor Jolissaint attained earned recognition as a Certified Physician Executive (CPE).

During his career as an Army Medical Department (AMEDD) officer, Doctor Jolissaint successfully served as a staff Family Medicine Physician, as a Clinical Faculty member for an Army Family Medicine Residency program, as a hospital Deputy Commander for Clinical Services/CMO, as the Command Surgeon/CMO for the 101<sup>st</sup> Airborne Division and the Army's Training and Doctrine Command (TRADOC), as the Commander/Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of the 86<sup>th</sup> Combat Support Hospital, and as the Project Leader for the Base Realignment and Closure (BRAC) Team at Walter Reed Army Medical Center in Washington, DC.

Doctor Jolissaint's military career also included deployments as a Treatment Platoon Physician with the 1<sup>st</sup> Armored Division during Operation Desert Storm, and as the Commander/CEO of Task Force Medical Falcon V in Camp Bondsteel, Kosovo, during Operation Joint Guardian. Doctor Jolissaint culminated a professionally rewarding military career serving as the Commander/CEO of the 18<sup>th</sup> Medical Command and the 121<sup>st</sup> Combat Support Hospital in YongSan, South Korea, where he also served as the Command Surgeon/CMO for the US Forces Korea (USFK) and the Eighth US Army (EUSA). Greg retired from the Army as a Colonel.

Doctor Jolissaint's extracurricular activities have primarily been in support of his family and his church. He is a 4<sup>th</sup> Degree Knight in the Knights of Columbus, and he has been invested into the Equestrian Order of the Knights of the Holy Sepulchre. Doctor Jolissaint previously served as the Medical Director for the annual Archdiocese for Military Services-Knights of Columbus co-sponsored Warriors to Lourdes Pilgrimage which supports Wounded, Ill, and Injured Warriors and Veterans seeking spiritual enlightenment at the shrine of Lourdes, France. Doctor Jolissaint was honored to be selected to serve on the Howard County Commission for Veterans and Military Family Members in October of 2016.