



David K. Dunning, MPA, has been appointed to serve as the Medical Center Director and Chief Executive Officer for the Veterans Affairs (VA) Medical Center in Memphis, Tennessee effective May 15, 2017.

Dunning joins the VA with 30 years of healthcare experience within the United States Army. Most recently, he held the position of Commander at the Tripler Army Medical Center, where he was responsible for an operating budget of \$440 million and 508,000 enrolled beneficiaries. Under his leadership Tripler Army Medical Center's Intensive Care Unit saw an occupancy rate raise over 80%, resulting in raising the overall patient complexity to the third highest in MEDCOM including Obstetrics care and to the second highest without Obstetrics care.

Dunning graduated from Furman University obtaining a Bachelor of Arts in Political Science. He holds a Master of Science in Strategic Studies from the US Army War College, as well as a Master of Public Administration in Comptrollership from the University of Missouri - Kansas. He is a member of the American Society of Military Comptrollers and Pi Alpha Alpha, National Honor Society for Public Affairs and Administration.

Colonel David K. Dunning received his commission in the Medical Service Corps from Furman University in 1987 through the Reserve Officer Training Corps. He was a Distinguished Military Graduate and holds a Bachelor of Arts in Political Science from Furman University, a Masters in Public Administration from the University of Missouri Kansas City, and a Masters of Strategic Studies from the United States Army War College.

He has served in a wide variety of both field and fixed medical units. After the AMEDD Officer Basic Course in 1987, he was assigned to the 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault) at Fort Campbell, Kentucky. While assigned to the 101st he served as Treatment Platoon Leader C/326th Medical Battalion, Medical Platoon Leader 2/187th Infantry Battalion, deployed to Saudi Arabia as Executive Officer B/326th Medical Battalion for Operation Desert Shield/Desert Storm, and lastly served as the Division Medical Plans Officer. After the AMEDD Officer Advanced Course, he was assigned to the AMEDD Center and School Brigade where he took command of D/187th Medical Battalion at Fort Sam Houston, Texas. Following command, he was assigned to the 1st Armored Division where he served as the S-2/3 of the 123rd Main Support Battalion in Dexheim, Germany. Subsequently, he was nominated for and served as the Medical Operations Advisor to the Saudi Arabian National Guard in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia. After completion of the Health Service Comptroller Internship in 1998 at Walter Reed Army Medical Center, he was assigned as the Chief, Resource Management, Wurzburg Medical Activity, Wurzburg, Germany and later served as the Deputy Commander for Administration of the Wurzburg Medical Activity. Upon graduation from resident Command and General Staff College, he was assigned as the G-8 44th Medical Command at Fort Bragg, North Carolina, with follow-on assignment in 2004 as the Director, Business Operations Directorate, Womack Army Medical Center. In 2006, he deployed with the 28th Combat Support Hospital where he served as the Deputy Commander for Administration in the Green Zone, Baghdad, Iraq. Upon redeployment, in early 2008, he assumed the duties as the Director of Health Financial Policy Division, Office of The Surgeon General. In June 2010, he assumed the responsibilities of the Deputy Chief of Staff/Director Special Staff for the Headquarters, US Army Medical Command. On 15 June 2011, COL Dunning assumed command of the United States Army Medical Activity, Fort Polk, Louisiana. In May 2013 COL Dunning assumed the duties of U.S. Army Medical Command Assistant Deputy Chief of Staff, Resource Management, Director, Program Analysis and Evaluation, and Health Services Comptroller Consultant to the Army Surgeon General. On 25 July 2014 COL Dunning assumed command of Tripler Army Medical Center, Honolulu, Hawaii. In August 2016 COL Dunning assumed his current duties as Director, Army Medical Department Senior Leader Management Task Force.

His military education includes the AMEDD Officer Basic and Advanced Courses, the Combat Casualty Care Course, Combined Arms and Services Staff School, Command and General Staff College, and the United States Army War College.

Colonel Dunning's awards and decorations include the Legion of Merit with 3 oak leaf clusters, Bronze Star with oak leaf cluster, Meritorious Service Medal with five oak leaf clusters, Army Commendation Medal with oak leaf cluster, Army Achievement Medal with two oak leaf clusters, Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal, Southwest Asia Service Medal with three bronze stars, Iraq Campaign Medal, Global War on Terror Service Medal, Saudi Arabian Kuwait Liberation Medal, Kuwaiti Kuwait Liberation Medal, and the Meritorious Unit Citation. He has earned the Combat Medical Badge, Expert Field Medical Badge, Parachutist Badge, Air Assault Badge and the Army Staff Identification Badge.

Colonel Dunning is a Certified Defense Financial Manager. He is married to the former Debra Lynn Mostowy.