

Health Affairs

Chairman, Armed Forces Medical Policy Council

Position established in 1949.

Dr. Raymond B. Allen	5 July 1949-30 September 1949
Dr. Richard L. Meiling	1 October 1949-2 January 1951
Dr. William R. Lovelace	1 July 1951-31 March 1952
Dr. Melvin A. Casberg	1 April 1952-31 March 1953

Reorganization Plan No. 6 (1953) abolished the council. The new position of assistant to the secretary of defense (health affairs) assumed the functions.

Assistant to the Secretary of Defense (Health Affairs)

Dr. Melvin A. Casberg	1 April 1953-2 August 1953
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Position title changed to assistant secretary of defense (health and medical) on 3 August 1953, and some functions transferred to the assistant secretary of defense (manpower). [See *Manpower*]

Assistant Secretary of Defense (Health and Medical)

Dr. Melvin A. Casberg	3 August 1953-27 January 1954
Dr. Frank B. Berry	28 January 1954-31 January 1961

Position abolished on 31 January 1961, and functions transferred to assistant secretary of defense (manpower). [See *Manpower*]

Assistant Secretary of Defense (Health and Environment)

Position established on 23 June 1970, by Defense Directive 5136.1 after Congress (PL 91-121, 19 November 1969) designated one assistant secretary position for health affairs.

Dr. Louis M. Rousselot	22 July 1970-1 July 1971
Dr. Richard S. Wilbur	27 July 1971- 1 September 1973
Dr. James R. Cowan	19 February 1974-1 March 1976
Vernon McKenzie (Acting)	2 March 1976-8 March 1976

On 22 January 1976, position title changed to assistant secretary of defense (health affairs).

Assistant Secretary of Defense (Health Affairs)

Responsible for overall supervision of the health and medical affairs of DoD. Serves as the principal staff assistant and adviser to the secretary of defense for all DoD health policies, programs, and activities and exercises oversight of all DoD health resources. Reports to the under secretary of defense for personnel and readiness. Serves also as director of the Tricare Management Activity.

Dr. Robert N. Smith	30 August 1976-7 January 1978
Vernon McKenzie (Acting)	8 January 1978-14 August 1979
Dr. John Moxley III	14 September 1979-9 August 1981
Dr. John Beary (Acting)	10 August 1981-24 September 1983
Vernon McKenzie (Acting)	25 September 1983-17 November 1983

Dr. William Mayer	18 November 1983-21 April 1989
Dr. Enrique Mendez	5 March 1990-20 January 1993
Dr. Edward D. Martin (Acting)	20 January 1993-23 March 1994
Dr. Stephen C. Joseph	23 March 1994-31 March 1997
Dr. Edwin D. Martin (Acting)	1 April 1997-26 May 1998
Dr. Sue Bailey	26 May 1998-10 August 2000
Dr. William Winkenwerder, Jr.	29 October 2001-