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Col. Blackbourne took command of the U.S. Army Institute of Surgical Research on 23 July 2008. From 1990 to 1997, he was a general surgery resident at the University of Virginia. During this residency period, he also participated in two years of National Institute of Health supported research. Following his residency training in 1997, he received a direct appointment as a Medical Corps officer of the U.S. Army. His first assignment as a Medical Corps officer was as the Chief of General Surgery at Fort Eustis, Virginia. Blackbourne was assigned as the Commander, 274th Forward Surgical Team (Airborne), from 1999-2001. In 2001 and 2002 he deployed in support of the Special Operations Command as part of Operation Enduring Freedom. After finishing his deployment, he completed a Fellowship in Surgical Critical Care and Trauma Surgery at the University of Miami. In the fall of 2004 he once again deployed, this time as the Chief of Surgery at the combat support hospital in Baghdad, Iraq. Blackbourne was assigned to the U.S. Army Institute of Surgical Research at Brooke Army Medical Center as the Assistance Chief of the Burn Center and Assistant Chief of the Trauma Service, and most recently as the Chief of Trauma. During this assignment, he deployed once to Operation Enduring Freedom and twice to Operation Iraqi Freedom in support of the Special Operations Command.