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COL Becker is the General Surgery Consultant to the Army Surgeon General and a Trauma Critical Care Surgeon at Brooke Army Medical Center (BAMC) in San Antonio, TX.

Taking lessons learned from his 2018-2019 deployment with the 102nd FST in support of SOJTF in OIR, he stood up the Strategic Trauma Readiness Center (STaRC) in San Antonio. STaRC is a pilot project for small surgical team trauma readiness training that includes three hands-on phases of training from tissue labs to patient care in the DoD's large volume Level I trauma center at BAMC to a live-fire field training exercise that includes multiple modalities of training models. COL Becker developed the program and has executed 7 iterations of training as the first STaRC Director.

COL Becker has deployed six times in his career with small surgical teams. His most recent deployment was to Syria during the push to free the last ISIS stronghold. This was a high-volume combat deployment with a split component of the 102nd FST. In a 6-month period, the team cared for nearly 500 trauma patients and operated on over 130 of them. This deployment sparked COL Becker's interest in ensuring surgical team trauma readiness.

COL Becker is an investigator on multiple trauma research protocols tied to several million dollars in grants. As a faculty member of the Department of Surgery at USUHS and UTHSCSA, he is active in teaching medical students, residents, and fellows and is an instructor for ATLS, ASSET +, and BEST Courses.

COL Becker is a Fellow of the American College of Surgeons and serves on the Board of Governors. He is also a Fellow of the American Association for the Surgery of Trauma and a member of the Eastern Association for the Surgery of Trauma and Association for Academic Surgery.

Prior positions COL Becker has held include Chief of Trauma and Surgical Critical Care at BAMC, Medical Director of the Surgical and Trauma Intensive Care Unit at BAMC, Chief of General Surgery at Ft. Belvoir Community Hospital, and Chief of General Surgery at DeWitt Army Community Hospital.

COL Becker attended the University of Missouri-Kansas City's six-year combined undergraduate and medical school program. He earned his Army commission by attending ROTC and did his General Surgery residency at Walter Reed Army Medical Center. He was an intern at Walter Reed on 9/11. During the next 6 years, he and his fellow Walter Reed residents cared for hundreds of Service Members from OIF and OEF. In 2015, COL Becker completed further training in Surgical Critical Care and Acute Care Surgery in San Antonio. He has earned a Master's in Public Health from the University of Massachusetts at Amherst and completed the Command and General Staff College.

COL Becker has been married to Katherine Sutcliffe for over 22 years. Her strength and support has allowed him to focus his efforts full-time on patient care and readiness training.