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COL Jennifer Gurney is a trauma and burn surgeon in the U.S. Army. She has worked for the Joint Trauma System since 2014 and was the Chief of JTS from 2022 to September 2026. COL Gurney was the first chair of Defense Committee on Trauma and helped establish the Committee on Surgical Combat Casualty Care and was the Chair for five years. COL Gurney joined the Army while at Boston University Medical School on a Health Professions Service Program Scholarship and did her surgical training at Walter Reed Army Medical Center. She did a Surgical Critical Care Fellowship at Stanford Hospital and spent a year at the University of California San Francisco at San Francisco General Hospital focusing on trauma care and trauma research. She has over 200 peer-reviewed publications. She has deployed 8 times in support of military operations and has received a Legion of Merit with a 'C' (combat) device, three Bronze Star Medals, a Combat Action Badge, and the Defense Meritorious Service Medal for wartime service. She is Governor in the American College of Surgeons, was the Chair of the American Association for the Surgery of Trauma Military Committee from 2020 to 2024 and was President of Excelsior Surgical Society from 2023-2024. She has focused her surgical and military careers on optimizing combat casualty care, improving battlefield survivability, and advancing, as well as integrating military and civilian trauma systems.