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ARNORTH Surgeon Maj. Gen. Dire retires after 41 years of U.S. Army service

SAN ANTONIO, Texas – In a ceremony to be held at the Quadrangle on Joint Base San Antonio – Fort Sam Houston, U.S. Army North's Surgeon, Maj. Gen. Daniel J. Dire, will retire after 41 years of U.S. Army service on Saturday, July 17, 2021 at 9:30 a.m.

Serving in both the Active and Reserve components throughout his career, Maj. Gen. Dire volunteered to mobilize to serve as U.S. Northern Command's Joint Force Land Component Command (JFLCC) Surgeon at U.S. Army North in support of the whole-of-government COVID-19 response.

While he was eligible to retire within 60 days of joining the JFLCC, he extended numerous times in order to serve a full 15 months to support this unprecedented health response mission. Maj. Gen. Dire joined the Army in 1980 as a 2nd Lieutenant to participate in the U.S. Army Health Professions Scholarship Program and has commanded units at every echelon since.

The ceremony will be streamed live on U.S. Army North's Facebook page, <https://www.facebook.com/USArmyNorth>. For additional information, contact ARNORTH Public Affairs office at usarmy.jbsa.arnorth.mbx.pao@mail.mil or 210-428-9835.