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Colonel Don Noah is the Acting Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for Force Health Protection and Readiness. In that capacity, he directs Department-wide efforts to develop and implement policies and programs relating to DoD deployment medicine, force health protection, national disaster support, and medical readiness for 2.3 million Service members.

Dr. Noah received his bachelor's and veterinary medical degrees from The Ohio State University, a Master of Public Health from the University of Minnesota, and is a graduate of Harvard University's National Preparedness Leadership Institute. He is also a Diplomate of the American College of Veterinary Preventive Medicine and is a USDA-certified Foreign Animal Disease Diagnostician.

Previous positions have included Acting Deputy Assistant Secretary (WMD & Biodefense) within the Department of Homeland Security; US Southern Command's Deputy Command Surgeon; Department of Defense liaison to the US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC); special assistant for biological defense at the Office of the Secretary of Defense; medical epidemiologist at the US Army Medical Research Institute of Infectious Diseases (USAMRIID); liaison to the Central Intelligence Agency; infectious disease analyst with the Defense Intelligence Agency; infectious disease outbreak investigation fellow at CDC; instructor at the US Air Force School of Aerospace Medicine; and public health officer at Kadena Air Base, Okinawa, Japan.

In addition to his academic and military experiences, Dr. Noah practiced in a large animal (predominantly dairy and swine) private practice in Ohio with his father for three years. In addition to numerous military awards and decorations, his significant achievements include the 2005 Distinguished Alumnus Award from The Ohio State University College of Veterinary Medicine, 1996 Dr. Daniel E. Salmon Federal Veterinarian of the Year Award, the 1996 US Department of Health and Human Services Secretary's Award for Distinguished Service, and the 1995 Republic of Zaire's Brevet de Participation for his efforts in the control of the Ebola outbreak.