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As the Commander, US Army Medical Research Institute of Chemical Defense, Colonel Bruce A. Schoneboom provides leadership and vision to the US Army's Center of Excellence for Medical Chemical Defense to mitigate the medical effects of chemical warfare agents and toxins on warfighters and civilians through research, consultation, collaboration, medical education, training, and DoD-level doctrine development and serves as the Medical Command's subject matter expert on issues associated with mitigating the medical effects of chemical warfare agents/toxins. He is responsible for managing the Institute resources, including 350 employees, 16 buildings, and an operating budget of \$57M. He is also responsible for integrating the Institute's activities with national interagency chemical defense programs, and performs the duties of the Institutional Official for the Animal Care and Use Program and Human Subjects Research Protection.



Previously, he served as the Corps Specific Branch Proponency Officer for the US Army Nurse Corps. Colonel Schoneboom has also served as the associate dean for academic affairs at the Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences, Graduate School of Nursing. In this role, he was responsible for curriculum design and promotes faculty enrichment for all GSN master's and doctoral programs. Furthermore, Colonel Schoneboom collaborated with other senior leadership to advance the mission of the University through education, research and service.

Colonel Schoneboom has a diploma in nursing from Saint John's School of Nursing in Springfield, Missouri (1982). He later received a bachelor of science in nursing (1985) from Central State University, Edmond, Oklahoma, and was then commissioned into the US Army. He holds a master of health sciences in anesthesia nursing degree (1991) from Texas Wesleyan University in Fort Worth, and a doctor of philosophy in neuroscience (2000) from the Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences, Bethesda, Maryland. Colonel Schoneboom recently completed (2011) a master's degree in national security strategy at the National Defense University's National War College, Washington, DC. Colonel Schoneboom has held many leadership positions throughout his distinguished military career. Highlights from earlier assignments include serving as both an intensive care registered nurse in Landstuhl, Germany, and a certified registered nurse anesthetist at Tripler Army Medical Center in Honolulu, Hawaii. He also deployed to Afghanistan in support of Operation Enduring Freedom in 2006. While there, Colonel Schoneboom was the Detachment Commander for the 14th Combat Support Hospital located at Forward Operating Base Salerno.

Following teaching appointments at the University of Texas School of Nursing in Houston, Colonel Schoneboom returned to the Uniformed Services University as a faculty member. He has held many key positions at USU including performing as the School's acting dean for more than a year, department chair for the Graduate School of Nursing, director of the Nurse Anesthesia Program and a GSN senator in the USU Faculty Senate. Colonel Schoneboom was the principal investigator of numerous funded grants and has an established funding and publication record. His research interests include investigating neuro-immune responses of the central nervous system to viral pathogens with known bioterrorist capabilities and the development of new monitoring technologies with operational and garrison applications.

He is recognized for his contributions to science and his exemplary service record. Colonel Schoneboom is the recipient of the Defense Superior Service Medal, Bronze Star Medal, the Defense Meritorious Service Medal, the Meritorious Service Medal with two oak leaf clusters, the Army Commendation Medal, the Joint Service Commendation Medal, and the Army Achievement Medal. He was awarded the "A" Proficiency Designator, the highest award given in recognition of professional accomplishment within the Army Medical Department. Colonel Schoneboom has been inducted into the Order of Military Medical Merit, the National Academy of Practice, and as a fellow in the American Academy of Nursing. He was recognized at the 2010 Annual Meeting of the Association of Military Surgeons of the United States, receiving the interagency award for leadership in nursing. In 2012, he received the John F. Garde Researcher of the Year award from the American Association of Nurse Anesthetists Foundation. In 2014 he was the recipient of the Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences Alumni Association's Graduate School of Medicine Award.

Colonel Schoneboom is a member of several professional organizations including the American Nurses Association, the American Association of Nurse Anesthetists, Sigma Theta Tau International Honor Society of Nursing, and the American Academy of Nursing, where he serves on the expert panel for military and veteran's affairs. He is also serving as the military representative on the National Institutes of Health's National Advisory Council for Nursing Research.