



## **Department of Veterans Affairs VA North Texas Health Care System**

### **Stephen R. Holt, M.D., MPH, MSNRS Deputy Chief of Staff**

Stephen R. Holt, M.D., MPH, MSNRS, was selected as VA North Texas Health Care System (VANTHCS) Deputy Chief of Staff in April 2008. He is the first Deputy Chief of Staff that VANTHCS has ever had. He serves as the Acting Chief of Staff in the absence of the Chief of Staff and the medical consultant for the Medical Disaster Response Team of which the team was activated for Hurricanes Gustavo and Ike during the 2008 Hurricane season.

Prior to his appointment at VANTHCS he was the Associate Chief of Staff for Education and Emergency Preparedness at Central Texas Health Care System (CTVHCS). He was responsible for managing all Graduate Medical Education at CTVHCS. Dr. Holt managed the medical center Disaster Preparedness Program ensuring Federal, National Incident Management System and Joint Commission requirement compliance.

Dr. Holt graduated cum laude from Duke University, and received his medical degree from Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences School of Medicine. He completed his Aerospace Medicine Residency at Brooks Air Force Base. Dr. Holt also has a master's degree in Public Health and a Master of Science in National Resource Strategy. Dr. Holt retired from the US Air Force as a Colonel after serving for 25 years. Some of his accomplishments include:

- Senior Staff Member (Senior Executive Service) at the National Defense University
- Extensive Compliance and Accreditation Experience: Air Force Inspector General's Team
- Aerospace Medicine Consultant to the Air Force Surgeon General
- Oversaw more than 600 Aerospace and occupational medicine physicians and approximately 2,500 support staff
- Set Air Force policies and procedures for aerospace and occupational health practice
- Negotiator experience with foreign governments and companies
- Advanced Medical Technology Research, Development, Testing and Evaluation
- Distinguished graduate of the Industrial College of the Armed Forces, National Defense University
- Strategic Air Command Flight Surgeon of the Year

Dr. Holt continues to serve his country and as VANTHCS Deputy Chief of Staff ensures the health care system provides the highest quality care to Veterans. He recently received the 2011 VA Employee of the Year Award from the Air Force Association.