



## **WJB Dorn VA Medical Center Press Release**

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### **Dorn VA Medical Center welcomes new Chief of Staff Bernard L. DeKoning, M.D.**

**Bernard L. DeKoning MD, FAAFP**



COLUMBIA, S.C. – Interim Director Maria Andrews announced today the official arrival of Dorn VA Medical Center’s Chief of Staff Bernard L. DeKoning, M.D.

“Dr. DeKoning brings a wealth of experience as a senior health care professional,” said Andrews, “and we are looking forward to his leadership of our clinical operations.”

A recently retired Army officer, Dr. DeKoning’s military assignments during his 28-year career included tours as a staff physician or commanding officer at hospitals, clinics, military headquarters, and a biodefense research laboratory while stationed in the United States, Europe, Southwest Asia, and Central America. Dr. DeKoning also completed deployments to Honduras, Kosovo, and Iraq as a career Army officer.

Hailing from Eindhoven, The Netherlands, he is a 1978 graduate of the University of Illinois with a BS in Chemistry & Biology, and he received his M. D. from Rush Medical College in 1982.

Dr. DeKoning is married to Sonia Okruch, DDS, and they have three children Tania, Yvonne, and Alex.

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