



Lieutenant Colonel JASPER W. WATKINS III, U.S Army (Retired)

Lieutenant Colonel Retired JASPER W. WATKINS III resides in Grayson GA and is a native of Jacksonville, Florida. He is the Principal/consultant for Watty Consultant, LLC.; and Senior Account Executive for the Group Purchasing Organization, Minnesota Multistate Contracting Alliance for Pharmacy Infuse, whereby he manages over a \$700 million contract portfolio covering six states. His 25 years as an Army Pharmacist, five years as Chief, Bureau for Statewide Pharmaceutical Services, Florida Department of Health, and with the Atlanta Veterans Administration Medical Center's Pharmacy, encompasses a unique blend of executive, administrative, operational, and specialty pharmacy practice all of which validates his exceptional business acumen, management of over 2500 people, and the financial accountability of over \$1.8 billion. He is currently the 2020 Democratic candidate for Gwinnett County Georgia's Commissioner District 3 seat.

He received an Undergrad degree in Pharmacy from Florida A&M University and a Graduate degree in Health Services Administration from Central Michigan University. He completed an Army Fellowship in Medication-Use Safety and is the First African American in the Armed Forces and the State of Florida to achieve the American Society of Health-Systems Pharmacist Nuclear Pharmacy Residency Program with board certification. He holds Certification and Licensure in Nuclear Pharmacy, Process/Program Management, and a Black Belt in Lean Six Sigma quality assurance.

Some of his military assignments include Director Department of Pharmacy Services at various Army Community Hospitals, the Pentagon and the White House Health Clinic, the Operations and Support Directorate & Pharmacy Consultant with the logistics command, Assignment Officer / Career Manager at personnel command, and Deputy Army Pharmacy Program Manager for Patient Safety, Office of The Surgeon General-Directorate of Health Policy and Services Falls Church, VA.

Lieutenant Colonel Retired Jasper Watkins is proficient in contract management, medical logistics, pharmacoeconomics, and 340B prime vendor management. As the Deputy Pharmacy Consultant to the Army Surgeon General and Coordinator for Medication-Use Safety and Error reporting within the Army's Medical Patient Safety Program, he was instrumental in the implementation of a broad array of patient safety initiatives related to medication-use safety, quality improvement, and best practice standards. Jasper was an integral part of the medical teams who wrote the SARS / A(H3N2) / A(H5N1) / A(H1N1) medical logistics procurement and distribution policy/annexes along with the management of the strategic national stockpile and shelf life extension programs. During the 9-11 attack on the Pentagon, he supported the placement operations of the active duty wounded / recovery at Walter Reed Army Medical Center and coordinated the resupply efforts w/USAMMA for the Pentagon Pharmacy. Immediately after Hurricane Katrina, his pharmacy provided the lead pharmaceutical support for displaced civilians in the area and lead the pharmaceutical resupply operations in conjunction with the Air Force immediately after Hurricane Andrew. He is credited with the implementation of approved USP Pharmacopoeia Cold-Chain Management principles for shipping Anthrax vaccine/biologicals and implemented the Florida Department of Health's Pharmacy preparedness program and Department of Corrections STD Specialty Care Program.

Lieutenant Colonel Retired Jasper Watkins is the recipient of the highest peacetime military award the Legion of Merit, the Award of Excellence in Allied Health Care, and the Order of Military Medical Merit along with many other military decorations, honors. He was the 1995 Florida A&M University National Alumni Associations, Pharmacist of the Year, and Aetna's 2005 African American Heritage Calendar top pharmacist honoree, 2009 Florida Department of Health's employee of the year and 2016 Inductee into the Florida A&M University, College of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences Gallery of Distinction. Currently, his membership includes of Rho Kappa Lambda chapter of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity Inc., American Legion Post 232, VFW Post 5255, La Société des Quarante Hommes et Huit Chevaux 1604, a cohort of the Gwinnett 101 Citizen Academy, the Gwinnett County Chamber of Commerce, Gwinnett County Rotary, and the Gwinnett County Medical Reverse Corps GEM. He is a member of several boards and scientific associations, including Past President of The Association of Black Health System Pharmacist, Florida Pharmacist Association, Georgia Pharmacy Association, American Society of Health-System Pharmacist, National Pharmaceutical Association, National Diamondback Pharmacy Association, President of the Northforke Plantation Homeowners Association (2yrs), National Institute for Governmental Purchasing, amongst others.