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Dr. Matthew D. Welder is an Assistant Professor for the Uniformed Services University Nurse Anesthesia Program. He began his Army service in 1995 as an enlisted Dental Technician and has more than 20 years of experience with the U.S. Army. Commissioned through the AMEDD Enlisted Commissioning Program in 1999, Dr. Welder graduated from Grand View College, Des Moines, IA with a Bachelor's of Science in Nursing.

On his initial assignment, Dr. Welder served as a Medical-Surgical Nurse and Critical Care Nurse, Walter Reed Army Medical Center, Washington DC. In 2005, he graduated from the Uniformed Services University Nurse Anesthesia Program with a Master's of Science in Nursing. Dr. Welder earned his Doctorate of Nursing Practice in 2013 from Walden University. Dr. Welder completed his post-doctoral studies at the Dartmouth Institute in Value-Based Healthcare and holds both yellow and black belt in Lean Six Sigma.

Upon completion of anesthesia school, Dr. Welder was assigned to Dwight D. Eisenhower Army Medical Center (DDEAMC), Fort Gordon, Georgia where he served as both a staff anesthetist and the senior clinical instructor for the Army Anesthesia Program from 2005 thru 2011. While serving at DDEAMC, he deployed as a staff nurse anesthetist to Abu Ghraib, Iraq. In 2007 he was selected to join the Joint Special Operations Command where he deployed to Iraq and Afghanistan as part of a special missions task force. He was then assigned to Brian Allgood Army Community Hospital (BAACH), Seoul, South Korea. After a successful tour where he served as the Chief, Anesthesia and Chief, Quality Management Division at BAACH he was hand selected for assignment to the Office of the Surgeon General and served as the Chief of Strategic Engagements within the Commander's Action Group and as the 1<sup>st</sup> Director of the Surgical Services Service Line.

Dr. Welder's has attended the AMEDD Officer's Basic and Advanced Courses, in-residence Command and General Staff College (Fort Gordon, GA), Survival Evasion Resistance and Escape; High Risk (SERE), Combat Casualty Care Course and the Critical Care Nursing Course.

Dr. Welder's awards and decorations include the Legion of Merit, Bronze Star with oak leaf cluster, Meritorious Service Medal with three oak leaf clusters, Army Commendation Medal with two oak leaf cluster, Army Achievement Medal, Army Superior Unit Award with oak leaf cluster, Army Good Conduct Medal, National Defense Service Medal with one bronze star, Afghanistan Campaign Medal with one bronze star, Iraq Campaign Medal with two bronze stars, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, Korean Defense Service Medal, Army Service Ribbon and the Overseas Service Ribbon x3. Dr. Welder has been awarded the Combat Medical, the Expert Field Medical Badge, the Order of Military Medical Merit and is a Distinguished Member of the United States Army Medical Department Regiment. Dr. Welder retired after 20 years Active Army Federal Service as a Lieutenant Colonel.