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Dr. R. Craig Postlewaite, DVM, MPH, currently serves as Deputy Director, Force Health Protection and Readiness Programs and as the Director, Force Readiness and Health Assurance.

In the performance of his duties, he provides direction and oversight to all Force Health Protection and Readiness Programs, including Deployment Medical/Health Information Management Systems, Individual Medical Readiness, Human Performance Optimization, the Reserve Health Readiness Program, Global Medical Surveillance, Deployment Occupational and Environmental Health, Deployment Health Assessments, and internal organizational operations.

Dr Postlewaite was commissioned in the Air Force Reserve in 1973 and retired as a Colonel after having served for 26 years on active duty initially as an Air Force Veterinarian and later as an Air Force Public Health Officer. Through Air Force sponsorship on the Armed Force Health Professional Scholarship Program, he earned his Doctor of Veterinary Medicine degree from Colorado State University in 1976 and his Masters in Public Health (emphasis in occupational and environmental health) from Johns Hopkins School of Hygiene and Public Health in 1987.

Among his more notable assignments, he served as an Assistant Professor of Biology at the US Air Force Academy (1982-1986); Chief of Public Health at Hill AFB, UT (1988-1993); and as the United States Air Forces in Europe (USAFE) Command Public Health Officer and Health Promotion Coordinator from 1993-1995. As Director of Health Risk Management in the Office the Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Air Force for Environment, Safety, and Occupational Health (1995-1999), he developed occupational and environmental health policy and addressed Air Force environmental health issues associated with environmental cleanup. Prior to his retirement from the Air Force in 2003, he served as the Chief of Staff and Director for Deployment Health for the Interagency Military and Veterans Health Coordinating Board.

After retirement from the Air Force, Dr. Postlewaite worked for five years as a Senior Environmental Health Policy Analyst providing fulltime, on-site, contractor support to the Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for Force Health Protection and Readiness in Falls Church, VA. In December 2007, Dr Postlewaite transitioned back into the government as a civil servant (GS-15), and he continues work in the same office.

His military decorations include the Defense Superior Service Medal, Meritorious Service Medal (4 Oak Leaf Clusters), and the Navy Commendation Medal. He is married, has two children, and resides in Burke, VA.