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July 31st, 2023

Ms. Rhonda Hawk
County Clerk
Walton Co. Board of Commissioners

Dear Ms. Hawk:

RE: Hospital Authority Board Appointments

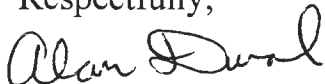
The following board appointments expire on 9/30/23. We would like to submit them for reappointment for a five year term expiring 9/30/2028.

1. Mrs. Angela Yarman
2. Mr. Alan Duval

In addition, the term of Dr. Stephen Baynham is also expiring on 9/30/2023. Dr. Baynham no longer resides in Walton County. As a replacement for Dr. Baynham, The Authority requests the appointment of Dr. Richard K. Jacob (bio attached) , this term would also expire 9/30/28.

Thank you so much for your assistance with these requests. Please feel free to call Ben Garrett at 770-601-2180, or email to wchcfi@gmail.com if you have any questions or need further information.

Respectfully,



Alan Duval, Chairman



Dr. Richard Keith Jacob, Jr.

Current Information

- Director of Trauma Center at Piedmont Hospital in Monroe, Georgia
- Board certified general surgeon
- Fellow of the American College of Surgeons
- Before coming to Walton County, Dr. Jacob was a trauma surgeon in a Special Forces unit, parachuting into parts of the world he's not supposed to talk about to support secret missions.
- Dr. Jacob enjoys the variety and challenges of general surgery and is interested in an array of surgical operations and techniques.
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- In his spare time, he enjoys time with family and outside sports and activities

Education

- He received his medical degree from Texas Tech University School of Medicine
- Completed his medical residency at Eisenhower Army Medical Center.
- Dr. Jacob retired as a Lieutenant Colonel from the military in 2018

More about Rich Jacob

He was born in Fort Bragg, as the son of a Vietnam veteran.

He was an enlisted soldier for nine years.

In his latter years in the Army, he decided he wanted to go to medical school. While still enlisted, he took classes part time at University of Texas at San Antonio and worked in the burn unit of the hospital. He graduated toward the top of his class and got into Texas Tech for medical school. He worked his way through med school and then took a residency in Augusta for five

years. He started in the fall of 2001, right as planes flew into the Twin Towers and the Pentagon. At that point, he called the Army and told them he wanted to be an army surgeon. After that, he volunteered to join Joint Special Operations Command (JSOC) at Fort Bragg, in North Carolina with very little idea of what he was getting into.

He was the first Army surgeon to go through HALO training (the kind of precision skydiving that could put 10 to 12 people, fully geared for war, onto a football field from high enough to require oxygen masks), meaning he could perform controlled high-altitude jumps into precise locations with the JSOC.

JSOC oversees the special forces of all branches of the military, including elite and shadowy units like Delta Force and SEAL Team 6. Jacob provided trauma surgery to those operatives. Jacob amassed over 200 jumps with JSOC and attained the rank of lieutenant colonel before retiring.

He can confirm that he deployed to Iraq and Afghanistan, but nowhere else. He can't really talk about anything he did anywhere, besides that it was mostly trauma surgery, plus some dealing with tropical diseases.

In between calls, he worked as a normal surgeon at the base. But in 2016, Jacob lost much of his hearing in an incident overseas and started having trouble communicating over the radio. He went to non-deployable status for a while, but it wasn't the same as being part of the special operations unit jetting off somewhere every other week. After retiring, he certainly misses the Army, with the camaraderie and mission and structure, but has settled well in Walton County.