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JACKSON PHYSICIAN RECEIVES MILITARY AWARD FROM MISSISSIPPI ACADEMY OF FAMILY PHYSICIANS

RIDGELAND – Scott A. Carlton, MD, of Jackson, has received the Mississippi Academy of Family Physicians (MAFP) Military Award for 2019.

Dr. Carlton is a board-certified family physician at MEA Medical Clinic, a service of St. Dominic's Hospital. He currently ranks as Colonel and a Field Surgeon in the Medical Command of the Mississippi Army National Guard (MS ARNG).

A native of Greenville, Dr. Carlton is a graduate of Greenville High School and Mississippi State University. He went on to complete his medical doctorate at the University of Mississippi Medical Center.

Dr. Carlton completed an internship in family medicine at Martin Army Community Hospital in Fort Benning, Georgia, and his residency in family medicine at Tripler Army Medical Center in Honolulu, Hawaii. While full-time in the military, he was stationed in Hanau, Germany, for several years where he worked as a physician.

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Dr. Carlton's military service has allowed him to seamlessly move among Army components. Upon enlisting in the National Guard in 1979 he trained to be a Special Forces medic and reach the rank of specialist. Then while an undergraduate at MSU, he enrolled in Army ROTC and received his first commission as an Infantry Lieutenant. After his acceptance to medical school, he had to transfer from the National Guard to the Army Reserve in order to receive a medical scholarship. Upon medical school graduation, he was recommissioned as a Captain and served a total of 9 years on active duty. He was first an intern, then a resident, and finally a Family Physician reaching the rank of major. In 1999, Dr. Carlton left the Army and settled into Family Practice Clinic in Columbia, Miss. In 2010, he felt the call to serve and once again joined the Mississippi Army National Guard, where he is now a Colonel serving as a field surgeon during his weekend drills and during two deployments.

Involved in leadership roles in the medical community, Dr. Carlton has served six years on the MAFP Board of Directors, representing two different districts in the state. He is a member of the Central Mississippi Medical Society and the Mississippi State Medical Association.

Dr. Carlton helps medical students interested in family medicine, serving as a preceptor for students at both Mississippi medical schools.

Dr. Carlton and his wife, Judge Virginia Carlton, have three children, Rachel, Read and Phoebe.

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