



## **RONALD D. SILVERMAN DDS '72**

**RONALD D. SILVERMAN** is a major general and history-making healthcare professional. For more than 40 years, Silverman brought his medical expertise to the United States Army.

He began serving our country when he received a commission in the United States Army as a medical service corps officer through the Reserve Officer Training Corps Program. His first assignment took him to Fort Belvoir in Virginia where he served as a general dental officer.

In 2004, Silverman assumed leadership of the 3rd Medical Command. Soon after his appointment, he was deployed to support Operation Iraqi Freedom. He was the senior medical officer in Iraq and the first major general to serve as commander of all medical forces in combat. More than 150,000 soldiers stationed throughout Iraq depended on Silverman to provide a complete spectrum of healthcare. And under his guidance, Silverman and his team were able to achieve the highest battle injury survival rate in the history of warfare—95 percent.

A true embodiment of perseverance and strength, Silverman was recognized with some of the highest military awards one can receive. He was awarded a Bronze Star and two Distinguished Service Medals, which is the third highest military award.

Now retired from both the United States Army and his dental practice in Alexandria, Virginia, Silverman shares his experience and expertise with local high school students. He also assists local, state and federal law enforcement agencies in forensic dentistry.

Silverman earned his bachelor's degree from the University of Wisconsin-Madison and his DDS from the Kornberg School of Dentistry.