

Brig Gen James J. Burks, FACHE



Brig Gen James J. "Jay" Burks, FACHE, is with the U.S. Air Force in Falls Church, Va.

He also serves on the Board of Governors of the American College of Healthcare Executives, an international professional society of more than 40,000 healthcare executives who lead hospitals, healthcare systems and other healthcare organizations. With comprehensive programs in credentialing, education, career counseling, publications and research, ACHE works toward its goal of being the preeminent professional society for healthcare executives dedicated to improving health.

Board certified in healthcare management as an ACHE Fellow, Brig Gen Burks served as the ACHE Regent for the Air Force from 2010 to 2013 and served in executive and board positions of four ACHE chapters, including Mid-America Healthcare Executives, National Capital Healthcare Executives, Network of Overseas Healthcare Executives, and the South Texas Chapter of ACHE. He has also served on numerous ACHE committees and Regent Advisory Councils.

Brig Gen Burks has been in his current position since June 2015. Prior to that, he served as acting vice commander, Air Force Medical Operations Agency, Joint Base San Antonio, Texas, from January 2015 to May 2015. And at the same agency and location, he was director of medical support operations and administrator from 2013 to 2015. He served as commander of the 87th Medical Group/McGuire Ambulatory Care Center, Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst, N.J., from 2010 to 2013. From 2008 to 2010, he was chief of staff to the Assistant Secretary of Defense (Health Affairs) at the Pentagon in Washington, D.C. He was an Air Force research fellow at the RAND Corporation in Santa Monica, Calif., from 2007 to 2008. He also served as deputy group commander, administrator, and medical support squadron commander at the 45th Medical Group/Patrick Ambulatory Care Center, Patrick Air Force Base, Fla., from 2005 to 2007. From January to May 2005, Brig Gen Burks was deployed to the Office of Military Cooperation in Afghanistan as senior mentor to the Afghan National Army Surgeon General. He served as director of business operations and beneficiary support for the U.S. Air Force Academy Hospital in Colo., from 2003 to 2005. From 1992 to 2003, Brig Gen Burks served in various leadership and staff roles in Air Force hospitals, clinics, headquarters, and educational/professional development assignments.

In addition to his service to ACHE, Brig Gen Burks currently chairs the Air Force Medical Service Corps Senior Council and Development Team as the Air Force's senior healthcare administrator, responsible for the career management of over 1,800 active duty, reserve and national guard Medical Service Corps officers. He also serves as a member or chairperson on councils, integrating boards and work groups that support governance, strategy implementation, financial management, human capital development, education and training, and performance oversight

for the Air Force Medical Service and Military Health System. In addition, he serves as a lecturer and mentor for leadership, executive development, and academic programs and symposia, including the Medical Service Corps Health Service Administration course, Air Force Intermediate and Senior Executive Skills courses, Medical Facility Commander (Chief Executive) course, Military Health System Capstone, and several undergraduate and graduate programs in health administration. Brig Gen Burks also chairs the Air Force Fisher House board, partnering with the national Fisher House organization to support military families who are receiving care in Air Force hospitals. In addition, Brig Gen Burks currently serves on the inaugural National Institutes for Health Clinical Center Research Hospital board of directors.

Brig Gen Burks received a master of science degree in organizational management from George Washington University, a master of business administration degree from the University of South Carolina and a bachelor of arts degree from Furman University. He has also completed studies through the Interagency Institute for Federal Healthcare Executives and the Military Health System Capstone Course.