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Colonel Susan J Neuhaus, CSC



Colonel Neuhaus enlisted into the Australian Regular Army in 1987 as a Medical Undergraduate. Her postings have included 1st Recruit Training Battalion, Kapooka, 1 Field Hospital, Ingleburn and the Amy Aviation Centre, Oakey.

Her operational deployments include Regimental Medical Officer, Force Communications Unit United Nations Transitional Authority in Cambodia (UNTAC) in 1993, Officer Commanding, Combined Health Element, Operation Bel Isi (Bougainville) in 1997 and most recently earlier this year as a surgeon and the Clinical Director of the Dutch-led multinational Role 2(E) NATO hospital in Tarin Kowt, Uruzgan, Afghanistan.

After transferring to the Army Reserve in 1995 Colonel Neuhaus served as Officer Commanding Medical Company, 9BASB and Senior Medical Officer, Headquarters 9 Brigade. Colonel Neuhaus graduated from Australian Command and Staff College (Reserve) in 2001. She has edited the Australian Defence Force Health Journal and published extensively on operational strategic health issues.

Colonel Neuhaus is a Clinical Associate Professor of Surgery and works in private and public as a Surgical Oncologist with a specialised practice in rare and complex cancers. She chairs the Surgical Oncology Group of the Clinical Oncological Society of Australia. She is an active academic, has written a book, multiple book chapters and journal articles and is involved in clinical trials.

Colonel Neuhaus completed a Doctorate of Philosophy in laparoscopic tumour surgery in 2000 and the Fellowship of the Royal Australasian College of Surgeons in 2002. She was awarded the Lumley Exchange Scholarship undertook a further Fellowship in Surgical Oncology Royal at the Royal Marsden Hospital in London in 2004. During this time she spent six months attached to 256 (City of London) Field Hospital.

Colonel Neuhaus is the immediate past Commanding Officer of the 3rd Health Support Battalion. Her service in that role was recognised with the Conspicuous Service Cross in the 2009 Queen's Birthday Honours' List. She was promoted to Colonel in December 2008.

Colonel Neuhaus is actively involved in Veterans health issues. She is on the Board of Foundation Daw Park and a member of the South Australian Veterans Health Advisory Council.

Colonel Neuhaus is married with two beautiful daughters Grace aged 6 and Emma aged 4 years. Her husband Peter retired from the Army in 1997 and works as a Consultant in Defence Industry.