

# HONORARY DEGREE RECIPIENT

## **SCOTT F. GIBERSON**

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Rear Admiral Scott Giberson, assistant U.S. surgeon general, is an outstanding example of a Temple University School of Pharmacy alumnus ('93) whose career of national and international public service has had an extraordinary global impact on the lives of millions of people.

Most recently, between 2014 and 2015, Giberson served as the overall commander of the U.S. Commissioned Corps Ebola Response in West Africa for which he received the Commissioned Corps' first-ever Presidential Unit Citation from President Barack Obama in the Oval Office of the White House.

Giberson first joined the Public Health Service in 1994 as a clinical pharmacist at the Indian Health Service and subsequently served as chief pharmacist, senior public health advisor, senior medical program officer, division director and principal consultant. In 2001, he was assigned to respond to the anthrax attacks in New York City and was appointed national coordinator for 40+ pharmacist and nursing response teams created under the newly formed Department of Homeland Security.

In 2003, Giberson was detailed to U.S. Pacific Command, serving on health missions to more than 23 countries and working with foreign militaries on HIV/AIDS. He then transitioned back to the Indian Health Service as director of the National HIV/AIDS Program. Between 2010 and 2014, he began serving as assistant surgeon general and chief professional officer pharmacy category and leading 1,200 U.S. Public Health Service pharmacists nationwide.

Between 2011 and 2015, Giberson served as the first director of all Commissioned Corps Personnel and Readiness. He was responsible for providing direction and control over policy, readiness, deployment and all other options while guiding all 6,700 corps officers of the U.S. Public Health Service. During this period he was also the primary author of "Improving Patient and Health System Outcomes through Advanced Pharmacy Practice," which was given to the U.S. surgeon general in 2011 and garnered national attention within the pharmacy practice and the academic communities. Between 2013 and 2014, he also served as acting deputy surgeon general of the United States.

Giberson is currently serving as deputy director of the office of Human Capital at the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services.