



**Dennis P. McKenna, MD, '92**, is the President and Chief Executive Officer of the Albany Med Health System, northeastern New York's largest and only locally governed health system, with more than 100 locations in 25 counties. As such, he oversees Albany Med, the region's only academic medical center; Albany Medical College, one of the nation's oldest medical schools; a workforce of more than 9,300 at Albany Med and 14,000 in the system; and an Albany Med Physicians Group of 500.

Dr. McKenna is an Emergency Department physician who joined Albany Med in 2000. He has served as Medical Director of the Emergency Department, Medical Director of the Hospital, and President of the Albany Med Faculty Physician Group.

He spent 20 years in the military with numerous tours of combat duty in the Middle East and Africa. After graduation from medical school, he spent five years in service to the United States on active duty as a Medical Officer, including a deployment as a battalion surgeon for the Marines to Somalia. He joined the Reserves in 1997 and was mobilized to active duty three times after 9/11, including two tours with the Marines to Iraq. He retired as a Navy Captain.

A graduate of Christian Brothers Academy in Albany, Cornell University and Albany Medical College, Class of 1992, Dr. McKenna completed his residency at Albany Med. He is board-certified in Emergency Medicine and continues to work as an attending physician.

Dr. McKenna guided Albany Med through its response to the coronavirus pandemic. He currently leads the Capital Region Vaccine Network, appointed by New York State to oversee the safe, efficient and equitable distribution of the Covid-19 vaccine to nearly one million residents. He is a medical volunteer at the Double H Ranch in Lake Luzerne and serves on the organization's Board of Directors. The ranch provides children with serious illnesses with a carefree camp experience in the Adirondacks.

He is married to Karen Deeley McKenna. They have four children and live in Bethlehem, N.Y.