Introduction to Guest Editor

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Eric then served as Chief of Colorectal Surgery at Eisenhower Army Medical Center for 6 years. In 2011, he joined the staff at Madigan Army Medical Center. During his Army career, Dr. Johnson spent multiple deployments as a staff surgeon in Iraq and Afghanistan. He has been promoted to the rank of Colonel and he has been awarded several military decorations including the Meritorious Service Medal and the Bronze Star.

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As a retired USAF surgeon, I can appreciate the dedication and sacrifices of the dedicated individuals in our armed services. We owe our freedoms and societal options to all of those who have served our country. Dr. Johnson and several of his colleagues, who remain on active duty, have contributed to this issue. Their service and contributions merit our acknowledgment and gratitude.

On behalf of the readers and staff of Clinics of Colon and Rectal Surgery, I sincerely thank Dr. Eric K. Johnson for serving as a guest editor and for providing us with a superb issue on biologicals in colon and rectal surgery.

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