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Colonel Benjamin “Kyle” Potter, MD, FACS, currently serves as the director for surgery at Walter Reed National Medical Center and is a full professor in the Uniformed Services University (USU) – Walter Reed (WR) Department of Surgery. Potter was appointed as the orthopaedic surgery consultant to the U.S. Army Surgeon General in March 2019. He is also the chief orthopaedic surgeon for the amputee program at Walter Reed and a musculoskeletal oncology consultant at both Walter Reed and the National Institutes of Health. Potter serves as a deputy director for the Surgical Critical Care Initiative (SC2i) and the DoD Osseointegration program within Department of Surgery at USU-WR.

Potter deployed to Afghanistan in 2011 and again in 2016, serving as the chief orthopaedic surgeon of the 115th Combat Support Hospital (Role III) task force at Camp Dwyer, Helmand Province, and subsequently with the 936th and 629th Forward Surgical Teams at Forward Operating Base Fenty, Jalalabad Airfield, in Nangarhar Province.

Potter is the immediate past president of the Society of Military Orthopaedic Surgeons. He has authored or co-authored more than 160 peer-reviewed publications, as well as numerous invited manuscripts and book chapters. He recently co-edited the fourth edition of the Atlas of Amputations and Limb Deficiencies for the American Academy of Orthopaedic Surgeons and serves as deputy editor for the Clinical Orthopaedics and Related Research journal and associate editor for the Journal of Orthopaedic Trauma. His research interests include trauma-related amputation techniques (including osseointegration and targeted muscle reinnervation) and outcomes, combat-related heterotopic ossification, and predictive modeling of trauma and oncologic outcomes.

Potter is an honor graduate of the United States Military Academy at West Point and an Alpha Omega Alpha graduate of the University of Chicago, Pritzker School of Medicine. He lives in Bethesda, Maryland with his wife, Michelle, an emergency medicine physician, and their three children – Hazel, James, and Flora.