

MAJ Kayla Snipes Vickers was born in Montgomery, AL. She holds a Bachelors of Science in Chemistry from Florida A & M University, a Masters of Vision Science and a Doctorate of Optometry from the University of Alabama at Birmingham.

MAJ Vickers received her direct commission in the United States Army in July 2009 and attended BOLC at Fort Sam Houston, TX. She has served on the AFOS Executive Council since 2013. She is currently the Chief of Optometry at Kenner Army Health Clinic (KAHC), Fort Lee, VA.

MAJ Vickers began her Army career as a Staff Optometrist at Martin Army Community Hospital 2009-2010. She then stood up the Consolidated TMC Optometry Clinic and served as Assistant Chief of Optometry Services 2010-2011. Soon thereafter she stood up the Harmony Church Optometry Clinic and served as OIC. 2012-2013 she served as the BMACH Troop Command Bravo Company Commander. And 2013-2014 she completed her Primary Care Optometry Residency at the United States Military Academy, West Point, NY.

NAJ Vickers was one of 30 Medical Service Corps Officers whom was selected for the Junior Officer Week in Washington D.C. in March 2012; and was awarded the Medical Service Corp Company Grade Leader Development Certificate. Her military education includes the Commander/1SG Course, Captain Career Course, Tactical Combat Casualty Care Course, Advanced Combat Life Support Course and Basic Officer Leadership Course.

Her awards and decorations include the Army Commendation Medal, National Defense Service Medal, Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal Global War on Terrorism Service Medal and the Parachutist Badge.

MAJ Vickers is married to Jacques Vickers. They have a daughter, Kayden LeeAnn and two loving Staffordshire Bull Terriers, Destiny and George Vickers.