

## Staff Major General Dr. Aysha Sultan Aldhaheri



Staff Major General Dr. Aysha Aldhaheri is currently Military Health Executive Directorate (MHED) Director of the Ministry of Defense (MOD) in the United Arab Emirates (UAE). Dr. Aldhaheri holds a medical degree from the Faculty of Medicine and a master's degree in health administration/ business administration from the University of Colorado at Denver and was recognized as an outstanding student.

Staff Major General Dr. Aldhaheri was a group leader for the first UAE female military medical team to participate in an international humanitarian mission to help support the most vulnerable groups during the war in Kosovo in 1999. Her long standing interest is to deliver quality medical services, during war time, and empower women, in less fortunate counties. These efforts have led to her being the first Emirati female military physician to be deployed to Afghanistan. Furthermore, she was instrumental in establishing the USA/UAE joint Polyclinics for women in FOB Robinson, Helmand province, which provided high quality medical care and a sanctuary that encouraged Afghani women to be involved in changing their country.

In May 2015, Staff Major General Dr. Aldhaheri was sent to Aden to help restore and upgrade the healthcare system to ensure proper treatment of the injured civilians. Through partnership with WHO and MOH, Dr. Aldhaheri was responsible, along with her team, to ensure medical support is continuous in Yemen. During her time in Aden, Dr. Aldhaheri also focused on education in the region. It was important to empower Yemenis to participate in the decision-making process in order to reach peace and prosperity.

Dr. Aldhaheri brings decades of experience in military medicine, global health operations and strategic health leadership to her current role in the MHED. With a strong background in overseeing medical missions and disaster response, Dr Aldhaheri is set to enhance military health capabilities and drive innovation in healthcare delivery.

### Awards:

1. HH Sheikha Fatima Award for Humanitarian Services (1999)
2. The Eugenie Sontag Award for excellence in community service, academic performance, leadership and achievement (2002)
3. Abu Dhabi Award for Overall Humanitarian work outside UAE (2015)
4. UAE Pioneers Award as the first UAE woman to lead a humanitarian team outside the UAE (2017)
5. Medal of the Emirates (2019)