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He received his Doctor of Veterinary Medicine degree in 1990 from the University of Illinois and served in the Army as a public health veterinarian from 1991-1994, focusing on zoonotic and food borne illness control in the military operational environment. He advocated and obtained approval for US Special Operations Forces to receive tickborne encephalitis vaccine under investigational new drug (IND) status.

Dr. Kasowski received his MD from the Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences (USUHS) in 1998 and returned to USUHS for his residency in Preventive Medicine and Public Health, graduating in 2003. He practiced as a public health physician in the Navy where he was instrumental in shaping military humanitarian missions to focus on high impact, public health interventions, reformulating the U.S. Navy's public health system in Asia, and strengthening the Navy's preparedness for and response to pandemic influenza. He served as the epidemiologist for US Navy forces in Japan, Guam and Diego Garcia, authored the Pandemic Influenza Response Plan for the US 7th Fleet, and led the response to the H1N1 pandemic in US Naval forces in Japan.

Dr. Kasowski joined the CDC in 2009 as the Chief Preparedness Officer in the Influenza Division where he served as part of the leadership team for the Epidemiology and Laboratory Task Force in the pandemic influenza response.

The Global Health Security Branch (GHSB) that Dr. Kasowski currently leads leverages CDC program expertise, in partnership with US Government security agencies involved in biological threat reduction activities, for building health security infrastructure abroad. The GHSB is also involved in health security policy development and represents CDC at the National Security Staff and across the interagency on matters of public health and health security.

