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Medical Director, USA

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Born: Canonsburg, PA, December 11, 1824

Died: San Francisco, CA, March 15, 1872

Medical Director, United States, Army of the Potomac

Appointed Medical Director of the Army of the Potomac in June 1862, Dr. Letterman's organizational innovations saved countless lives and were later adopted for the entire United States Army by an Act of Congress. Some of his innovations included training for litter bearers, a more efficient hospital supply distribution system, the organization of an Ambulance Corps, and perfecting triage and evacuation systems. He resigned from the army at the end of 1864 and later published his memoirs, *Medical Recollections of the Army of the Potomac*. Widely regarded as the "father of battlefield medicine," Letterman died in 1872 and was buried at Arlington National Cemetery.



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