

# Alumni Superheroes

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KCUMB Bestows 2009 Alumni Awards During Homecoming

## STAR-SPANGLED BANNER MEDALLION

### Elizabeth P. Clark, D.O. (COM '87)

During one of her four tours in Iraq, Dr. Clark came across a wounded soldier with serious burns to his face and hands.

The young man, lying immobile in a hospital while awaiting transport to a burn unit, started to cry when the doctor laid her hands on him, a trademark of her holistic training.

The soldier told Dr. Clark no one had touched him in several days. He assumed he was too mangled for anyone to be concerned with. Dr. Clark reassured him that wasn't that case – not by a long shot.

Dr. Clark, 49, a recently retired 25-year military veteran, has maintained that same sense of personal attention throughout her medical career.

“It doesn't matter if the patient is a general or an airman,” said Dr. Clark, who retired April 1 as a colonel from the U.S. Air Force and is a recipient of the Bronze Star, among many other military decorations. “Patients don't have a rank.”

Dr. Clark currently serves as medical director of the Weight Loss Cosmetic and Surgical Center of America in New Braunfels, Texas, where she sees all new patients and has reshaped the clinic's dietary plan for its patients, who range from 12 to 85 years old.

