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Major Yantis completed a three year military residency in Veterinary Pathology at the Armed Forces Institute of Pathology in Washington, D.C. in 1999. He is a diplomat of the American College of Veterinary Pathologists. Major Yantis has served in various positions at the following locations: MacDill Air Force Base, Florida; Fort Sam Houston, Texas; RAF Upper Heyford and RAF Croughton, United Kingdom; Washington, D.C.; Brooks City-Base, Texas; and Landstuhl, Germany. Major Yantis' most recent assignments were in the military research and development community where he was Chief of the Department of Comparative Pathology at the US Army Institute of Surgical Research, Fort Sam Houston, Texas, and subsequently at Air Force Research Laboratories, Human Effectiveness Directorate Veterinary at Brooks City-Base, Texas. Major Yantis assumed command of Veterinary Laboratory Europe in June 2004 after spending one year as the Deputy Commander.

His awards and decorations include the Army Commendation Medal (2 OLC), Army Achievement Medal, Air Force Achievement Medal, Joint Meritorious Unit Award, and Air Force Organizational Excellence Award.

Major Yantis is married with three children. He actively serves his community through involvement in church and other activities. His hobbies include long distance biking, hiking/competitive orienteering, and hunting.