



BIOGRAPHY

UNITED STATES AIR FORCE

375th Airlift Wing, Public Affairs Office, Scott AFB, IL 62225-5004

COLONEL ANDREW COLON

Colonel Andrew Colon is the Inspector General, 375th Airlift Wing, Scott Air Force Base, Ill. As Inspector General, he supports the wing commander through oversight of the fraud, waste, abuse, and complaints program, processing complaints from the military and civilian work force, their families, the general public, elected state and federal officials, and higher headquarters personnel. He performs complaint analyses to determine the appropriate investigation method or referral agency, appoints and trains investigation officers, conducts investigations, reviews evidence, coordinates legal and appointing authority review of completed reports of investigation, and notifies complainants of investigation findings.

Colonel Colon first entered active duty in July 1965 at Marine Corps Recruit Depot, Parris Island, S.C. He was discharged a Corporal of Marines in July 1969. He received his Bachelor of Science degree and Board Certification as a Physician Assistant in 1974. From 1974 to 1989 he was in private practice in upstate New York. For three years, he practiced primary care medicine in a family practice program. He left this position in 1977 and for the next 12 years he was an emergency room provider in a Level II emergency department associated with a 160-bed community hospital. From 1981 to 1989, he served as the battalion surgeon and medical platoon leader for the 2nd Battalion, 108th Infantry, 42nd Infantry Division New York National Guard. In 1985, his infantry brigade was detached from the 42nd Infantry Division and attached to the 10th Mountain Division (Light) where it formed the nucleus of that division.

In July 1989, he entered active duty with the Air Force as a major in the Biomedical Science Corps, and served his first assignment at Seymour Johnson Air Force Base, N.C. During this tour he was deployed to Operation DESERT SHIELD/STORM as the 4th Medical Group's operations officer. From 1993 to 1995, he was assigned to 7th Air Force, Osan, Korea, as the Chief of Medical Plans and Operations. From 1995 to 1998 he served in Pacific Air Forces, Surgeon's office, Hickam Air Force Base, Hawaii as Chief of Medical Plans and Operations. In 1998 he was re-assigned to Shaw Air Force Base, South Carolina, and served as Commander, 20th Aeromedical Dental Squadron. During this tour, he deployed as the first Expeditionary Medical Commander to the 39th Expeditionary Wing, Incirlik, Turkey in support of Operation Northern Watch. In 2000, he left Shaw Air Force Base, and assumed command of the 59th Readiness Squadron, 59th Medical Wing, Lackland, Air Force Base, Texas, where he supported numerous deployments in support of domestic and OCONUS disaster/humanitarian operations, and in support of Operation Enduring Freedom and Freedom Eagle. He assumed his present position as Deputy Commander 375th Medical Group, Scott Air Force Base, Illinois in July of 2002.



ASSIGNMENTS:

1. **1989-1993**, Staff Physician Assistant and Assistant Chief of Professional Services, Seymour Johnson Air Force Base, N.C.
2. **1993-1995**, Chief, 7th Air Force Medical Plans and Operation, Osan Air Base, Korea.

3. **1995-1998**, Chief, Medical Plans and Operations Headquarters Pacific Air Force, SG Division, Hickam Air Force Base, Hawaii.
4. **1998-2000**, Commander, 20th Aeromedical-Dental Squadron, 20th Fighter Wing, Shaw Air Force Base, S.C.
5. **March - May 2000**, Commander, 39th Expeditionary Medical Squadron, 39th Wing, Incirlik, Turkey (EMEDS/CC deployed in support of Operation Northern Watch, AEF 6)
6. **2000-2002**, Commander, 59th Readiness Squadron, 59 MDW, Lackland Air Force Base, Texas.
7. **2002 to September 2004**, Commander, 375th Medical Group, Scott Air Force Base, Ill.
8. **September 2004 - Present**, Inspector General and Director of Staff, 375th Airlift Wing, Scott Air Force Base, Ill.

CERTIFICATION AND LICENSURE:

National Commission on Certification of Physician Assistants

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS:

American Academy of Physician Assistants

MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS:

Meritorious Service Medal
Air Force Commendation Medal
Army Commendation Medal
Army Achievement Medal
Navy Presidential Unit Award
Air Force Outstanding Unit Award
Air Force Organizational Excellence Award
Navy/USMC Combat Action Ribbon
Marine Corps Good Conduct Medal
National Defense Service Medal
Armed-Forces Expeditionary Medal
Vietnam Service Medal
Southwest Asia Service Medal
Air Force Overseas Short Tour Ribbon
Air Force Longevity Service Award Ribbon
Small Arms Expert Marksmanship Ribbon
Air Force Training Ribbon
Army Service Ribbon
Republic of Vietnam Campaign Medal
Kuwait Liberation Medal

EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION:

Major July 27, 1989

Lieutenant Colonel March 1, 1995

Colonel December 1, 2000

DEPLOYMENT HISTORY:

1966 3rd Marine Amphibious Force, Republic of South Vietnam

1990 Operation DESERT SHIELD/STORM, 4th Medical Group Operations Officer

March 2000 - May 2000 39th Expeditionary Medical Squadron, 39th Expeditionary Wing, Incirlik, Turkey in support of ONW

(Current as of September 2004)