



BIOGRAPHY

UNITED STATES AIR FORCE

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

COLONEL LAWRENCE M. RIDDLES

Colonel Lawrence M. Riddles is commander of the 375th Medical Group, Scott Air Force Base, Ill. The medical group supports the global reach mission of the 375th Airlift Wing by providing, expanding and deploying medical capability for contingency taskings. The medical group trains over 400 personnel in primary readiness skills annually through 19 specialty training programs. It also sustains the medical readiness skills of over 1,300 active duty and Air Reserve Component personnel and provides health services for over 60,000 local beneficiaries and 12,000 aeromedical patients.

Colonel Riddles received his regular line commission in 1977 through the Air Force ROTC Program at Tulane University, La. He completed his master's degree in electrical engineering at Columbia University, N.Y. In 1982, Colonel Riddles earned his doctorate from the Uniformed Services University for the Health Sciences School of Medicine in Bethesda, Md. He accomplished his general surgery residency training at Wilford Hall Medical Center at Lackland Air Force Base, Texas, and the Keesler Medical Center at Keesler Air Force Base, Miss. He received additional fellowship surgical training in thoracic and cardiac surgery at the Mayo Clinic in Rochester, Minn. During his military career, the colonel has served as a staff surgeon, general surgery department chief, chief of surgical services, and served as assistant Professor of Surgery at the Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences School of Medicine, Bethesda, Md. His past commands include a deployed air transportable hospital (Operation Desert Storm), a surgical flight, and two medical squadrons. He taught clinical surgery at the medical school and post-graduate surgical residency level.



EDUCATION:

- 1977** Bachelor of Science Electrical Engineering, Tulane University, New Orleans, La.
- 1978** Master's degree, Electrical Engineering, Columbia University, N.Y.
- 1978** US Army basic parachute training, Fort Benning, Ga.
- 1981** Aerospace medicine primary course, Brooks Air Force Base, Texas
- 1982** Doctorate in Medicine, Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences, Bethesda, Md.
- 1994** Air War College by seminar
- 1994** US Air Force F-16 Top Knife II course, Luke Air Force Base, Ariz.
- 1999** Master of Business Administration, The George Washington University, Washington, D.C.

ASSIGNMENTS:

- 1. September 1989 – July 1991**, Staff Surgeon, 832nd Medical Group, Luke Air Force Base, Ariz.
- 2. January – August 1991**, Commander, 832nd Air Transportable Hospital, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia
- 3. July 1991 – July 1992**, Chief, General Surgery Department, 58th Medical Group, Luke Air Force Base, Ariz.
- 4. August 1993 – June 1995**, Chief, Surgical Services, and later Surgical Flight Commander, 56th Medical Group, Luke Air Force Base, Ariz.
- 5. June 1995 – June 1997**, Assistant Professor of Surgery, Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences School of Medicine, Bethesda, Md.

6. **June 1997 – August 1999**, Deputy Commander, 89th Surgical Operations Squadron, Andrews Air Force Base, Md.
7. **August 1999 – June 2001**, Commander, 39th Medical Operations Squadron, and Deputy Commander, 39th Medical Group, Incirlik Air Base, Turkey
8. **June 2001 – July 2002**, Commander, 81st Surgical Operations Squadron, Keesler Air Force Base, Miss.
9. **July 2002 – 28 June 2004**, Commander, 5th Medical Group, Minot Air Force Base, ND.

FLIGHT INFORMATION:

Rating: Senior Flight Surgeon

Hours Flown: 400

Aircraft Flown: B-52H, UH-1, T-37, KC-135, C-141, F-16, C-130, C-17

PROFESSIONAL CERTIFICATIONS:

1983 Diplomat, National Board of Medical Examiners

1988 Diplomat American Board of Surgery (recertified 1996)

1993 Fellow, American College of Surgeons

2002 Certified Physician Executive, American College of Physician Executives

MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS:

Meritorious Service Medal with three oak leaf clusters

Joint Service Commendation Medal

Air Force Commendation Medal

Air Force Achievement Medal

Air Force Outstanding Unit Award with valor device and oak leaf cluster

National Defense Service Medal

Southwest Asia Service Medal with one oak leaf cluster

Humanitarian Service Medal with one oak leaf cluster

Kuwait Liberation Medal Kingdom of Saudi Arabia

Kuwait Liberation Medal Government of Kuwait

EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION:

Second Lieutenant May 20, 1977

Captain May 22, 1982

Major Nov. 17, 1987

Lieutenant Colonel Nov. 17, 1993

Colonel Nov. 17, 1999

(Current as of September 2004)