



# BIOGRAPHY



## UNITED STATES AIR FORCE

### COLONEL DANIEL A. ROBERTS

Colonel Daniel A. “JD” Roberts is the Commander of the 97th Medical Group, Altus AFB, OK. In this role, he is responsible to provide healthcare to more than 7,600 Department of Defense beneficiaries. The Medical Group ensures wartime readiness by promoting the health, safety, and morale of base active duty personnel, and trains medical personnel in support of world-wide contingency operations.

Colonel Roberts entered the Air Force by ROTC in 1997 and his primary background is in operational aerospace physiology and safety. He has deployed in support of numerous operational exercises, as well as support of combat operations to include OPERATION(S) Northern Watch, Southern Watch, Enduring Freedom, and Iraqi Freedom. As a human factors consultant he has participated on multiple Safety, Accident, and Friendly Fire Investigation Boards.



Colonel Roberts served as Executive Secretary for a DoD Task Force, leading the first-ever Strategic Plan for accident reduction. He has led a Headquarters Air Force level re-engineering for an entire career field, co-championed by the Air Force Surgeon General and the Air Force Director of Operations, Plans, and Requirements. Colonel Roberts has conducted research into simulator based spatial disorientation/task management training, human factors in fighter aircraft, extensively worked with the use of Reduced Oxygen Breathing Devices (ROBD), and directed the sole Night Vision Goggle Advanced Instructor Course for the Air Force. He commanded the 325th Medical Support Squadron and served as the Chief, Aviation Management Branch at Headquarters Pacific Air Forces where he was responsible for the organization, training, and equipment of PACAF combat forces aviation support programs. Prior to his current duties, Colonel Roberts served as the Chief of the Aircrew Performance Division, Directorate of Training and Readiness, Headquarters United States Air Force. In this role he also served as the Career Field Manager for Aerospace Physiology, and was responsible for the functional oversight of 400 aerospace physiology personnel, policy, and requirements. He is a Fellow in the Royal Aeronautical Society and an Associate Fellow of the Aerospace Medical Association.

#### **EDUCATION:**

1997 B.S. Human Physiology, Middle Tennessee State University, Murfreesboro, TN  
1998 Systems Acquisition Management, Lackland AFB, TX  
1999 Aerospace Physiology Officer Course, Honor Graduate, Brooks AFB, TX  
2004 Squadron Officer School, In-Residence, Maxwell AFB, AL  
2007 Air Force Institute of Technology, M.S. Human Physiology, Middle Tennessee State University  
2008 Air Command and Staff College (Correspondence and In-Residence Equivalency)  
2009 Intermediate Executive Skills Course  
2013 Air War College, Excellent Graduate, Distance Learning  
2015 Joint Senior Medical Leader Course  
2017 Combined/Joint Air and Space Operations Senior Staff Course

**ASSIGNMENTS:**

1. 1997-1998, Lieutenant Utilization Program, Safety Office, 93rd Air Control Wing, Robins AFB, GA.
2. 1998-1998, 47th Flying Training Wing, Laughlin AFB, TX.
3. 1998-1999, Researcher and Commander's Action Officer, Human Systems Center, Brooks AFB, TX.
4. 1999-2001, Aerospace Physiologist, 20th Aeromedical Dental Squadron, Shaw AFB, SC.
5. 2001-2005, Chief, Human Performance Training Team, 35th Aerospace Medicine Squadron, Misawa AB, Japan.
6. 2005-2007, Student, Air Force Institute of Technology, Civilian Institution, Middle Tennessee State University
7. 2007-2009, Chief, Air Force Human Factors and Operational Safety, Office of the Air Force Chief of Safety, Pentagon, Washington, DC
8. 2009-2010, Assistant Director of Operations, Aerospace and Operational Physiology Programs, Office of the Air Force Surgeon General, Pentagon, Washington, DC.
9. 2010-2011, Flight Commander, 779th Aerospace and Operational Physiology Flight, Andrews AFB, MD
10. 2011-2015, Flight Commander, 359th Aerospace and Operational Physiology Flight and Director, USAF Night Vision Goggle Advanced Instructor Course, Randolph AFB, TX
11. 2015-2017, Commander, 325th Medical Support Squadron and Deputy Commander, 325th Medical Group, Tyndall AFB, FL
12. 2017-2019, Chief, Aviation Management Branch, Pacific Air Forces, Directorate of Air and Cyberspace Operations (PACAF/A3TC), Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, HI
13. 2019-2021, Military Consultant and Chief, Aerospace Physiology, Office of the Surgeon General, Air Force Medical Readiness Agency, Defense Health Headquarters, Falls Church VA
14. 2021-2022, Chief, Aircrew Performance Division, Directorate of Training and Readiness, Deputy Chief of Staff for Operations, Headquarters United States Air Force, the Pentagon, Washington, District of Columbia
15. 2022-Present, Commander, 97th Medical Group, Altus AFB, OK

**MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS:**

Legion of Merit  
Meritorious Service Medal, 6 Oak Leaf Clusters  
Aerial Achievement Medal  
USAF Commendation Medal, 2 Oak Leaf Cluster  
USAF Achievement Medal, 2 Oak Leaf Clusters

**EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION:**

Second Lieutenant	28 May 1997
First Lieutenant	28 May 1999
Captain	28 May 2001
Major	01 July 2007
Lieutenant Colonel	01 September 2013
Colonel	01 May 2021

(Current as of June 2022)