



BIOGRAPHY

UNITED STATES AIR FORCE

COL MARK PACKER

Colonel Mark Packer is the Executive Director, Department of Defense, Hearing Center of Excellence, Air Force Medical Operations Agency, JBSA-Lackland, TX. In addition to advising the Assistant Secretary of Health Affairs and Surgeon Generals of the Uniformed Services on hearing health related matters, he is responsible for developing and executing the Hearing Center's congressional mandate to oversee the prevention, diagnosis, mitigation, treatment, and rehabilitation of hearing loss and auditory system injury. He provides guidance and support for the five directorates to assist in their mission to partner with the Department of Veterans Affairs and other private and academic entities to ensure hearing readiness and improve the hearing health and quality of life for our service members and veterans.

Colonel Packer received a direct commission in 1991 through the Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences, Andrews AFB, MD graduating in 1995 as a member of the Alpha Omega Alpha medical honor society. He completed a general surgery internship at Wright State University in Dayton Ohio in 1996, and was board certified in Otolaryngology Head and Neck surgery upon finishing his residency training in the San Antonio Uniformed Services Health Education Consortium in 2002. Most recently he graduated from fellowship training in neurotology and cranial base surgery at The Ohio State University in 2008, and practices as a board certified Neurotologist within the San Antonio Military Medical Consortium.



Dr. Packer has been an active clinician, instructor and researcher. He has authored ten text book chapters, directed seven temporal bone surgical dissection courses, four humanitarian surgical ear missions in South and Central America, and co-chairs a NATO research technical group. Dr. Packer chairs and directs four working groups chartered to provide steering and technical expertise targeting solutions for hearing and balance injuries. Intermixed with his medical training and professional activities Dr. Packer had the opportunity to serve in the operational Air Force as a flight surgeon attached to the 16th Special operations squadron. Working with joint task forces in this capacity he experienced first-hand the functional paradox between hearing prevention and communication in austere noise environments.

EDUCATION

1990 – Bachelor of Science degree in Psychology, University of Utah, Salt Lake City, Ut
1995 – Doctor of Medicine, Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences, Bethesda, MD
1996 – General Surgery Internship, Wright State University, Wright Patterson AFB, OH
1996 – School of Aerospace Medicine Primary Course, Brooks AFB, TX
1997 – Medical Management of Chemical and Biological Warfare, Ft. Detrick, MD
2002 – Otolaryngology-Head Neck Surgery Residency, Wilford Hall Medical Center, Lackland AFB, TX
2008 – Neurotology-Skull Base Surgery Fellowship, The Ohio State University, Columbus, OH
2012 – Air War College, by correspondence

ASSIGNMENTS

1. Sept 1991- May 1995, Medical Student, Uniformed Services University, Bethesda, MD
2. Jul 1995 – Jun 1996, General Surgery Intern, Wright State University, Wright Patterson AFB, OH
3. Jul 1996 – June 1998, Flight Surgeon, 16th Operations Support Squadron, Hurlbert Field, FL
4. Jul 1998 – Jun 2002, Resident, Otolaryngology-HNS, Wilford Hall Medical Center, Lackland AFB, TX
5. Jul 2002 – Jun 2006, Chief Otolaryngology Element, 3rd Medical Group, Elemendorf AFB, AK
6. Jul 2006 – Jun 2008, Fellow, Neurotology, The Ohio State University, Columbus, OH
7. Jul 2008 – Present, Chief Neurotology-Skull Base Surgery, Wilford Hall MC, JBSA-Lackland, TX
8. 2009- Present, Executive Director, Department of Defense Hearing Center of Excellence, Air Force Medical Operations Agency, Lackland-Kelly AFB, TX

MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS

Meritorious Service Medal with one oak leaf cluster
Air Force Commendation Medal
AF Outstanding Unit Award with six oak leaf clusters
National Defense Service Medal
Global War on Terror Service Medal

OTHER ACHIEVEMENTS

Surgeon General's Award for outstanding paper
Golden Bone surgical dissection, First Place
Alpha Omega Alpha Honor Society
Outstanding Academic Achievement Award 1991, 1993
Distinguished Graduate, HPOIC 1991
Departmental Scholarship awards x 3
Sterling Scholar Award
NATO Human Factor in Medicine Research Technical Group

PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS/MEMBERSHIPS/HONOR SOCIETIES

Alpha Omega Alpha Honor Society
American Academy of Otolaryngology
Society of Military Otolaryngology
Society of Air Force Clinical Surgeons
USUHS Society of Corresponding Surgeons

DATE OF RANK

Second Lieutenant Aug, 1991
Captain May 20, 1995
Major May 20, 2001
Lieutenant Colonel May 20, 2007
Colonel May 20, 2013
(Current as of Aug 13)