



BIOGRAPHY

UNITED STATES AIR FORCE

COLONEL (DR.) GARY M. WALKER

Director, Healthcare Operations, Air Force Medical Support Agency

Colonel (Dr.) Gary M. Walker is the Director of Healthcare Operations for the Air Force Medical Support Agency (AFMSA/SG3). He is responsible for executing health care policy in support of 41,000 personnel and 75 medical treatment facilities with a budget of more than \$6.4 billion. Colonel Walker ensures quality, cost-effective, preventive-based health care for 2.6 million beneficiaries worldwide.

Colonel Walker was born in Linton, Indiana, and reared in Milan, Indiana. He was commissioned into the United States Air Force in May, 1980. Colonel Walker subsequently received his doctor of medicine degree in 1984 from the Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences. He served in multiple capacities as a surgeon prior to leaving active duty in July, 1999. While in private practice as a plastic surgeon, Colonel Walker continued his military service as an Individual Mobilization Assistant in the USAF Reserve. He returned to Air Force active duty in September, 2002, and has commanded Surgical Operations Squadrons at two Air Force medical centers. Colonel Walker also completed a tour to Afghanistan in 2007 in support of Operation ENDURING FREEDOM, where he served as the Deputy Commander of the 455th Expeditionary Medical Group. While there, he also served as Commander of a 48-member Joint Air Force/Army Field Surgical Team at Forward Operating Base Salerno. Immediately prior to his current assignment, he was Commander of the 96th Medical Group at Eglin Air Force Base, Florida.



Colonel Walker is a distinguished graduate of the Aerospace Medicine Primary Course and is a Fellow of the American College of Surgeons.

EDUCATION

- 1976 Bachelor of Arts degree in biology, Indiana Wesleyan University, Marion, Ind.
- 1979 Master of Science degree in physiology, Indiana University School of Medicine, Indianapolis, Ind.
- 1984 Doctor of Medicine degree, Uniformed Services University School of Medicine, Bethesda, Md.
- 1985 General surgery internship, Keesler Medical Center, Keesler Air Force Base, Miss.
- 1989 General surgery residency, Keesler Medical Center, Keesler Air Force Base, Miss.
- 1992 Plastic surgery residency, Wilford Hall USAF Medical Center, Lackland Air Force Base, Texas
- 1998 Air War College, by seminar
- 2009 Interagency Institute for Federal Health Care Executives, George Washington University, Washington, D.C.
- 2012 CAPSTONE Symposium, Joint Medical Executive Skills Institute, Washington, D.C.

ASSIGNMENTS

1. July 1980 – May 1984, student, Medical Training Program, Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences, Bethesda, Md.
2. July 1984 – June 1985, intern, General Surgery Internship Program, Keesler Medical Center, Keesler AFB, Miss.

3. July 1985 – June 1989, resident, General Surgery Residency Program, Keesler Medical Center, Keesler AFB, Miss.
4. July 1989 – June 1992, resident, Plastic Surgery Residency Program, Wilford Hall USAF Medical Center, Lackland AFB, Texas
5. July 1992 – September 1997, staff plastic surgeon, 645th Medical Group, Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio
6. September 1997 – August 1998, Chief of Plastic Surgery, 74th Medical Group, Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio
7. August 1998 – June 1999, Director, Surgical Subspecialties, 74th Medical Group, Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio
8. July 1999 – September 2002, private practice of plastic surgery and Partner, North Carolina Plastic Surgery Center, Greensboro, N.C.
9. May 2000 – September 2002, mobilization assistant to the 74th Medical Group, Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio
10. September 2002 – September 2003, staff plastic surgeon, 74th Medical Operations Squadron, Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio
11. September 2003 – August 2005, Surgical Specialties Flight Commander, 74th Surgical Operations Squadron (re-designated 88th Surgical Operations Squadron, October 2004), Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio
12. August 2005 – March 2006, Acting Commander, 88th Surgical Operations Squadron, Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio
13. March 2006 – September 2006, Deputy Commander and staff plastic surgeon, 88th Surgical Operations Squadron, Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio
14. September 2006 – January 2008, Commander, 60th Surgical Operations Squadron, Travis AFB, Calif.
15. January 2008 – June 2009, Deputy Commander, 60th Medical Group, Travis AFB, Calif.
16. July 2009 – August 2012, Commander, 96th Medical Group, Eglin AFB, Fl.
17. August 2012 – present, Director, Healthcare Operations, Air Force Medical Support Agency, Defense Health Headquarters, Falls Church, Va.

FLIGHT INFORMATION

Rating: Flight Surgeon

Flight hours: 129

Aircraft flown: MC-130P, UH-1N

MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS

Legion of Merit

Bronze Star Medal

Meritorious Service Medal with two oak leaf clusters

National Defense Service Medal with bronze service star

Afghanistan Campaign Medal

Global War on Terrorism Service Medal

Humanitarian Service Medal

Armed Forces Reserve Medal

NATO Medal

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS AND ASSOCIATIONS

Diplomate, American Board of Plastic Surgery

Fellow, American College of Surgeons

Member, American Society of Plastic Surgeons

Member, North Carolina Society of Plastic and Reconstructive Surgeons

Senior Member & Treasurer, Society of Air Force Clinical Surgeons

SPECIAL EXPERIENCE IDENTIFIER

Clinical Grand Master (ME) in Plastic Surgery

EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION

Captain May 19, 1984

Major May 19, 1988

Lieutenant Colonel May 19, 1994

Colonel February 27, 2002

(Current as of January 2013)