



# BIOGRAPHY



**UNITED STATES AIR FORCE**

## LIEUTENANT COLONEL JOSEPH D. VILLACIS



Lieutenant Colonel Joseph D. Villacis, Medical Corps, United States Air Force, is Chief, Medical Retention Standards Branch, Headquarters Air Force Personnel Center, Joint Base San Antonio Randolph, TX. He directly supervises a team of five medical providers and four technicians to implement Air Force Surgeon General medical standards for continued active duty service policy. The Medical Retention Standards Branch reviews disability screening documents for active duty Airmen, and is the sole approval authority for active duty Assignment Limitation Code stratification and periodic review; Medical Hold of active duty Airmen beyond approved separation dates; and non-emergent surgery during active duty Airman's final six months of service. The Medical Retention Standards Branch directs Patient Squadron Permanent Change of Station assignment for active duty Airmen with a valid requirement.

Colonel Villacis entered the Air Force in 1999, a graduate of the University of Chicago, Pritzker School of Medicine. He completed residency training in Psychiatry in 2003, and later obtained additional sub-specialty training. He served as his psychiatry residency program's Chief Resident, and completed the Aerospace Medicine Primary Course. Colonel Villacis was previously assigned as Medical Director, Behavioral Health Service Flight, 1st Special Operations Medical Operations Squadron at Hurlburt Field, Florida, and later as Chief Consultant in Psychiatry to the Air Force Surgeon General at the Air Force Medical Operations Agency, Joint Base San Antonio Lackland, TX. As the Air Force Surgeon General senior psychiatry policy advisor on mental health programs and practice to 75 medical treatment facilities, Colonel Villacis provided guidance and direction for manning, productivity, training and utilization of 1500 mental health providers, nurses and technicians. He deployed to Afghanistan twice as a psychiatrist (2004 and 2008). Colonel Villacis has been an exchange program instructor in Colombia (2007) and Serbia (2012), teaching foreign military medical professionals and military line personnel approaches to medical and psychological readiness, screening and mental health treatment.

### EDUCATION

- 1990 Bachelor of Arts Degree, with Special Honors, in English Language and Literature, University of Chicago, Chicago, IL
- 1996 Health Professions Officer Indoctrination Course, Maxwell Air Force Base, Gunter Annex, AL
- 1999 Doctor of Medicine, Pritzker School of Medicine, University of Chicago, Chicago, IL
- 2002 Aerospace Medicine Primary Course, Brooks City-Base, TX

- 2003 United States Air Force Language and Area Studies Immersion, Quito, Ecuador
- 2007 Intermediate Executive Skills Course, Sheppard Air Force Base, Wichita Falls, TX (seminar)
- 2013 Health Care Optimization/Operational Medicine Seminar, Fort Sam Houston, TX

### **ASSIGNMENTS**

1. June 1999 – June 2000, Intern, Family Practice/Psychiatry, Malcolm Grow Medical Center, Joint Base Andrews, MD
2. July 2000 – June 2003, Resident in Psychiatry, National Capital Education Consortium, Washington, DC
3. July 2003 – February 2005, Staff Psychiatrist, Mental Health Flight, 96<sup>th</sup> Medical Operations Squadron, Eglin Air Force Base, FL
4. March 2005 – June 2009, Medical Director, Behavioral Health Services Flight, 1<sup>st</sup> Special Operations Medical Operations Squadron, Hurlburt Field, FL
5. July 2009 – June 2010, Clinical Fellow, Harvard University/Massachusetts General Hospital, Boston, MA
6. July 2010 – July 2011, Chief, In-Garrison Mental Health, Air Force Medical Operations Agency, Joint Base San Antonio Lackland,, TX
7. July 2011 – August 2013, Air Force Surgeon General Consultant in Psychiatry, Air Force Medical Operations Agency, Joint Base San Antonio Lackland, TX
8. August 2013 – present, Branch Chief, Medical Retention Standards, Headquarters Air Force Personnel Center, Joint Base San Antonio Randolph, TX

### **DEPLOYMENTS**

1. Aug 2004– Feb 2005, Combat Stress Control Detachment, 325th Field Hospital, Afghanistan
2. Feb 2008 – Aug 2008, Combat Stress Control Detachment, 455th Expeditionary Medical Group, Afghanistan

### **MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS**

Meritorious Service Medal with one oak leaf cluster  
Army Commendation Medal with one oak leaf cluster  
Navy Achievement Medal  
Meritorious Unit Award  
Air Force Outstanding Unit Award with Valor Device and three oak leaf clusters  
National Defense Service Medal  
Afghanistan Campaign Medal with one device  
Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal  
Global War on Terrorism Service Medal  
North American Treaty Organization Medal

### **PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS AND AFFILIATIONS**

Society of Uniformed Services Psychiatrists  
American Psychiatric Association (Fellow)  
University of Texas Health Sciences Center (Adjunct Associate Professor of Psychiatry)

### **EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION**

Captain                      May 24, 1999  
Major                         May 24, 2005  
Lieutenant Colonel        May 24, 2011

(Current as of Nov 2013)