



BIOGRAPHY



UNITED STATES AIR FORCE

COLONEL STEVEN E. PFLANZ

Col. Steven E. Pflanz serves as the Director of Psychological Health, Air Force Medical Support Agency, Falls Church, Va. He oversees Air Force mental health policy, plans and programs, interacts with Department of Defense partners, civilian research institutions, and units in the field to reduce suicides and optimize mental health care for Airmen.

Colonel Pflanz is a board-certified psychiatrist and rated flight surgeon who has served more than 22 years in the Air Force. He has previously served as the Chief of the Air Force Suicide Prevention Program, Chief of Air Force Physician Utilization, a squadron commander, Chief of the Medical Staff, and two assignments as a Mental Health Flight Commander. Additionally, he deployed to Afghanistan as commander of a combat and operational stress control detachment in 2012.

He has served as a school board member in the Randolph Field Independent School District, President of the Society of Uniformed Services Psychiatrists, and two-term President of the Academy of Organizational and Occupational Psychiatry.

He entered active duty in the Air Force after completing medical school in 1995.



EDUCATION

- 1990 Bachelor's Degree in Human Development and Family Studies, Cornell University, Ithaca, N.Y.
- 1990 Health Professions Officer Indoctrination Course, Lackland AFB, San Antonio, Texas
- 1994 Doctor of Medicine Degree, University of Rochester School of Medicine, Rochester, N.Y.
- 1995 Psychiatry Internship, University of Rochester School of Medicine, Rochester, N.Y.
- 1997 Aerospace Medicine Primary Course, USAF School of Aerospace Medicine, Wright-Patterson, AFB, Ohio
- 1998 Psychiatry Residency, San Antonio Uniformed Services Health Education Consortium, San Antonio, Texas
- 2002 Air Command and Staff College, by correspondence
- 2010 Air War College, by correspondence

ASSIGNMENTS

1. July 1995 – July 1998, Psychiatry Resident Physician, 59th Medical Wing, Lackland Air Force Base, Texas
2. July 1998 – June 2003, Mental Health Flight Commander, 90th Medical Operations Squadron, F.E. Warren AFB, Wyo.
3. July 2003 – August 2005, Mental Health Flight Commander, 305th Medical Operations Squadron, McGuire AFB, N.J.
4. August 2005 – August 2008, Chief of the Air Force Suicide Prevention Program and Senior Psychiatry Policy Analyst, Air Force Medical Operations Agency, Falls Church, Va.
5. August 2008 – July 2010, Commander, 579th Medical Operations Squadron, Bolling AFB, D.C.
6. July 2010 – August 2012, Chief of the Medical Staff, 90th Medical Group, F. E. Warren AFB, Wyo.
7. August 2012 – September 2016, Chief of Air Force Physician Utilization, Air Force Personnel Center, Randolph AFB, Texas
8. October 2016 – Present, Director of Psychological Health, Air Force Medical Support Agency, Falls Church, Va.

MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS

- Bronze Star
- Meritorious Service Medal (Five Oak Leaf Clusters)

Air Force Outstanding Unit Award (Three Oak Leaf Clusters)
National Defense Service Medal
Afghanistan Campaign Medal
Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal
Global War on Terrorism Service Medal
Nuclear Deterrence Operations Service Medal (One Oak Leaf Cluster)
Air Force Expeditionary Service Ribbon
Air Force Longevity Service (Four Oak Leaf Clusters)
Air Force Training Ribbon
NATO International Security Assistance Force Medal

PROFESSIONAL CERTIFICATION

2000 American Board of Psychiatry & Neurology (most recent recertification in 2010)

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

1. American Psychiatric Association – Fellow (Chair, Committee on Psychiatry in the Workplace, 2003-2006)
2. Society of Uniformed Services Psychiatrists – Immediate Past President 2016 to present
(Previously held positions: President 2015-2016, Vice President 2014-2015, Treasurer 2013-2014)
3. American Psychiatric Association Foundation's Partnership for Workplace Mental Health's Partnership Advisory Council, 2006 to present
4. Academy of Organizational and Occupational Psychiatry – President 2006-2010, Vice President 2004-2006,
5. Annual Meeting Program Chair 2002-2006
6. Suicide Prevention Action Network National Board of Directors, 2006-2009
7. Federal Government Suicide Prevention Committee, Chair 2006-2008
8. Wyoming State Suicide Prevention Task Force, 2001-2003

EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION

Captain May 22, 1994
Major May 22, 2000
Lieutenant Colonel May 22, 2006
Colonel May 22, 2012

(Current as of April 2017)