

COLONEL VALERIE J. CASTLE

Colonel Valerie J. Castle is the Commander of the 49th Medical Group, Holloman Air Force Base, New Mexico. She Commands 300 personnel in three squadrons and is responsible for the health and wellness of 18000 beneficiaries to include member assigned of the 49th Wing and mission partners. Col Castle oversees medical operations by maintaining combat-ready deployable medical units managing a \$14 million budget, promoting health and ensuring compliance with medical and environmental regulatory standards.

Prior to her current assignment Colonel Castle served as the Chief of Preventive Medicine at Air Force Medical Readiness Agency, Defense Health Headquarters, and Falls Church, Virginia, guiding public health and preventive medicine policy during the COVID-19 pandemic. Colonel Castle has served in the capacity of Aerospace Medicine Squadron Command, Chief of Aerospace and Preventive Medicine. In addition she has served as primary care and preventive medicine physician, public health emergency officer, epidemiologist, and Chief of the Medical Staff. At headquarters level Col Castle has worked in policy development for retention and sustainment of health professions officers and as associate director of the Medical Corps.

Colonel Castle received her Bachelors of Science in Exercise Science from Iowa State University, her medical degree from Des Moines University and Master of Public Health from the Uniformed Services University of Health Sciences. Colonel Castle is Board Certified in Family and Preventive Medicine and entered the Air Force during her Family Medicine Residency, August 14, 2004.



EDUCATION

1989 Bachelor of Science, Exercise Science & Physical Education, Iowa State University, IA
2001 Doctor of Osteopathy, Des Moines University of Osteopathic Medicine, Des Moines, IA
2004 Family Medicine Residency, St. Joseph's Hospital and Medical Center, Phoenix, AZ
2011 Master of Public Health, Uniformed Services University of Health Science, Bethesda, MD
2011 Military Tropical Medicine Course, Uniformed Services University of Health Science
2012 Preventive Medicine Residency, Uniformed Services University of Health Science, Bethesda, MD
2012 Humanitarian Emergencies in Large Populations, Johns Hopkins School of Public Health
2013 Global Health Diplomacy Short Course, Stimson Center, Washington DC
2013 Aerospace Medicine Primary Course, Wright Patterson AFB, OH
2014 Air Force Medical Service Intermediate Executive Skills Course, San Antonio, TX
2015 Fellow, Medical Corps Force Management, Defense Health Headquarters, Falls Church, VA
2016 Air War College, by correspondence
2018 Medical Investigation Course, United States School of Aerospace Medicine, Wright Patterson AFB, OH
2019 American Association of Physician Leadership, Certified Physician Executive

ASSIGNMENTS

1. August 2004- June 2007, Family Medicine and Urgent Care physician, 55th Medical Group, Offutt AFB, NE
2. June 2007- May 2010, Urgent Care physician, Medical Director 35th Medical Group, Misawa AB, Japan
3. June 2010- June 2012, Preventive Medicine resident, Uniformed Services University, Bethesda, MD
4. July 2012- May 2014, Chief of Preventive Medicine, Sheppard AFB, Wichita Falls, TX
5. June 2014- July 2015, Chief of Medical Staff, 82nd Medical Group, Sheppard AFB, TX



BIOGRAPHY

UNITED STATES AIR FORCE

6. July 2015- June 2016, Fellow, Medical Corps Force Management, Headquarters United States Air Force, Office of the Surgeon General, Falls Church, VA
7. June 2016- July 2017, Deputy Chief, Air Force Medical Force Sustainment & Associate Director, Air Force Medical Corps, Falls Church, VA
8. July 2017- July 2019, Commander and Chief of Aerospace Medicine, 51st Aerospace Medicine Squadron, Osan AB, Republic of Korea
9. August 2019- June 2021, Chief, Preventive Medicine, Air Force Medical Readiness Agency, Falls Church, VA

MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS

Meritorious Service Medal with two oak leaf clusters
Air Force Commendation Medal with one oak leaf cluster
Air Force Achievement Medal
Meritorious Unit Award
Air Force Outstanding Unit Award with two oak leaf clusters

EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION

Captain June 24, 2001
Major June 24, 2007
Lieutenant Colonel June 24, 2013
Colonel June 24, 2019

(CURRENT AS OF JULY 2021)