



BIOGRAPHY

UNITED STATES TRANSPORTATION COMMAND

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Col. David M. O'Brien

Col. David M. O'Brien is assigned as the command surgeon, U.S. States Transportation Command, Scott Air Force Base, Ill. Col. O'Brien serves as the senior medical advisor to the commander, USTRANSCOM, and directs global patient movement in support of Department of Defense activities, including overseas contingency operations and defense support to civilian agencies. Additionally, Col. O'Brien directs development of strategic policy and interagency coordination related to patient movement enabling 24/7/365 global aeromedical evacuation for the U.S. service members and other DOD beneficiaries.

Col. O'Brien received his bachelor of science degree in biology from Loyola Marymount University and holds a doctor of medicine degree from Stritch School of Medicine, Loyola University of Chicago. He completed residencies and is board certified in Aerospace Medicine and Occupational Medicine at Brooks Air Force Base, Texas. Col. O'Brien is a fellow of the Aerospace Medicine Association and a certified physician executive.

Col. O'Brien is a chief flight surgeon and has more than 1,700 flying hours.



EDUCATION

- 1983 - Bachelor of science degree in biology, Loyola Marymount University, Calif.
- 1987 - Doctorate of medicine, Stritch School of Medicine, Loyola University, Chicago, Ill.
- 1994 - Master of public health, School of Public Health, University of Texas, Houston
- 1996 - Air Command and Staff College, correspondence
- 1999 - Air War College, seminar

ASSIGNMENTS

- July 1988 - August 1990, flight surgeon, 836th Hospital, Davis-Monthan Air Force Base, Ariz.
- August 1990 - March 1991, flight surgeon, 41st Electronic Combat Squadron (deployed), Desert Storm
- March 1991 - April 1992, flight surgeon, 41st Electronic Combat Squadron, Davis-Monthan Air Force Base, Ariz.
- April 1991 - August 1993, flight surgeon, 43rd Electronic Combat Squadron, Davis-Monthan Air Force Base, Ariz.
- August 1993 - May 1994, Air Force Institute of Technology, University of Texas, School of Public Health
- May 1994 - July 1996, resident in Aerospace Medicine, Brooks Air Force Base, Texas
- July 1996 - June 1999, flight commander, Aerospace Medicine, 354 Medical Group Eielson Air Force Base, Alaska
- June 1999 - July 2001, commander, 47th Aeromedical-Dental Squadron, Laughlin Air Force Base, Texas
- July 2001 - July 2004, command flight surgeon, Headquarters Air Mobility Command, Scott Air Force Base, Ill.
- July 2004 - October 2006, commander, 96th Aerospace Medicine Squadron, Eglin Air Force Base, Fla.
- May 2006 - September 2006, validating flight surgeon, Joint Patient Movement Center, Central Command
- September 2007 - January 2008, U.S. Air Forces Central forward surgeon, Combined Air Ops Center

October 2006 - June 2008, commander, 1st Aerospace Medicine Squadron, Langley Air Force Base, Va.
July 2008 - July 2010, commander, 51st Medical Group, Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea
August 2010 - April 2012, command surgeon, 13th Air Force, Joint Base Pearl Harbor – Hickam Air Force Base, Hawaii
April 2012 - Present, command surgeon, U.S. States Transportation Command, Scott Air Force Base, Ill.

FLIGHT INFORMATION

Rating: Chief flight surgeon

Flight hours: more than 1,700

Aircraft flown: A-7, C-17, C-130, CH-47, EC-130, F-15, F-16, HH-3, HH-60, KC-135, T-1, T-38 and UH-60

MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS

Legion of Merit

Meritorious Service Medal with silver oak leaf cluster

Joint Service Commendation Medal

Air Force Commendation Medal

Air Force Achievement Medal

EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION

Second Lieutenant Oct. 18, 1983

Captain June 14, 1987

Major June 14, 1993

Lieutenant Colonel May 31, 1999

Colonel May 31, 2005

(Current as of May 2012)