



BIOGRAPHY

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COLONEL ROBERT W. FELDTMAN

Colonel Robert W. Feldtman is mobilization assistant to the commander, 59th Medical Wing, Lackland Air Force Base, Texas. He assists the commander in matters pertaining to health care delivery and readiness as well as Tricare issues in Region 6. He is involved in outreach to Southcom through plans and participation in humanitarian and training activities.

The colonel was commissioned through the Early Commissioning program while in medical school. He served nine years on active duty, completing that service at the U.S. Air Force Academy Hospital as a surgeon. After completing a civilian residency in Thoracic and Cardiovascular Surgery at Baylor College of Medicine with Dr. Michael DeBakey, he entered the Air Force Reserve in 1988.

Dr. Feldtman has more than 1500 hours as pilot-in-command and is an instrument rated commercial pilot. He is a member and officer in a variety of State, National and International surgical societies. Colonel Feldtman maintains his triple board certification -- in general, thoracic and vascular surgery. He has authored 48 peer reviewed publications and two book chapters.

In his civilian capacity, he is associate professor of Surgery at the University of Texas Medical School in Houston.



EDUCATION:

- 1968 Bachelor of Science in Chemistry, Pan American College, Edinburg, Texas
- 1972 Doctor of Medicine, University of Texas Medical Branch Galveston, Texas
- 1977 Residency in Surgery, Wilford Hall U.S. Air Force Medical Center, San Antonio, Texas
- 1983 Residency in Cardiovascular Surgery, Baylor College of Medicine, Houston, Texas
- 1990 Air Command and Staff College, by correspondence
- 1991 Air War College, by correspondence

ASSIGNMENTS:

1. June 1969- June 1972, Early Commissioning Program, Air Force Institute of Technology, Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio

2. June 1972- June 1977, Surgical Residency, Wilford Hall U.S. Air Force Medical Center, San Antonio, Texas
3. July 1977- January 1980, Surgeon, U.S. Air Force Academy Hospital, Colorado Springs, Colo.
4. February 1980 - November 1988, private practice after completing a civilian residency in Thoracic and Cardiovascular Surgery at Baylor College of Medicine with Dr. Michael DeBakey.
5. December 1988 - January 1991, surgeon, 11th Contingency Hospital, Carswell Air Force Base, Texas
6. November 1990, volunteer surgeon for Desert Shield, Davis Monthan Air Force Base, Tucson, Ariz
7. January 1991 - June 1991, active duty for Desert Storm, Wilford Hall U.S. Air Force Medical Center, San Antonio, Texas
8. July 1991 - July 1993, commander, Detachment 1, 11th Contingency Hospital, Carswell Air Reserve Base, Texas
9. July 1993 - July 1997, commander, 433rd Contingency Hospital, Kelly Air Force Base, Texas
10. July 1997 – present, mobilization assistant to the commander, 59th Medical Wing, Lackland Air Force Base, Texas

MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS:

Legion of Merit
 Meritorious Service Medal
 Air Force Commendation Medal
 National Defense Service Medal with Silver Star

OTHER ACHIEVEMENTS:

1965	American Chemical Society College Student Award
1977	Sponsored Resident - Southwestern Surgical Congress
1978	Hektoen Silver Medal - American Medical Association
1983	Distinguished Alumnus of Pan American University
1988 -1992	District One Review Committee - Texas State Board of Medical Examiners
1992	Amos Pollard Award - Wilford Hall USAF Medical Center
1993 – present	Cardiovascular Consultant - - Texas State Board of Medical Examiners
1994	Operation Blessing - Conversion of L-1011 to flying hospital for missionary work with Dr. Pat Robertson - Member of design team
1994	Member - Health Care Policy Board - National Policy Forum - Republican National Committee
1995	First McNish Award for Recruiting - USAF Reserve Recruiters
1995 - present	Deacon - Second Baptist Church, Houston
1995 - 1997	Missionary Surgeon with T.I.M.E. for Christ to the Aztec Indians in Mexico
1997	Founder's Day Honoree, University of Texas Pan American
1997 – present	Special consultant to the Federal Air Surgeon in Thoracic and Cardiovascular Surgery, FAA, USDOT, Washington DC

EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION:

Second Lieutenant	Mar 27, 1969
First Lieutenant	Mar 27, 1972
Captain	Jun 7, 1972
Major	Jun 7, 1975
Lieutenant Colonel	Jul 27, 1981
Colonel	Jun 1, 1992

(Current as of March 1998)