



# BIOGRAPHY

UNITED STATES AIR FORCE

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Headquarters Air Reserve Personnel Center  
Office of Public Affairs  
Denver, CO 80280-1010

## MAJ. GEN. (DR.) WALTER JOHN GILLER, JR

Major General (Dr.) Walter John Giller Jr. is mobilization assistant to the surgeon general, Bolling Air Force Base, D.C.

The general was born in El Dorado, Ark., where he graduated from El Dorado High School in 1957. He served on active duty in the U.S. Air Force from 1968 to 1976 before returning to Arkansas. He was recalled to active duty in January 1991 for Operation Desert Shield as the Tactical Air Command command surgeon in CONUS sustainment medical activities as well as rear echelon Desert Shield operations.

In his civilian capacity, General Giller is now in private practice as an orthopedic surgeon in El Dorado. He served as vice chief of staff of the Union Medical Center and medical consultant to the South Arkansas Rehabilitation Services. He is an assistant clinical professor at the University of Arkansas School of Medicine, and currently serves as associate counselor of the Arkansas Southern Medical Association.

In addition to his medical practice, the general is active in his family timber and land development business, as well as community, civic and church activities in South Arkansas.



### **EDUCATION:**

- 1963 Bachelor of science degree in mathematics, University of Arkansas, Fayetteville
- 1967 Doctorate of medicine, University of Arkansas Medical School, Little Rock
- 1968 Completed rotating internship, Menorah Medical Center, Kansas City, Mo.
- 1968 Aerospace Medicine Primary Course, Brooks Air Force Base, Texas
- 1974 Completed orthopedic surgery residency, Wilford Hall USAF Medical Center, Lackland Air Force Base, Texas
- 1982 Reserve Components National Security Course, Fort Lesley J. McNair, Washington, D.C.
- 1986 Air Command and Staff College, Maxwell Air Force Base, Ala. 1986 Air War College, by correspondence

## **ASSIGNMENTS:**

1. June 1966 - May 1967, Air Force Institute of Technology senior medical student program, University of Arkansas Medical School, Little Rock
2. July 1968 - May 1969, squadron flight surgeon, 562nd Tactical Fighter Squadron, McConnell Air Force Base, Kan.
3. June 1969 - June 1970, chief of aerospace medicine, McConnell Air Force Base, Kan.
4. July 1970 - June 1974, residency orthopedic surgery, Wilford Hall USAF Medical Center, Lackland Air Force Base, Texas
5. July 1974 - June 1975, base chief hospital services and hospital flight surgeon, Barksdale Air Force Base, La.
6. June 1975 - August 1975, acting hospital commander, Barksdale Air Force Base, La.
7. August 1975 - September 1976, chief of surgery, Barksdale Air Force Base, La.
8. October 1976 - May 1982, commander, 917th Tactical Air Command Clinic, Barksdale Air Force Base, La.
9. May 1982 - October 1984, hospital commander, 11th Contingency Hospital, Lackland Air Force Base, Texas
10. October 1984 - June 1989, mobilization assistant to the commander, Wilford Hall USAF Medical Center, Lackland Air Force Base, Texas
11. May 1987 - June 1992, mobilization assistant to the command surgeon, Headquarters Tactical Air Command, Langley Air Force Base, Va.
12. June 1992 - June 1992, mobilization assistant to the command surgeon, Headquarters Air Combat Command, Langley Air Force Base, Va.
13. June 1992 - October 1994, mobilization assistant to the director of medical programs and resources, Office of the Surgeon General, Bolling Air Force Base, D.C.
14. October 1994 - January 1996, mobilization assistant to the deputy surgeon general of the Air Force, Office of the Surgeon General, Bolling Air Force Base, D.C.
15. January 1996 - present, mobilization assistant to the surgeon general of the Air Force, Office of the Surgeon General, Bolling Air Force Base, D.C.

## **MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS:**

Legion of Merit with oak leaf cluster  
Meritorious Service Medal with oak leaf cluster  
Air Force Commendation Medal  
National Defense Service Medal with device  
Air Force Outstanding Unit Award with oak leaf cluster  
Air Force Longevity Service Award Ribbon with four oak leaf clusters  
Small Arms Expert Marksmanship Ribbon  
Air Force Training Ribbon

## **FLIGHT INFORMATION:**

Rating: Chief flight surgeon  
Flight hours: 800

Aircraft flown: C-21, KC-135A, AT-37, C-12, F-105, F-4, F-15, F-16, KC-10, C-141, C-17 and C-5

Civilian ratings: Commercial, multi-engine, instrument; flight hours, 3,325

### **OTHER ACHIEVEMENTS:**

Selected as the 1996 recipient of the Uniformed Services University Barry Goldwater Award; elected representative to the 1979 Arkansas State Constitutional Convention and served as chairman of the Committee on the Finance and Taxation Article; Flight Surgeon of the Year, Tactical Air Command, U.S. Air Force, 1969; Outstanding Reserve Aerospace Medicine Physician of 1979; U.S. Air Force Reserves; Alpha Omega Alpha Honorary Medical Society, University of Arkansas Medical School.

### **EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION:**

Second Lieutenant	Apr 26, 1966
First Lieutenant	Jun 11, 1967
Captain	Jun 11, 1970
Major	Nov 11, 1972
Lieutenant Colonel	Jun 11, 1975
Colonel	Jul 1, 1980
Brigadier General	Apr 2, 1987
Major General	Feb 9, 1994

(Current as of March 1997)