



# BIOGRAPHY

## UNITED STATES TRANSPORTATION COMMAND

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### Col. Paul A. Friedrichs

Col. Paul A. Friedrichs is assigned as the command surgeon, U.S. States Transportation Command, Scott Air Force Base, Illinois. Col. Friedrichs 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. Friedrichs 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. Friedrichs received his commission through the Reserve Officer Training Corps in 1986 and his Doctor of Medicine degree (M.D.) from the Uniformed Services University in 1990. He has served as a clinical assistant professor of surgery at the Uniformed Services University and published 10 peer-reviewed surgical articles. He has commanded at the squadron and group level, and units he has led earned numerous awards, including "Best Air Force Hospital." While at Headquarters AF/SG's Office, Col. Friedrichs was the Air Force lead for the multi-billion dollar TRICARE - Next Generation contracts and led one of the AF surgical teams which responded to the Pentagon on September 11, 2001. As the 332 EAMDS/CC, he supported combat operations at Balad Air Base as well as all aeromedical evacuations leaving Iraq and cared for or operated on numerous casualties.



As command surgeon, Headquarters Pacific Air Forces, Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, Hawaii from July 2011 to July 2014, Col. Friedrichs supported nine medical groups, three Numbered Air Forces, patient movement across the Pacific, medical contingency planning and OPLAN updates, tri-service/international medical cooperative engagement activities and served as the JTF-Support Forces Antarctica Surgeon.

Prior to his current position Col. Friedrichs was vice commander, Air Force Medical Operations Agency, Joint Base San Antonio Lackland, Texas.

### EDUCATION

- 1986 Bachelor of Science, Biology, Tulane University, New Orleans, La.
- 1990 Doctor of Medicine, Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences, Bethesda, Md.
- 1997 Urologic Surgery Residency, Wilford Hall and Brooke Army Medical Centers, San Antonio, Texas
- 1998 Air Command and Staff College, Maxwell AFB, Ala.
- 2001 Aerospace Medicine Primary Course, USAFSAM, Brooks AFB, Texas
- 2003 Air War College, Maxwell AFB, Ala.
- 2006 Space Operations Executive Course, National Space Security Institute, Colorado Springs, Colo.
- 2006 Interagency Institute for Healthcare Executives, Washington, D.C.
- 2008 National War College, Fort McNair, D.C.

2010 Medical Capstone Program, Washington, D.C.

## **ASSIGNMENTS**

1. June 1990–June 1991, surgical intern, Wilford Hall Medical Center, Lackland Air Force Base, Texas
2. July 1991–June 1992, general medical officer, Wilford Hall Medical Center, Lackland Air Force Base, Texas
3. June 1992–June 1997, urological surgery resident, Wilford Hall Medical Center, Lackland Air Force Base, Texas
4. July 1997–October 1997, Assistant chief, Urology, 89th MDG, Andrews Air Force Base, Md.
5. November 1997–September 1999, chief, Urology, 89th MDG, Andrews Air Force Base, Md.
6. October 1999–September 2000, c, Population Health Management, 89th MDG, Andrews Air Force Base, Md.
7. October 2000–July 2001, analyst, Health Benefits and Policy Division, Office of the Surgeon General, Headquarters Air Force, Bolling Air Force Base, D.C.
8. August 2001–June 2002, chief, Operations Branch, Office of the Surgeon General, Headquarters Air Force, Bolling Air Force Base, D.C.
9. July 2002–May 2003, chief, Optimization and Integration Division, Air Force Medical Operations Agency, Bolling Air Force Base, D.C.
10. May 2003–May 2005, commander, 56th Medical Operations Squadron, Luke Air Force Base, Ariz.  
(September 2004–January 2005, commander, 332 Expeditionary Aeromedical Operations Squadron, Balad Air Base, Iraq)
11. June 2005–April 2006, chief, Aeromedical and Clinical Services Branches, HQ Air Force Space Command, Peterson Air Force Base, Colorado
12. May 2006–July 2007, chief, Medical Operations Division, HQ Air Force Space Command, Peterson Air Force Base, Colo.
13. August 2007–June 2008, student, National War College, Ft McNair, D.C.
14. August 2008–July 2010, commander, 3rd Medical Group, 3rd Wing, Elmendorf Air Force Base, Alaska
15. July 2010–July 2011, commander, 673d Medical Group, 673d Air Base Wing, Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson, Alaska
16. July 2011–July 2014, command surgeon, HQ Pacific Air Forces, Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, Hawaii
17. July 2014–July 2016, vice commander, Air Force Medical Operations Agency, Joint Base San Antonio Lackland, Texas
18. July 2016--present, command surgeon, U.S. Transportation Command, Scott Air Force Base, Ill.

## **FLIGHT INFORMATION**

Rating: Senior Flight Surgeon

Flight hours: 294 including 30 combat flying hours

Aircraft: C-17, C-130, C-141, C-21, C-23, KC-135, C-12, UH-60A, and CH-47

## **MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS**

Legion of Merit with 1 Oak-leaf cluster

Bronze Star

Air Force Meritorious Service Medal with 3 Oak-leaf clusters

Joint Service Commendation Medal with 1 Oak-leaf cluster

Army Achievement Medal

Air Force Achievement Medal with 1 Oak-leaf cluster

Arizona State Guard Meritorious Service Medal

## **OTHER ACHIEVEMENTS**

National Defense University President's Writing Award

Federal Liaison to the Governor of Alaska's Health Care Commission

## **PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS AND ASSOCIATIONS**

Diplomat of the American Board of Urology

Fellow of the American College of Surgeons

**EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION**

Second Lieutenant	May 17, 1986
Captain	May 19, 1990
Major	May 19, 1996
Lieutenant Colonel	May 19, 2002
Colonel	May 29, 2007

(Current as of July 2016)