



# BIOGRAPHY



## UNITED STATES AIR FORCE

Col (DR.) Joseph Lopez was born and raised in San Antonio, Texas. He received his undergraduate degree in 1981 from St. Mary's University in San Antonio, Texas under a U.S. Army ROTC scholarship. He received his Medical Degree from the University of Texas Medical Branch at Galveston in 1985 under the Health Professions Scholarship Program. After completing his Family Practice Residency in Ft. Wayne, Indiana in 1988, he entered active duty at Ft. Leonard Wood, Missouri, where he helped establish a new Family Practice Clinic. He served as a combat physician with the 1st Infantry Division in Southwest Asia during Operation Desert Shield/Desert Storm in 1990-1991, earning the Combat Medical Badge. He commanded the largest health clinic in Germany from 1993-1995 before joining the Family Practice Residency faculty at Eisenhower Army Medical Center, Ft. Gordon, Georgia from 1995 to 1996. In 1996, Col Lopez entered civilian medical practice in Denton, Texas where he remained until the events of September 11, 2001 rekindled his desire to serve his country once again. He was eventually able to transition from private medical practice to re-enter active military service in 2004 and was assigned to the 42<sup>nd</sup> MDG at Maxwell AFB, Alabama in 2005. He was assigned as Chief of the Family Practice Flight, which included participating in Hurricane Katrina relief efforts, as well as several humanitarian Medical Readiness Exercises (MEDRETE's) in Central and South America. His long-time interest in aviation medicine led to him to attend the Aerospace Medicine Primary Course in 2007, where he was a Distinguished Graduate. He served as Flight Surgeon and as Chief of Aerospace Medicine (SGP), including a deployment to South America as SGP at a Forward Operating Location. His desire to further his aerospace and occupational medicine training led Col Lopez to enter the USAF Residency in Aerospace Medicine, which he completed in 2011, including a Masters of Public Health degree. He recently completed the USAF Occupational Medicine Residency. He is board certified in Family Medicine, Aerospace Medicine, and is board eligible in Occupational Medicine.



### EDUCATION

1981 Bachelor of Science degree, St. Mary's University, San Antonio, Texas  
1985 Medical Doctorate, University of Texas Medical Branch, Galveston, Texas  
1988 Residency in Family Practice, Ft. Wayne Medical Education Program, Ft. Wayne, Indiana  
2009 Air War College, by correspondence  
2010 Master of Public Health degree, University of Texas School of Public Health, San Antonio  
2011 Residency in Aerospace Medicine  
2012 Occupational Medicine Residency

### ASSIGNMENTS

	<b>Years:</b>
Chief of Aerospace Medicine, Maxwell AFB, Alabama,	2008- 2009
Chief of Aerospace Medicine, 478 <sup>th</sup> Expeditionary Operations Squadron, Forward Operating Location, Manta, Ecuador	2008-2009
Mission Commander, Humanitarian MEDRETE to Panama	2008
Commander, Flight Medicine Flight, Deputy SGH, Deputy SGP, Maxwell AFB, Alabama	2007-2008
Deputy Mission Commander, Humanitarian MEDRETE to El Salvador	2007
Commander, Family Practice Flight, Deputy SGH, Maxwell AFB, Alabama	2005-2007

Humanitarian MEDRETE to Bolivia	2006
Humanitarian MEDRETE to Grenada	2006
Private practice in Family Medicine, Denton, Texas	1996-2005
Family Practice Residency Teaching Faculty, Department of Family and Community Medicine, Eisenhower Army Medical Center, Fort Gordon, Georgia	1995-1996
Clinic Commander, 24 <sup>th</sup> Medical Detachment, Schweinfurt, Germany	1993-1995
Deputy Clinic Commander, 24 <sup>th</sup> Medical Detachment/24 <sup>th</sup> General Dispensary, Schweinfurt, Germany	1992-1993
Chief, Family Practice Clinic, General Leonard Wood Army Community Hospital, Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri	1991-1992
Operation Desert Shield/Operation Desert Storm, Southwest Asia, 101 <sup>st</sup> Forward Support Battalion, 1 <sup>st</sup> Infantry Division, Ft. Riley Kansas	1990-1991
Family Practice Physician, Family Practice Clinic, General Leonard Wood Army Community Hospital, Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri	1988-1992

### **FLIGHT INFORMATION**

Rating: Flight surgeon

Flight hours: 108

Aircraft flown: CES-182, KC-135R, C-130J, T-1A, UH-60

### **MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS**

Air Force Meritorious Service Medal

Army Meritorious Service Medal

Air Force Commendation Medal

Army Commendation Medal, second award

Air Force Achievement Medal, fourth award

Air Force Outstanding Unit Award

Army Achievement Medal

National Defense Service Medal, with bronze star

Southwest Asia Service Medal, with three gold clusters

Global War on Terrorism Medal

Air Force Humanitarian Service Medal

Air Force Small Arms Expert Marksmanship Medal, with bronze star

Army Service Medal

Kuwait Liberation Medal (Saudi Arabia)

Kuwait Liberation Medal ((Emirate of Kuwait)

Armed Forces Reserve Medal

Overseas Service Medal

Combat Medical Badge

### **PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS AND ASSOCIATIONS**

Diplomate of the American Board of Family Medicine

Fellow of the American Academy of Family Physicians

The Uniformed Services Academy of Family Physicians

Aviation Medical Examiner, Federal Aviation Administration

The Society of USAF Flight Surgeons

The Aerospace Medical Association

### **EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION**

2<sup>nd</sup> Lieutenant July 14, 1981

Captain July 11, 1985

Major July 3, 1991

Major (USAF) March 16, 2005

Lieutenant Colonel July 28, 2005

Colonel July 28, 2011