



# BIOGRAPHY



**UNITED STATES AIR FORCE**

## **LIEUTENANT COLONEL (DR.) ZINDELL RICHARDSON**

Lieutenant Colonel (Dr) Zindell “Z” Richardson serves as the Commander, 78th Dental Squadron, Robins AFB, GA. He also serves on numerous 78th Medical group committees and functions to include holding the group’s position of Chief of Dental Services. Additionally, he represents the Dental Squadron and Medical Group at a number of 78th Air Base Wing or Air Logistics Center meetings and functions. The 78th Dental Squadron provides multidisciplinary clinical dental support of 6,000 AD, ANG, and GSU personnel and four major Commands. Clinic is staffed with 45 total personnel with eight total authorizations for credentialed providers. Of this number, seven are Active Duty dentists and one is a contract dentist. The squadron is augmented with a total of eight contract personnel with seven being direct care auxiliary personnel.

Lieutenant Colonel Richardson is from Campbellsville, Kentucky. He began his USAF career as a General Dentist in 2000. After six years in this position, he was selected to attend the Advanced Education in General Dentistry Residency. He graduated in 2007, and was selected as valedictorian for his graduating class. During the next three years Lieutenant Colonel Richardson rose in rank and experience at Patrick AFB, FL where he served as the dental flight commander, deputy squadron commander and squadron commander for Aerospace Medicine.



### **EDUCATION**

- 1983 Doctor of Dental Medicine, University of Kentucky
- 1979 Bachelor of Science in Chemistry, Campbellsville University, Kentucky
- 2007 Valedictorian, Advanced Education in General Dentistry, Barksdale AFB, LA
- 2012 Air War College, Air University

## **ASSIGNMENTS**

1-Jul 00-Jun 03 General Dentist, 48th Dental Squadron, RAF Lakenheath, United Kingdom  
2-Jun 03-May 06 Support Element Chief, 1st Dental Squadron, Hurlburt Field AFB, Fort Walton Beach, FL  
3-Jun 06-Jul 07 AEGD "B" Resident 2d Dental Squadron, Barksdale AFB Shreveport, LA  
4-Jul 07-Feb 08 Dental Clinical Element Chief, 45th Aerospace Medicine Squadron, Patrick AFB, FL  
5-Feb 08-Jun 11 Dental Flight Commander, Deputy Squadron Commander 45th Aerospace Medicine Squadron, Patrick AFB, FL, Squadron Commander 45th Aerospace Medicine Squadron, Patrick AFB, FL  
14-Jun 11-present Commander 78th Dental Squadron, Robins AFB, GA

## **MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS**

Air Force Meritorious Service Medal  
Air Force Commendation Medal  
Air Force Outstanding Unit Award with Valor Device with 5 Oak Leaf Clusters  
National Defense Service Medal  
Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal  
Global War on Terrorism Service Medal  
Air Force Overseas Ribbon Long  
Air Force Expeditionary Service Ribbon with Gold Border  
Air Force Longevity Service with 1 Oak Leaf Cluster  
Air Force Training Ribbon

## **OTHER ACHIEVEMENTS**

2010 Chief of Dental Services for AFSPC Small Dental Clinic of the Year  
2010 AFSPC, Outstanding Dental Officer of the Year  
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2007 Valedictorian, USAF Advanced Education in General Dentistry Residency  
2006 AFSOC, Outstanding Junior Dental Officer of the Year  
2003 48th MDG CGO of the Quarter  
2003 48th Dental Squadron CGO of the Quarter x 2  
2002 48th Dental Squadron CGO of the Year  
2002 48th Dental Squadron CGO of the Quarter  
2001 48th Dental Squadron CGO of the Year

## **DEPLOYMENTS**

2004 Honduras  
2002 South West Asia

## **EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION**

Captain April 5, 2000  
Major April 5, 2003  
Lieutenant Colonel April 5, 2009

(Current as of 28 Sep 2012)

