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## **Thomas W. Travis, MD, MPH**



Dr. Thomas W. Travis is Senior Vice President for University Programs (Southern Region) at the Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences (USU) in Bethesda, Maryland. He represents the University in matters pertaining to its students, faculty, and staff who are training or serving in the Southern Region. His office is located in San Antonio, Texas.

Dr. Travis spent more than 38 years on active duty in the U.S. Air Force. Prior to his retirement in August, 2015 at the rank of Lieutenant General, Dr. Travis served as the 21<sup>st</sup> Surgeon General of the Air Force and functional manager of the U.S. Air Force Medical Service. In that capacity, he advised the Secretary of the Air Force and Air Force Chief of Staff, as well as the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Health Affairs on matters pertaining to the medical aspects of the air expeditionary force and the health of Air Force people, and directed the management of a \$6.6 billion, 44,000-person integrated health care delivery system serving 2.6 million beneficiaries at 75 military treatment facilities worldwide.

Dr. Travis was awarded his pilot wings in 1978 and served as an F-4 pilot and aircraft commander. He graduated from the USU F. Edward Hebert School of Medicine in 1986 as the top Air Force graduate and in 1987 he became a flight surgeon. For more than three years, Dr. Travis was Chief of Medical Operations for the Human Systems Program Office at Brooks Air Force Base, Texas. He later served as the Director of Operational Health Support and Chief of Aerospace Medicine Division for the Air Force Medical Operations Agency in Washington, D.C., and as Deputy Surgeon General, Headquarters U.S. Air Force, Washington, D.C.

Dr. Travis commanded the U.S. Air Force School of Aerospace Medicine; 311th Human Systems Wing at Brooks AFB; Malcolm Grow Medical Center and 79th Medical Wing, Andrews AFB, MD.; and the 59th Medical Wing, Wilford Hall Medical Center, Lackland AFB, TX. He also served as the Command Surgeon, Headquarters Air Force District of Washington, and Command Surgeon, Headquarters Air Combat Command, Langley AFB, VA. He is board certified in aerospace medicine. A command pilot and chief flight surgeon, he had more than 1,800 flying hours and was one of the Air Force's few pilot-physicians. He has flown the F-4, F-15 and F-16 as mission pilot and, the Royal Air Force Hawk as the senior medical officer and pilot.

### **EDUCATION**

1976 Distinguished graduate, Bachelor of Science degree in Biology, Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University, Blacksburg  
1980 Master of Science degree in physiology, Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University, Blacksburg  
1986 Doctor of Medicine degree, Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences School of Medicine, Bethesda, Md.  
1991 Master of Science degree in Public Health, University of Texas Health Science Center, San Antonio  
1996 Air War College, by correspondence  
1999 Distinguished graduate, Master of Science degree in National Resource Strategy, Industrial College of the Armed Forces, Fort Lesley J. McNair, Washington, D.C.

### **MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS**

Distinguished Service Medal with oak leaf cluster  
Legion of Merit with oak leaf cluster  
Meritorious Service Medal with four oak leaf clusters  
Aerial Achievement Medal  
Air Force Commendation Medal  
Joint Service Achievement Medal  
Combat Readiness Medal  
Air Force Recognition Ribbon

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### **OTHER ACHIEVEMENTS**

1994 Julian E. Ward Memorial Award, Aerospace Medical Association  
1994 Unger Literary Award, Society of U.S. Air Force Flight Surgeons  
1995 Paul W. Myers Award for outstanding contributions to Air Force medicine, Air Force Association  
2003 Stewart Lecturer, Royal Aeronautical Society  
2007 Marie Marvingt Award, French Society of Aerospace Medicine  
2007 George E. Schafer Award, Society of USAF Flight Surgeons  
2008 John D. Chase Award for Physician Executive Excellence, Association of Military Surgeons of the United States  
2015 Distinguished Service Award, Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences  
2016 Nathan Davis Award for Outstanding Government Service, American Medical Association

### **PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS AND ASSOCIATIONS**

Academician, International Academy of Aviation and Space Medicine  
Member and former President, Society of U.S. Air Force Flight Surgeons  
Member and former President, International Association of Military Flight Surgeon Pilots  
Fellow, Aerospace Medical Association  
Fellow and former Aerospace Medicine Regent, American College of Preventive Medicine  
Life member, Association of Military Surgeons of the United States  
Order of the Daedalians  
Alpha Omega Alpha Honor Medical Society