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UNITED STATES AIR FORCE

COLONEL DIANE G. CARANTA

Col (Dr) Diane G. Caranta serves as the Commander, 47th Medical Group, Laughlin Air Force Base, Texas. In this role she is responsible for leading 145 Airmen, civilians, and contractors who support the 47th Flying Training Wing by ensuring the medical readiness and health care of 1,500 Active Duty, 400 Reservists and 3,200 additional beneficiaries. Annually, the Group provides over 21,000 appointments in the clinic and coordinates an additional 6,000 specialty care referrals to the local and San Antonio health networks. In her role as Director, she collaborates with the Defense Health Agency on policy, clinical operations, and business operations to develop a high-reliability organization that fosters an environment of Ready, Reliable Care.

Col Caranta is a board-certified obstetrician/gynecologist with additional experience in Aerospace Medicine, where she has served as a deployed Flight Surgeon. She earned her medical degree from University of Texas Health Sciences Center San Antonio and completed residency training at Naval Medical Center Portsmouth. She has successfully led two squadrons, enabling the planning and execution of a support site for Operation Allies Welcome and leading the largest surgical squadron in USAFE. Prior to her current assignment she was the Chief of Aerospace Medicine, 48th Medical Group, RAF Lakenheath, where she maintained oversight of 3 operational Wing's occupational health and special duty programs, directly supporting Operations Midnight Hammer and Epic Fury.



EDUCATION

2005 Bachelor of Science in Biochemistry, United States Air Force Academy, Colo.

2009 Doctorate of Medicine, University of Texas Health Sciences Center, San Antonio, Texas 2010 Internship in Obstetrics & Gynecology, Portsmouth Naval Hospital, Va.

2013 Residency in Obstetrics & Gynecology, Portsmouth Naval Hospital, Va. 2013 Squadron Officer School, Maxwell Air Force Base, Ala., by correspondence 2015 Female Physician's Leadership Course, Falls Church, Va.

2015 Air Command and Staff College, Maxwell AFB, Ala., by correspondence

2016 Master of Business Administration, Healthcare Administration, Western Governor's Univ, Salt Lake City, Utah 2017 American College of Obstetrics & Gynecology Cephala Leadership Course, Chapel Hill, N.C.

2019 Air War College, Maxwell AFB, Ala., by correspondence

2021 Certified Physician Executive, American Association of Physician Leaders, Washington, D.C.

2023 Master of Strategic Studies with Joint Warfighting emphasis, Air War College, Maxwell AFB, Ala.

ASSIGNMENTS OR CAREER CHRONOLOGY

1. July 2005 – June 2009, MEDICAL STUDENT, University of Texas Health Science Center, San Antonio, Texas
2. July 2009 – July 2013, OB/GYN RESIDENT, Portsmouth Naval Hospital, Va.
3. July 2013 – February 2016, STAFF PHYSICIAN, 31st Surgical Operations Squadron, Aviano AB, Italy (NATO Exercise, Slovenia)
4. February 2016 – July 2017, OB/GYN FLIGHT COMMANDER, 31st Surgical Operations Squadron, Aviano AB, Italy
5. July 2017 – November 2018, MATERNAL CHILD CARE FLIGHT COMMANDER, 59th Medical Operations Squadron, Joint Base San Antonio Lackland, Texas





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6. November 2018 – July 2020, FLIGHT SURGEON, 559th Aerospace Medicine Squadron, JB San Antonio Lackland, Texas (July 2019 – January 2020, MEDICAL OPERATIONS FLIGHT COMMANDER, 386th Expeditionary Medical Group, Al Jaber AB, Kuwait)
7. July 2020 – June 2022, COMMANDER, 49th Operational Medical Readiness Squadron, Holloman AFB, N.M.
8. June 2022 - June 2023, STUDENT, Air War College, Maxwell AFB, Ala
9. July 2023 – June 2025, COMMANDER, 48th Surgical Operations Squadron, Royal Air Force Lakenheath, U.K.
10. April 2025 – July 2026, CHIEF OF AEROSPACE MEDICINE, 48th Medical Group, Royal Air Force Lakenheath, U.K.
11. July 2026 – current, COMMANDER, 47th Medical Group, Laughlin AFB, Texas

FLIGHT INFORMATION

Rating: Senior Flight Surgeon

Flight hours: More than 200 hours including more than 60 combat hours and 20 combat support hours

Aircraft flown: T-1, C-5, KC-130, KC-135, C-130, MC-130, F-16, MQ-9, UH-60, and C-12

MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS

Meritorious Service Medal with silver oak leaf cluster

AF Meritorious Unit Award with oak leaf cluster

AF Outstanding Unit Award with one oak leaf cluster

Operation INHERENT RESOLVE Campaign Medal

Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal

Humanitarian Service Medal with service star

Nuclear Deterrence Operations Service Medal with oak leaf cluster

OTHER ACHIEVEMENTS

2002 National Collegiate Athlete Association Academic All-American

2010 Obstetrics & Gynecology Intern of the Year, Naval Medical Center Portsmouth

2014 USAFE Physician Clinical Excellence Award, CGO

2020 386 Air Expeditionary Wing's FGO of the Quarter

2021 49th Wing's Small Squadron of the Year

2025 MAJCOM PRAP Team of the Year

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS AND ASSOCIATIONS

American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists, Member, 2009 – current

Society of US Flight Surgeons, Member, 2025-current

EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION

Second Lieutenant June 1, 2001

Captain May 9, 2009

Major May 9, 2015

Lieutenant Colonel May 31, 2020

Colonel June 1, 2025

(Current as of Jul 2026)

