



# BIOGRAPHY

## UNITED STATES AIR FORCE

### COLONEL CHRISTOPHER J. ESTRIDGE

Col. Christopher J. Estridge is the Medical Treatment Facility Director/Service Commander, 81st Medical Group, Keesler Medical Center, Keesler Air Force Base, Mississippi. Additionally, he is the Director for the Coastal Mississippi Market overseeing care delivered at Keesler Medical Center and the Navy Medicine Readiness and Training Unit in Gulfport. He is the co-lead for the Biloxi Defense Department/Veterans Affairs joint venture center of excellence initiatives. Col. Estridge is responsible for the direct delivery care at Keesler Medical Center and its clinics while coordinating the health care for all joint service warfighters, military retirees and their family members along the gulf coast. He ensures all Keesler medics are ready for combat missions and humanitarian medical responses. Col. Estridge directs five graduate medical education programs, eight enlisted training programs, and a clinical research laboratory. He leads approximately 1,400 healthcare professionals and manages a local budget of more than \$100 million. Additionally, he is the federal coordinator for the Gulf Coast National Disaster Medical System.



Col. Estridge was commissioned as a first lieutenant in the Medical Service Corps in December 1999 and began his Air Force career as a Medical Logistics Intern at Travis AFB, California, in 2000. He has served at both base and Air Staff level positions in medical logistics, medical readiness and twice served as Hospital Administrator and Squadron Commander. He deployed as the senior coalition medical logistics embedded trainer to the Afghanistan National Army and National Police in support of Operation Enduring Freedom from July 2007 to January 2008. Col. Estridge is board certified by the Association of Healthcare Resource and Materials Management of the American Hospital Association. Prior to assuming his current position, Col. Estridge was Commander of the 39th Medical Group at Incirlik Air Base, Turkey.

#### EDUCATION

1996 Bachelor of Science, Health Science, Clemson University, Clemson, S.C.  
1999 Master of Health Administration, Medical University of South Carolina  
2009 Master of Logistics Management, Air Force Institute of Technology, Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio  
2016 Master of Strategic Studies, Air War College, Air University, Maxwell AFB, Ala.

#### ASSIGNMENTS

1. April 2000 – January 2001, Medical Logistics Intern, 60th Medical Group, Travis Air Force Base, Calif.
2. January 2001 – June 2003, Medical Logistics Flight Commander, 92nd Medical Group, Fairchild AFB, Wash.
3. June 2003 – June 2005, Staff Officer, Medical Logistics, Air Force Medical Support Agency, Fort Detrick, Md.
4. June 2005 – June 2006, Medical Logistics Flight Commander, 435th Medical Group, Ramstein Air Base, Germany
5. June 2006 – March 2008, Medical Readiness Flight Commander, 435th Medical Group, Ramstein AB, Germany
6. March 2008 – June 2009, Student, Intermediate Developmental Education, Air Force Institute of Technology, Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio
7. June 2009 – June 2011, Chief, Supply Chain Support Branch, Medical Logistics Division, Air Force Medical Operations Agency, Office of the Surgeon General, Fort Detrick, Md.
8. June 2011 – June 2013, Commander, 366th Medical Support Squadron; and Hospital Administrator, 366th Medical Group, Mountain Home AFB, Idaho
9. June 2013 – June 2015, Commander, 374th Medical Support Squadron; and Hospital Administrator, 374th Medical Group, Yokota AB, Japan
10. June 2015 – June 2016, Student, Senior Developmental Education, Air War College, Maxwell AFB, Ala.
11. July 2016 – August 2017, Chief, Readiness Branch, Medical Logistics Division, Defense Health Agency, Fort Detrick, Md.

12. August 2017 – May 2018, Medical Inspector, Headquarters Air Force Inspection Agency, Kirtland AFB, N.M.
13. May 2018 – June 2019, Commander, 39th Medical Group, Incirlik AB, Turkey
14. June 2019 – July 2020, Deputy Commander, 673rd Medical Group, Joint Base Elmendorf Richardson, Alaska
15. July 2020 – Present, Commander, 81st Medical Group, Keesler AFB, Miss.

#### **MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS**

Legion of Merit  
Defense Meritorious Service Medal  
Meritorious Service Medal with five oak leaf clusters  
Air Force Commendation Medal with oak leaf cluster  
National Defense Service Medal  
Afghanistan Campaign Medal  
Global War on Terrorism Service Medal  
Humanitarian Service Medal  
Nuclear Deterrence Operations Service Medal

#### **OTHER ACHIEVEMENTS**

2002 Medical Logistics Officer of the Year, Air Mobility Command  
2006 Medical Logistics Officer of the Year, United States Air Forces-Europe  
2007 Expeditionary Medical Operations Officer of the Year, United States Air Force  
2014 MSC Commitment to Service Award, United States Air Force

#### **EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION**

First Lieutenant Dec. 20, 1999  
Captain Dec. 20, 1999  
Major Oct. 1, 2006  
Lieutenant Colonel Sept. 1, 2011  
Colonel April 1, 2018

(Current as of July 2020)