



List of Surgeons General and Deputy Surgeons of the U.S. Air Force

The U.S. Air Force has had 25 Surgeons General since *Air Force General Order No. 35*, 8 June 1949 created the Air Force Medical Service, effective July 1, 1949.

1st First Surgeon General

- Surgeon General: Malcolm C. Grow, Major General, *July 1949 - November 1949*
- Deputy Surgeon General: Dan C. Ogle, Major General, *December 1949 - March 1953*

2nd Surgeon General

- Surgeon General: Harry G. Armstrong, Major General, *December 1949 - June 1954*
- Deputy Surgeon General: William Henry Powell, Major General, *April 1953 - June 1957*

3rd Surgeon General

- Surgeon General: Dan C. Ogle, Major General, *July 1954 - November 1958*
- Deputy Surgeon General: Olin F. McIlhenny, Major General, *June 1957 - August 1959*

4th Surgeon General

- Surgeon General: Oliver K. Niess, Major General, *December 1958 - December 1963*
- Deputy Surgeon General: John K. Cullen, Major General, *August 1959 - April 1961*
- Deputy Surgeon General: Richard L. Bohannon, Major General, *April 1961 - December 1963*

5th Surgeon General

- Surgeon General: Richard L. Bohannon, Lieutenant General, *December 1963 - November 1967*
- Deputy Surgeon General: Kenneth E. Pletcher, Major General, *December 1963 - July 1966*
- Deputy Surgeon General: Alonzo A. Towner, Major General, *July 1966 - May 1970*

6th Surgeon General

- Surgeon General: Kenneth E. Pletcher, Lieutenant General, *December 1967 - April 1970*

7th Surgeon General

- Surgeon General: Alonzo A. Towner, Lieutenant General, *May 1970 - July 1972*
- Deputy Surgeon General: Thomas H. Crouch, Major General, *May 1970 - April 1972*

8th Surgeon General

- Surgeon General: Robert A. Patterson, Lieutenant General, *August 1972 - July 1975*
- Deputy Surgeon General: Maxwell Wensel Steele, Major General, *April 1972 - April 1975*
- Deputy Surgeon General: George E. Schafer, Major General, *April 1975 - August 1975*

9th Surgeon General

- Surgeon General: George E. Schafer, Lieutenant General, *August 1975 - July 1978*
- Deputy Surgeon General: Benjamin R. Baker, Major General, *August 1975 - December 1976*
- Deputy Surgeon General: Garth B. Dettinger, Major General, *December 1976 - May 1980*

10th Surgeon General

- Surgeon General: Paul W. Myers, Lieutenant General, *August 1978 - July 1982*
- Deputy Surgeon General: Murphy A. Chesney, Major General, *May 1980 - August 1985*

11th Surgeon General

- Surgeon General: Max B. Bralliar, Lieutenant General, *August 1982 - July 1985*

12th Surgeon General

- Surgeon General: Murphy A. Chesney, Lieutenant General, *August 1985 - July 1988*
- Deputy Surgeon General: Alexander M. Sloan, Major General, *August 1985 - October 1988*

13th Surgeon General

- Surgeon General: Monte B. Miller, Lieutenant General, *August 1988 - July 1991*
- Deputy Surgeon General: James G. Sanders, Major General, *October 1988 - October 1991*

14th Surgeon General

- Surgeon General: Alexander M. Sloan, Lieutenant General, *August 1991 – July 1994*
 - *Robert A. Buethe, Major General (Acting Surgeon General), *July 1994 - September 1994*
- Deputy Surgeon General: Robert A. Buethe, Major General (Acting; title was director of medical plans and resources), *October 1991 - July 1994*

15th Surgeon General

- Surgeon General: Edgar R. Anderson, Jr., Lieutenant General, *September 1994 - November 1996*
- Deputy Surgeon General: Charles H. Roadman, Major General, *July 1994 - November 1996*

16th Surgeon General

- Surgeon General: Charles H. Roadman II, Lieutenant General, *November 1996 - October 1999*
 - *Michael K. Wyrick, Major General (Acting Surgeon General), *October 1999 - October 1999*
- Deputy Surgeon General: Michael K. Wyrick, Major General, *November 1996 - October 1999*

17th Surgeon General

- Surgeon General: Paul K. Carlton, Jr., Lieutenant General, *November 1999 - October 2002*
- Deputy Surgeon General: Leonard M. Randolph, Major General, *November 1999 - July 2001*
- Deputy Surgeon General: James G. Roudebush, Major General, *July 2001 - July 2006*

18th Surgeon General

- Surgeon General: George P. Taylor, Lieutenant General, *October 2002 - July 2006*

19th Surgeon General

- Surgeon General: James G. Roudebush, Lieutenant General, *August 2006 - August 2009*
- Deputy Surgeon General: Charles B. Green, Major General, *August 2006 - August 2009*

20th Surgeon General

- Surgeon General: Charles B. Green, Lieutenant General, *August 2009 - July 2012*
- Deputy Surgeon General: Byron C. Hepburn, Brigadier General, *August 2009 - November 2010*
- Deputy Surgeon General: Thomas W. Travis, Major General, *November 2010 - July 2012*

21st Surgeon General

- Surgeon General: Thomas W. Travis, Lieutenant General, *July 2012 - June 2015*
- Deputy Surgeon General: Mark A. Ediger, Major General, *July 2012 - June 2015*

22nd Surgeon General

- Surgeon General: Mark A. Ediger, Lieutenant General, *June 2015 - June 2018*
- Deputy Surgeon General: Dorothy A. Hogg, Major General, *June 2015 - June 2018*

23rd Surgeon General

- Surgeon General: Dorothy A. Hogg, Lieutenant General, *June 2018 - June 2021*
- Deputy Surgeon General: Sean L. Murphy, Major General, *June 2018 - May 2021*

24th Surgeon General

- Surgeon General: Robert I. Miller, Lieutenant General, *June 2021 - June 2024*
- Deputy Surgeon General: John J. DeGoes, Major General, *May 2021 - June 2024*

25th Surgeon General

- Surgeon General: John J. DeGoes, Lieutenant General, *July 2021 - present*
- Deputy Surgeon General: Stephen M. Mounts, Senior Executive Service, *January 2025 - present*