Association News

Constituent Organization Presidents for 2013-14

Alves Is Incoming President of AMDA

Paulo Magalhaes Alves, M.D., M.Sc., is the new President of the Airlines Medical Directors Association (AMDA). He is currently



the Vice President of Aviation Health for MedAire, an international organization that assists aviation companies (airlines, corporate aviation and private owners) manage remote medical events. A native of Natal, RN, Brazil, he earned an M.D. at

the School of Medicine, Federal University of Rio de Janeiro, in 1979. He served a residency in Cardiology at University Hospital, Federal University of Rio de Janeiro, and earned an M.Sc. in Cardiology, also at the Federal University of Rio de Janeiro, in 1988. From 1984 to 1987, he served as a Professor in Cardiology at Fluminense Federal University and from 1983-1989 as a Cardiologist at Varig Brazilian Airlines. In 1989, he became Head of Medical Informatics, division of Medical and Social Assistance, at Federal University of Rio de Janeiro, where he also served as Vice-Director from 1991-1992. In 1992, he took a post as the Head of the Division of Research and Technology at Laranjeiras Cardiology Hospital. In 1993, he became the Director of Human Resources there. Starting in 1994, he served as Regional Medical Manager at Varig Brazilian Airlines in Rio de Janeiro until 1996. From 1996-2006, he also served as Medical Director at the Ruben Berta Foundation, Varig Brazilian Airlines.

During that same time, from 1993 to 2007, Dr. Alves was a Cardiologist in the Coronary Care Unit of University Hospital, Federal University of Rio de Janeiro. He also served as Cardiologist in the Intermediate Care Unit, Laranjeiras Cardiology Hospital, Brazilian Ministry of Health, from 1984-2007. From 1997-2006, he was also a BLS Instructor Trainer and from 1997-2007, a CAME for Transport Canada.

Dr. Alves has been Secretary-General and then President of the Brazilian Society of Aerospace Medicine, a member of the Scientific Committee of ICASM in 2000, Chairman of the Airlines Medical Directors Program Committee in 2009, and a member of the IATA Medical Advisory Group. Currently, he is Vice-President of Aviation and Maritime Health Worldwide at MedAire, Inc., Vice-President of the Airlines Medical Directors Association, a Fellow of AsMA, and a member of the AsMA Air Transport Medicine Committee

Dr. Alves is also a member of the International Maritime Health Association, the Brazilian Society of Cardiology, the Brazilian Society of Aerospace Medicine, and the American Telemedicine Association. In the past, he was responsible for the AED on Board project at Varig Brazilian Airlines, a recipient of the George Kidera Award from the Airlines Medical Directors Association in 2010, and a recipient of the Boothby-Edwards Award from the AsMA in 2012.

DiBiase to Lead ANS

Cathy DiBiase, BSN, RN, is the new President of the Aerospace Nursing Society (ANS). She is currently an Aerospace



Medicine Support Specialist and Research Nurse at Innovative Health Applications (IHA) at Kennedy Space Center, FL. She got her RN license from the Florida State Board of Nursing in 1983 after earning a B.S. in Nursing at Bethune-Cookman University, Daytona

Beach, FL. She then served as Staff Nurse at Halifax Regional Medical Center in Daytona Beach until 1985, when she transferred to Boca Raton Community Hospital. In 1989, she became a Staff Nurse and Relief Charge Nurse in the ICU at Jess Parrish Memorial Hospital in Titusville, FL, and then a Staff Nurse in Telemetry/ICU at Human Hospital in Daytona Beach. During that time, she also served as a Critical Care Nurse in the CCU at Delray Community Hospital in Delray Beach. In 1991, she became a Nurse Case Manager/Home Health Nurse at Paragon Home Healthcare in Daytona Beach and also served as a Critical Care Clinician at Bethesda Memorial Hospital in Boynton Beach, FL. She became an Aerospace Nurse in 1994, working in Medical Operations at The Bionetics Corp at Kennedy Space Center. In 2009, she took her current position. From 1998 to 2011, she was also an Emergency Nurse at Parrish Medical Center in Titusville.

For the last 20 years, Ms. DiBiase has worked at the Kennedy Space Center (KSC). Her primary responsibilities during the space shuttle program included the care of U.S. and international astronauts prior to launch, on launch and landing day, and post-landing. She has provided a variety of services from the administration of supportive postflight crew care to mission contingency planning. She has assisted with the coordination of medical forces for mission support, including civilian and Department of Defense readiness training. When not working directly on mission support, she contributed to NASA's Biomedical Research Laboratory, which was charged with conducting life support equipment testing, as well as studying problems associated with work at KSC (i.e., motion sickness and heat stress). With the end of the U.S. shuttle program and the movement of manned spaceflight support to Russia, she now manages several research projects geared to improve our performance in this extreme environment.

Ms. DiBiase is an Associate Fellow of the Aerospace Medical Association (AsMA), an Honorary Member of the NASA Flight Surgeons, a member of the Space Medicine Branch, and a member of the ANS, where she was President once before from 2007-2008. She has been honored by NASA as a recipient of the Silver Snoopy in 2012 and with the Space Flight Awareness Honoree Award in 2002. She was a first runner up for the Space Medicine Association's 2011 Young Investigator Award and was a recipient of AsMA's Mary T. Klinker award in 2009. She is a member of the Corporate and Sustaining Member Primer Project. Her other awards include a Public Service Group Achievement Award, a KSC Group Achievement Award, a Kudos Award from LSSC, KSC, a KSC Teamwork Award, and an Acme Award.

Future AsMA Meetings

May 11-15, 2014 San Diego Hilton San Diego

May 10-14, 2015 Walt Disney World Swan and Dolphin Hotel Lake Buena Vista, FL

April 24-28, 2016 Rio Las Vegas Hotel and Casino Las Vegas, NV

April 29-May 4, 2017 Sheraton Denver Downtown Denver, CO

SAFE Call for Papers

51st Annual SAFE Symposium October 22-24, 2012 Grand Sierra Resort and Casino, Reno, NV

Deadline for Abstract Submissions is **June 15, 2012.**

All 200-word abstracts in the fields of safety, survival, and life support must be submitted electronically in MS Word format to the SAFE Office at safe@peak.org using the form available on the website www.safeassociation.com/symposium.htm. The SAFE Office will coordinate all review and acceptance. For further information contact: SAFE Association, Post Office Box 130, Creswell, OR 97426; (541) 895-3012; safe@peak.org; www.safeassociation.com.

Mavity to Head ASAMS

Col. Mark E. "Mav" Mavity is the incoming President of the American Society of Aerospace Medicine Specialists (ASAMS). He



serves as the Command Surgeon U.S. Air Forces Central Command and Ninth Air Force, Shaw Air Force Base, SC. In this role he is responsible for comprehensive medical support for Coalition forces at 14 contingency operating lo-

cations in 8 countries across the Central Command Area of Responsibility.

Col. Mavity received a regular commission in May 1984 as a distinguished graduate from the U.S. Air Force Academy. He then attended the Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences where he received his M.D. degree in May 1988. He completed a transitional internship at Malcolm Grow Medical Center in June 1989. After serving 7 years as a Squadron Medical Element flight surgeon at Nellis and Hill Air Force Bases, he completed his advanced specialty training in the USAF Aerospace Medicine Residency at Brooks City-Base in June 1999. Subsequently he has been the Chief of Aerospace Medicine at both Kunsan AB, 1999-2000, and at Cannon AFB, 2000-2002.

Col. Mavity next served as the commander of the 95th Aerospace Medicine Squadron, Edwards AFB, from 2002 to 2004, before being assigned as the Chief of Operational Medicine, Office of the USAF Surgeon General, 2004-2006, and then as the Deputy Air Surgeon, Aeromedical and Professional Services for the Air National Guard, 2006-2008. Subsequently, he commanded the 332d Expeditionary Medical Group and Air Force Theater Hospital at Joint Base Balad, Iraq, from 2008-2009. Prior to his current assignment he served on the HQ Air Force Staff as the Director of Medical Readiness and the Chief of Expeditionary Policy and Operations, 2009-2011. He is a chief flight surgeon with over 1400 flight hours in various aircraft, including 650 hours in the F-16. He is board certified by the American Board of Preventive Medicine in the specialties of Aerospace Medicine and General Preventive Medicine.

Col. Mavity's awards and decorations include the Bronze Star, Meritorious Service Medal with seven oak leaf clusters, Air Medal with one oak leaf cluster. Aerial Achievement Medal, Meritorious Unit Award, Air Force Outstanding Unit Citation Award, Air Force Organizational Excellence Award, National Defense Service Medal, Southwest Asia Service Medal, Iraq Campaign Medal, Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, and the Korean Defense Service Medal. This month, he will assume duty as the next Command Surgeon, U.S. Central Command, MacDill AFB, FL. He is a Fellow of the Aerospace Medical Association, has served on the Bylaws, Education & Training, and Resolutions

Committees, and currently serves on the Awards and Scientific Program Committees. He is also a member of the Society of U.S. Air Force Flight Surgeons.

Brown to Lead AsHFA

Lt. Col. Cynthia E. Brown, USAF, BSC, is the incoming President of the Aerospace Human Factors Association (AsHFA). Currently the HQ Deputy Division Chief,



AFRL Special Programs Office, she earned a B.S. in Biology at Jacksonville State University, Jacksonville, AL, in 1983, and an M.S. in Human Physiology at Auburn University, Auburn, AL, in 1986. She took the Aerospace Physiologist Course

and the Hyperbaric Training for Aerospace Physiologists in 1988, when she started her career as a Research Aerospace Physiologist at the Armstrong Laboratory at the U.S. Air Force School of Aerospace Medicine (USAF-SAM), Crew Technology Division, Brooks City-Base, TX. In 1991, she became the Executive Officer and Commander at HQ Human Systems Center, AFSC, also at Brooks City-Base. From 1992 to 1993, she served as Plans and Programs Executive Technical Manager at the Armstrong Lab Plans & Programs, Human Systems Center, AFMC, Brooks City-Base.

In 1993, Lt. Col. Brown became a Human Factors Scientist and Aerospace Physiology Human Factors Fellow at HQ AFOTEC Human Factors & Training Analysis, System Analysis Directorate, Kirtland AFB, NM. She was then promoted to Chief of Aeromedical Integration at HQ AFOTEC/XP in 1995. In 1996, she transferred to the position of C-130J Deputy Test Director for Human Factors at AFOTEC, Marietta, GA. Then, in 1999, she became C-130J Operational Test Director at AFOTEC, Keesler AFB, MS, which she held until 2001, when she took a position as Staff Officer for the Air Force Surgeon General at the Medical Modernization Directorate, AF Medical Support Agency, Office of the Air Force Surgeon General, Falls Church, VA. From 2005-2007, she served as Program Manager, Battlefield Air Operations Kit, at the Human Effectiveness Directorate, Air Force Research Laboratory, Wright-Patterson AFB, OH. She became Division Chief, Information Operations and Special Programs, at the Human Effectiveness Directorate in 2007 and then, in 2008, she accepted the position she holds now.

Lt. Col. Brown is certified in Aerospace Physiology by the Aerospace Medical Association (AsMA) and in Aviation Safety by the University of Southern California. She is a Life Time Member of the Air Force Association and a Fellow of the AsMA. She is also a member of the Aerospace Physiologist Society and the Aerospace Human Factors Association. She received the Wiley Post Award for Operational Physiology in 1991.

Faaborg Incoming AsPS President

Maj. Troy P. Faaborg, USAF, will be the new President of the Aerospace Physiology Society (AsPS). A native of Iowa, he earned a Bachelors in Science, Exercise, and Sport



Science at Iowa State University in Ames, IA, in 1998 and a Master of Aeronautical Science at Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University in Enid, OK, in 2003. He also earned an M.S. in Psychology (Visual Cognition and Human

Performance), also in 2003, at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. He passed board certification in Aerospace Physiology in 2007 and received a Masters in Military Operational Art and Science from the Air University, Maxwell AFB, AL, in 2009.

From 1998 to 1999, Maj. Faaborg was Chief of Aircrew Training Element at the 74th Aerospace Medicine Squadron, Wright-Patterson AFB, OH. He then became an Aerospace Physiologist at the 71st Medical Operations Squadron, Vance AFB, OK, until 2001, when he was selected to be a student at the Air Force Institute of Technology, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. From 2003 to 2006, he served as Human Performance Training Flight Commander at the 31st Aerospace Medicine Squadron at Aviano AB, Italy. He then became Chief of Human Performance Enhancement at the 509th Medical Operations Squadron, Whiteman AFB, MO, until 2010, when he began his current assignment as Chief of Human Factors Safety at HQ Air Force Global Strike Command Safety Directorate at Barksdale AFB, LA. He is also currently serving as an Adjunct Associate Professor at Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University, where he has taught over 65 graduate and undergraduate courses.

Maj. Faaborg's awards include three Air Force Achievement Medals, two Air Force Commendation Medals, two Military Outstanding Volunteer Service Medals, the Wiley Post Outstanding Operational Physiologist Award from AsPS, the Air Force Meritorious Service Medal, the National Defense Service Medal, and the Global War on Terrorism Service Medal. He is an Associate Fellow of AsMA and has been a member of AsMA and the AsPS since 2003. He served on AsMA's certification commit-

FAA MEETING ANNOUNCEMENT

April 1-3, 2014; Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) Civil Aerospace Medical Institute (CAMI) colloquium on Postmortem ForensicToxicology in Aviation; Mike Monroney Aeronautical Center, Oklahoma City, OK. There is no registration fee, but attendees must respond by the end of July 2013. For more information, please visit http://www.faa.gov/go/toxmeeting. tee for 4 years and was the Certification Board Chair from 2010-2011. He currently serves on the Scientific Program Committee. He has been author or co-author on seven papers, four of which were published in Aviation, Space, and Environmental Medicine.

Hughes Is Leader of IAMFSP

Lt. Col. Kathryn G. Hughes, USAF, MC, is the new President of the International Association of Military Flight Surgeon Pilots. She is currently the Commander of the 412th Aerospace Medicine Squadron, Edwards



AFB, CA. She earned her commission from the U.S. Air Force Academy in 1988 with a Bachelor of Science degree in Biology. After graduation from undergraduate pilot training at Laughlin AFB in Del Rio, TX, in 1989 she became a T-38 Instructor Pilot and

Standardization/Evaluation Pilot, first at Laughlin AFB, then as part of the Accelerated Copilot Enrichment program at Offutt AFB. In 1993 she attended KC-135 Aircraft Commander training and flew the RC-135, providing strategic electronic reconnaissance on missions around the world. She then earned her Medical Degree at the University of Nebraska Medical Center, where she served as Class President for 4 years. She completed an intern year in General Surgery before being stationed as a flight surgeon at Mountain Home AFB, ID. Kathy was OIC of the Physical Exam section, Team Chief for the hospital's Initial Response Team, and was responsible for training and qualifying the flight surgeons and flight medicine clinic to perform FAA physical exams. While serving at the Idaho Air National Guard in Boise, she was selected as the Air Combat Command Flight Surgeon of the Year for 2001.

In 2002 Lt. Col. Hughes entered the USAF's Pilot-Physician Program and was selected to serve in the unique role of A-10 pilot-physician on an active duty tour with the Idaho ANG. She also served as medical liaison to the Air Expeditionary Force Battlelab and saw clinic duty at both at the Guard base in Boise and the flight medicine clinic at Mountain Home AFB. Based upon her previous successful assignments Kathy next was handpicked to serve as the Senior Medical Officer/Pilot on exchange with the Royal Air Force Centre of Aviation Medicine at RAF Henlow, UK. There she flew the Hawk aircraft in clinical and flight equipment trials, and trained future Typhoon pilots during pre-employment training, including the first two Saudi Typhoon pilots. During her time at RAF CAM, Kathy also worked in the flight medicine clinic at RAF Lakenheath and in 2007 became only the third USAF exchange officer to earn the Diploma in Aviation Medicine from Kings College, London. She then completed a Master of Public Health Degree at the

University of Michigan in 2009, and served an Aerospace Medicine Residency in 2010 and a Residency in Occupational Medicine in 2011 at Brooks City-Base, TX.

Lt. Col. Hughes is a command pilot and senior flight surgeon with over 3,000 hours and is one of the Air Force's few pilot-physicians. She has flown the T-38, RC-135, A-10, and the Royal Air Force Hawk as senior medical officer/pilot. Her awards include the Meritorious Service Medal with oak leaf cluster, the Air Force Commendation Medal with oak leaf cluster, the National Defense Service Medal with bronze star, the Humanitarian Service Medal, the Military Outstanding Volunteer Service Medal, and the NATO Medal. She is a member of the Royal Aeronautical Society, the International Association of Military Flight Surgeon Pilots, Women Military Aviators, Order of the Daedalians, the 99s: International Organization of Women Pilots, the Experimental Aircraft Association, and the Society of U.S. Air Force Flight Surgeons. She is a Fellow of the Aerospace Medical Association and was a recipient of their Harry G. Moseley Award in 2009.

Annicelli Heads LSBEB

Lt. Col. Lance Annicelli, USAF, is the incoming President of the Life Sciences & Bioengineering Branch. He received his commission in the Naval Reserves before trans-



ferring to the Air Force in 1994. In his first assignment he served as Flight Commander, Diagnostic and Therapeutic Services for the 14th Medical Group, Columbus Air Force Base, MS. In 1997, he transferred to MacDill Air

Force Base, FL, where he served as Chief, Laboratory Services for the 6th Medical Group. He was competitively selected for training as an Aerospace Physiologist in 1999 and posted to his first assignment as Flight Commander, 14th Aerospace Physiological Training Flight, supporting pilot training at the 14th Flying Training Wing, Columbus Air Force Base. In 2001, he was chosen to attend graduate school, where he earned a Masters Degree in Exercise Physiology from the University of Nevada.

Lt. Col. Annicelli's follow-on assignment was to the Air Force Research Laboratory serving as Chief, Altitude and Acceleration Operations, where he provided critical oversight for the Department of Defense's only high altitude research and rapid onset centrifuge facilities. He was quickly identified to head his own branch within the research laboratory and was given the leadership responsibility of Deputy Branch Chief, Counterproliferation. He was subsequently transferred to the Headquarters Air Force, Office of the Air Force Surgeon General, Bolling Air Force Base, where he held the position of Associate Chief, Force Management Division, from August 2005 through September 2007. In 2007, he was appointed

as his career field's first Assistant Director of Operations for the Air Force's Aerospace and Operational Physiology Program and selected to lead the Air Force Medical Service's Research and Development's Environmental and Occupational Health Research Branch. Following his assignment in Washington, DC, he was posted to Randolph Air Force Base as Flight Commander for the 12th Aerospace and Operational Physiology Training Flight, TX, where he was appointed as both the Aerospace Medicine Deputy Squadron Commander and the Medical Group's Biomedical Sciences Corps Executive. He is currently assigned as an Exchange Officer with the Royal Air Force, Centre of Aviation Medicine, RAF Henlow, United Kingdom. In this capacity, Lt Col Annicelli serves as Deputy Commander, Aircrew Equipment Integration Group.

Lt. Col. Annicelli is board certified in Aerospace Physiology by the Aerospace Medical Association (AsMA) and is an AsMA Associate Fellow. He serves on the Aerospace Physiology Certification Board and the Scientific Program Committee. He has also served on the Council.

Parazynski Leads SMA

Scott E. Parazynski, M.D., is the incoming President of the Space Medicine Association (SMA). A graduate of Stanford University



and Stanford Medical School, he went on to train at Harvard and in Denver in preparation for a career in emergency medicine and trauma. He is also a physiologist with expertise in human adaptation to stressful environments. In 1992, he

was selected to join NASA's Astronaut Corps and eventually flew five Space Shuttle Missions and conducted seven spacewalks (EVAs). In his 17 years as an Astronaut, he served in numerous senior leadership roles, including EVA Branch Chief and the Lead Astronaut for Space Shuttle Thermal Protection System Inspection & Repair (in the aftermath of the Space Shuttle Columbia tragedy). Mission highlights include leading the first joint U.S.-Russian spacewalk during STS-86 while docked to the Russian space station Mir and serving as Senator John Glenn's crewmate and "personal physician" during STS-95.

In October 2007, Dr. Parazynski led the EVA team on STS-120, a highly complex space station assembly flight, during which he performed four EVAs. The fourth and final EVA is regarded by many as one of the most challenging and dangerous ever performed. During the EVA he was positioned by a 90-foot robotic boom farther than any orbiting astronaut had ever ventured from the safety of their airlock in order to repair a fully energized solar array wing. The tremendous coordinated effort in orbit and on the ground by Mission Control and other engineering experts has been likened to the

Space Shuttle and Space Station era's "Apollo 13 moment." All told, Dr. Parazynski has spent over 8 weeks in space with more than 47 hours outside on spacewalks. He has traveled over 23 million miles in orbit.

Dr. Parazynski currently serves as Chief Medical Officer of the UTMB Center for Polar Medical Operations, Galveston, TX, where he oversees the medical screening and healthcare of all U.S. Antarctic program participants for the National Science Foundation. He serves on the Boards of Directors of several organizations and companies, as well as on the visiting or adjunct faculty at several universities around the world. He is a Fellow of the Aerospace Medical Association.

Dr. Parazynski has numerous publications in the field of space physiology. He is the recipient of a number of prestigious awards, including: five NASA Spaceflight Medals, two NASA Distinguished Service Medals, two NASA Exceptional Service Medals, two Vladimir Komarov Diplomas from the Fédération Aéronautique Internationale, two Flight Achievement Awards from the American Astronomical Association, the Aviation Week Laureate Award, the Ellis Island Family Heritage Award, and a Gold Medal from the American Institute of Polish Culture. Additionally, he a member of the Arkansas Aviation Hall of Fame. His detailed NASA biography can be found at http://www.jsc.nasa.gov/Bios/.

Hilton Is Leader of SUSAFFS

Col. Alden D. Hilton, USAF, is the incoming President of the Society of U.S. Air Force Flight Surgeons (SUSAFFS). He is the Chief



of the Aerospace Medicine
Operations and
Policy Division,
Head Quarters Air
Force, Falls Church,
VA. He leads 46
personnel within 5
branches to develop
and execute AFwide Aerospace
Operations strategy, programs,
guidance, and over-

sight. He develops POM strategy for medical personnel, directing the planning and programming for the Air Force Medical Service Aerospace Operations panel. He is the advisor to AF Senior Leaders for Bioenvironmental Engineering, Public Health, Flight and Operational Medicine, Aerospace and Operational Physiology, Personnel Reliability Program, Directed Energy, and Occupational Medicine.

Col. Hilton received his commission in 1990 with a Health Professions Scholarship to study medicine at the University of Texas Medical Branch in Galveston, TX. He received his M.D. in 1994 and completed a transitional internship at Scott AFB, IL. He was awarded flight surgeon wings in 1995 and served as a Staff Physician, Squadron Medical Element, Flight Commander, and Chief of Aerospace Medicine while stationed at Ellsworth AFB. He then received his

M.P.H. at the University of Houston and completed residencies in Aerospace Medicine and Preventive Medicine, serving as Chief Resident his last year at the USAF School of Aerospace Medicine, Brooks City-Base, TX. From Brooks he was assigned as the Chief of Flight Medicine Branch at HQ Air Combat Command, Langley AFB, VA. He next commanded the 51st Aerospace Medicine Squadron, 51st Fighter Wing, Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea.

Col. Hilton is board certified in Aerospace and Preventive Medicine and is a certified Physician Executive. He is rated as a Chief Flight Surgeon with 910 flight hours in 27 aircraft, including 60 plus combat hours in Afghanistan. During his career, he served as Deputy Surgeon for Joint Interagency Task Force South (JIATF-S) in Panama, South America; as senior medical officer for the 28 AEG in Thumrait, Oman; and as senior medical officer while supporting Detainee Movement Operation missions throughout the world. He is an Associate Fellow of the Aerospace Medical Association. His awards include the Korean Defense Service Medal. the Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, the National Defense Service Medal with one star, the Air Force Outstanding Unit Award with one oak leaf cluster, the Air Force Achievement Medal with one oak leaf cluster, and the Meritorious Service Medal with three oak leaf clusters.

Dalitsch is New SUSNFS President

The incoming president of the Society of U.S. Naval Flight Surgeons is CDR Walt W. "Lunar" Dalitsch III. He is presently serving



as the Senior Aerospace Medicine Specialist at Naval Branch Health Clinic Coronado located at Naval Air Station North Island, CA. He is dual boardcertified in Aerospace and Occupational Medicine, and is currently the

Deputy Specialty Leader for Aerospace Medicine in the Navy.

A graduate of the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, he attended the University of Illinois College of Medicine in Chicago, graduating in 1993, and completed a surgical internship at Emanuel Hospital and Health Center in Portland, OR. He then worked as the day emergency room physician at the Yukon-Kuskokwim Delta Regional Hospital in Bethel, Alaska, and subsequently was designated a Naval Flight Surgeon in 1995. Commander Dalitsch graduated from the University of Kansas Medical Center with a Master in Public Health in 2001 as part of his Residency in Aerospace Medicine, which was completed at the Naval Operational Medicine Institute in 2003.

He has been deployed to Sicily, Puerto Rico, the Persian Gulf aboard the USS Enterprise, Okinawa, and the Philippines, among other assignments. Following board certification, he was assigned as Senior Medical Officer aboard the USS Dwight D. Eisenhower from 2003 to 2005 where he rebuilt the medical department and took the Mighty IKE back to sea following its mid-life Refueling and Comprehensive Overhaul (RCOH).

From 2005 to 2008 CDR Dalitsch served as Department Head of Occupational Medicine at Naval Hospital Naples, Italy. He served from 2008 to 2011 as the Command Flight Surgeon for the School of Aviation Safety in Pensacola, FL where he trained over 3000 Aviation Safety Officers, prospective Commanding and Executive Officers, and Crew Resource Management Instructors while conducting extensive research into human performance, including the negative effects of fatigue, as well as the impact on performance of nutritional supplements and energy drinks. Prior to his present assignment he served as the Assistant Force Surgeon for Commander, Naval Air Force, U.S. Pacific Fleet.

CDR Dalitsch has nearly 2000 flight hours in 27 different military aircraft. He has published nearly 150 professional articles, over 150 articles in the lay press, has given nearly 100 presentations at professional conferences and other settings. He is an FAA-designated Aviation Medical Examiner, an Adjunct Assistant Professor at Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University, is a certified Federal Aviation Safety Officer, and has served as an Instructor in both Advanced Cardiac Life Support and Advanced Trauma Life Support.

His personal awards include the Navy and Marine Corps Meritorious Service Medal (second award), Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal (fourth award), Joint Service Achievement Medal, Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal, Fleet Marine Force Service Ribbon, and the Military Outstanding Volunteer Service Medal, as well as multiple unit awards.

A Fellow of the Aerospace Medical Association and Chair of the History and Archives Committee, he edits the column "This Month in Aerospace Medicine" for the journal. He likes to play music and fly and "more than anything, he'd like to be in a tent or canoe in the wilderness for an indefinite period of time with his family."

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