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UNITED STATES AIR FORCE

## COLONEL TERI D. NEELY

Col. Teri D. Neely concurrently holds two positions at the 172nd Airlift Wing, Thompson Field, Jackson, Mississippi. She is the commander for the 172nd Medical Group and the civilian Chief of Staff working directly for the Wing Commander. As commander, she is responsible for managing, planning and programming all medical resources required to operate wing-level programs including bio-environmental, public health, drug reduction, individual medical readiness, and aerospace medicine. Her group is responsible for ensuring the medical readiness of all Airman assigned to the Wing's local and geographically separated units.

Col. Neely enlisted in the Mississippi Air National Guard in August 1989, as an Aeromedical Evacuation Technician until 1996. In July of that year, she was commissioned through Officer's Training School, Maxwell Air Force Base, Alabama, as a Flight Nurse. Col. Neely was Director of Operations where she has oversight of all aspects of medical mission management to include flight and ground operations, equipment and mission packets, schools, classes and medical readiness. She is also a Flight Instructor and Examiner, responsible for training, directing, developing, and evaluating all aeromedical personnel on aircraft and patient emergency scenarios, aircraft systems, medical equipment, and regulations. As a seasoned flight nurse, she amassed more than 1800 flight hours in the C-9A, C-130, KC-135, C-141C, C17A and KC-46. Col. Neely has served in various squadron positions such as Staff Development and Special Interests Officer. She has participated in Operations Desert Shield, Desert Storm, Desert Calm, Enduring Freedom, Iraqi Freedom, New Dawn, Inherent Resolve and Freedom's Sentinel. Prior to assuming her current position, Col. Neely served as the commander of the 183rd Aeromedical Evacuation Squadron.



In her past civilian capacity, Col. Neely is a Registered Nurse for the Emergency Department at Merit Health in Madison, Miss. She has also held registered nursing positions at the University of Mississippi Medical Center and Mississippi Baptist Medical Center. Prior to her current assignment, she was the Chief Nurse Executive.

## EDUCATION

1992 Associate of Applied Science, Nursing, Hinds Community College, Pearl, Miss.

1995 Bachelor of Science, Nursing, Mississippi College, Clinton, Miss.

2016 Air War College, Maxwell AFB, Ala., by correspondence

## ASSIGNMENTS

1. August 1989 – September 1989, Student, Basic Military Training, Lackland Air Force Base, Texas
2. September 1989 – May 1990, Student, Technical Training School, Sheppard AFB, Texas
3. May 1990 – July 1996, Aeromedical Evacuation Technician, 183rd Aeromedical Evacuation Squadron, Thompson Field, Jackson, Miss. (December 1990 – May 1991, AET, Joint Task Force Prince Sultan Air Base, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia)





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4. July 1996 – October 2021, Flight Nurse, 183rd Aeromedical Evacuation Squadron, Thompson Field, Jackson, Miss.  
(April 2003 – July 2003, Flight Nurse, 775th EAES, Detachment 1, Joint Base Andrews, Maryland; January 2008–July 2008, Chief Nurse, 379th EAES, Al Udeid Air Base, Qatar; May 2011–September 2011, Flight Nurse, 451st EAES, Kandahar AB, Afghanistan; May 2016 – September 2016, Chief Nurse, 379th EAES Al Udeid AB, Qatar; September 2019–February 2020, Chief Nurse, 405th EAES, Bagram Airfield, Afghanistan)
5. October 2021 – October 2023, Commander, 183rd Aeromedical Evacuation Squadron, Thompson Field, Jackson, Miss.
6. October 2023 – Present, Commander, 172nd Medical Group, Thompson Field, Jackson, Miss.

## FLIGHT INFORMATION

Rating: Instructor/Evaluator Flight Nurse

Flight hours: more than 1,800

Aircraft flown: C-9A, C-130E-J, LC130H, KC-135, C-141B-C, C-17A and KC-46

## MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS

Air Force Meritorious Service Medal

Air Medal

Air Force Commendation Medal with two oak leaf clusters

Air Force Achievement Medal with oak leaf cluster

Meritorious Unit Award

Air Force Outstanding Unit Award with V device and two silver oak leaf clusters

Combat Readiness Medal with four oak leaf clusters

Air Reserve Forces Meritorious Service Medal with seven oak leaf clusters

National Defense Service Medal with bronze star

Southwest Asia Service Medal with three bronze stars

Afghanistan Campaign Medal with bronze star

Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal with oak leaf cluster

Global War on Terrorism Service Medal

Armed Forces Service Medal

Humanitarian Service Medal

Air Force Expeditionary Service Ribbon with gold boarder and oak leaf cluster

Air Force Expeditionary Service Ribbon

Air Force Longevity Service with four oak leaf clusters

Armed Forces Reserve Medal with 3 M devices and silver hourglass

Small Arms Expert Marksmanship Ribbon

Air Force Training Ribbon

North Atlantic Treaty Organization Service Medal

Kuwait Liberation Medal Kingdom of Saudi Arabia

Kuwait Liberation Medal Government of Kuwait

## STATE AWARDS AND DECORATIONS

Louisiana Emergency Service Medal

Mississippi Magnolia Medal

Mississippi Medal of Efficiency

Mississippi War Medal with oak leaf cluster

Mississippi Emergency Service Medal

Mississippi Service School Medal with oak leaf cluster

Mississippi Longevity Medal with three oak leaf clusters





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## EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION

Second Lieutenant Jan. 30, 1996

First Lieutenant Feb. 5, 1998

Captain March 5, 2000

Major April 25, 2006

Lieutenant Colonel Oct. 1, 2011

Colonel Oct. 19, 2021

(Current as of May 2024)

