

Lt. Col. (Dr.) Noel Colls

Flight Surgeon

Lt. Col. (Dr.) Noel Colls is the Flight Surgeon for the United States Air Force Air Demonstration Squadron, the Thunderbirds, Nellis Air Force Base, Nev. As Thunderbird 9, he provides primary medical care for a 130-person squadron, in addition to ensuring the health and fitness of eight demonstration pilots. Colls is on his third season with the team.

Colls received a direct commission through the Health Professions Scholarship program in 2003 prior to his matriculation into medical school at Texas Tech University Medical Center. He has logged more than 536 flight hours in 20 different aircraft, including more than 310 combat hours. Prior to joining the Thunderbirds, Colls served as a flight surgeon for the 389th and 391st Expeditionary Fighter Squadrons at Mountain Home Air Force Base, Idaho.



EDUCATION

1997 Bachelor of Science degree in Biology, Texas Tech University
2002 Masters of Science in Biology, Texas Tech Health Sciences Center
2008 Medical Doctorate, Texas Tech University Medical Center
2019 Operational Family Practice Residency, David Grant Medical Center

ASSIGNMENTS

Mar 2010 - Oct 2012 Flight Surgeon, 389th Fighter Squadron, Mountain Home Air Force Base, Idaho
Oct 2012 - Oct 2014 Flight Surgeon, 391st FS, Mountain Home AFB, Idaho
Oct 2014 - Jun 2016 Flight Commander, 82nd Aerospace Medicine Squadron Flight Medicine, Sheppard AFB, Texas
Jun 2016 - Jun 2019 Operational Family Practice Residency, David Grant Medical Center, Travis AFB, Calif.
Jun 2019 - Present Thunderbird #9, Flight Surgeon, USAF Air Demonstration Squadron, Nellis AFB, Nev.

FLIGHT INFORMATION

Rating: Senior Flight Surgeon
Flight Hours: More than 536
Combat hours: 310
Aircraft Flown: F-15E, F-16D, T-38A/C, C17A, CH47D, V22, KC10A, AC130W, HC130J, C0130H, C130J, UH60A, E7A, E3B, UH72A, QF4E, C12, T-6

MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS

Meritorious Service Medal with one oak leaf cluster
Air Medal with one oak leaf cluster
Aerial Achievement Medal
Air Force Commendation Medal
Air Force Achievement Medal

EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION

Second Lieutenant Apr 2003
Captain May 2006
Major May 2012
Lieutenant Colonel May 2018