

JEFFREY J. AUTREY

Dr. Jeffrey J. Autrey is the Director of Operations, United States Air Force School of Aerospace Medicine (USAFSAM), 711th Human Performance Wing, Air Force Research Laboratory, Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio. As Director of Operations, Autrey is a senior advisor to the Commander and Deputy Director, and responsible for the planning and operations for more than 1,100 military, civilian and contract personnel across six departments and seven geographically separated sites. In addition, he orchestrates strategic communications, Defense Health Plan alliances, and collaborations with top-tier universities and medical centers.

Dr. Autrey served over 23 years in the Air Force, as an optometrist and commander. He earned his bachelor's and Doctor of Optometry degrees prior to a direct commission to the Air Force. Dr. Autrey worked as a clinical optometrist, Patient Safety Champion, Biomedical Sciences Corps Executive, Major Command Optometry Consultant, Program Manager, Detachment Commander, Aerospace Medicine Squadron Commander, Medical Squadron Commander, Deputy Director of a Science and Technology Directorate, and Wing Acting Vice Director. He also served as the President of the Armed Forces Optometric Society and volunteered for five humanitarian support missions providing eye care to remote locations in Haiti, Alaska, and El Salvador.



Once retired, he accepted a civil service position within USAFSAM as the Director of Operations in January 2024. Dr. Autrey is a certified acquisition professional level 3 in engineering and technical management.

USAFSAM is the premier institute for education and worldwide operational consultation for the Aerospace and Operational Medicine Enterprise (AOME). The AOME encompasses the areas of Aerospace Medicine, Aeromedical Evacuation, Occupational and Environmental Health, and Public Health and Preventive Medicine. USAFSAM trains 5,000 Department of Defense, international, and civilian students and performs 26,000 operational consultations across the AOME.

EDUCATION

1996 Bachelor of Science, Biology, University of Nebraska

2000 Doctor of Optometry, Southern College of Optometry, Tennessee

2003/2004 Squadron Officer School (Correspondence/Residence), Air University, Maxwell Air Force Base, Alabama

2004 American Academy of Optometry Fellowship

2007 Air Command and Staff College (Correspondence), Air University, Maxwell Air Force Base, Alabama

2008 Air Force Optometry Residency Program, Wilford Hall, Joint Base San Antonio, Texas

2008 Army Flight Surgeon Primary Course, Fort Rucker, Alabama

2015 Air War College (Correspondence), Air University, Maxwell Air Force Base, Alabama

2022 Engineering & Technical Management Acquisition Practitioner Certified Level 3



CAREER CHRONOLOGY

2000 - 2015, Air Force Officer, 42E3

2015 – 2017, Air Force Commander, C42E3

2017 – 2021, Air Force Commander, C43B3

2021 – 2023, Air Force Officer, 43B3

2024 - Present, USAF School of Aerospace Medicine, Director of Operations, DR-0601-04, Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio

MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS

USAFE Company Grade Optometrist of the Year
ACC Field Grade Optometrist of the Year
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711th Human Performance Wing Commander's Excellence Award

355th Fighter Wing Field Grade Officer of the Quarter

Legion of Merit

Meritorious Service Medal with four oak leaf clusters

Air Force Commendation Medal with oak leaf cluster

Air Force Achievement Medal

Meritorious Unit Award

Air Force Outstanding Unit Award with three oak leaf clusters

(Current as of July 2024)