

UNITED STATES AIR FORCE

MAJOR (DR.) JEFFREY A. NEWSOM

Major (Dr.) Jeffrey A. Newsom is the Chief, Optometry Operations Division at the Air Force Medical Operations Agency at Joint Base-San Antonio Lackland-Kelly, Texas. As the Optometry Operations Chief, he develops and implements plans and policies in support of the Air Force Medical Service mission at 75 Medical Treatment Facilities around the world. He provides consultative input supporting a \$6.1 billion prevention-based healthcare system for 2.6 million beneficiaries. He provides strategic input on optometry manning, equipment modernization, and operational processes along with analysis of Biomedical Sciences Corps guidance. Major Newsom also monitors delivery of optometric services and provides operational guidance and oversight to enhance utilization of optometry resources in support of the Air Force Medical Service Strategy.



Major Newsom was born at Elmendorf AFB, Alaska and grew up in the Air Force living at several bases around the world. After completing his optometry training, he received his commission in the Biomedical Sciences Corps in 2005 and was assigned to Scott AFB, Illinois. During this assignment, Major Newsom became the first Air Force optometrist to complete multiple deployments after his second tour as the Chief of Optometry Services for the Joint Medical Detachment at the Bagram Theater Internment Facility on Bagram Air Field, Afghanistan.

Before his current assignment, Major Newsom was the Optometry Flight Commander at Dover AFB, Delaware where he was the sole Department of Defense eye care provider on the DelMarVa Peninsula. In addition, he served as the Air Mobility Command optometry consultant and was the team leader for the 436 Airlift Wing Strategic Alignment and Deployment Focus Area for the Return of America's Fallen Heroes. Major Newsom led this team to coordinate the 436th Airlift Wing's support of Dignified Transfers to ensure the mission of caring for the remains of our servicemen and women who have made the ultimate sacrifice was executed flawlessly.

EDUCATION

2001 Bachelor of Arts in Biology, Utah State University, Logan, Utah
2005 Doctor of Optometry, Southern College of Optometry, Memphis, Tennessee
2006 Squadron Officer School, by correspondence
2009 Squadron Officer School, Maxwell AFB, Alabama
2011 Air Command and Staff College, by correspondence
2015 Graduate Certificate in Health Care Management, Columbia Southern University, Orange Beach, Alabama

ASSIGNMENTS

1. July 2005 – February 2009, Optometrist, 375th Medical Group, Scott AFB, Illinois. (May – September 2006 and January – May 2008, Chief, Optometry Services, Bagram Theater Internment Facility, Bagram Air Field, Afghanistan).
2. February 2009 – July 2013, Optometry Flight Commander, 436th Medical Group, Dover AFB, Delaware.
3. July 2013 – Present, Chief, Optometry Operations Division, Air Force Medical Operations Agency, Joint Base-San Antonio Lackland-Kelly, Texas.

MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS

Meritorious Service Medal
Air Force Commendation Medal
Army Commendation Medal
Army Achievement Medal
Afghanistan Campaign Medal

OTHER ACHIEVEMENTS

Air Mobility Command Company Grade Optometrist of the Year - twice
Armed Forces Optometric Society Junior Optometrist of the Year

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS AND ASSOCIATIONS

Fellow, American Academy of Optometry
Armed Forces Optometry Society, Executive Committee Member
American Optometric Association

PROFESSIONAL LICENSURE

Montana State Therapeutic Optometry License

EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION

Captain May 28, 2005
Major January 1, 2011

(Current as of 8 June 2015)