**BRIGADIER GENERAL THOMAS M. SUELZER**

**Director of the Joint Staff, Texas**

Brig. Gen. Thomas M. Suelzer became the Director of the Joint Staff for the Texas Military Department on 1 February 2019. The Texas Military Department is the largest National Guard of the 54 U.S. states and territories. It consists of the Texas Army and Air National Guards and the State Guard.

Brig. Gen. Suelzer graduated from the United States Air Force Academy in 1990. His flying assignments include C-5 aircraft commander and T-37 instructor pilot and evaluator. During his ten year active duty service and seven years in the Air Force Reserve, Brig. Gen. Suelzer served in various operational and staff assignments to include Presidential Airlift Mission Planner, Flight Commander, Operations Group Chief of Standardization and Evaluation, and Deputy Liaison Director for the United States Air Force Academy. Brig. Gen. Suelzer joined the Texas Air National Guard in 2007. He served as Chief of Staff for two joint-missioned Army National Guard brigades, the 71st Troop Command (JTF-71) and the 136th Maneuver Enhancement Brigade (JTF-136), and as the Director of Operations, Headquarters, Texas Air National Guard. Prior to his current position, Brig. Gen. Suelzer was the Commander, 136th Airlift Wing, Texas Air National Guard.

**EDUCATION**

1990 Bachelor of Science, Political Science, U.S. Air Force Academy, Colorado Springs, Colo.

1997 Squadron Officer School, Maxwell Air Force Base, Ala.

1997 Master of Aeronautical Science, Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University, Daytona Beach, Fla.

2004 Air Command and Staff College, by correspondence

2012 Air War College, by correspondence

2012 Joint Task Force Commander Course, U.S. Northern Command, Peterson AFB, Colo.

2014 Dual Status Commander Course, U.S. Northern Command, Peterson AFB, Colo.

**ASSIGNMENTS**

1. September 1990 - November 1991, Student, Undergraduate Pilot Training, Williams Air Force Base, Ariz.

2. November 1991 - May 1992, Student, C-5 Initial Qualification Training, Altus AFB, Okla.

3. May 1992 - January 1994, C-5 Pilot, 31st Airlift Squadron, Dover AFB, Del.

4. January 1994 - August 1995, C-5 Aircraft Commander, 3rd Airlift Squadron, Dover AFB, Del.

5. August 1995 - January 1996, Student, T-37 Pilot Instructor Training, Randolph AFB, Texas

6. January 1996 - May 1998, T-37 Instructor Pilot, 8th Flying Training Squadron, Vance AFB, Okla.

7. May 1998 - February 1999, Flight Commander, 8th Flying Training Squadron, Vance AFB, Okla.

8. February 1999 - November 1999, Chief of T-37 Standardization/Evaluation, 71st Operations Group, Vance AFB, Okla.

9. November 1999 - July 2002, T-37 Instructor Pilot, 5th Flying Training Squadron (AFRC), Vance AFB, Okla.

10. July 2002 - August 2005, Admissions Liaison Officer-Area 431, U.S. Air Force Academy, Colo.

11. August 2005 - February 2007, Deputy Liaison Director-Area 431, U.S. Air Force Academy, Colo.

12. February 2007 - March 2012, Homeland Defense Officer, Headquarters Texas Air National Guard, Camp Mabry, Austin, Texas (May 2007 - July 2008, Director of Logistics-J4, Task Force Aviation, Operation Jump Start, Austin Army Aviation Facility, Austin, Texas, Joint Duty Assignment); (July 2011 - October 2011, Deputy Chief of Staff, 71st Troop Command (JTF-71), Austin, Texas, Joint Duty Assignment); (October 2011 - October 2012, Chief of Staff, 71st Troop Command (JTF-71), Austin, Texas, Joint Duty Assignment)

13. March 2012 - December 2013, Deputy Director of Operations for Domestic Operations-A3D, Headquarters Texas Air National Guard, Camp Mabry, Austin, Texas (October 2012 - September 2013, Chief of Staff, 136th Maneuver Enhancement Brigade (JTF-136), Round Rock, Texas, Joint Duty Assignment)

14. December 2013 - March 2017, Director of Operations-A3, Headquarters Texas Air National Guard, Camp Mabry, Austin, Texas

15. March 2017 - December 2017, Vice Commander, 136th Airlift Wing, Naval Air Station Fort Worth Joint Reserve Base, Fort Worth, Texas

16. December 2017 - January 2019, Wing Commander, 136th Airlift Wing, Naval Air Station Fort Worth Joint Reserve Base, Fort Worth, Texas

17. January 2019 - Present, Director, Joint Staff, Texas Military Department, Camp Mabry, Austin, Texas

**FLIGHT INFORMATION**

Rating: Senior Pilot

Flight hours: More than 2,500

Aircraft flown: C-5, C-130H, T-37, T-38

**MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS**

Meritorious Service Medal with silver oak leaf cluster

Aerial Achievement Medal with two oak leaf clusters

Air Force Commendation Medal

Army Commendation Medal

Air Force Outstanding Unit Award with silver oak leaf cluster

Combat Readiness Medal with four oak leaf clusters

National Defense Service Medal with bronze star

Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal

Southwest Asia Service Medal with bronze star

Global War on Terrorism Service Medal

Armed Forces Service Medal with bronze star

Air Force Longevity Service Award with silver oak leaf cluster

Armed Forces Reserve Medal with bronze hourglass

Air Force Training Ribbon

Kuwait Liberation Medal Government of Kuwait

Lone Star Distinguished Service Medal

Texas Outstanding Service Medal

Texas Medal of Merit

Adjutant General’s Individual Award with two stars

Texas Federal Service Medal

Texas Humanitarian Service Medal

Texas Homeland Defense Service Medal

Texas Faithful Service Medal with cactus leaf cluster

**EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION**

Second Lieutenant May 30, 1990

First Lieutenant May 30, 1992

Captain May 30, 1994

Major Oct. 1, 2001

Lieutenant Colonel Oct. 31, 2007

Colonel Dec. 6, 2013

Brigadier General Jan. 26, 2019

(Current as of February 2019)