



Biography

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MAJOR GENERAL THOMAS M. SUELZER

Maj. Gen. Thomas M. Suelzer is the Assistant Adjutant General-Air for the Texas National Guard at Camp Mabry in Austin, Texas. In this position, he serves as the principle advisor to the Texas Adjutant General on Air National Guard issues and is responsible for the management and direction of policies, plans, and programs affecting three Wings and more than 3,200 Air National Guard personnel throughout the state of Texas. General Suelzer also serves as a Director, Joint Air Component Coordination Element for United States Indo-Pacific Command.



General Suelzer graduated from the United States Air Force Academy in 1990 with a Bachelor of Science degree in Political Science. He completed Undergraduate Pilot Training at Williams Air Force Base, Arizona and went on to serve in various operational and staff assignments during his ten years of Active Duty service and seven years in the Air Force Reserve. General Suelzer joined the Texas Air National Guard in 2007 where he served as Deputy Director of Operations for Domestic Operations. He also became a leader in the Homeland Response Force enterprise as Chief of Staff for the 71st Troop Command (JTF-71) and later the 136th Maneuver Enhancement Brigade (JTF-136). He went on to serve as the Texas Air National Guard Director of Operations and the Commander of the 136th Airlift Wing. He has served on two Texas Southwest Border missions and was the military Dual Status Commander for COVID-19 response in Texas. Prior to his current position, General Suelzer was the Director, Joint Staff for the Texas National Guard at Camp Mabry, Austin, Texas.

EDUCATION

1990 Bachelor of Science degree in political science, United States Air Force Academy, Colorado Springs, Colo.
1997 Master's degree in aeronautical science, Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University, Daytona Beach, Fla.
1997 Squadron Officer School, Maxwell Air Force Base, Ala.
2004 Air War College, by correspondence
2012 Air Command and Staff College, by correspondence
2012 Joint Task Force Commanders Training Course, United States Northern Command, Peterson AFB, Colo.
2014 Dual Status Commander Course, United States Northern Command, Peterson AFB, Colo.
2019 Governor's Executive Development Program, Lyndon B. Johnson School of Public Affairs, University of Texas, Austin, Texas
2020 National Security Studies Management Course (NSSMC), Syracuse University, Syracuse, N.Y.

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, 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, Texas); (July 2011 - October 2012, Chief of Staff, 71st Troop Command (JTF- 71), Austin, Texas)
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)
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 - March 2019, Chief of Staff, Austin, Texas
18. March 2019 - January 2021, Director, Joint Staff - Joint Force Headquarters , Austin, TX
19. January 2021 - Present, Assistant Adjutant General, Austin, Texas

FLIGHT INFORMATION

Rating: Command Pilot

Flight hours: More than 2,500

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

MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS

Legion of Merit

Meritorious Service Medal with two oak leaf clusters

Aerial Achievement Medal with two oak leaf clusters

Air Force Commendation Medal

Army Commendation Medal

Air Force Outstanding Unit Award with 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

Humanitarian Service Medal

Air Force Longevity Service Award with three oak leaf clusters

Armed Forces Reserve Medal with silver 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 three 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

Major General Jan. 5, 2021

(Current as of January 2021)

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