

# US AIR FORCE SONG

Off we go into the wild blue yonder,

Climbing high into the sun;

Here they come zooming to meet our thunder,

At 'em now, Give 'em the gun!

Down we dive, spouting our flame from under,

Off with one helluva roar!

We live in fame or go down in flame. Hey!

Nothing'll stop the U.S. Air Force!



28th Medical Group

28th Operational Medical  
Readiness Squadron  
Assumption of Command

Wednesday, 9 July 2025  
SD Air & Space Museum  
Ellsworth AFB, SD

ASSUMPTION OF COMMAND

**Colonel Stephanie A. Forsythe**



Col Stephanie A. Forsythe is the commander of the 28th Medical Group, Ellsworth Air Force Base, South Dakota. She commands more than 240 active-duty military and civilian members and is responsible for ensuring maximum wartime readiness by operating a community-based healthcare system maintaining the health and morale of Air Force members through accessible, quality medical and dental care for 16,000 beneficiaries.

Col Forsythe entered the United States Air Force in April 2003 with a direct commission after graduating from the University of Pittsburgh with a Doctor of Pharmacy degree. During her 21 years of service, she has served as a flight commander three times, squadron commander two times, and has deployed to Al Udeid Air Base, Qatar in support of Operation Enduring Freedom. Prior to her current position, Col Forsythe served as the commander of the 81st Medical Diagnostics and Therapeutics Squadron, Keesler Air Force Base, Mississippi.

**MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS**

Meritorious Service Medal with seven oak leaf clusters  
Air and Space Commendation Medal with one oak leaf cluster  
Air and Space Achievement Medal  
Joint Meritorious Unit Award  
Air and Space Outstanding Unit Award with two oak leaf clusters  
Air and Space Organizational Excellence Award  
Armed Forces Service Medal  
Nuclear Deterrence Operations Service Medal

**Lieutenant Colonel Kirstan J. Pyle**



Lt Col Kirstan J. Pyle was the Commander, 383d Training Squadron, 937th Training Group, Joint Base San Antonio - Fort Sam Houston, Texas. In this role, she leads the Air Force's largest medical training squadron and directs 151 members and 3,900 Airmen in training. Her mission impacts 25 Air Force Specialty Codes to include creating, maintaining, and transforming 60 courses and symposiums. Lt Col Pyle's team is also responsible for executing a \$47M training budget and annually awarding an average of 53,000 Community College of the Air Force credits and 6,600 in Continuing Nurse Education hours. The training platform includes the Aerospace Medical Service Apprentice course, the largest enlisted medical training course in the Air Force. Additionally, she oversees the nurse transition program, five tri-service courses at six operating locations and clinical training sites at 18 world-wide locations, championing the gateway for Air Force Medical Services.

Lt Col Pyle commissioned through the Air Force Reserve Officer Training Corps in May 2006 after obtaining her Bachelor of Science degree in Nursing from Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville. Her assignments as a clinical nurse consist of medical/surgical and post-anesthesia care units, as well as Family Practice and Internal Medicine Clinics. Additionally, Lt Col Pyle served as Chief, Medical Readiness Training and Doctrine for the Air Force Medical Service. She held multiple progressive leadership roles such as element chief, flight commander, and branch chief. Prior to this position, Lt Col Pyle served as the Internal Medicine Flight Commander at Keesler AFB, Mississippi.

**MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS**

Meritorious Service Medal with two oak leaf clusters  
Air and Space Commendation Medal with oak leaf cluster  
Air Force Achievement Medal with oak leaf cluster

**Sequence of Events**

*Opening Narration*

*Arrival of Official Party*

*National Anthem*

*Invocation*

*Remarks  
Colonel Forsythe*

*Assumption of Command*

*Remarks  
Lieutenant Colonel Pyle*

*Formation Renders First  
Salute*

*Closing Narration*

*Air Force Song*

*Departure of Official Party*

*Reception*

