



BIOGRAPHY



UNITED STATES AIR FORCE

MAJOR LAURA L. SWANSON

Major Laura L. Swanson is the Flight Commander of the Optometry Flight, 4th Aerospace Medicine Squadron, Seymour Johnson AFB, NC. Major Swanson is responsible for the overall administration and management of the optometry clinic, including supervision of one Optometrist and three technicians. Together, the flight serves approximately 36K beneficiaries, including active duty, dependents, and retirees. In addition, the flight ensures the global medical readiness requirements for the Combat Air Force's largest flying program, maintenance group, and F-15E Strike Eagle wing. As a primary eye care provider, Major Swanson evaluates and treats acute and chronic eye conditions, co-manages systemic health conditions with ocular manifestations with the patients' primary care provider, confirms patient compliance with Aircrew Soft Contact Lens Program, guarantees eligible beneficiaries' access to Corneal Refractive Surgery Program, and determines vision eligibility of initial flying class candidates.



Major Swanson is a 2004 graduate of the University of California, Santa Barbara. She was commissioned in 2008 by the Health Professions Scholarship Program while in optometry school. In 2009 Major Swanson attended Commissioned Officer Training at Maxwell AFB, AL.

Major Swanson is married to Major Reese Swanson (USAFR), both are originally from Gilroy, CA. They have one son named Flynn.

EDUCATION

2004 Bachelor of sciences degree in biology, University of California, Santa Barbara, CA
2009 Doctor of optometry degree, Pennsylvania College of Optometry at Salus University, Philadelphia, PA
2013 Squadron Officer School, Maxwell AFB, AL
2016 Air Command and Staff College (Correspondence), Maxwell AFB, AL

ASSIGNMENTS

1. August 2009 - March 2013, Flight Commander, Aerospace & Operational Medicine, 97th Medical Operations Squadron, Altus AFB, OK
2. May 2013 – January 2016, Chief, Clinical Optometry, 88th Aerospace Medicine Squadron, Wright-Patterson AFB, OH
3. January 2016 – Present, Flight Commander, Optometry, 4th Aerospace Medicine Squadron, Seymour Johnson, NC

MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS

Air Force Commendation Medal

EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION

Second Lieutenant	18 Jan 08
Captain	24 May 09
Major	1 Jul 14

(Current as of June 2016)

