



# Headquarters Allied Air Command

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Ramstein Air Base, Germany

## BIOGRAPHY



### General Tod D. Wolters Commander

General Tod D. Wolters is Commander, Allied Air Command headquartered at Ramstein Air Base, Germany; and Director, Joint Air Power Competence Centre at Kalkar, Germany.

In his capacity as Commander, Allied Air Command, General Wolters is responsible to the Supreme Allied Commander Europe for the Air and Missile Defence of NATO Alliance member nations during peacetime operations. His command ensures the preservation of Alliance territorial integrity from Northern Norway to Southern Italy and from the Azores to Eastern Turkey, including every European NATO nation. Furthermore, in the event of a joint NATO operation he is the responsible commander of the Air Component.

General Wolters is also Commander, U.S. Air Forces in Europe and U.S. Air Forces Africa. In this capacity he is responsible for Air Force activities, conducted through 3rd Air Force, in an area of operations covering more than 19 million square miles. This area includes 105 countries in Europe, Africa, Asia, the Middle East, and the Arctic and Atlantic Oceans, which possesses more than a quarter of the world's population and generates more than a quarter of the world's gross domestic product.



General Wolters earned his commission in 1982 as a graduate from the U.S. Air Force Academy. He has commanded a fighter squadron, an operations group, three wings, the Space Expeditionary Task Force-Afghanistan, and a component Numbered Air Force. General Wolters fought in operations Desert Storm, Southern Watch, Iraqi Freedom and Enduring Freedom. He also served in the Office of the Secretary of the Air Force as Director of Legislative Liaison and in Headquarters' staff positions at U.S. Pacific Command, Headquarters U.S. Air Force, and Air Force Space Command. In his last duty assignment, the general served as the Deputy Chief of Staff for Operations, Headquarters U.S. Air Force, Washington, D.C.

General Wolters is a command pilot with more than 4,990 flying hours.

#### EDUCATION

- 1982 Bachelor of Science degree, U.S. Air Force Academy, Colorado Springs, Colorado
- 1990 Fighter Weapons Instructor Course, U.S. Air Force Fighter Weapons School, Nellis AFB, Nevada
- 1995 Air Command and Staff College, by correspondence
- 1996 Armed Forces Staff College, Norfolk, Virginia
- 1996 Master's degree in aeronautical science technology, Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University
- 2001 Master's degree in strategic studies, Army War College, Carlisle Barracks, Pennsylvania
- 2004 Senior Executive Fellow, John F. Kennedy School of Government, Harvard University, Cambridge, Massachusetts
- 2007 Joint Force Air Component Commander Course, Maxwell AFB, Alabama
- 2010 Joint Flag Officer Warfighting Course, Maxwell AFB, Alabama
- 2010 Combined Force Land Component Commander's Course, Carlisle Barracks, Pennsylvania
- 2014 Fellow, Pinnacle Course, National Defense University, Fort Lesley J. McNair, Washington, D.C.

#### ASSIGNMENTS

1. June 1982 - June 1983, student, undergraduate pilot training, Reese AFB, Texas
2. July 1983 - August 1983, student, fighter lead-in training, Holloman AFB, New Mexico
3. September 1983 - November 1983, student, OV-10 Replacement Training Unit, Patrick AFB, Florida

4. November 1983 - June 1984, OV-10 pilot, 704th Tactical Air Support Squadron, Sembach Air Base, West Germany
5. July 1984 - September 1986, OV-10 instructor pilot and flight examiner, 27th Tactical Air Support Squadron, George AFB, California
6. October 1986 - November 1986, student, fighter lead-in training, Holloman AFB, New Mexico
7. December 1986 - April 1987, student, F-15 Replacement Training Unit, Tyndall AFB, Florida
8. May 1987 - December 1989, F-15 instructor pilot and flight examiner, 53rd Tactical Fighter Squadron, Bitburg AB, West Germany
9. January 1990 - April 1990, student, U.S. Air Force F-15 Fighter Weapons Instructor Course, Nellis AFB, Nevada
10. May 1990 - February 1992, Chief of Weapons and Tactics, 9th Tactical Fighter Squadron, Holloman AFB, New Mexico
11. March 1992 - March 1995, assistant operations officer, flight commander and instructor pilot, F-15 Division, U.S. Air Force Fighter Weapons School, Nellis AFB, Nevada
12. April 1995 - March 1997, aide-de-camp to Commander in Chief, U.S. Pacific Command, Camp H.M. Smith, Hawaii
13. April 1997 - December 1997, Chief of Safety, 3rd Wing, Elmendorf AFB, Alaska
14. January 1998 - December 1998, operations officer, 19th Fighter Squadron, Elmendorf AFB, Alaska
15. January 1999 - June 2000, Commander, 19th Fighter Squadron, Elmendorf AFB, Alaska
16. July 2000 - June 2001, student, Army War College, Carlisle Barracks, Pennsylvania
17. June 2001 - April 2002, Chief, Combat Forces Division, Directorate of Operational Requirements, Headquarters U.S. Air Force, Washington, D.C.
18. May 2002 - July 2004, Commander, 1st Operations Group, Langley AFB, Virginia. (February 2003 - May 2003, Commander, 485th Air Expeditionary Wing, Southwest Asia)
19. July 2004 - April 2006, Commander, 47th Flying Training Wing, Laughlin AFB, Texas
20. June 2006 - March 2008, Commander, 325th Fighter Wing, Tyndall AFB, Florida
21. March 2008 - March 2009, Deputy Commander, Political-Military Affairs, Combined Security Transition Command-Afghanistan, U.S. Central Command, Kabul, Afghanistan
22. April 2009 - May 2011, Director of Air, Space and Cyberspace Operations, Headquarters Air Force Space Command, Peterson AFB, Colorado
23. May 2011 - May 2012, Commander, 9th Air and Space Expeditionary Task Force - Afghanistan, and Deputy Commander-Air, U.S. Forces-Afghanistan
24. June 2012 - August 2013, Director, Legislative Liaison, Office of the Secretary of the Air Force, the Pentagon, Washington, D.C.
25. September 2013 - December 2014, Commander, 12th Air Force, Air Combat Command, and Commander, Air Forces Southern, U.S. Southern Command, Davis-Monthan AFB, Arizona
26. December 2014 - July 2015, Deputy Chief of Staff for Operations, Headquarters U.S. Air Force, Washington, D.C.
27. July 2015 – August 2016, Director for Operations, Joint Staff, Washington, D.C.
28. 12 August 2016 - present, Commander, U.S. Air Forces in Europe; Commander, U.S. Air Forces in Africa; Commander, Allied Air Command, headquartered at Ramstein Air Base, Germany; and Director, Joint Air Power Competency Centre, Kalkar.

#### **SUMMARY OF JOINT ASSIGNMENTS**

1. April 1995 - March 1997, aide-de-camp to Commander in Chief, U.S. Pacific Command, Camp H.M. Smith, Hawaii, as a major
2. March 2008 - March 2009, Deputy Commander, Political-Military Affairs, Combined Security Transition Command-Afghanistan, U.S. Central Command, Kabul, Afghanistan, as a brigadier general
3. May 2011 - May 2012, Commander, 9th Air and Space Expeditionary Task Force - Afghanistan, and Deputy Commander-Air, U.S. Forces-Afghanistan, as a major general
4. September 2013 - December 2014, Commander, Air Forces Southern, U.S. Southern Command, Davis-Monthan AFB, Arizona, as a lieutenant general
5. July 2015 – August 2016, Director for Operations, Joint Staff, Washington, D.C.

**FLIGHT INFORMATION**

Rating: Command pilot

Flight hours: More than 4,990

Aircraft flown: T-38A, F-15C, OV-10, MQ-1B, UH-1N and C-21

**MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS**

Distinguished Service Medal with oak leaf cluster

Defense Superior Service Medal

Legion of Merit with two oak leaf clusters

Bronze Star Medal with oak leaf cluster

Defense Meritorious Service Medal

Meritorious Service Medal with oak leaf cluster

Air Medal

Aerial Achievement Medal with three oak leaf clusters

Joint Service Commendation Medal

Air Force Commendation Medal with two oak leaf clusters

Air Force Combat Action Medal

**EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION**

Second Lieutenant            June 2, 1982

First Lieutenant              June 2, 1984

Captain                         June 2, 1986

Major                            March 1, 1994

Lieutenant Colonel          Jan. 1, 1998

Colonel                         July 1, 2002

Brigadier General            Nov. 2, 2007

Major General                Aug. 2, 2011

Lieutenant General         Sept. 24, 2013

General                         Aug. 11, 2016

(Current as of August 2016)