



Headquarters Allied Air Command

PUBLIC AFFAIRS OFFICE
Ramstein Air Base, Germany



BIOGRAPHY

General Philip M. Breedlove Commander

Effective 31 July 2012 General Philip M. Breedlove is Commander; U.S. Air Forces in Europe, U.S. Air Forces in Africa, Allied Air Command at Ramstein Air Base, Germany; and Director, Joint Air Power Competence Centre, Kalkar, Germany.

As NATO's Air Commander Ramstein he is the air advisor to the Commander of the Joint Force Command at Brunssum, the Netherlands, and responsible as the Regional Air Commander, the Regional Air Defence Commander and the Regional Airspace Control Authority.

General Breedlove was raised in Forest Park, Georgia., and was commissioned in 1977 as a distinguished graduate of Georgia Tech's ROTC program. He has been assigned to numerous operational, command and staff positions, and has completed nine overseas tours, including two remote tours. He has commanded a fighter squadron, an operations group, three fighter wings, and a numbered air force. Additionally, he has served as operations officer in the Pacific Command Division on the Joint Staff; executive officer to the Commander of Headquarters Air Combat Command; the senior military assistant to the Secretary of the Air Force; and Vice Director for Strategic Plans and Policy on the Joint Staff.

General Breedlove has flown combat missions in Operation Joint Forge/Joint Guardian. He is a command pilot with 3,500 flying hours, primarily in the F-16.

EDUCATION

1977 Bachelor's degree in civil engineering, Georgia Institute of Technology

1982 Distinguished graduate, Squadron Officer School, Maxwell AFB, Ala.

1991 Distinguished graduate, Air Command and Staff College, Maxwell AFB, Ala.

1991 Master of Science degree in aeronautical technology, Arizona State University

1995 Master's degree in national security studies, National War College, Fort Lesley J. McNair, Washington, D.C.

2002 Fellow, Massachusetts Institute of Technology Seminar XXI, Washington, D.C.

ASSIGNMENTS

1. March 1978 - March 1979, student, undergraduate pilot training, Williams AFB, Arizona
2. March 1979 - August 1979, pilot instructor training, Randolph AFB, Texas
3. August 1979 - January 1983, T-37 instructor pilot, evaluation flight examiner and runway supervisory unit controller, Williams AFB, Arizona
4. January 1983 - September 1983, F-16 student pilot, MacDill AFB, Florida.
5. September 1983 - January 1985, F-16 aircraft commander and instructor pilot, 614th Tactical Fighter Squadron, Torrejon AB, Spain
6. January 1985 - March 1987, air liaison officer, 602nd Air Support Operations Group, Kitzingen Air Base, West Germany
7. March 1987 - January 1988, F-16 pilot, 526th Tactical Fighter Squadron, Ramstein Air Base, West Germany



8. January 1988 - August 1988, Chief of Flight Safety, 316th Air Division, Ramstein Air Base, West Germany
9. August 1988 - August 1990, F-16 flight commander, then assistant operations officer, 512th Tactical Fighter Squadron, Ramstein Air Base, Germany
10. August 1990 - July 1991, student, Air Command and Staff College, Maxwell AFB, Alabama
11. July 1991 - May 1993, Chief of Air Operations, United Nations Command and Republic of Korea/U.S. Combined Forces Command, Yongsan Army Garrison, South Korea
12. May 1993 - July 1994, Commander, 80th Fighter Squadron, Kunsan Air Base, South Korea
13. July 1994 - June 1995, student, National War College, Fort Lesley J. McNair, Washington, D.C.
14. June 1995 - July 1997, operations officer, U.S. Pacific Command Division, Joint Staff, the Pentagon, Washington, D.C.
15. July 1997 - June 1999, Commander, 27th Operations Group, Cannon Air Force Base, New Mexico
16. June 1999 - May 2000, executive officer to the Commander, Headquarters Air Combat Command, Langley Air Force Base, Virginia.
17. May 2000 - May 2001, Commander, 8th Fighter Wing, Kunsan Air Base, South Korea
18. June 2001 - June 2002, senior military assistant to the Secretary of the Air Force, Headquarters U.S. Air Force, Washington, D.C.
19. June 2002 - June 2004, Commander, 56th Fighter Wing, Luke Air Force Base, Arizona.
20. June 2004 - June 2005, Commander, 31st Fighter Wing, Aviano Air Base, Italy
21. June 2005 - October 2006, Vice Commander, 16th Air Force, Ramstein Air Base, Germany
22. October 2006 - July 2008, Vice Director for Strategic Plans and Policy, Joint Staff, the Pentagon, Washington, D.C.
23. July 2008 - August 2009, Commander, 3rd Air Force, Ramstein Air Base, Germany
24. August 2009 - January 2011, Deputy Chief of Staff for Operations, Plans and Requirements, Headquarters U.S. Air Force, Washington, D.C.
25. January 2011 – July 2012, Vice Chief of Staff of the U.S. Air Force, Washington, D.C

SUMMARY OF JOINT ASSIGNMENTS

1. July 1991 - May 1993, Chief of Air Operations, United Nations Command and Republic of Korea/U.S. Combined Forces Command, Yongsan Army Garrison, South Korea, as a major
2. June 1995 - July 1997, operations officer, U.S. Pacific Command Division, Joint Staff, the Pentagon, Washington, D.C., as a lieutenant colonel
3. October 2006 - July 2008, Vice Director for Strategic Plans and Policy, Joint Staff, the Pentagon, Washington, D.C., as a major general

FLIGHT INFORMATION

Rating: Command pilot
 Flight hours: More than 3,500
 Aircraft flown: F-16, T-37 and C-21

MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS

Distinguished Service Medal
 Defense Superior Service Medal
 Legion of Merit with three oak leaf clusters
 Defense Meritorious Service Medal with two oak leaf clusters
 Meritorious Service Medal with three oak leaf clusters
 Aerial Achievement Medal

EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION

Second Lieutenant	June 1, 1977
First Lieutenant	Dec. 10, 1979
Captain	Dec. 10, 1981
Major	Nov. 1, 1988
Lieutenant Colonel	June 1, 1993
Colonel	Jan. 1, 1998
Brigadier General	Oct. 1, 2003
Major General	June 23, 2006
Lieutenant General	July 21, 2008
General	Jan. 14, 2011

(Current as of July 2012)