



# BIOGRAPHY



## UNITED STATES AIR FORCE

### BRIGADIER GENERAL CHRISTOPHER J. LEONARD

Brigadier General Christopher J. Leonard is the Director of Logistics, Engineering and Force Protection, Headquarters U.S. Air Forces in Europe-Air Forces Africa, Ramstein Air Base, Germany. As Director, he provides leadership, management and integration of aircraft and munitions maintenance, civil engineers, security forces, transportation and material management, storage, and distribution. His directorate supports the deployment, basing, sustainment, and redeployment of military forces across an area of operations covering 19 million square miles and 104 countries in Europe, Africa, Asia and the Middle East. Additionally, he oversees force protection, logistics and base operating support for over 200 aircraft plus 63,000 military and dependents at 10 wings and 83 geographically separated units.



Prior to his current position, Brig Gen Leonard was Commander, 10th Air Base Wing, U.S. Air Force Academy, Colorado Springs, Colorado. In addition to Commanding at the Wing, Group and Squadron level, his staff experience includes headquarters tours at the Joint, Air Force, and major command levels. General Leonard's expeditionary experience includes numerous deployments in support of Operations Southern Watch and Iraqi Freedom.

Brig Gen Leonard entered the Air Force in May 1997 after graduating from the U.S. Air Force Academy.

#### EDUCATION

1997 Bachelor of Science in Civil Engineering, U.S. Air Force Academy, Colorado Springs, Colo.  
2000 Master of Science in Engineering and Enviro Management, Air Force Institute of Technology, Wright Patterson Air Force Base, Dayton, Ohio  
2002 Squadron Officer School, Maxwell Air Force Base, Montgomery, Ala.  
2006 Air Command and Staff College, Maxwell Air Force Base, Montgomery, Ala. (by correspondence) 2010 Air War College, Maxwell Air Force Base, Montgomery, Ala. (by correspondence)  
2011 Army Command and General Staff College, Fort Leavenworth, Leavenworth County, Kan.  
2015 National Defense Fellow, Belfer Center for Science & International Affairs, Harvard Kennedy School, Cambridge, Mass.

#### ASSIGNMENTS

1. July 1997-Aug. 1998, Program Manager, Cultural and Natural Resources, 28th Civil Engineer Squadron, Ellsworth Air Force Base, Rapid City, S.D.
2. Aug. 1998-Mar. 2000, Student, Air Force Institute of Technology, Wright Patterson Air Force Base, Dayton, Ohio
3. Mar. 2000-Nov. 2000, Student, Naval Explosive Ordnance School, Eglin Air Force Base, Okaloosa County, Florida
4. Nov. 2000-June 2002, Explosive Ordnance Disposal Flight Commander, 20th Civil Engineer Squadron, Shaw Air Force Base, Sumter, S.C.
5. June 2002-Jan. 2003, Assistant Chief, Wing Plans and Inspections, 20th Fighter Wing, Shaw Air Force Base, Sumter, S.C.
6. Jan. 2003-May 2003, Chief, Maintenance Engineering, 20th Civil Engineer Squadron, Shaw Air Force Base, Sumter, S.C.
7. May 2003-May 2004, Contingency and Electrical Flight Commander, 39th Civil Engineer Squadron, Incirlik Air Base, Turkey
8. May 2004-May 2005, Readiness Flight Commander, 39th Civil Engineer Squadron, Incirlik Air Base, Turkey
9. May 2005-May 2006, Command Civil Engineer Inspector, Headquarters Air Combat Command, Langley Air Force Base, Hampton, Va.
10. May 2006-Nov. 2006, Liaison to 3rd Ordnance Battalion (EOD), 732rd Expeditionary Civil Engineer Squadron Detachment 5, Victory Base, Iraq

11. Nov. 2006-July 2007, Chief, Southwest Asia Delivery Team, Air Combat Command A7, Headquarters Air Combat Command, Langley Air Force Base, Hampton, Va.
12. July 2007-May 2008, Engineering Flight Commander, 35th Civil Engineer Squadron, Misawa Air Base, Japan
13. May 2008-June 2009, Chief of Civil Engineering/Air Advisor, Coalition Air Force Transition Team Headquarters, Baghdad International Zone, Iraq
14. June 2009-June 2010, Operations Flight Commander, 35th Civil Engineer Squadron, Misawa Air Base, Japan
15. June 2010-June 2011, Student, Army Command and General Staff College, Fort Leavenworth, Leavenworth County, Kan.
16. June 2011-June 2012, Commander, 8th Civil Engineer Squadron, Kunsan Air Base, Republic of Korea
17. June 2012-Aug. 2013, MILCON Branch Chief, Office of the Civil Engineer, Deputy Chief of Staff for Logistics, Installations and Mission Support, Headquarters U.S. Air Force, Pentagon, Washington, D.C.
18. Aug. 2013-July 2014, Executive Officer to the Director of Civil Engineers, Deputy Chief of Staff for Logistics, Installations and Mission Support, Headquarters U. S. Air Force, Pentagon, Washington, D.C.
19. July 2014-July 2015, National Defense Fellow, Belfer Center for Science & International Affairs, Harvard Kennedy School, Cambridge, Mass.
20. July 2015-July 2017, CBRN Defense Branch Chief, Joint Requirement Office, J8, Joint Staff, Pentagon, Washington, D.C.
21. July 2017-July 2020, Commander, 48th Mission Support Group, RAF Lakenheath, England
22. July 2020-June 2021, Senior Military Assistant, Office of the Assistant Secretary for Installations, Environment, and Energy, Headquarters U.S. Air Force, Arlington, Va.
23. July 2021-July 2023, Installation Commander, 10th Air Base Wing, U.S. Air Force Academy, Colorado Springs, Colo.
24. July 2023 – Current, Director of Logistics, Engineering and Force Protection, Headquarters U.S. Air Forces in Europe and U.S. Air Forces Africa, Ramstein Air Base, Germany

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

1. July 2015-July 2017, CBRN Defense Branch Chief, Joint Requirement Office, J8, Joint Staff, Pentagon, Washington, D.C.

#### **MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS**

Legion of Merit  
 Bronze Star  
 Defense Meritorious Service  
 Medal Meritorious Service Medal with four oak leaf clusters  
 Air Force Commendation Medal with oak leaf cluster  
 Army Commendation Medal with Valor device  
 Air Force Combat Action Medal  
 Army Combat Action Badge

#### **EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION**

Second Lieutenant 28 May 1997  
 First Lieutenant 28 May 1999  
 Captain 28 May 2001  
 Major 1 Nov 2006  
 Lieutenant Colonel 1 Dec 2010  
 Colonel 1 April 2017  
 Brigadier General 5 Dec 2023

(Current as of December 2023)

