



BIOGRAPHY



UNITED STATES AIR FORCE

MAJOR GENERAL RANDALL REED

Maj. Gen. Randall Reed is Commander, Third Air Force, Ramstein Air Base, Germany. Third Air Force issues directives to subordinate commands and takes action on behalf of the USAFE-AFAFRICA Commander as directed. Third Air Force exercises delegated authorities over assigned forces that include personnel management, General Courts Martial Convening Authority, and advising subordinate commands on requirements, programs, and budget. Third Air Force also works with its subordinate commands to ensure implementation and compliance with relevant policies and directives of the Department of Defense, Headquarters Air Force, and USAFE-AFAFRICA. Additionally, Third Air Force facilitates proper coordination between its subordinate commands and USAFE-AFAFRICA, USEUCOM, USAFRICOM, DOD agencies, and other field activities.

General Reed graduated from the U.S. Air Force Academy in 1989. He commanded a wing, two expeditionary operations groups, and a flying training squadron. Additionally, he held a variety of joint, headquarters, and base-level positions including assignments in strategic mobility, joint logistics, and a diplomatic post spanning Operation DESERT STORM to Operation INHERENT RESOLVE. He is a graduate of the U.S. Army Light Fighter Air Assault School and is a command pilot with more than 3,500 hours in the C-141B, KC-135R/T, B-1B, RC-135V/W, E-8C, C-130, C-5A, and C-5M aircraft. Prior to his current assignment, he served as Senior Defense Official and Defense Attaché, Ankara, Turkey.



EDUCATION

- 1989 Bachelor of Science in Human Factors Engineering (with minor in Spanish), U.S. Air Force Academy
- 1996 Squadron Officers School, Maxwell Air Force Base, Ala.
- 1996 Master of Science in Aerospace Science Technology, Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University
- 2003 Distinguished Graduate, Air Command and Staff College, Maxwell AFB, Ala.
- 2003 Master of Arts in Military Operational Art and Science, Air Command and Staff College, Maxwell AFB, Ala.
- 2004 Master of Arts in Airpower Art and Science, School of Advanced Air and Space Studies, Maxwell AFB, Ala.
- 2006 Air War College, by correspondence
- 2009 Distinguished Graduate, Industrial College of the Armed Forces, Fort Lesley J. McNair, Washington, D.C.
- 2009 Master of Science in National Resource Strategy, Industrial College of the Armed Forces, Fort Lesley J. McNair, Washington, D.C.
- 2013 U.S.A.F. Enterprise Leadership Seminar, Darden School of Business, University of Virginia, Charlottesville

ASSIGNMENTS

1. October 1989–October 1990, Student, Undergraduate Pilot Training, Laughlin Air Force Base, Texas
2. February 1991–May 1996, Assistant Chief, C-141B Standardization/Evaluation, 4th Airlift Squadron, McChord AFB, Wash.
3. June 1996–July 1998, Director, Special Assignment Airlift Missions, Tanker Airlift Control Center; and later Maintenance Manpower and Plans Officer, Directorate of Logistics, Headquarters Air Mobility Command, Scott AFB, Ill.

4. August 1998–July 2002, KC-135R/T Instructor Pilot; and later Chief, Wing Plans and Programs, 22d Air Refueling Wing, McConnell AFB, Kan.
5. August 2002–June 2003, Student, Air Command and Staff College, Maxwell AFB, Ala.
6. July 2003–June 2004, Student, School of Advanced Air and Space Studies, Maxwell AFB, Ala.
7. July 2004–February 2005, Mobility Strategist and Air Refueling Combat Planner, 621st Air Mobility Operations Squadron, McGuire AFB, N.J.
8. March 2005–March 2006, Executive Officer, 21st Expeditionary Mobility Task Force, McGuire AFB, N.J.
9. June 2006–June 2008, Commander, 55th Air Refueling Squadron, Altus AFB, Okla. (deployed April 2007 – September 2007, Commander, 376th Expeditionary Operations Group, Manas Air Base, Kyrgyz Republic)
10. July 2008–June 2009, Student, Industrial College of the Armed Forces, Fort Lesley J. McNair, Washington D.C.
11. June 2009–May 2010, Deputy Chief, Distribution Division, Directorate of Logistics, Joint Staff, the Pentagon, Arlington, Va.
12. May 2010–May 2011, Chief of Staff, Directorate of Logistics, Joint Staff, the Pentagon, Arlington, Va.
13. May 2011–July 2012, Commander, 379th Expeditionary Operations Group, Southwest Asia
14. July 2012–June 2014, Commander, 521st Air Mobility Operations Wing, Ramstein AB, Germany
15. June 2014–August 2015, Director, Secretary of the Air Force and Chief of Staff of the Air Force Executive Action Group, Headquarters Air Force, the Pentagon, Arlington, Va.
16. August 2015–June 2018, Deputy Director of Strategic Plans, Requirements and Programs, Headquarters Air Mobility Command, Scott AFB, Ill.
17. June 2018–June 2020, Senior Defense Official and Defense Attaché, Ankara, Turkey
18. June 2020–Present, Commander, Third Air Force, Ramstein AB, Germany

SUMMARY OF JOINT ASSIGNMENTS

1. June 2009–May 2010, Deputy Chief, Distribution Division, Directorate of Logistics, Joint Staff, the Pentagon, as a lieutenant colonel
2. May 2010–May 2011, Chief of Staff, Directorate of Logistics, Joint Staff, the Pentagon, as a colonel
3. June 2018–June 2020, Senior Defense Official and Defense Attaché, Ankara, Turkey, as a major general

FLIGHT INFORMATION

Rating: command pilot

Flight hours: more than 3,500

Aircraft flown: C-141B, KC-135R/T, B-1B, RC-135V/W, E-8C, C-130, C-5A and C-5M

MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS

Distinguished Service Medal

Defense Superior Service Medal

Legion of Merit

Bronze Star with oak leaf cluster

Meritorious Service Medal with four oak leaf clusters

Air Medal

Aerial Achievement Medal

OTHER ACHIEVEMENTS

Department of State, Individual Superior Honor Award

EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION

Second Lieutenant May 31, 1989

First Lieutenant May 31, 1991

Captain May 31, 1993

Major Sep. 1, 2000

Lieutenant Colonel Sep. 1, 2005

Colonel Sep. 1, 2010

Brigadier General Aug. 12, 2015

Major General Oct. 2, 2018

(Current as of February 2021)