



COLONEL MICHAEL D. GARROTT

Colonel Michael D. Garrott serves as the Deputy Wing Commander, 521st Air Mobility Operations Wing, headquartered on Ramstein Air Base, Germany. The Wing consists of nearly 2,000 personnel divided into two Air Mobility Operations Groups and 9 squadrons, supporting four combatant commands in three areas of responsibility. The Wing provides all Command and Control, en route maintenance support, and air transportation services for theater and strategic air mobility missions in Europe, Africa, and Southwest Asia.

Colonel Garrott received his commission from the U.S. Air Force Academy in 2002. He has supported significant U.S. Military operations, including Operations ENDURING FREEDOM, IRAQI FREEDOM, NEW DAWN, RESOLUTE SUPPORT, and INHERENT RESOLVE. Colonel Garrott has held various leadership positions at the Joint Staff, headquarters Air Force, and Major Command level during his Air Force career. Prior to his current assignment, Colonel Garrott was Deputy Division Chief in the Operations Directorate on the Joint Staff.

Colonel Garrott is a senior pilot with over 2,600 hours in the KC-10, C-21, TC-172, C-208, T-1, and T-37.

EDUCATION

- 2002 Bachelor of Science in Management, U.S. Air Force Academy, Colorado Springs, Colo.
- 2008 Squadron Officer School, Maxwell AFB, Ala. by correspondence
- 2009 Master of Business Administration, Trident University, Calif. (distance learning)
- 2009 Squadron Officer School, Maxwell AFB, Ala.
- 2011 Air Command and Staff College, Maxwell AFB, Ala. by correspondence
- 2014 Air Force Fellowship (Strategic Policy), Washington D.C.
- 2022 Master of Science in National Security, National War College, Fort McNair, Washington D.C.

ASSIGNMENTS

- 1. August 2002 - March 2003, Awaiting Training Status, Eglin AFB, Fla.
- 2. March 2003 - May 2004, Student, Specialized Undergraduate Pilot Training, Columbus AFB, Miss.
- 3. June 2004 - February 2007, C-21A Chief, Standardization/Evaluation, Evaluator Aircraft Commander, 459th Airlift Squadron, Yokota AFB, Japan
- 4. February 2007 - June 2010, Chief Executive Officer, KC-10A Instructor Aircraft Commander, 60th Operations Group, Travis AFB, Calif.
- 5. June 2010 - February 2011, Chief Wing Training, 615th Contingency Response Wing, Travis AFB, Calif.
- 6. March 2011 - November 2011, Combat Air Advisor, 521st Air Expeditionary Advisory Group, Kirkuk AB, Iraq
- 7. Dec 2011 - June 2013, Chief Wing Operations Center, 621st Contingency Response Wing, Travis AFB, Calif.
- 8. July 2013 - June 2014, Air Force Fellow, Pentagon, Washington D.C.
- 9. June 2014 - August 2015, Chief, Aviation Energy, NextGen Lead Service Ofc, Washington D.C.
- 10. August 2015 - June 2017, Chief, Mobility Operations, HAF/CX, Pentagon, Washington D.C.
- 11. June 2017 - June 2019, Commander, 733d Air Mobility Operations Squadron, Kadena AB, Japan
- 12. June 2019 - June 2021, Executive Officer to the AFDW Commander, JB Andrews, Maryland
- 13. June 2021 - June 2022, Graduate Students National War College, Fort McNair, D.C.
- 14. June 2022 - June 2024, Deputy Division Chief, Operations Directorate, Joint Staff, Pentagon, D.C.
- 15. June 2024 - Present, Deputy Commander, 521st Air Mobility Operations Wing, Ramstein AB, Germany

FLIGHT INFORMATION

Rating: Senior Pilot
Flight Hours: More than 2,600
Aircraft: T-37B, T-1A, C-21A, KC-10A, TC-172, C-208B

MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS

- Defense Superior Service Medal
- Meritorious Service Medal with four oak leaf clusters
- Air Medal with one oak leaf cluster
- Joint Service Commendation Medal
- Air and Space Commendation Medal with two oak leaf clusters
- Joint Service Achievement Medal
- Air and Space Achievement Medal
- Iraq Campaign Medal with two service stars
- Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal
- Global War on Terrorism Service Medal
- Humanitarian Service Medal

(Current as of June 2024)



Second Lieutenant
May 01, 2002



First Lieutenant
May 01, 2004



Captain
May 01, 2006



Major
May 01, 2012



Lieutenant Colonel
April 01, 2017



Colonel
May 01, 2023

