



BIOGRAPHY



UNITED STATES AIR FORCE

COLONEL RANDALL J. RICHERT

Colonel Randall J. Richert is the Provost Marshal, Headquarters, United States Forces, Japan, Yokota Air Base, Tokyo, where he also serves as the Director of Security Forces for HQs, Fifth Air Force. As such he acts as the senior U.S. military law enforcement officer in Japan.

Colonel Richert hails from Hartland, WI and graduated cum laude from Gustavus Adolphus College, St. Peter, MN in 1985. He was commissioned as a Distinguished Graduate and First Honor Graduate of the USAF Officer Training School (OTS) in 1987. He has served in multiple squadron, group and Major Command positions to include Chief of Deployments for AF Special Operations Command where he managed deployments for Operation ENDURING FREEDOM. He is a graduate of the Royal Australian AF Command and Staff College and was a Visiting Defense Fellow at the Canadian Centre for International Relations at Queen's University in Kingston, Ontario. He has held three commands, served in the Air Mobility Battle Lab and as original cadre to the Air Mobility Warfare Center where he served as project officer for the Phoenix Raven program and was the first officer graduate (RAVEN 41). He is a graduate of the FBI National Academy and in 2008, he completed his most recent deployment as the Deputy Commander of the 732nd Air Expeditionary Group in Iraq. He assumed his current duties in Japan effective 26 June 09.



EDUCATION

- 1985 BA., History, Political Science and Criminal Justice, Gustavus Adolphus College, St. Peter, MN
- 1987 USAF Officer Training School, Medina Annex, Lackland AFB, TX (1st Honor Graduate & DG)
- 1987 USAF Security Police Academy, Lackland AFB, TX (Honor Graduate)
- 1993 Master of Science, Criminal Justice, California State University, Sacramento, CA
- 1994 Squadron Officers School, Maxwell AFB, AL (Distinguished & squadron Outstanding Graduate)
- 1996 Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) National Academy, Quantico, VA
- 1996 New Jersey State Fire Fighting Academy, Burlington, NJ (graduated 2nd in class)
- 1997 US Army Air Assault School, Fort Campbell, KY
- 1997 USAF Phoenix Raven School (Raven # 41), Fort Dix, NJ
- 1999 Royal Australian Air Force Command and Staff College, RAAF Base Fairbairn, Australia
- 1999 Master of Arts, Defense Studies, Canberra University, Australia
- 2001 Police Administration Course, Eastern Kentucky University, Richmond, KY
- 2003 Air Force Fellow (SDE), Queen's University, Kingston, Ontario, Canada

ASSIGNMENTS

1. May 1987 – Oct. 1989, Flight Security Officer, 321st Missile Security Squadron, then Shift

- Commander, 322nd Security Police Squadron, 320th Security Police Group, Grand Forks AFB, ND
2. Oct. 1989 – Dec. 1990, Shift Commander, 821st Security Police Squadron, 20th Security Police Group, RAF Upper Heyford, United Kingdom
 3. Dec. 1990 – Mar. 1991, Officer In Charge, Security, 870th Contingency Hospital, RAF Little Rissington, United Kingdom (Desert Storm)
 4. Mar. 1991 – Aug. 1992, Executive Officer, 20th Security Police Group, RAF Upper Heyford UK
 5. Aug. 1992 – Dec. 1993, Graduate Student, Air Force Institute of Technology Civilian Studies Program, California State University, Sacramento, CA
 6. Jan. 1994 – Jan. 1995, Operations Officer then Commander, Phoenix ACE, Air Mobility Command, Little Rock AFB, AR
 7. Jan. 1995 – Jan. 1998, Operations Officer, then Chief, Plans and Programs, then Deputy Commander, 421st Training Squadron, Headquarters Air Mobility Warfare Center, Fort Dix, NJ
 8. Jan. 1998 – Dec. 1998, Chief, Mobility Concepts Branch, Air Mobility Battle Lab, Fort Dix, NJ
 9. Jan. 1999 – Dec. 1999, Student, Royal Australian Command and Staff College, RAAF Base Fairbairn, Canberra, Australia
 10. Jan. 2000 – Nov. 2000, Chief, Deployment Operations Branch, then Chief, Deployment Tracking and Command Mobility, HQ Air Force Special Operations Command, Hurlburt Field, FL
 11. Jul 2002 – Dec. 2002, Commander, 2d Security Forces Squadron, Barksdale AFB, LA
 12. Dec. 2002 – Jun. 2003, Chief, Security Forces, HQ 8 AF and Chief, Forces Support, Task Force 204 (Bomber and Reconnaissance), Barksdale AFB, LA
 13. Jul. 2003– Jun. 2004, Air Force Fellow/National Defense Fellowship (SDE), Queen’s University, Kingston, Ontario, Canada
 14. Jun. 2004-Jun. 2006, Commander, 51st Security Forces Squadron, Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea.
 15. Jul. 2006-Jun. 2009, Deputy Chief, Security Forces, HQ Air Mobility Command, Scott AFB, IL.
 16. Current- Provost Marshal, USFJ and Director, Security Forces, HQ 5 AF, Yokota AB, Japan.

MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS

Bronze Star Medal
 Meritorious Service Medal with four oak leaf clusters
 Air Force Commendation Medal with three oak leaf clusters
 Air Force Achievement Medal with two oak leaf clusters
 Army Achievement Medal
 Iraqi Campaign Medal
 DoD Outstanding Volunteer Medal
 National Defense Service Medal with device

OTHER ACHIEVEMENTS

1991 USAF, Best Large Security Police Unit in Air Force Award
 1996 Air Mobility Command Company Grade Officer of the Year Award Runner-up
 1996 Airlift/Tanker Association Young Leadership Award
 1994-97 Air Mobility Command Best Small Security Police Unit award
 2006 Best Antiterrorism Program in the DOD (51st Fighter Wing, Osan AB, ROK)

EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION

Second Lieutenant	13 May 1987
First Lieutenant	13 May 1989
Captain	13 May 1991
Major	1 August 1998
Lieutenant Colonel	1 May 2001
Colonel	1 December 2006

(Current as of June 09)