



LIEUTENANT COLONEL BENJAMIN WOOD

Lieutenant Colonel Benjamin Wood is the Commander of the Command and Control Squadron, Heavy Airlift Wing, Papa AB, Hungary. In this position, he commands personnel from 12 nations in the world's only multinational airlift organization to execute NATO, EU, PFP, UN, and US DoD combat, humanitarian, and national airlift operations.

Prior to assuming his current position, Lt Col Wood was the Chief Pilot in the Heavy Airlift Squadron, Heavy Airlift Wing, Papa AB, Hungary. Before serving as Chief Pilot, he was the Chief, Support Plans, NATO Deployable Air Command and Control Centre, Poggio Renatico, Italy.

Lt Col Wood received his commission from The U.S. Air Force Academy in 2004. He is a graduate of the U.S. Air Force Weapons School and is a senior pilot with more than 4,300 flying hours in the C-17. He has over 1,500 combat hours, flying missions in operations Iraqi Freedom, Enduring Freedom, and Inherent Resolve.



EDUCATION

2004 Bachelor of Science degree in Humanities, U.S. Air Force Academy, Colorado Springs, CO

2010 Master's degree in Leadership and Business Ethics, Duquesne University, Pittsburgh, PA.

2011 Squadron Officer School, Maxwell AFB, AL

2011 USAF Weapons Instructor Course, Nellis Air Force Base, NV

2015 Air Command and Staff College, Maxwell AFB, AL

ASSIGNMENTS

Aug 2004 - Jul 2005, Assistant Training Officer, 15th ACC Training Squadron, Seymour Johnson AFB, NC

Jul 2005 - Jan 2007, student, undergraduate pilot training, Laughlin AFB, TX

Jan 2007 - Dec 2010, C-17 Instructor Pilot and Wing Airlift Director, 62nd Airlift Wing, McChord AFB, WA

Jan 2011 - Jul 2013 squadron weapons officer and Deputy Chief, wing tactics, 437th Airlift Wing, JB Charleston, SC

Jul 2013 - Jul 2015 squadron weapons officer and Chief, squadron Standardization Evaluation, 17th Airlift Squadron, JB Charleston, SC

Jul 2015 - Jun 2016, student, Air Command and Staff College, Maxwell AFB, Ala.

Jun 2016 - Aug 2018, Chief, Support plans, Deployable Air Command and Control Centre, NATO AIRCOM, Poggio Renatico, Italy

Aug 2016 – Jun 2020, Chief Pilot, Heavy Airlift Squadron, Heavy Airlift Wing, Papa Air Base, Hungary

Jun 2020 – Pres, Commander, Command and Control Squadron, Papa Air Base, Hungary

SUMMARY OF JOINT ASSIGNMENTS

June 2016 - Aug 2018, Chief, Support plans, Deployable Air Command and Control Centre, NATO AIRCOM, Poggio Renatico, Italy, as a major

FLIGHT INFORMATION

Rating: Senior pilot

Flight hours: more than 4,300 Aircraft flown: C-17

MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS

Defense Meritorious Service Medal Meritorious Service Medal

Air Medal with silver oak leaf cluster

Aerial Achievement Medal with oak leaf cluster Air Force Commendation Medal

Air Force Achievement Medal Air Force Combat Action Medal

EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION

Second Lieutenant Jun 2, 2004

First Lieutenant Jun 2, 2006

Captain Jun 2, 2008

Major Sep 1, 2014

Lieutenant Colonel Mar 1, 2019

(Current as of 18 June 2020)