



BIOGRAPHY



UNITED STATES AIR FORCE

COLONEL GEORGE R. GRANHOLM

Colonel George R. Granholm is Vice Commander, 521st Air Mobility Operations Wing, Ramstein Air Base, Germany. The wing consists of two groups, 10 squadrons and 8 operating locations spanning 5,000 miles supporting 5 Combatant Commanders in Europe, Africa, and Central Asia. The 521 AMOW provides command and control, en route maintenance support, and air transportation services for over 33 percent of Air Mobility Command's theater and strategic air mobility missions.

A New York native, Colonel Granholm earned his commission in 1998 from the United States Air Force Academy, completing his degree in astronautical engineering as a Distinguished Graduate. He was selected as a Charles Stark Draper Fellow for graduate studies at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. He has accumulated over 2700 flying hours in the C-21A and C-17A aircraft, including 166 combat and 43 combat support missions in support of a variety of operations. Colonel Granholm was selected for the Olmsted Scholar Program in Freiburg im Breisgau, Germany, attaining fluency in the German language and completing a Master of Arts in Political Science at the Albert Ludwig University of Freiburg. Colonel Granholm has commanded an operations support squadron and served on the Joint Staff as Executive Officer to the U.S. Military Representative, NATO Military Committee, Brussels, Belgium.



Colonel Granholm is married to Rena Granholm, Ed.D., also of New York. Colonel and Dr. Granholm have one son, Finnegan.

EDUCATION

- 1998 Bachelor of Science, Engineering Sciences (Astronautics), US Air Force Academy, CO
- 2000 Master of Science, Aeronautics and Astronautics, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Cambridge, MA
- 2003 Life Support Officer School, Brooks AFB, TX
- 2003 Squadron Officer School, by correspondence
- 2004 Squadron Officer School, Maxwell AFB, AL
- 2004 Advanced Instrument School, Randolph AFB, TX
- 2005 Combat Aircrew Tactics School, McGuire AFB, NJ
- 2007 Contingency Wartime Planning Course, Maxwell AFB, AL
- 2007 Air Command and Staff College, by correspondence
- 2011 Master of Arts, Political Science, Albert-Ludwigs-Universität, Freiburg im Breisgau, Germany
- 2012 Air War College, by correspondence
- 2018 Master of Strategic Studies, Air War College, Maxwell AFB, AL

ASSIGNMENTS

1. June 1998 – June 2000, Student, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Cambridge, MA
2. July 2000 – December 2001, Student, Undergraduate Pilot Training, Columbus AFB, MS
3. January 2002 – July 2005, C-21A Instructor Pilot, Life Support Officer, Chief of Training, 12th Airlift Flight, Langley AFB, VA
4. August 2005 – August 2008, C-17A Instructor Pilot, Flight Commander, Wing Plans Officer, Wing Executive Officer, 17th Airlift Squadron, 437th Airlift Wing, Charleston AFB, SC
5. September 2008 – August 2011, Olmsted Scholar, Freiburg im Breisgau, Germany
6. September 2011 – June 2013, C-17A Evaluator Pilot, Director of Operations, 17th Airlift Squadron, 437th Airlift Wing, JB Charleston, SC

7. July 2013 – March 2015, Commander, 375th Operations Support Squadron, 375 Air Mobility Wing, Scott AFB, IL
8. April 2015 – June 2017, Executive Officer to US Military Representative, NATO Military Committee, NATO HQ, Brussels, Belgium
9. July 2017 – June 2018, Seminar Leader, Grand Strategy Seminar, Air War College, Maxwell AFB, AL
10. July 2018 – present, Vice Commander, 521st Air Mobility Operations Wing, Ramstein AB, Germany

SUMMARY OF JOINT ASSIGNMENTS

1. April 2015 – June 2017, Executive Officer to US Military Representative, NATO Military Committee, NATO HQ, Brussels, Belgium, as a lieutenant colonel

FLIGHT INFORMATION

Rating: Senior pilot

Flight hours: More than 2,700

Aircraft flown: T-37B, T-1A, C-21A, and C-17A

MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS

Defense Meritorious Service Medal

Meritorious Service Medal with two oak leaf clusters

Air Medal

Aerial Achievement Medal

Air Force Commendation Medal with oak leaf cluster

Air Force Achievement Medal with oak leaf cluster

EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION

Second Lieutenant May 27, 1998

First Lieutenant, May 27, 2000

Captain, May 27, 2002

Major Sep. 1, 2007

Lieutenant Colonel Dec. 1, 2011

Colonel Mar. 1, 2018

(Current as of July 2018)