



# BIOGRAPHY



## UNITED STATES AIR FORCE

### COLONEL WILLIAM H. GUTERMUTH

Col. William H. Gutermuth is the commander of the 512th Operations Group, 512th Airlift Wing, an Air Force Reserve Command associate wing located at Dover Air Force Base, Del. The 512th OG is comprised of the 326th Airlift Squadron, 709th Airlift Squadron, 512th Operations Support Squadron and the 512th Airlift Control Flight. He oversees the reserve flying operations and worldwide employment of the C-5M Super Galaxy and C-17A Globemaster III.

Colonel Gutermuth received his commission through the Air Force Officer Training School program in 1992 and directly entered into the Air Force Reserve following undergraduate pilot training at Laughlin AFB, Texas. He has deployed in support of operations Iraqi Freedom, Enduring Freedom and Noble Eagle, accruing more than 350 combat flying hours. Prior to his attendance at the Inter-American Defense College, Colonel Gutermuth served as the Chief of the Aviation Branch, Headquarters AFRC Force Generation Center, Robins AFB, Ga., where he managed the volunteer battle rhythm and warfighter support for over 70,000 aviation and expeditionary combat support forces and coordinated activation requests to support war and peacetime contingencies as well as national emergencies.



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#### EDUCATION

- 1988 Bachelor of Science degree in sociology, political science, Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University, Blacksburg, Va.
- 2002 Squadron Officer School, by correspondence
- 2004 Air Command and Staff College, by correspondence
- 2011 Installation Inspector General Course, Washington, D.C.
- 2012 Air War College, by correspondence
- 2013 Master of Arts degree in National Security Studies, American Military University
- 2015 Reserve Component National Security Course, National Defense University, Washington, D.C.
- 2016 Master of Science degree in Inter-American defense and security, Inter-American Defense College, Ft. McNair, Washington, D.C.

#### ASSIGNMENTS

- June 1992 – October 1993, Student, Undergraduate Pilot Training, Laughlin AFB, Del Rio, Texas
- October 1993 – January 1994, Student, C-130 Pilot, Little Rock AFB, Jacksonville, Ark.
- January 1994 – December 1998, Pilot, C-130H, 758th Airlift Squadron, Pittsburgh International Air Reserve Station, Coraopolis, Pa.
- December 1998 – February 2001, Aircraft Commander, C-130H, 758th AS, Pittsburgh International ARS, Coraopolis, Pa.
- February 2001 – January 2002, Chief of Operational Plans, 911th Airlift Wing, Pittsburgh International ARS, Coraopolis, Pa.

January 2002 – February 2008, Chief of Squadron Tactics, 758th AS, Pittsburgh International ARS, Coraopolis, Pa.

February 2008 – July 2012, Chief of Safety, 911th Airlift Wing, Pittsburgh International ARS, Coraopolis, Pa.

July 2012 – February 2013, Chief of the Mobilization Branch, HQ AFRC, Force Generation Center, Robins AFB, Ga.

February 2013 – July 2015, Chief of the Aviation Branch, HQ AFRC, Force Generation Center, Robins AFB, Ga.

July 2015 – July 2016, Student, Inter-American Defense College, Ft. McNair, Washington, D.C.

July 2016 – Present, Commander, 512th Operations Group, Dover AFB, Del.

#### **FLIGHT INFORMATION**

Rating: Command Pilot

Flight Hours: Over 4,500

Aircraft Flown: T-37, T-38, C-130H, C-5M, C-17

#### **MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS**

Meritorious Service Medal with two oak leaf clusters

Air Medal with two oak leaf clusters

Air Force Commendation Medal

Air Force Achievement Medal with oak leaf cluster

#### **EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION**

Second Lieutenant June 2, 1992

First Lieutenant Nov. 14, 1994

Captain Dec. 24, 1997

Major May 6, 2002

Lieutenant Colonel Sept. 1, 2008

Colonel April 1, 2016

(Current as of July 2017)