



# BIOGRAPHY



## UNITED STATES AIR FORCE

### COLONEL RONALD D. SCHOCHENMAIER

Colonel Ronald D. Schochenmaier is the Vice Commander, 18th Wing, Kadena Air Base, Japan. The 18th Wing, the largest combat wing in the U.S. Air Force, provides the Commander, U.S. Pacific Command, trained and equipped tactical air superiority forces; combat search and rescue forces; command and control platforms; aeromedical evacuation capability; and global mobility resources for contingency operations. The wing flies the F-15C, KC-135R, HH-60 and E-3 aircraft. Additionally, the wing provides the 5th Air Force commander a responsive staging and operational air base with integrated, deployable, forward-based airpower.

Colonel Schochenmaier received his commission upon graduation from the U.S. Air Force Academy in 1998 and earned his aeronautical rating from Undergraduate Pilot Training in February 2000. He has held a variety of positions to include Deputy Commander, 22d Operations Group at McConnell Air Force Base, Kansas and Commander, 22d Expeditionary Air Refueling Squadron at Al Udeid Air Base, Qatar and Incirlik Air Base, Turkey.

Colonel Schochenmaier is a Distinguished Graduate of KC-135 Aircraft Commander Initial Qualification course and has more than 4,000 flying hours, including over 1,300 combat hours in the KC-135 and the C-17. He is a Command Pilot and has flown missions supporting Operations NORTHERN WATCH, JOINT FORGE, ENDURING FREEDOM, IRAQI FREEDOM, and INHERENT RESOLVE. Prior to assuming his current position, Col Schochenmaier served as the United States Transportation Command Liaison Officer to United Forces Korea, Unified Nations Command, and Combined Forces Command, Korea.



### EDUCATION

1998 Bachelor of Science degree in General Engineering, United States Air Force Academy (USAFA), Colo.  
2003 Squadron Officer School, Maxwell Air Force Base, Ala.  
2008 Master of Business Administration in Leadership, Trident University International, Cypress, Calif.  
2008 Air Command and Staff College (by correspondence), Maxwell AFB, Ala.  
2011 US Army Command and General Staff College, Fort Leavenworth, Kan.  
2013 Air War College (by correspondence), Maxwell AFB, Ala.  
2019 Master of Science in National Resource Strategy, Eisenhower School for National Security and Resource Strategy, Fort Lesley J. McNair, Washington, D.C.

### ASSIGNMENTS

1. July 1998 – January 1999, Network Administrator, 10th Communications Squadron, USAFA, Colo.

2. January 1999 – February 2000, Student, Undergraduate Pilot Training, Columbus Air Force Base (AFB), Miss.
3. February 2000 – July 2000, KC-135R Initial Qualification, Altus AFB, Okla.
4. July 2000 – May 2004, KC-135R/T Evaluator/Instructor Pilot, Group Standards and Evaluations Pilot, Squadron Executive Officer, Squadron Chief of Standards and Evaluations; 350th Air Refueling Squadron, 22d Operations Group, McConnell AFB, Kan.
5. May 2004 – June 2010, C-17A Evaluator/Instructor Pilot; Combat Ops Assistant Flight Commander, Combat Ops Flight Commander, Assistant Director of Operations, Wing Executive Officer, Chief Wing Executive Officer, Chief of Command Post; 14th Airlift Squadron, 437th Airlift Wing, Charleston AFB, S.C.
6. June 2010 – July 2011, Student, US Army Command and General Staff College, Ft. Leavenworth, Kan.
7. July 2011 – June 2014, Branch Chief of Global Force Management, Chief of Current Operations Branch, A3O, Headquarters Air Force, Washington D.C.
8. July 2014 – July 2015, Operations Officer, 349th Air Refueling Squadron, McConnell AFB, Kan.
9. July 2015 – July 2016, Commander, 22d Expeditionary Air Refueling Squadron, Incirlik AB, Turkey
10. Aug 2016 – July 2018, Deputy Commander, 22d Operations Group, McConnell Air Force Base, Kan.
11. July 2018 – June 2019, Student, Eisenhower School for National Security and Resource Strategy, Fort Lesley J. McNair, Washington, D.C.
12. June 2019 – May 2021, United States Transportation Command Liaison Officer to United States Forces Korea, Unified Nations Command, and Combined Forces Command, Korea
13. May 2021 – Present, Vice Commander, 18th Wing, Kadena AB, Japan

#### **SUMMARY OF JOINT ASSIGNMENTS**

1. June 2019 – May 2021, United States Transportation Command Liaison Officer to United States Forces Korea, Unified Nations Command, and Combined Forces Command, Korea

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

Bronze Star  
Meritorious Service Medal with two oak leaf clusters  
Air Medal with ten oak leaf clusters  
Aerial Achievement Medal  
Air Force Commendation Medal with two oak leaf clusters

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

Second Lieutenant May 27, 1998  
First Lieutenant May 27, 2000  
Captain May 27, 2002  
Major December 1, 2007  
Lieutenant Colonel May 1, 2013  
Colonel, Jul 1, 2019

(Current as of May 2021)