



# BIOGRAPHY

UNITED STATES AIR FORCE

62nd Airlift Wing  
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McChord Air Force Base, WA. 98438

## COLONEL ROWAYNE A. SCHATZ, JR.

Colonel Rowayne A. Schatz, Jr., is the commander of the 62nd Airlift Wing, McChord Air Force Base, Wash. He ensures the readiness of more than 4,600 active duty military and civilian personnel, along with C-17A Globemaster III aircraft, to support worldwide combat and humanitarian airlift contingencies. The wing provides base support to the 446th Airlift Wing (Associate) and the Western Air Defense Sector.

Colonel Schatz entered the Air Force in 1983 after graduating from the U.S. Air Force Academy. He is a command pilot serving now in his fifth operational command. Colonel Schatz commanded the 50th Airlift Squadron at Little Rock Air Force Base, Ark., which won the 1998 General Smith Trophy for the best airlift squadron in Air Mobility Command. He commanded the 363d Expeditionary Airlift Squadron, Prince Sultan Air Base, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, in support of Operation SOUTHERN WATCH. During Operation ALLIED FORCE supporting NATO operations in Kosovo, he commanded the 38th Expeditionary Airlift Squadron at Ramstein Air Base, Germany. While commanding the 374th Operations Group at Yokota Air Base, Japan, he deployed in support of Operation ENDURING FREEDOM-PHILIPPINES to coordinate mobility requirements for a 1,200-strong joint task force fighting terrorists in the Philippines. He most recently served as the 437th Airlift Wing vice commander at Charleston Air Force Base, S.C.



### **EDUCATION:**

- 1983 Bachelor of Science degrees in economics and operations research, Distinguished Graduate, U. S. Air Force Academy, Colo.
- 1985 Master's degree in public policy, John F. Kennedy School of Government, Harvard University, Cambridge, Mass.
- 1990 Distinguished Graduate, Squadron Officers School, Maxwell Air Force Base, Ala.
- 1994 Master's degree in military arts and science, U. S. Army Command and General Staff College, Fort Leavenworth, Kan.
- 1994 Armed Forces Staff College, Norfolk, Va.
- 2000 Master's degree in strategic studies, Air War College, Maxwell Air Force Base, Ala.

### **ASSIGNMENTS:**

1. September 1983 – July 1985, student and Kennedy Fellow, John F. Kennedy School of Government, Harvard University, Cambridge, Mass.
2. August 1985 – December 1986, student, Undergraduate Pilot Training, Williams Air Force Base, Ariz.
3. January 1987 – August 1989, C-130 Pilot, Aircraft Commander, Scheduler, Flight Commander, 21st Tactical Airlift Squadron, Clark Air Base, Republic of the Philippines

4. September 1989 – December 1990, C-130 Instructor Pilot, Chief of Squadron Tactics, 21st Tactical Airlift Squadron, Yokota Air Base, Japan
5. January 1991 – March 1992, C-130 Flight Examiner Pilot, Chief of Wing Special Operations, 374th Tactical Airlift Wing, Yokota Air Base, Japan
6. April 1992 – October 1992, Assistant Chief Operations Group Stan/Eval, 374th Operations Group, Yokota Air Base, Japan
7. November 1992 – June 1993, Aide-de-Camp to the Commander, Fifth Air Force and U.S. Forces Japan, Yokota Air Base, Japan
8. July 1993 – August 1994, student, U.S. Army Command and General Staff College, Fort Leavenworth, KS, and Armed Forces Staff College, Norfolk, Va.
9. September 1994 – March 1997, Special Operations Program Analyst, U.S. Special Operations Command, Directorate of Resources (SOJ-8), MacDill Air Force Base, Fla.
10. April 1997 – July 1999, Operations Officer and Commander, 50th Airlift Squadron, Little Rock Air Force Base, Ark.
11. August 1999 – June 2000, student, Air War College, Maxwell Air Force Base, Ala.
12. July 2000 – July 2001, Chief, Tactical Analysis Division, Air Force Studies and Analyses Agency, Headquarters U.S. Air Force, Washington D.C.
13. August 2001 – August 2003, Commander, 374th Operations Group, Yokota Air Base, Japan
14. August 2003 – May 2004, Vice Commander, 437th Airlift Wing, Charleston Air Force Base, S.C.
15. May 2004 – present, Commander, 62nd Airlift Wing, McChord Air Force Base, Wash.

#### **FLIGHT INFORMATION:**

Rating: Command Pilot

Flight hours: More than 3600

Aircraft flown: C-17A, C-130E/H-1/H-3, C-9A, C-21A, UH-1N, T-38, and T-37

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

Legion of Merit

Defense Meritorious Service Medal

Meritorious Service Medal with three oak leaf clusters

Air Medal

Aerial Achievement Medal with one oak leaf cluster

Air Force Commendation Medal with two oak leaf clusters

Air Force Achievement Medal

Combat Readiness Medal with two oak leaf clusters

National Defense Service Medal with one device

Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal with one device

Kosovo Campaign Medal with one device

Armed Forces Services Medal

Humanitarian Service Medal

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

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|--------------------|-----------------|
| Second Lieutenant  | June 1, 1983    |
| First Lieutenant   | June 1, 1985    |
| Captain            | June 1, 1987    |
| Major              | March 1, 1994   |
| Lieutenant Colonel | January 1, 1998 |
| Colonel            | April 1, 2001   |

(Current as of May 2004)