

# General Philip M. Breedlove

Commander, U.S. European Command



General Philip M. Breedlove assumed duties as Supreme Allied Commander, Europe and Commander of U.S. European Command in May 2013.

General Breedlove was commissioned in 1977 as a distinguished graduate of Georgia Tech's ROTC program and was raised in Forest Park, Ga.

A Fighter Pilot by trade, General Breedlove is a Command Pilot with over 3,500 flying hours primarily in the F-16. He has flown combat missions in Operation Joint Forge supporting the peacekeeping operation in Bosnia and Operation Joint Guardian to implement the peace settlement in Kosovo.

From 1993-1994, General Breedlove commanded the 80th Fighter Squadron in Kunsan AB, South Korea.

From 1997-1999, he commanded the 27th Operations Group at Cannon AFB, New Mexico.

From 2000-2001, he was the commander of the 8th Fighter Wing, Kunsan AB, South Korea.

From 2002-2004, he was the commander of the 56th Fighter Wing at Luke AFB, Arizona followed by another wing command from 2004-2005 of the 31st Fighter Wing at Aviano AB, Italy.

From 2008-2009, General Breedlove commanded 3rd Air Force, Ramstein AB, Germany.

From 2012-2013, he was Commander, U.S. Air Forces in Europe; Commander, U.S. Air Forces Africa; Commander Headquarters Allied Air Command, Ramstein; and Director, Joint Air Power Competence Centre, Kalkar Germany.

In addition to General Breedlove's command assignments, he has served in a variety of senior leadership positions for the U.S. Air Force including: the senior military assistant to the Secretary of the Air Force; the Vice Director for Strategic Plans and Policy on the Joint Staff; the Deputy Chief of Staff for Operations, Plans and Requirements for Headquarters U.S. Air Force; and Vice Chief of Staff of the U.S. Air Force.

General Breedlove earned a Master of Science degree in Aeronautical Technology from Arizona State University and a Master's degree in National Security Studies from the National War College in 1995. General Breedlove also attended the Massachusetts Institute of Technology in 2002 as a Seminar XXI Fellow. He is a distinguished graduate of both Squadron Officer School and Air Command and Staff College.

General Breedlove holds various decorations and awards, including the Distinguished Service Medal, the Defense Superior Service Medal and four awards of the Legion of Merit.

The General is married to Cindy, and has two daughters Samantha and Rebecca and a son Daniel. He is an avid motorcycle rider and is passionate about motorcycle safety.