



BIOGRAPHY



UNITED STATES AIR FORCE

COLONEL MICHAEL A. GUCH

Colonel Guch is the Maintenance Group Commander for the 128th Air Refueling Wing, General Mitchell International Airport, Milwaukee, Wisconsin. He is responsible for the safe and effective combat and peacetime employment of 10 KC-135R aircraft and 275 Airmen.

Colonel Guch graduated from the University of Illinois in 1990 with a Bachelor degree in Education, he earned his commission through Officer Training School at Lackland AFB, Texas. He served in the active duty Air Force as a supply officer for three years before he became a KC-135R pilot at Grand Forks AFB, North Dakota. Colonel Guch subsequently left the active duty Air Force and joined the Wisconsin Air National Guard in November 2000 as a drill status Guardsman. In May of 2001 he became a full-time Air Reserve Technician.



Notably, three days after the terrorist attacks on the United States of America on September 11th, 2001, Colonel Guch deployed overseas to fly air refueling missions in support of our nations' response. Prior to his current position, Colonel Guch has previously served as Commander of the 128th Operations Group and Commander of the 128th Operations Support Flight, Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

Colonel Guch is a command evaluator pilot with more than 3000 hours of military flight time primarily in the KC-135R. He resides in South Eastern Wisconsin with his wife and child.

EDUCATION

- 1990 Bachelor of Science, University of Illinois, Champaign IL.**
- 1991 Undergraduate Pilot Training, Columbus Air Force Base, Columbus MS.**
- 1993 Supply Officer School, Lowry Air Force Base, Denver CO**
- 1995 Squadron Officer School, in residences, Maxwell Air Force Base, AL.**
- 2005 Air Command and Staff College, by correspondence 2013 Aircraft Mishap Investigation Course, Kirtland AFB, NM.**
- 2015 Air War College, by correspondence**

ASSIGNMENTS

1. February 1991 – May 1992, student, undergraduate pilot training, 50th Student Squadron, Columbus Air Force Base, Mississippi
2. June 1992 – April 1995, Supply Officer, 2nd Bomb Wing, Barksdale Air Force Base, Louisiana.
3. February 1995— March 1995, student, Squadron Officer School, Maxwell Air Force Base, Georgia
4. May 1995 – August 1995, KC-135R Combat Crew Training School, Altus Air Force Base, Oklahoma
5. August 1995 – September 2000, KC-135R Pilot, 905th Air Refueling Squadron, Grand Forks Air Force Base, North Dakota

6. November 2000— April 2001 KC-135R Pilot, 126 Air Refueling Squadron. General Mitchell International Airport, Milwaukee, Wis.
7. May 2001— January 2006, aircrew training instructor pilot, 128 Operations Support Squadron, General Mitchell International Airport, Milwaukee, Wis.
8. February 2006 — December 2007, aircrew scheduling instructor pilot, 128 Operations Support Squadron, General Mitchell International Airport, Milwaukee, Wis.
9. January 2008— April 2010, Chief of scheduling, 128 Operations Support Squadron, General Mitchell International Airport, Milwaukee, Wis.
10. May 2010— March 2013, wing chief of safety, 128 Air Refueling Wing, General Mitchell International Airport, Milwaukee, Wis.
11. April 2013— June 2015, Commander, 128 Operations Support Squadron, General Mitchell International Airport, Milwaukee, Wis.
12. June 2015— June 2017, Commander 128 Operations Group, General Mitchell International Airport, Milwaukee, Wis.
13. June 2017- Present, 128 Maintenance Group Commander, General Mitchell International Airport, Milwaukee, Wis.

FLIGHT INFORMATION

Rating: Command pilot
 Flight hours: More than 3000
 Aircraft flown: T-37, T-38, T-1, KC-135R/T

MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS

Meritorious Service Medal with 1 oak leaf cluster
 Aerial Achievement Medal
 Air Force Achievement Medal with 1 oak leaf cluster
 Air Force Commendation Medal with 1 oak leaf cluster
 Meritorious Unit Award with 1 oak leaf cluster
 Air Force Outstanding Unit Award with 1 oak leaf cluster
 Combat Readiness Medal with 1 silver and 1 oak leaf cluster
 National Defense Service Medal with 1 oak leaf cluster
 Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal with 1 oak leaf cluster
 Southwest Asia Service Medal with 1 oak leaf cluster
 Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal
 Global War on Terrorism Service Medal
 Armed Forces Service Medal
 Air & Space Campaign Medal
 Nuclear Deterrence Operations Service Medal with 1 oak leaf cluster
 Air Force Longevity Service Award with 1 silver leaf cluster
 Armed Forces Reserve Medal with 2 "M" devices
 Small Arms Expert Marksmanship Ribbon (pistol)
 Air Force Training Ribbon
 Libya Liberation Medal

EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION

Second Lieutenant Feb 13, 1991
 First Lieutenant Feb 13, 1993
 Captain Feb 13, 1995
 Major May 15, 2001
 Lieutenant Colonel May. 15, 2008
 Colonel Dec. 10, 2015

(Current as of *Sep 2017*)