

**379<sup>th</sup> Expeditionary  
Operations Support Squadron  
Change of Command  
Ceremony**



**2 June 2006  
Aircrew Briefing Facility  
Al Udeid Air Base, Qatar**

**The men and women of the 379 EOSS welcome you to  
the Change of Command.**



**Airfield Operations**

**Current Operations**

**Expeditionary Operations Center**

**Information Management**

**Intelligence**

**Life Support**

**Weapons and Tactics**

**Weather**

# SEQUENCE OF EVENTS

Arrival of Official Party

National Anthem

Invocation

Welcome/Introduction of Distinguished Guests

Remarks by Col Kempf

Remarks by Lt Col Garland

Change of Command

Remarks by Lt Col Tart

Air Force Song

Departure of Official Party

Reception at Twin Towers



**379TH OPERATIONS SUPPORT  
SQUADRON  
CHANGE OF COMMAND  
CEREMONY  
2 JUNE 2006**

**COLONEL STEVEN S. KEMPF**  
*Presiding Officer*

**LIEUTENANT COLONEL STEVEN D. GARLAND**  
*Commander*

**LIEUTENANT COLONEL WILLIAM M. TART**  
*Assuming Commander*

# Colonel Steven S. Kempf

Colonel Kempf assumed command of the 379<sup>th</sup> Expeditionary Operations Group on 15 Aug 05. He began his Air Force career in 1983 as a graduate of the United States Air Force Academy. After graduating pilot training, he flew F-16s in Korea, Japan, the United States, and numerous European countries, including combat time in Operations NORTHERN and SOUTHERN WATCH, IRAQI FREEDOM and ENDURING FREEDOM. Additionally, Colonel Kempf fought in Desert Storm as an Air Liaison Officer with the 2nd Brigade, 3rd Armored Division. His staff experience includes serving as an Aviation Analyst, Defense Resource Analyst and Executive Assistant on the Joint Staff, as well as Inspector General of US Northern Command and North American Aerospace Defense Command. He has commanded at both the flight and squadron level and is a graduate of the Air Force F-16 Weapons Instructor Course. Colonel Kempf is a command pilot with over 2,500 hours and has a wife, Marshon, and two daughters, Taylor and Rachel.

## EDUCATION

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| 1983 | Bachelor of Science, Computer Science, U.S. Air Force Academy, Colorado Springs, CO    |
| 1986 | Squadron Officer School in residence   |
| 1989 | Masters degree in Aviation Science, Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University               |
| 1996 | Air Command and Staff College in residence   |
| 2003 | Air War College  |
| 2004 | Nat'l War College in res/Masters-Nat'l Security Strategy, Ft Lesley J. McNair, Wash DC |

## ASSIGNMENTS

1. Jul 83 - Aug 84, Undergraduate Pilot Training student, Williams AFB, AZ
2. Aug 84 - Oct 84, Student, Lead-In Fighter training, 433rd, Holloman AFB, NM
3. Nov 84 - Jun 85, F-16 Student, MacDill AFB, FL
4. Jun 85 - Jul 86, F-16 Pilot, Elect Combat Pilot/Nuclear Surety Officer, Kunsan AB, Korea
5. Aug 86 - Oct 86, Student, Squadron Officer School, Maxwell AFB, AL
6. Nov 86 - Dec 89, F-16 Instructor Pilot, Sq Elect Combat Pilot, Wing Elect Combat Pilot, Wing Asst Weapons Officer, Sq Weapons Officer, and Supv of Flying, Torrejon AB, Spain
7. Jan 90 - Jun 91, Air Liaison Officer, Gelnhausen, Germany
8. Jul 91 - Sep 91, F-16 Student, MacDill AFB, FL
9. Sep 91 - Jan 94, F-16 Instructor Pilot, Asst Flt Commander, Wing Deputy Director of Quality Improvement, Flt Commander, and Supv of Flying, Hill AFB, UT
10. Jan 94 - Jun 94, Student, F-16 Weapons Instructor Course, Nellis AFB, NV
11. Jul 94 - Sep 94, LANTIRN student, Luke AFB, AZ
12. Sep 94 - Jul 95, F-16 Instructor Pilot, Wing Weapons Flt Commander, Osan AB, Korea
13. Aug 95 - Jun 96, Air Command and Staff College student, Maxwell AFB, AL
14. Jul 96 - Jun 99, Aviation Analyst, Exec Assistant, Defense Resource Analyst, Directorate for Force Structure Resources & Assessment, Joint Staff, Pentagon, Washington DC
15. Jul 99 - Sep 99, F-16 Student, Luke AFB, AZ
16. Oct 99 - Jun 03, F-16 Evaluation Pilot, Assistant Director of Operations, and Director of Operations, Commander, 23rd Fighter Squadron, Spangdahlem AB, Germany
17. Jul 03 - Jun 04, National War College student, Ft McNair, Washington DC
18. Jul 04 - Aug 05, Inspector General, NORAD/US Northern Command, Peterson AFB, CO
19. Aug 05 - Present, Commander, 379<sup>th</sup> Expeditionary Ops Group, Al Udeid AB, Qatar

## AWARDS AND DECORATIONS

Defense Superior Service Medal  
Bronze Star  
Defense Meritorious Service Medal  
Meritorious Service Medal with oak leaf cluster  
Aerial Achievement Medal with oak leaf cluster  
Air Force Commendation Medal with oak leaf cluster  
Joint Service Achievement Medal

## DATES OF PROMOTION

Second Lieutenant, 1 June 1983  
First Lieutenant, 1 June 1985  
Captain, 1 June 1987  
Major, 1 November 1994  
Lieutenant Colonel, 1 June 1999  
Colonel, 1 May 2005

## FLIGHT INFORMATION

Rating: Command Pilot with more than 2500 flight hours  
Aircraft Flown: T-37, T-38, and F-16

# Lt Col Steven D. Garland

Lieutenant Colonel Steven D. Garland is commander of the 379th Expeditionary Operations Support Squadron, Al Udeid Air Base, Qatar. Prior to his assignment to Al Udeid, Colonel Garland served as an Assistant Director of Operations at Mt Home AFB, Idaho and was the Chief of Operations working for CSAF on the SECAF/CSAF Executive Action Group, Headquarters U.S. Air Force, Pentagon, Washington D.C. He was also a lead strategist in CHECKMATE during Operation IRAQI FREEDOM and has served both stateside and in Europe, with numerous contingency deployments to Southwest Asia and the Balkans. Colonel Garland received his commission from OTS in Mar 1987 following graduation from the University of California, Irvine with Bachelor's Degrees in Biology and Economics. He holds a Master Navigator rating and has logged over 3,000 flying hours, with more than 1,100 combat hours in the F-4G and F-15E spanning Operations DESERT STORM thru IRAQI FREEDOM. He is married to the former Paula Schaefer, and they have three children, Mitchell, Erica, and Peter.

## EDUCATION

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| 1986 | Bachelor of Science Degree in Biology & Bachelor of Arts Degree in Economics,<br>University of California, Irvine |
| 1994 | Squadron Officer School (residence)   |
| 1997 | Master of Business Administration, University of Phoenix  |
| 1999 | Air Command and Staff College (seminar)   |
| 2004 | Air War College (seminar)   |

## ASSIGNMENTS

1. Apr 87 - Jul 88, Student, Specialized Undergraduate Navigator Training, Mather AFB, CA
2. Aug 88 - Aug 89, F-4E student WSO, F-4G Wild Weasel student EWO 21<sup>st</sup> and 562<sup>nd</sup> Tactical Fighter Training Squadrons, George AFB, CA
3. Sep 89 - Dec 93, F-4G Instructor EWO, chief standardization and evaluation, 81<sup>st</sup> Tactical Fighter Squadron, Spangdahlem AB, Germany.
4. Jan 94 - Dec 95, F-4G Instructor EWO, weapons officer, asst chief standardization and evaluation, 561<sup>st</sup> Fighter Squadron, Nellis AFB, NV
5. Jan 96 - Jul 96, F-15E Student WSO, 334<sup>th</sup> Fighter Squadron, Seymour Johnson AFB, NC
6. Aug 96 - Sep 99, F-15E Instructor WSO, flight commander and assistant operations officer, 492<sup>nd</sup> Fighter Squadron, RAF Lakenheath, U.K.
7. Oct 99 - Jul 01, F-117A Chief of wing weapons and tactics, assistant operations officer, 49<sup>th</sup> Operational Support and 8<sup>th</sup> Fighter Squadrons, Holloman AFB, NM
8. Aug 01 - May 02, Wing Executive Officer, 49<sup>th</sup> Fighter Wing, Holloman AFB, NM
9. Jun 02 - Sep 04, Deputy Chief of Staff for Air and Space Operations CHECKMATE division, chief of CENTCOM/EUCOM branch and SECAF/CSAF Executive Action Group, chief of operations, Headquarters U.S. Air Force, Pentagon, Washington, D.C.
10. Oct 04 - May 05, F-15E Assistant director operations, 391<sup>st</sup> Fighter Squadron, Mountain Home AFB, ID
11. Jun 05 - present, Commander, 379<sup>th</sup> Expeditionary Operations Support Squadron, Al Udeid Air Base, Qatar

## AWARDS AND DECORATIONS

Distinguished Flying Cross  
Meritorious Service Medal with 2 OLC  
Air Medal with 14 OLC  
Aerial Achievement Medal with 7 OLC  
Air Force Commendation Medal with 1 OLC  
Joint Service Achievement Medal

## DATES OF PROMOTION

Second Lieutenant, 31 Mar 1987  
First Lieutenant, 31 March 1989  
Captain, 31 March 1991  
Major, 1 October 1998  
Lieutenant Colonel, 1 February 2003

## FLIGHT INFORMATION

Rating: Master Navigator with more than 3,000 flight hours  
Aircraft Flown: F-4 E/G, F-15E

# Lt Col William M. Tart

Lieutenant Colonel William M. Tart is the Director of Operations for the 12<sup>th</sup> Airborne Command and Control Squadron, Robins AFB, GA. Lt Col Tart was commissioned through the Reserve Officer Training Corps at North Carolina State University. He then went on to earn his navigator wings at Mather Air Force Base, CA. He has commanded missions during combat operations in Southwest Asia, the Balkans, and Haiti as well as in worldwide sensitive reconnaissance missions. He served as the Chief of Congressional Strategy and the Deputy Director of the Congressional Action Division in the Air Force's Legislative Liaison Directorate. During the strategy formulation for Operation ENDURING FREEDOM and again during Operation IRAQI FREEDOM, he was temporarily assigned to the Air Force's CHECKMATE Office. Later, Lt Col Tart served as the speechwriter for the Secretary of the Air Force (SecAF), Chief of Staff of the Air Force (CSAF), and Vice Chief of Staff (VCSAF) as part of the Executive Action Group, Headquarters U.S. Air Force, Washington D.C. Lt Col Tart is married to the former Andrea Thompson (USAF '88) of Jamestown, NC, and they have three daughters (Allison, Ashley, and Ellen).

## EDUCATION:

- 1989 Bachelor of Science in Industrial Engineering, NC State University, Raleigh, NC.
- 1994 Squadron Officer School, Maxwell AFB, AL.
- 1996 Weapons Instructor Course, USAF Weapons School, Nellis AFB, NV.
- 2000 Master of Arts in Unconventional Warfare, American Military Univ, Manassas, VA.
- 2000 Air Command and Staff College, Maxwell AFB, AL.
- 2001 School of Advanced Airpower Studies, Maxwell AFB, AL.
- 2004 Air War College (correspondence), Maxwell AFB, AL.

## ASSIGNMENTS:

- 1. Oct 89 – Oct 90, Student, Undergraduate Navigator Training course, Electronic Warfare Officer (EWO) Training course, Mather AFB, CA
- 2. Oct 90 – Jul 91, RC-135V/W EWO, 343<sup>rd</sup> Strategic Recon Sq, Offutt AFB, NE
- 3. Jul 91 – Aug 92, RC-135V/W Instructor EWO, 343<sup>rd</sup> Strategic Recon Sq, Offutt AFB, NE.
- 4. Aug 92 – Jul 93, Exec Officer/RC-135V/W Msn Director, 343<sup>rd</sup> Recon Sq, Offutt AFB, NE
- 5. Jul 93 – Oct 94, Chief of RC-135V/W Instructor Training, 343<sup>rd</sup> Recon Sq, Offutt AFB, NE
- 6. Oct 94 – Dec 94, Student, Squadron Officer School, Maxwell AFB, AL.
- 7. Dec 94 – Jul 95, Assistant Chief, Weapons & Tactics, 343<sup>rd</sup> Recon Sq, Offutt AFB, NE
- 8. Jul 95 – Jan 96, RC-135V/W Crew Commander/Flt Examiner, 343<sup>rd</sup> Recon Sq, Offutt AFB, NE
- 9. Jan 96 – Jun 96, Student, USAF Weapons School, Nellis AFB, NV.
- 10. Jun 96 – Sep 97, Asst Flt CC, Operational Test & Eval Flt, 343<sup>rd</sup> Recon Sq, Offutt AFB, NE
- 11. Sep 97 – Jul 99, Flight Commander, USAF Weapons School, Nellis AFB, NV.
- 12. Jul 99 – Jul 00, Seminar leader, Air Command and Staff College (ACSC), Maxwell AFB, AL.
- 13. Jul 00 – Jun 01, Student, School of Advanced Airpower Studies (SAAS), Maxwell AFB, AL.
- 14. Jul 01 – Apr 03, Chief of Congressional Strategy, AF Legislative Liaison, Pentagon, Wash DC.
- 15. Apr 03 – Jul 04, SECAF/CSAF/VCSAF Speechwriter, Secretary and Chief of Staff of the Air Force, Executive Action Group, Pentagon, Wash DC
- 16. Jul 04 – Dec 04, Student, E-8C Initial Qual Tng, 330<sup>th</sup> Combat Training Sq, Robins AFB, GA
- 17. Dec 04 – Aug 05, Asst Director of Ops, 16<sup>th</sup> Airborne Cmn & Control Sq, Robins AFB, GA
- 18. Aug 05 – Present, Director of Ops, 12<sup>th</sup> Airborne Command & Control Sq, Robins AFB, GA

## AWARDS AND DECORATIONS:

1997 Robbie Risner Trophy  
Meritorious Service Medal with 3 OLC  
Air Medal  
Aerial Achievement Medal with 8 OLC  
Air Force Recognition Ribbon with 1 OLC  
Air Force Commendation Medal  
Air Force Achievement Medal

## DATES OF PROMOTION:

Second Lieutenant, 27 Jul 1989  
First Lieutenant, 27 Jul 1991  
Captain, 27 Jul 1993  
Major, 1 Jul 1999  
Lieutenant Colonel, 1 Mar 2004

## FLIGHT INFORMATION:

Rating: Master Navigator with more than 3450 flight hours  
Aircraft: E-8C, RC-135V/W, B-1B, EC-130H, E-3B/C/D

## **AIR FORCE SONG**

*Off we go into the wild blue yonder*

*Climbing high into the sun;*

*Here they come zooming to meet our thunder,*

*At 'em boys, giv'er the gun*

*Down we dive spouting our flames from under*

*Off with one helluva roar!*

*We live in fame or go down in flame,*

*Nothing can stop the U.S. Air Force*



*379th Air Expeditionary Wing  
Change of Command Ceremony*



*Al Udeid Air Base, Qatar*

*Sunday, 11 June 2006*

*0800, Base Theater*

*Change of Command*  
*Sequence of Events*

*Arrival of Official Party*

*Musical Honors*

*National Anthem*

*Invocation*

*Remarks by Lt Gen North*

*Medal Presentation*

*Remarks by Brig Gen Kresge*

*Change of Command*

*Remarks by Col Shugg*

*Air Force Song*

*Departure of Official Party*

## *History of the 379th Air Expeditionary Wing*

The history of the 379th Air Expeditionary Wing dates back to the early days of World War II. On 3 November 1942, the Army Air Forces activated the 379th Bombardment Group (Heavy) at Geiger Field, Washington. However, the wing remained unmanned until 26 November when the group transferred to Gowen Field, Idaho. There, the group conducted training in the B-17 Flying Fortress until 1943. By 21 May 1943, the entire group arrived in Kimbolton, England. The group flew its first combat mission on 29 May 1943 as part of VIII Bomber Command. During the war, the group primarily engaged in the bombardment of strategic targets in Germany, France, Holland, Belgium, Norway, and Poland. The group also operated in support of ground forces. For example, aircrews from the 379th bombed V-weapons sites, airfields, radar stations, and other installations before and throughout the Normandy invasion. The group also bombed defended positions just ahead of the Allied landings. Further, the group bombed enemy positions to facilitate the breakthroughs at Saint Lo, the Battle of the Bulge, and the Allied assault across the Rhine. Following V-E Day, the Army Air Force transferred the group to Morocco and inactivated it on, 25 July 1945.

In November 1955, the Air Force re-activated the 379th Bombardment Wing, (Medium) at Homestead AFB, Florida. Equipped with the B-47 Stratojet bomber and KC-97 Stratofreighter tanker, the wing supported Strategic Air Command's alert commitment.

The year 1961 brought many changes to the wing including new aircraft in the form of the B-52 Stratofortress and KC-135 Stratotanker at a new home, Wurtsmith AFB, Michigan. The wing, now known as the 379th Bombardment Wing, (Heavy), conducted air refueling operations from January 1961, and bombardment training from May 1961. Worthy of note, the wing provided KC-135 aircraft and tanker crews for the entire duration of the war in Southeast Asia (1965 to 1975). The 379th also provided bomber crews from 1970 to 1975.

In 1984, the Air Force consolidated the inactive 379th Bombardment Group, (Heavy) with the 379th Bombardment Wing, (Heavy). The consolidation perpetuated the World War II group's legacy and added to the bombardment wing's illustrious history.

Through the 1980s, the wing's personnel and aircraft supported Strategic Air Command's alert mission and performed several nuclear weapons employment tests. In January 1991, the 379th deployed ten of its B-52 aircraft to Saudi Arabia to support Operation DESERT STORM. Following DESERT STORM, the Air Force inactivated the 379th Bomb Wing and closed Wurtsmith AFB on, 30 June 1993.

The Air Force resurrected the 379th on 2 April 2002, when it re-activated the wing as the 379th Air Expeditionary Wing. Based at Al Udeid AB, Qatar, the people of the 379th execute missions in support of U.S. Central Command objectives in Southwest Asia.

## LIEUTENANT GENERAL GARY NORTH



Lt. Gen. Gary L. North is Commander, 9th Air Force and U.S. Central Command Air Forces, Shaw Air Force Base, S.C. The command comprises four wings in the eastern United States and four direct reporting units, with more than 350 aircraft and 24,000 active-duty and civilian personnel. He is also responsible for the operational readiness of 18 9th Air Force-gained National Guard and Air Force Reserve units comprising the Air Reserve Component. As the Air Component Commander for U.S. Central Command, the general is responsible for developing

contingency plans and conducting air operations in a 27-nation area of responsibility covering Central and Southwest Asia and the Horn of Africa.

General North was commissioned in 1976 after completing East Carolina University's ROTC program as a distinguished graduate. He has held numerous operational, command and staff positions, and has completed seven overseas tours. His last assignment was the Director for Operations at U.S. Pacific Command. The general has served two tours on the Joint Staff, including executive assistant to the Joint Staff Director, and Director of Politico-Military Affairs for Asia-Pacific where he was responsible for regional planning and policy for the Asia-Pacific, South Asia and Central Asia regions. He also served as Deputy Director of Joint Matters at Headquarters U.S. Air Force.

General North has commanded the 33rd Fighter Squadron at Shaw AFB, S.C.; 35th Operations Group at Misawa Air Base, Japan; 8th Fighter Wing at Kunsan AB, South Korea; and the 18th Wing at Kadena AB, Japan. He is a command pilot with more than 4,100 flying hours, primarily in the F-4, F-15 and F-16. He flew 54 combat missions during operations Desert Storm and Southern Watch.

General North received the 1993 Lance P. Sijan U.S. Air Force Leadership Award.

## BRIGADIER GENERAL STANLEY T. "TED" KRESGE



Brig. Gen. Stanley T. "Ted" Kresge is Commander, 379th Air Expeditionary Wing, Al Udeid Air Base, Qatar. The wing is responsible for providing combat air power for U.S. Central Command operations, including Iraqi Freedom, Enduring Freedom and Joint Task Force Horn of Africa. The 379th AEW is manned by more than 6,000 deployed and permanent party U.S. Airmen, Soldiers, Sailors and Marines, as well as coalition partners of the United Kingdom, Australia and Singapore.

General Kresge is a command pilot with more than 3,800 hours flown in the F-15A/B/C/D/E. He received his commission through the Air Force Academy in 1980 and earned his wings from Columbus AFB, Miss., in 1981. General Kresge was a wingman, flight lead and training officer at Kadena AB, Japan; and an instructor pilot, flight examiner and weapons officer at Eglin AFB, Fla. General Kresge served as the Joint Staff Officer at the Air, Land and Sea Application Agency at Langley AFB, Va., before serving as the operations officer and commander of the F-15 Division at the USAF Weapons School at Nellis AFB, Nev. The general commanded the 27<sup>th</sup> Fighter Squadron at Langley. He served as the Legislative Actions Division Chief, Office of Legislative Liaison, at the Pentagon before commanding his first group, the 1st Operations Group at Langley AFB. The general remained at Langley to serve as the Operations and Training Division Chief for Air Combat Command. He commanded the 33<sup>rd</sup> Fighter Wing at Eglin before serving as the Deputy Director of Requirements at ACC.

### EDUCATION

- 1980 Bachelor of Science degree in Political Science, United States Air Force Academy, Colorado Springs, Colo.
- 1984 Squadron Officer School, Maxwell Air Force Base, Ala.
- 1991 Air Command and Staff College, Maxwell Air Force Base, Ala.
- 1992 Armed Forces Staff College, Norfolk, Va.
- 1992 Master's degree in Human Resource Management, Troy State University, Montgomery, Ala.
- 1999 Air War College, Maxwell Air Force Base, Ala.
- 2000 Master's degree in Strategic Studies, Air University, Maxwell Air Force Base, Ala.

## COLONEL CHARLES K. SHUGG



Colonel Charles K. Shugg is the Commander of the 366th Fighter Wing, Mountain Home Air Force Base, Idaho. As commander, he leads Air Combat Command's composite fighter wing. The wing has more than 4,800 military and civilian members serving in 24 squadrons. The wing is equipped with F-15C, F-15E, and F-16C fighter aircraft.

Colonel Shugg is a command pilot with more than 3,300 hours in the OV-10A, F-15A/B/C/D. He received his commission from the U.S. Air Force Academy in 1980 and earned his wings at Reese

Air Force Base, Texas, in 1981. His previous flying duties include being an OV-10 Forward Air Controller, F-15C RTU Instructor Pilot and assignments in various operational F-15C units. He has commanded at the flight, squadron, and group levels and is a graduate of the USAF Fighter Weapons School. Colonel Shugg's staff duties include the Chief of Air-to-Air Strategy, CHECKMATE Division, Headquarters United States Air Force and Director of Operations, J3, Headquarters United States Forces, Japan.

### EDUCATION

- 1980 Bachelor of Science, Economics and Management, United States Air Force Academy, Colorado Springs, Colo.
- 1983 Squadron Officer School, by correspondence
- 1986 Master of Science in Management, Troy State University, Troy, Ala.
- 1994 Air Command and Staff College (seminar & residence)
- 1995 Masters of Arts and Science, Airpower Studies, School of Advanced Airpower Studies, Maxwell AFB, Ala.
- 1999 Air War College, by correspondence
- 2000 Master of Science, National Security Strategy, National War College, Ft. McNair, Washington, D.C.



## *The Air Force Song*

*Off we go into the wild blue yonder,*

*Climbing high into the sun,*

*Here they come zooming to meet our thunder,*

*At 'em boys giv'er the gun!*

*Down we dive spouting our flames from under,*

*Off with one hell-uv-a-roar!*

*We live in fame or go down in flame,*

*Nothing'll stop the U.S. Air Force!*



**AL UDEID AIR BASE**