



## Biography

A veteran of more than 39 years of active military service, Wally Moorhead III retired as a Lieutenant General in the United States Air Force following a highly successful career. Some highlights of Mr. Moorhead's USAF service include serving as the Commander, NATO Allied Air Component Command Izmir, Turkey; and Commander, 16th Air Force, U.S. Air Forces in Europe, Ramstein Air Base, Germany. In both roles, he was responsible for the planning and execution of U.S. and NATO air operations throughout Europe and Africa. He also served as the air component commander for NATO and European Union air operations in the Balkans. He also served as the Commander, 16th Air Force, Aviano AB, Italy.

Mr. Moorhead graduated from Smackover High School, Ark., in 1964, and attended the U.S. Air Force Academy Preparatory School before graduating from the U.S. Air Force Academy in 1969. After completing undergraduate pilot training and initial mission qualification, he was assigned twice to Southeast Asia, where he flew more than 350 close air support and air interdiction missions and more than 500 combat hours in the A-37 Dragonfly and A-7 Corsair II. He has also commanded two tactical fighter squadrons, an operations group, the Warrior Preparation Center in Europe, the 50th Space Wing, the Space Warfare Center and the Air Warfare Center. In 1995, in support of a number of ongoing Balkans operations, General Moorhead directed Joint Task Force Provide Promise, including humanitarian airlift into Sarajevo, Bosnia and Herzegovina; Joint Task Force Able Sentry in Macedonia; the United Nations hospital in Zagreb, Croatia; and unmanned aerial vehicle operations for NATO's Operation Deliberate Force. During Operation Iraqi Freedom in 2003, the general commanded the 16th Air and Space Expeditionary Task Force and Coalition Air Forces North, a collection of more than 4,700 Airmen and 100 aircraft flying combat and combat support sorties from expeditionary bases in Europe, and also commanded Operation Display Deterrence, NATO's Article IV air defense of Turkey during the same period.

Mr. Moorhead held staff positions as Deputy Director of Fighter Tactics and Training for Headquarters Tactical Air Command, Special Assistant to the Supreme Allied Commander Europe, and Air Force Assistant Deputy Chief of Staff for Air and Space

Operations. Mr. Moorhead flew more than 5,000 hours in six different fighter/attack aircraft over the course of his USAF career.

Mr. Moorhead received his USAF commission through the United States Air Force Academy where he received Bachelor's degree in engineering sciences. A graduate of the Army War College in Carlisle Barracks, PA, he also received a Master's degree in aeronautical science from Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University. Mr. Moorhead was the inaugural inductee to the United States Air Force Academy Preparatory School Hall of Fame in 2003. He received the 2005 Senator Ted Stevens leadership Award from the Air Force Association. He was also selected as the United States Air Force Academy Preparatory School Class of 2005 Exemplar.

His numerous military awards include Defense Distinguished Service Medal, Defense Superior Service Medal, Legion of Merit with oak leaf cluster, Distinguished Flying Cross, Bronze Star Medal, Purple Heart, Defense Meritorious Service Medal, Meritorious Service Medal with three oak leaf clusters, Air Medal with two silver and two bronze oak leaf clusters, and Air Force Commendation medal.