



***Retirement Ceremony***  
*for*  
***Colonel Jeff Waechter***  
***United States Air Force***



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Colonel Waechter was raised in Kansas City, MO. He graduated from Central Missouri University in 1984 with a Bachelor of Arts in Criminal Justice Administration.

Commissioned through USAF Officer Training School in

1985, he began his career as an Air Battle Manager in AWACS serving tours in both Tinker AFB, OK and an overseas long tour at Kadena AB, Japan. During this time, he was an instructor and Senior Director onboard AWACS participating in over 40 major exercises. In 1992, he separated from the USAF and joined the Hawaii Air National Guard. Serving at Wheeler Army Air Field, he was the training officer for the Regional Air Operations Center (RAOC). He also served as the RAOC Chief of Standards and Evaluation and in 1995 became the RAOC Operations Officer. In 1998, he started in the Title 10 active duty career program with National Guard Bureau and served as the training officer for Counterdrug Operations at the National Interagency Civil-Military Institute (NICI) in San Luis Obispo, CA. In 2000, he attended Air Command and Staff College in Residence. From 2002 - 2004, he was assigned to the Office of the Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff working as a Strategic Planner and Homeland Security / Defense Advisor. In 2004, he attended Joint and Combined Warfighting School (JCWS) as a student, taught the JCWS course and then began teaching for Advanced Joint Professional Military Education (AJPME) in 2005. He took a six-month sabbatical in Afghanistan to be the Chief of Plans for Afghan National Police and returned to JFSC in 2007. Achieving one of the highest faculty awards, he was designated as Master Faculty for JFSC in 2009. That year, he became the Director of the AJPME Program and was also designated as a Joint Qualified Officer Level III. In early 2011, he took over as Director, Joint Continuing and Distance Education School. In 2012, he completed his second Masters degree in Public Administration.

Decorations include the Defense Superior Service Medal, two Defense Meritorious Service Medals, one Air Medal, two Air Force Commendation Medals, one Army Commendation Medal, two Joint Service Achievement Medals and an Air Force Achievement Medal.