

Biography

Commandant



Timothy E. Dreifke
Colonel (OF-5), United States Air Force

As the Commandant of the NATO School Oberammergau, Colonel Timothy Dreifke commands a faculty and staff representing 22 different NATO and Partnership for Peace nations that are responsible for the education and development of more than 10,000 students per year through 115 different formal education courses. Previously, Colonel Dreifke served as the Dean of Academics at the NATO School.

Colonel Dreifke was commissioned through AFROTC in 1993 after earning a Bachelor of Science in Atmospheric Science from the University of Wisconsin-Madison. He is a master meteorologist and senior parachutist. He has served in a variety of positions at the squadron and group levels supporting conventional and special operations for the Air Force, Army, and joint communities, including command of the 26th Operational Weather Squadron. He has also served on staffs at Headquarters Air Force, Air Combat Command, and Special Operations Command-Europe. He has deployed in support of Operations JOINT ENDEAVOR, SHINING EXPRESS, INDY, and twice for ENDURING FREEDOM, most recently as the Chief of Staff for the 9th Air and Space Expeditionary Task Force-Afghanistan, Kabul, Afghanistan from 2011 to 2012. Prior to assuming his assignment at NATO School, Colonel Dreifke served as Director, Plans, Programs and Requirements for the Air Force Weather Agency where he was responsible for 24 projects and programs of record worth 750 million dollars across the fiscal year defense plan.

Colonel Dreifke is married to the former Gisela Gonzalez of Fort Walton Beach, Florida. They have four children, Matthew, Daniela, Ava, and Madelyn.

EDUCATION

- 1993 Bachelor of Science, Atmospheric Science, University of Wisconsin-Madison, Madison, WI
- 1999 Squadron Officers School, Distinguished Graduate, Maxwell AFB, Alabama
- 2002 Master of Science in Public Administration, Troy State University, Troy, AL
- 2006 Master of Military Operational Art and Science, Air Command and Staff College, Maxwell AFB, AL
- 2013 Master of National Resource Strategy, Dwight D. Eisenhower School for National Security and Resource Strategy, Ft. McNair, Washington D.C.
- 2018 Master of Science in Education, University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, PA

MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS

- Bronze Star Medal
- Defense Meritorious Service Medal
- Meritorious Service Medal with four Oak Leaf Clusters
- Joint Service Commendation Medal with Oak Leaf Cluster
- Air Force Commendation Medal
- Army Commendation Medal
- Joint Meritorious Unit Award
- Air Force Outstanding Unit Award (two devices)
- Air Force Organizational Excellence Award
- Combat Readiness Medal
- National Defense Service Medal (one device)
- Afghanistan Campaign Medal (one device)
- Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal
- Global War on Terrorism Service Medal
- Korean Defense Service Medal
- Armed Forces Service Medal
- Humanitarian Service Medal
- NATO Medal

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