



BIOGRAPHY

UNITED STATES AIR FORCE

LIEUTENANT COLONEL BENJAMIN “BEN” WINGLER

Lt Col Wingler is the Deputy Commander of the 5th Combat Communications Group, Robins AFB, GA. The 5th MOB is the last remaining active duty combat communications group. The group of over 700 Airmen, Civilians, and one United Kingdom officer from over twenty career fields is comprised of a combat communications support squadron, two combat communications mission squadrons and an engineering installation squadron. He ensures the training, mobilization, and deployment of multicapable personnel, computers, radios, transport systems, specialized engineering services and supporting equipment to enable wartime and peacetime operations for combatant commanders, joint task forces, Air Force components and Department of Defense Agencies. These missions also include direct support taskings for the United States Northern Command and the United States Secret Service



Lieutenant Colonel Wingler commissioned in the United States Air Force in May 2007 through ROTC after graduating from North Carolina State University with degrees in Electrical Engineering and Computer Engineering. He also holds a Master of Science degree in Operations Management from Arkansas University. Lieutenant Colonel Wingler has served in multiple special operations assignments from the 11th Intelligence Squadron, AFSOC HQ and, the Joint Communications Unit, Joint Special Operations Command (JSOC). His expeditionary communications experience extends from his time with the 644th Combat Communications Squadron and as the Director of Operations of the 1st Combat Communications Squadron. He is also a certified Foreign Area Officer and served as the Branch Chief for Political-Military Affairs of South America for United States Southern Command, Doral, Florida. Prior to his current position, Lieutenant Colonel Wingler was the commander of the 27th Special Operations Communications Squadron (SOCS).

EDUCATION

2007 Bachelor of Science in Electrical Engineering, North Carolina State University, Raleigh, NC
2007 B.S. in Computer Engineering, North Carolina State University, Raleigh, NC
2008 Air and Space Basic Course, Maxwell AFB, Alabama
2012 Squadron Officer School, Maxwell AFB, Alabama
2014 Master of Science in Operations Management, Arkansas University
2017 United States Air Force Air Command and Staff College, Correspondence
2020 Curso de Estado Mayor (Command and Staff College), Escuela Superior de Guerra (War College), Bogotá, Colombia
2021 Joint Forces Staff College (JPME II)
2021 United States Air Force Air War College, Correspondence

ASSIGNMENTS

1. May 2007 – August 2008, Deputy Flight Commander, Mission Systems, 39th Communications Squadron, Incirlik AB, Turkey
2. August 2008 – October 2008, Basic Communications Officer Training, Keesler AFB, Mississippi
3. October 2008 – September 2011, Executive Officer, 36th Contingency Response Group, Deputy Flight Commander Combat Support, 644 Combat Communications Squadron, Andersen AFB, Guam (August 2010 – August 2011 OIC, Computer Network Defense, United States Forces – Iraq, J6, Camp Victory, Baghdad, Iraq)
4. September 2011 – June 2013, Flight Commander, Mission Support, 11th Intelligence Squadron, Hurlburt Field, Florida
5. June 2013 – June 2014, Crew Commander, MAJCOM Communications Coordination Center (MCCC), AFSOC A6, Hurlburt Field, FL
6. June 2014 – June 2017, Operation Officer and Flight Commander, Joint Communications Unit, Ft. Bragg, North Carolina
7. June 2017 – July 2019, Director of Operations, 1st Combat Communications Squadron, Ramstein AB, Germany
8. July 2019 – November 2019, Deputy Branch Chief, Theater Integration, USAFE-AFAFRICA/A6, Ramstein AB, Germany
9. December 2019 – December 2020, Student, Curso de Estado Mayor (Command and Staff Course), Escuela Superior de Guerra (War College), Bogotá, Colombia
10. December 2020 – October 2022, Country Director and Branch Chief Political Military Affairs for South America, U.S. Southern Command J5, Doral, Florida
11. October 2022 – July 2024, Commander, 27th Special Operations Communications Squadron, Cannon AFB, New Mexico
12. July 2024 – Present, Deputy Commander, 5th Combat Communications Group, Robins AFB, Georgia

SUMMARY OF JOINT ASSIGNMENTS

1. December 2020 – October 2022, Branch Chief, Political Military Affairs of South America, U.S. Southern Command J5, Doral, Florida, as a major and lieutenant colonel

MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS

Defense Meritorious Service Medal with 2 Oak Leaf Clusters
Meritorious Service Medal with 1 Oak Leaf Cluster
Joint Service Commendation Medal
Air and Space Commendation Medal with 2 Oak Leaf Clusters
Joint Service Achievement Medal
Air and Space Achievement Medal

OCCUPATIONAL BADGES

Senior Rated Cyber Operator badge
Master Rated Parachutist badge
Foreign Area Officer occupational badge

EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION

Second Lieutenant May 30, 2007
First Lieutenant May 30, 2009
Captain May 30, 2011
Major February 1, 2017
Lieutenant Colonel November 1, 2021

(CURRENT AS OF JUL 2024)