



Biography



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Brigadier General Michael Gschossmann

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BrigGen Michael Gschossmann was born in Munich, Germany, on 2nd June 1960. After graduating from Grammar School he joined the German Air Force in July 1979 as an Officer Candidate. Having completed Basic Training he passed Officer Training at the German Air Force Academy at Fuerstenfeldbruck.

From 1980 to 1984 he studied Business Administration at the German Armed Forces University in Neubiberg, earning an MBA in March 1984.



Subsequently he was posted to SAM Battalion 39 in Eckernfoerde, the US Army Air Defense School and the German Air Force Air Defense School in Ft. Bliss, Texas to train as a Battery Control Officer on the HAWK air defense weapon system.

Following this training he served as Battery Control Officer and Squadron Executive Officer of 3rd Sqn SAM Bn 39. In 1989 he was posted to Cologne to serve as Aide-de-Camp to the Commanding General German Air Force Tactical Air Command.

After completing Staff Officer Training in 1990, he was selected to join the Advanced Staff Course from 1992 to 1994 at the German Armed Forces Command and General Staff College in Hamburg. In 1995 he became a member of the 87th Advanced Staff Course at the Royal Air Force Staff College in Bracknell, United Kingdom.

Having graduated from Staff College he was assigned to the German Ministry of Defense in Bonn as Desk Officer and subsequently as Military Assistant to ACOS Politico Military Affairs.

BrigGen Gschossmann was assigned to RHQ AFNORTH in Brunssum, The Netherlands, in 1998, where he served first as Desk Officer for Air Defense Operations and later as Chief Air Operations Branch.

In 2001 he took command of SAM Group 25 based at Branstorf, Lower Saxony, equipped with the PATRIOT air defense system.

In 2004, after his promotion to Colonel, he was assigned to the German Armed Force Command and General Staff College to act as Course Director of the national Advanced Staff Course.

He returned to The Netherlands in 2007 to serve as the Executive Officer for Commander Allied Joint Force Command Brunssum. Having completed this second NATO assignment in 2009, he was sent to Berlin to act as the Head of Division Military Aspects of Security Policy at the Federal Chancellery. In addition, in 2013 he was tasked to act as the Director Military Policy and Military Advisor in the Federal Chancellery.

Following promotion to BrigGen he was assigned to the German Air Force Forces Command in Cologne, where he served firstly as Director Ground Based Forces and later (2015 to 2018) as Commander Ground Based Forces.

Following this command assignment he was selected as General Manager for the NATO AWACS Programme Management Agency (NAPMA) based in Brunssum, The Netherlands.