



# Biography



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## **WERNER NEMETSCHKEK** **Colonel, German Air Force**

### **Senior National Representative** **Chief of Staff**

Colonel Werner Nemetschkek was born in Cologne in 1954 and first joined the German Army in 1973. He completed his officer training and studies in Economic Science at the University of the Armed Forces in Munich, qualifying as 'Diplom-Kaufmann'. Subsequently, as a 1st Lieutenant in the Luftwaffe, he received pilot training at Sheppard Air Force Base in Texas, USA. He converted to the F-104 "Starfighter" in Luke AFB, Arizona, USA, before returning to Germany in 1981 to serve in Fighter Bomber Wing (FBW) 34 in Memmingen.



From 1986 until 1988 he attended the Command and General Staff Officers Course at the Federal Armed Forces Staff Command and College (FüAkBw) in Hamburg, then moved to Lechfeld to take up the post of Squadron Commander of 321 Squadron at FBW 32 flying Tornado in both the IDS (Interdiction Strike) and ECR (Electronic Combat and Reconnaissance) variants.

On completion of this tour, he then served in several staff appointments, including an early assignment in the Former East German States (New Länder) in 1992, followed by an operational post as Branch Chief "Operations" of the German Contingent AIRSOUTH, Vicenza, Italy in 1995/96 during the first Luftwaffe contingent's deployment in support of the NATO mission in the Former Yugoslavia (IFOR).

Following his first staff tour at the German Ministry of Defence in Bonn, he was promoted to Colonel in 1999 and took command of FBW 31 "Boelcke" in Nörvenich. In 2001 he was posted to London as Air Attaché, and he returned to Bonn in 2004 to join the Air Staff as Branch Chief "Policy on Command, Control and Operation of Airborne Assets", and studied Strategy and International Relations as a member of the Royal College of Defence Studies course 2009 in London. He subsequently took up his appointment as Senior National Representative, Germany, at the NATO Airborne Early Warning and Control Force E-3A Component in Geilenkirchen, serving as Commander Base Support Wing from 17 December 2009 until 31 March 2010, and assuming his current post as Chief of Staff on 1 April 2010.

Colonel Nemetschkek's awards include the USAF Outstanding Unit Award for Humanitarian Services (1980), the NATO Medal for services with NATO on Operations in Relation to the Former Yugoslavia (1996), Einsatzmedaille of the Bundeswehr (IFOR/1996) and the Ehrenkreuz of the Bundeswehr in Gold (1998).

He completed more than 2,500 flying hours on various combat aircraft, including more than 1,000 hours on "F-104".

Colonel Werner Nemetschkek and his wife Ute have two daughters.

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