



# CC-Air Ramstein

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## Biography

### Air Marshal David Walker, CBE AFC RAF

#### Deputy Air Commander



David Walker joined the Royal Air Force in 1978, completing tours in Germany, the United States, and the UK flying the Harrier and F/A-18 Hornet. After Staff College he commanded No1(F) Squadron, flying operational missions over Iraq and Bosnia, before becoming the Military Assistant to the UK Minister for Armed Forces in the Ministry of Defence, serving the Hon Nicholas Soames MP and Dr John Reid MP.

In January 1999, he attended the UK's Higher Command and Staff Course before taking command of Royal Air Force Cottesmore and the UK Harrier Force. Posted to HQ Number 3 Group in August 2001 he spent most of that tour deployed overseas supporting operations in Afghanistan as part of the International Coalition for Op ENDURING FREEDOM. In 2002 he took up the post of Assistant Chief of Staff J3(Operations) responsible to the UK Commander Joint Operations for the oversight and management of Operation TELIC, the UK contribution to Op IRAQI FREEDOM, as well as oversight of all other UK expeditionary operations.

Appointed Assistant Chief of the Air Staff in October 2003, Walker was responsible for the detailed handling of RAF policy, resource allocation, international relations and change agenda. He was closely involved in the Eurofighter /Typhoon programme and bi-lateral relations with NATO and International allies. In April 2005 he took command of Number 1 Group with responsibility for the RAF's fast jet forces, their training and operational performance.

In April 2006 he assumed full command responsibility for the RAF Support Helicopter Force contribution to the UK Joint Helicopter Command. In June 2007 he was appointed the Deputy Commander of the Component Command – Air Headquarters Ramstein.

Educated at Bristol University (BSc in Geography) and King's College London (MA in Defence Studies), Walker has just started a PhD Portal Fellowship with King's College at the RAFC Cranwell.

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