



Lieutenant General Ingo Gerhartz

Chief of German Air Force

Panel A5

Enhancing Multinational Air Power – how to improve the operational availability and readiness?

Tuesday, 27th November 2018, 14:30 – 16:00h

Personal background:

Born in Cochem (Moselle), Germany, on 9 December 1965. Joined the Bundeswehr on 1 July 1985 after completing the Abitur university entry qualification (equivalent to US high school diploma). Married to Ute Gerhartz (teacher); two children (Jan-Henrik, 19 yrs, and Raik, 15 yrs). Hobbies: travelling with the family, sports (jogging and mountain biking).

As of June 2018: Chief of German Air Force
 2017 – 2018: Deputy Director for Strategy and Operations, FMoD, Berlin
 2015 – 2017: FMoD Executive Group, Executive officer to Chief of Defence, Berlin
 2014 – 2015: FMoD Executive Group, Deputy Spokesperson of the FMoD and Head of the Press Office, Berlin
 2013 – 2014: Assistant Chief of Staff, Planning and Concepts, German Air Force Headquarters, Berlin-Gatow
 2012 – 2013: FMoD Policy Branch Chief, Airborne Weapon Systems, Air Force; Head of the Helicopter Capability Transfer Working Group, German Air Force Headquarters, Berlin-Gatow
 2010 – 2012: Branch Chief, Airborne Systems, German Air Force Command, Cologne
 2008 – 2010: Commander (regiment level), 31 Fighter Bomber Wing Boelcke, Noervenich
 Weapon systems: TORNADO IDS and EUROFIGHTER/TYPHOON
 2005 – 2007: FMoD Executive Group, ISAF and Air Force Spokesperson, Berlin
 2003 – 2005: FMoD Assistant Branch Chief, Policy and Planning for Airborne Weapon Systems, Bonn (military representative for EUROFIGHTER/TYPHOON), Bonn
 2000 – 2003: Commander, Flying Group (battalion level), 73 Fighter Wing Steinhoff, Rostock-Laage
 Weapon system: MiG-29
 1998 – 2000: Attended the 43rd National General Staff Course, Bundeswehr Command and Staff College, Hamburg
 1990 – 1998: Fighter Pilot in 'combat ready' status, Operations Staff Officer, 71 Fighter Wing Richthofen, Wittmund
 Weapon system: F-4F
 1989 – 1990: Weapon system training on F-4E/F PHANTOM II, George AFB (CA)
 1988 – 1989: Jet pilot training on T-37 and T-38, Euro-NATO Joint Jet Pilot Training, Sheppard AFB (TX)
 1987 – 1988: Screening for flight training on P-149D, Fuerstenfeldbruck
 1986 – 1987: Air Force Officer School, Fuerstenfeldbruck
 1 July 1985: Joined the German Air Force as a conscript, Budel/NL

Development:

2009: ISAF deployment: Operations Wing Commander and Commanding Officer,
Camp Marmal (50 combat sorties with RECCE TORNADO)

Weapon systems flown and flight hours:

P-149D, T-37, T-38, F-4E, F-4F, MiG-29, TORNADO, EUROFIGHTER/TYPHOON*
(approx.2,500 flying hours).

Airborne with Alpha Jet, GRIPEN, Mirage 2000, F-15, F-16 and F-18

(* Introduction into System)

Academics:

Bachelor of Aeronautical Science

Promotions:

2018 Lieutenant General

2017 Major General

2015 Brigadier General

2008 Colonel

2002 Lieutenant Colonel

1998 Major

1994 Captain

1991 First Lieutenant

1989 Second Lieutenant

Honors:

08/2002: Ehrenkreuz der Bundeswehr in Silber

03/2009: Einsatzmedaille Bronze ISAF AFG

10/2009: NATO Einsatzmedaille Non Artikel 5

12/2016: Ehrenkreuz der Bundeswehr in Gold