



# Frank Thomas Best

**Brigadier General  
German Air Force**

**European Air Transport Command**

Brigadier General Frank Th. BEST was born on 03 May 1964. He joined the Luftwaffe for basic military training in ROTH/NÜRNBERG in 1983 and attended Officer Training 1984 at the German Air Force Officer School in FÜRSTENFELDBRUCK.

In 1985 attended Initial Helicopter Training and NATO/EURO Helicopter Training in Fort Rucker (AL, USA) before being awarded his wings in 1986. Afterwards he completed the Conversion and Tactics Courses at Helicopter Transport Wing (HTG) 64 in ALHORN.

His was then assigned to the Air Transport Wing (LTG) 61 at LANDSBERG am LECH, where he joined the Helicopter Sqn as a Bell UH-1D pilot. From 1989 to 1990 he returned to HTG 64 in ALHORN as an instructor pilot before being posted to Royal Air Force Shawbury, UK as an Exchange Officer and Qualified Flight instructor for three years.

Upon returning to Germany he joined 2 Sqn of Air Transport Wing 62 in DIEPHOLZ as an Instructor and served as the squadrons Executive Officer before becoming Officer Commanding 2 Sqn of Air Transport Wing 62.

From 1998 till 2000 Brigadier General Best attended the General Staff College in HAMBURG. After graduating he occupied posts in the German Air Transport Command in MÜNSTER as Branch Head Ops and Concepts, the Air Staff in BONN as Desk Officer for Air Transport, CSAR, SAR, ARR and the Joint Staff as J2/J3 Desk Officer for Joint Operations.

2006 Brigadier General Best was posted to the European Air Group in HIGH WYCOMBE, UK as Senior National Representative and Area Director Air Operations Ground for four years.

In 2010 Brigadier General Best became the Commanding Officer of the newly established Helicopter Wing (HSG) 64 in HOLZDORF/LAUPHEIM until 2014. During this tour he also served as Commanding Officer of the German Expeditionary Air Wing in MAZAR E SHARIF, Afghanistan for six months.

From 2014 until 2018 Brigadier General Best joined the European Air Transport Command (EATC) in Eindhoven, NL as Senior National Representative and Dep Director Operations.

In 2018 he returned to the Ministry of Defence in BONN as Branch Head Forces Policy.

From April 2020 to April 2021 Brigadier General Best held the post of Director NATO Advisory and Liaison Team in PRISTINA, Kosovo.

After his tour in Kosovo Brigadier General Best took over the responsibilities as Director Flying Operations and Dep Commander Flying Units in the German Air Force Forces Command in Bonn.

Brigadier General BEST flew over 3.856 flying hours, on various Aircraft Types including the UH-1D, Gazelle and CH-53.

He is married and has two grown up children.