

AIR COMMODORE STEVE "ZED" ROBERTON AM
Commander Air Combat Group

Air Commodore Steven P. Robertson is Commander of Air Combat Group (ACG), responsible for force generation and command of Australia's air combat operations. ACG comprises the three wings encompassing Hawk Lead-In Fighter training and maintenance training; F/A-18A/B 'Classic Hornet' training and operations; and F/A-18F 'Super Hornet' operations; and Joint Terminal Attack Controllers and Combat Controllers.

Air Commodore Robertson is a Category A Fighter Pilot with over 3000 total hours, mostly in F/A-18A, B, C, D, E and F fighters. He entered the Royal Australian Air Force in 1989 as a direct entry pilot trainee having completed a Bachelor of Science degree in Chemistry and Mathematics at the University of Queensland. He graduated from Number 153 Pilots Course in 1990 and F/A-18 conversion in 1993. He flew fighter tours at Number 3 Squadron RAAF Williamtown; an exchange flying F/A-18s with the United States Marine Corps at Beaufort, South Carolina; and at Number 3 Squadron as the A Flight Commander until 2000.



Robertson completed a joint staff tour in Capability Development Group in Canberra and Australian Command and Staff College. He commanded Number 75 Squadron at RAAF Tindal from November 2003 before returning to Canberra to stand up the Air Combat Transition Office and lead the transition to F/A-18F Super Hornet. He commanded Number 82 Wing at RAAF Amberley and then completed the UK's Higher Command and Staff College in 2012 before returning on promotion as Director General Aerospace Development. He was the initial Commander of the Australian Air Task Group 630 in the Middle East in September 2014 prior to returning to RAAF Williamtown to command Air Combat Group from January 2015.

AIRCDRE Robertson is married to Libby and together, they focus all their time and resources on ballet, rugby and surfing with their three children: Isabella, Corey and Ben.

EDUCATION

1988 Bachelor of Science, (Chemistry and Mathematics), University of Queensland
2002 Masters in Management, Defence Studies, University of Canberra, ACT
2002 Australian Command and Staff College, Canberra, ACT
2012 United Kingdom Higher Command and Staff College, Shrivenham UK
2012 Australian Company Directors Course
2013 Harvard Financial Acumen Course
2014 Combined Force Air Component Commander Course, Maxwell AFB, Alabama USA

ASSIGNMENTS

Apr 1989 Officer Training School and Number 153 Pilots Course, RAAF Bases Point Cook and Pearce
Apr 1991 Lead-in Fighter Course and MB326 Macchi Operations, Number 76 Squadron, RAAF Williamtown
Jan 1993 F/A-18 Conversion Course, No. 20CU, RAAF Base Williamtown
Jul 1993 Squadron Pilot, No. 3SQN, RAAF Williamtown
Jul 1996 USMC Exchange Pilot, MCAS Beaufort, SC USA
Jul 1998 A Flight Commander, No. 3SQN, RAAF Williamtown
Jul 2000 Fighter Requirements, Capability Development Group, Canberra
Jan 2002 Australian Command and Staff College, Canberra
Jan 2003 Deputy Director Aircraft Survivability, Capability Development, Canberra
Nov 2003 Commanding Officer No. 75 Squadron, RAAF Base Tindal
Nov 2006 Head Air Combat Transition Office, Canberra / RAAF Base Amberley
Apr 2010 Officer Commanding No. 82 Wing, RAAF Amberley
Jan 2012 Higher Command and Staff College, RAF Shrivenham UK
Apr 2012 Director General Aerospace Development, Capability Development, Canberra
Sep 2014 Commander Air Task Group 630, Middle East
Jan 2015 Commander Air Combat Group, RAAF Williamtown

AWARDS

Member of the Order of Australia
Australian Active Service Medal (Op FALCONER, Op SLIPPER)
Iraq Campaign medal
Defence Long Service Medal
Australian Defence Medal
US Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal
Chief of Air Force Commendation