



Colonel Edward T. Spinelli Chief



Colonel Edward T. Spinelli is the Chief of the Office of Defense Cooperation accredited to the U.S. Missions to Belgium and the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg. He also coordinates on all transatlantic security cooperation policy issues with the U.S. Missions to the North Atlantic Treaty Organization and the European Union.

Colonel Edward T. Spinelli received his commission in 1997 through the Air Force Reserve Officer Training Program upon graduation with High Honors from the Rochester Institute of Technology with a Bachelor of Science degree in Information Technology. He completed basic Air Battle Manager Training at Tyndall Air Force Base, Florida, in 1998 and was assigned to the 552d Air Control Wing, Tinker Air Force Base, Oklahoma. Following his qualification on the E-3 he was assigned to the 965th Airborne Air Control Squadron as an Air Weapons Officer. In 2000, he completed Air Surveillance Officer training and was transferred to the 960th Airborne Air Control Squadron as an Assistant Flight Commander. In 2002, he was assigned to the NATO E-3A Component at Geilenkirchen Air Base, Germany, where he served as Chief, Operations Wing Plans and then as Chief, Allied Forces Southern Europe Exercises. Upon completion of this assignment in 2005, he returned to the United States as part of the 729th Air Control Squadron, Hill Air Force Base, Utah where he served in several roles including Chief, Current Operations, Assistant Director of Operations, and finally Director of Operations. In 2008 he was again assigned to Tinker Air Force Base where he served in the 552d Operations Support Squadron as Assistant Director of Operations and the 552d Air Control Wing where he was Director, Wing Inspections and Readiness. In 2011 he transferred overseas to Poggio Renatico, Italy where he served in several capacities including Chief, Command and Control Operations, Director, DARS and Director, US National Support Element. In 2013 Lieutenant Colonel Spinelli returned to Geilenkirchen, Germany as Director of Operations for Flying Squadron 2 and finished his tour as the Commander of both Flying Squadron 1 and the United States E-3A Air Force Element Operations Squadron. From there he moved to the 603d Air Operations Center in Ramstein Germany as the Deputy Chief of the Combat Operations Division. Col Spinelli completed his tour in Ramstein as the Deputy to the Director of Operations, Strategic Deterrence and Nuclear Integration for the United States Air Forces in Europe and United States Air Forces Africa (USAFE-AFACR A3/10) where he assisted with the oversight of the tactical nuclear enterprise, operational planning and execution, combat training and readiness, command and control policy for both Commands.

Colonel Spinelli is a Master Air Battle Manager with over 2,300 flight hours in the E-3 and is a veteran of nine combat deployments. He has been married to Astrid Spinelli, née Wenmeekers since 2007.

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