



BIOGRAPHY

UNITED STATES AIR FORCE

LIEUTENANT COLONEL JACOB A. RAMER

Lieutenant Colonel Jacob A. Ramer is the Staff Judge Advocate for the 28th Bomb Wing, Ellsworth Air Force Base, South Dakota – the largest B-1B Lancer combat wing in the U.S. Air Force, providing combat-ready aircraft and support for global engagement taskings. The installation, with more than 12,000 active-duty military, civilian employees, and family members, will also serve as the primary future operating base of the B-21 Raider, the first strategic bomber in more than three decades. As Staff Judge Advocate, Lt Col Ramer leads a team of 21 personnel delivering comprehensive legal services to the Wing Commander, 4 Groups, 15 Squadrons, as well as the 89th Attack Squadron, responsible for employing MQ-9 Reaper aircraft in support of worldwide combatant commander requirements.



Lt Col Ramer received a direct commission as an Air Force judge advocate in June 2008 and entered active duty in September 2008. He has served as deputy staff judge advocate for a Component Numbered Air Force, deployed staff judge advocate, deputy staff judge advocate for a wing, senior defense counsel, senior trial counsel, and area defense counsel. He is admitted to practice law before the Illinois Supreme Court and the United States Court of Appeals for the Armed Forces. Prior to entering active duty, Lt Col Ramer practiced civil litigation in Chicago, IL from 2006-2008 and taught history and economics at two American international high schools in Switzerland from 2000-2003.

EDUCATION

2000 Bachelor of Arts in Government, Harvard University, Cambridge, MA
2006 Juris Doctor, Chicago-Kent College of Law, Chicago, IL
2008 Commissioned Officer Training (Top Graduate), Maxwell AFB, AL
2008 Judge Advocate Staff Officer Course, Maxwell AFB, AL
2011 Squadron Officer School, by correspondence
2019 Air Command & Staff College, by correspondence
2022 Air War College, by correspondence

ASSIGNMENTS

1. December 2008 – June 2010, Assistant Staff Judge Advocate (Chief of Military Justice, Legal Assistance and Preventive Law, and International and Operations Law), 35th Fighter Wing, Misawa Air Base, Japan
2. June 2010 – July 2012, Area Defense Counsel, AFLOA/JAJD, Misawa Air Base, Japan
3. July 2012 – July 2013, Senior Trial Counsel, AFLOA/JAJG, Maxwell Air Force Base, AL
4. July 2013 – January 2015, Senior Trial Counsel-Special Victims Unit, AFLOA/JAJG, Maxwell Air Force Base, AL
5. January 2015 – July 2016, Senior Defense Counsel, AFLOA/JAJD, Joint Base Charleston, SC

6. July 2016 – July 2018, Senior Defense Counsel, AFLOA/JAJD, Ramstein Air Base, Germany
7. July 2018 – October 2020, Deputy Staff Judge Advocate, 62d Airlift Wing, Joint Base Lewis-McChord, WA (July 2019 – January 2020, Staff Judge Advocate, 332d Air Expeditionary Wing, Undisclosed Location, Southwest Asia)
8. November 2020 – July 2022, Chief of Military Justice, 15 AF, Shaw Air Force Base, SC
9. July 2022 – July 2023, Deputy Staff Judge Advocate, 9 AF (AFCENT), Shaw Air Force Base, SC
10. July 2023 – Present, Staff Judge Advocate, 28th Bomb Wing, Ellsworth Air Force Base, SD

MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS

Meritorious Service Medal with six oak leaf clusters
 Air Force Commendation Medal
 Army Commendation Medal
 Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal
 Humanitarian Service Medal
 Air Force Expeditionary Service Ribbon
 Top Graduate, Commissioned Officer Training, Class 08-06
 AFLOA/JAJD (Trial Defense Division) FGO of the Quarter (2Q 2016, 1Q 2017)
 Air Combat Command Judge Advocate, ACCelerate Award (Top Performer), FGO (Jul – Dec 2019)
 62d Airlift Wing, WSA & MDS, FGO of the Year (2019)
 62d Airlift Wing, Wing FGO of the Quarter (2Q 2020)
 Headquarters 15th Air Force, FGO of the Quarter (1Q 2022)
 Lance P. Sijan Leadership Award, 9th Air Force (AFCENT) Special Staff Senior Officer (2023)
 28th Bomb Wing, WSA Team of the Year (2023)
 8th Air Force Legal Office of the Year (2023)
 8th Air Force Judge Advocate Team of the Year (2024)
 Air Force Global Strike Command ABA Outstanding Career Active-Duty Judge Advocate Award (2024)
 Air Force Global Strike Command Outstanding Military Service Career Judge Advocate Award (2024)
 Department of the Air Force Legal Office of the Year (2024)

PUBLICATIONS

1. *Evidence Obtained by Foreign Police: Admissibility and the Role of Foreign Law*, 68 AIR FORCE LAW REVIEW 207 (2012).
2. *Hate By Association: Joint Criminal Enterprise Liability for Persecution*, 7 CHICAGO-KENT JOURNAL OF INTERNATIONAL & COMPARATIVE LAW 31 (2007).
3. *Not So Friendly 'Friendly Fire': U.S. Liability for Foreign Servicemen and Civilians Caught in American Crosshairs*, 15 CALIFORNIA INTERNATIONAL LAW JOURNAL 38 (September 2007).
4. *Bosnia and Herzegovina: Correspondent Report*, and *United States of America: Correspondent Report*, in YEARBOOK OF INTERNATIONAL HUMANITARIAN LAW 2004, p. 459-469, 601-638 (Avril McDonald ed., Cambridge University Press 2007).

EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION

First Lieutenant	23 August 2008
Captain	2 March 2009
Major	1 October 2015
Lieutenant Colonel	1 January 2021

(Current as of May 2025)