

LIEUTENANT COLONEL CHRISTOPHER “CHRIS” J. GOEWERT

Lt Col Goewert currently serves at the Office of Military Commissions, Prosecution, which is charged with prosecuting members of Al Qaeda and their affiliates for violations of the Law of War. He is the Lead Counsel in the case of *United States v. Nurjaman*.



Lt Col Goewert received his commission through ROTC, University of Maryland, Det. 330 in June 2005. He has held a number of positions in military justice and twice served as counsel in capital murder trials. He has been stationed in Germany and Japan and deployed to Liberia. Prior to his current position, he was the Chief of Military Justice at AETC.

EDUCATION

- 2000 B.S., International Business, St. Louis University,
St. Louis, MO
- 2005 Juris Doctor, George Mason University, Arlington,
VA
- 2006 Squadron Officer's School (correspondence)
- 2012 Air Command and Staff College (correspondence)
- 2020 Air War College (correspondence)

ASSIGNMENTS

1. December 2005 – September 2007, Assistant Staff Judge Advocate, 28th Bomb Wing,
Ellsworth Air Force Base, SD
2. September 2007 – September 2009, Area Defense Counsel, Ellsworth AFB,
SD
3. September 2009 – March 2012, Senior Trial Counsel, European Region,
Ramstein Air Base, Germany

4. March 2012 – September 2012, Senior Trial Counsel/Special Victim's Unit, European Region, Ramstein AB, Germany
5. September 2012 – July 2014, Instructor, Military Justice Division, The Judge Advocate General's School, Maxwell, AFB, AL
(June 2013 – December 2013, Operation ONWARD LIBERTY, Legal Mentor, Monrovia, Liberia)
6. July 2014 – July 2015, Senior Defense Counsel, Maxwell Region, Maxwell AFB, AL
7. July 2015 – August 2017, Senior Defense Counsel, Eastern Circuit, Langley AFB VA
8. August 2017 – July 2019, Deputy Staff Judge Advocate, 374th Airlift Wing, Yokota AB, Japan
9. July 2019 – September 2020, Chief, Military Justice, Fifth Air Force, Yokota AB, Japan
10. September 2020 – July 2021, Deputy Staff Judge Advocate, Fifth Air Force, Yokota AB, Japan
11. July 2021 – July 2023, Chief, Military Justice, Air Education and Training Command, Randolph AFB, TX
12. July 2023 – Present, Lead Counsel, *U.S. v. Nurjaman*, Office of Military Commissions Prosecution.

MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS

Meritorious Service Medal (5 OLC)

Air Force Commendation Medal (1 OLC)

Joint Service Achievement Medal

PUBLICATIONS

1. *Sexual Assault: Four Commonly Held Beliefs*, The Reporter, Vol. 40, No. 2, 2013 (w/Capt Andrew Norton)
2. *The Scope of a Victim's Right to be Heard Through Counsel*, The Reporter, Vol. 40, No. 3, 2013 (W/Capt Seth Dilworth)
3. *Air Force JAGs in Liberia: The Patient Labor of DoD's Rule of Law Mission Bears Fruit*, The Reporter, Vol. 41, No. 2, 2014

4. *The Article 32 Process after the National Defense Authorization Act of 2014*, 232 A.F. L. Rev. Vol. 72 (2015) (w/Capt Nicole Torres)
5. *The Accused: The Unacknowledged Victim of the Military's Robust Prosecution of Sexual Assault*, The Reporter, Vol. 43, No. 1, 2016
6. *Virtue Lies in Moderation: The Department of Defense's Overbroad DNA Criminal Indexing System*, 228 MIL. L. REV. 421 (2020) (w/Capt Ryan Farrell)

EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION

Second Lieutenant	21 May 2005
First Lieutenant	5 December 2005
Captain	4 June 2006
Major	1 December 2012
Lieutenant Colonel	1 October 2019

(CURRENT AS OF APR 2024)