

# **MAJOR GENERAL WILLIAM D. COBETTO**

## **Assistant Adjutant General - Air, Illinois National Guard**

Major General William D. Cobetto is Assistant Adjutant General - Air, Illinois National Guard. He is responsible for the command, control and operations of plans and programs affecting more than 3,000 Illinois Air National Guard personnel located at Scott Air Force Base, Peoria, and Springfield, Illinois. His broad range of responsibilities include ensuring combat readiness and mission capability of three major air bases comprised of flying wings, command and control facilities, logistics and mission support units, providing combat trained personnel to meet all United States Air Force mission requirements. General Cobetto also supervises a full-time force of over 900 federal and state employees.



General Cobetto received his commission in 1985 from the Academy of Military Science, Knoxville, Tennessee. During his career he has served in several key positions.

As the 183rd Fighter Wing Mission Support Group commander, he directed and monitored support activities and units ensuring cohesive integration of functions and resources. Prior to that, he provided sound fiscal guidance as comptroller of the 183rd Fighter Wing. Of special note, General Cobetto was mobilized in 2003 and served at the Pentagon assisting the Air Force Crisis Action Team and the Secretary of the Air Force Financial Management.

General Cobetto's professional military education includes Air War College by correspondence in 2002. General Cobetto earned a Bachelor of Science from Parks College of Saint Louis University, Aeronautical Administration, in St. Louis, Missouri.

General Cobetto's military awards and decorations include Meritorious Service Medal (1 Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster), Air Force Commendation Medal (2 Bronze Oak Leaf Clusters), Air Force Outstanding Unit Award (1 Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster), National Defense Service Medal (Bronze Star), Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, Air Force Expeditionary Service Ribbon, Air Force Longevity Service Award Ribbon (1 Silver Oak Leaf Cluster), Armed Forces Reserve Medal (Silver Hourglass and 1 "M" Device), Air Force Training Ribbon, Illinois Long and Honorable Service Medal (4 Bronze Oak Leaf Clusters), Illinois Military Attendance Ribbon (Numeral 13) and Illinois State Active Duty Ribbon (2 Bronze Oak Leaf Clusters). Other achievements of General Cobetto includes Air National Guard Noncommissioned Officer Academy Graduate Association, Region Six, I.G. Brown Command Excellence Award, 2005.

General Cobetto is a member of National Guard Association of the United States, National Guard Association of Illinois, Military Officers Association of America, Air Force Association, Knights of Columbus 3rd Degree Member Council 4608 and Loyal Order of Moose.

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