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# AIR FORCE

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**AIR COMMODORE BENJAMIN SLEEMAN, CSC, DSM**

**Director General Integrated Air and Missile Defence**

Air Commodore Sleeman joined the Royal Australian Air Force in January 1990. Initially attending the Australian Defence Force Academy, he graduated with a Bachelor of Science degree in 1992 before proceeding to pilot training. Upon completion of pilot training, Air Commodore Sleeman completed fast jet training on the Macchi and the F/A-18 before being posted to 75 Squadron at RAAF Tindal.

In 1999 Air Commodore Sleeman completed Fighter Combat Instructor Course followed by a year as an F/A-18 instructor. In 2000, Air Commodore Sleeman was posted to 76 Squadron as part of the initial cadre of pilots selected to introduce the Hawk 127 into Air Force service.

In late 2001 Air Commodore Sleeman was posted to 3 SQN as the Fighter Combat Instructor, deploying on Operation Slipper in early 2002. In 2003 he deployed again on Operations Bastille and Falconer.

In 2004 Air Commodore Sleeman was promoted to Squadron Leader and completed postings at 75 Squadron as a Flight Commander, 81 Wing as the Standardisation Officer, and 75 Squadron as the Executive Officer. In 2009 Air Commodore Sleeman was promoted to Wing Commander and posted as a Staff Officer in Air Combat Group Headquarters. In 2010 Air Commodore Sleeman was posted to Canberra as the Staff Officer to Chief of Air Force. In 2011 he attended the US Air Force Air War College in Alabama, graduating with a Master of Strategic Studies.

In 2013 Air Commodore Sleeman assumed command of 77 Squadron, deploying on Operation Okra in 2015. Air Commodore Sleeman was posted as the Director of the Air and Space Operations Centre in Joint Operations Command on promotion to Group Captain in June 2016. In January 2018 Air Commodore Sleeman assumed command of No. 81 Wing, overseeing the transition of the Wing from the F/A-18A to the F-35A aircraft.

In December 2019 Air Commodore Sleeman was promoted to his current rank and deployed to the Middle East Region as the CAOC Director at the USAF 609th AOC. In November 2020 he was posted to Headquarters Air Command at RAAF Glenbrook as Deputy Air Commander Australia. In July 2022 he assumed the role of Director General Air Command Operations / Director General Air, based at Headquarters Joint Operations Command. He took up his current position in January 2023.

