



Air Chief Marshal Manaat Wongwat was born on Friday, July 15th, 1960 in Chanthaburi. He started his primary education at a local school in Chanthaburi and continued his secondary education in Bangkok. At that time, it was the height of the Vietnam War and with his ambition to serve and protect his country, he decided to join the military. He attended the Pre-Cadet School Class 20 in 1977 and continued to the Royal Thai Air Force Academy Class 27.

After his first year at the Academy with an outstanding record, he was selected and sent to train and study at the Universität der Bundeswehr München in Germany, where he graduated with a Master's Degree in Aircraft and Space Technology. He then returned to Thailand to attend the Flying Training School. Then served as a Fighter Pilot and became experienced in flying the F-5E, at Wing 23 Udonthani. After his flying days in the Squadron, and with his outstanding ability to manage, he was promoted to be the Deputy Base Commander and later transferred to the Directorate of Operations in 2003, where he held many important posts, such as; the Director of Organization Division, as well as the Director of Policy and Plans Division.

In October 2009, he was assigned to be the Wing7 Base Commander, Surat Thani, where he made preparations for the addition of the Gripen 39 C/D to the Royal Thai Air Force's fleet. After which, he was selected to return to Germany as an Air Attaché to Berlin which also encompassed responsibility for Paris and Rome during 2010 - 2013. He came back to Thailand after his posting and served at the Directorate of Operations once more. He was later promoted to be the Director of Operations. Then after having shown great ability and determination throughout his service, he was entrusted by his superiors to hold the posts of Deputy Chief of the Air Staff, and Chief of the Air Staff. Then on October 1st, 2019 he became the Commander-in-Chief of the Royal Thai Air Force and has led the Air Force towards the future with confidence, pride, and many significant projects.

Throughout his years of service, he has attended all the major military courses in the Royal Thai Air Force and also the National Defence College class 57. He was also bestowed the Knight Grand Cross (First Class) of the Most Exalted Order of the White Elephant.

Air Chief Marshal Manaat Wongwat, 26th Commander-in-Chief, RTAF;
Discipline, Knowledge, Self-reliance

He is married to Doctor Wilaiporn Wongwat and has 3 children. He has a passion for writing articles both about work and society. He also enjoys cooking, gardening, exercising, as well as golfing.

His encouragement for those who are good, smart, and able to demonstrate their ability throughout his military career reflects through a phrase of his own saying “A person cannot be good at every job, but to every job is a person who is good at it.”.