



# BIOGRAPHY

## UNITED STATES AIR FORCE



### COLONEL FRANK J. ROSSI

Colonel Frank J. Rossi is the vice commander, Jeanne M. Holm Center for Officer Accessions and Citizen Development, Maxwell Air Force Base, Ala. The Holm Center provides command and oversight for the training of 16,000 cadets in 144 detachments of Air Force Reserve Officer Training Corps; 1,900 trainees in Officer Training School; and 119,000 cadets in 884 high schools supporting Air Force Junior ROTC. The Holm Center produces more than 70 percent of the Air Force's line officer, chaplain, judge advocate and medical officers. The Center also acts as a liaison and provides oversight for the Civil Air Patrol in its role as the Air Force's official auxiliary. The Civil Air Patrol's 56,000 senior and cadet members operate a fleet of 550 aircraft, perform emergency services and provide cadet program activities and aerospace education support for federal state and local customers.



Colonel Rossi graduated from the U.S. Air Force Academy in 1986 with degrees in aeronautical engineering and mathematics. He is a command pilot with more than 2,700 hours in F-111, F-16 and T-38 aircraft and has also served in a variety of staff assignments, including the 5<sup>th</sup> ATAF CAOC, helping enforce the Dayton Peace Accords in the Balkans and augmenting the CENTAF Strategy Division during planning for Operation Iraqi Freedom. Colonel Rossi commanded a flying training squadron, Air and Space Basic Course and Squadron Officer College. Previous to this assignment, Colonel Rossi served as the assistant chief of staff, United States Forces-Iraq, Operation New Dawn, Iraq, where he assisted in providing guidance and direction to a 2,500-member, four-star headquarters staff overseeing a force of 50,000 that advised, assisted, trained and equipped the Iraqi Security Forces and then executed the largest military withdrawal since Vietnam.

#### EDUCATION

1986 Bachelor's degrees in aeronautical engineering and mathematics, U.S. Air Force Academy, Colo.  
1988 Master's degree in aeronautical engineering, George Washington University, Washington, D.C.  
2001 Master's degree in airpower studies, Air University, Maxwell AFB, Ala.  
2007 Master's degree in national security studies, National War College, Ft. McNair, Washington, D.C.

#### ASSIGNMENTS

1. July 1986 – January 1988, student, master's degree program, NASA Langley, Hampton, Va.
2. January 1988 - January 1989, student pilot, Williams AFB, Ariz.
3. April – October 1989, student, F-111 FTU, Mountain Home AFB, Idaho
4. November 1989 – November 1993, F-111 FCF pilot, IP and SEFE, RAF Upper Heyford, England
5. January – June 1993, student, F-111 Division, Air Force Weapons School, Cannon AFB, N.M.
6. July 1993 – June 1996, Wing Wpns & Tactics Officer then Flight Commander, Cannon AFB, N.M.
7. July 1996 – December 1996, student, F-16 FTU, Luke AFB, Ariz.
8. January 1997 – May 1999, F-16 flight commander, Misawa Air Base, Japan

9. June 1999 – June 2000, student, Army Command and General Staff College, Fort Leavenworth, Kan.
10. July 2000 – May 2001, student, School of Advanced Airpower Studies, Maxwell AFB, Ala.
11. June 2001 – February 2003, chief, Air Warfare Doctrine, Air Force Doctrine Center, Maxwell AFB, Ala.
12. February 2003 – May 2003, student, T-38 pilot instructor training, Randolph AFB, Texas
13. June 2003 – June 2006, operations officer then commander, 50<sup>th</sup> Flying Training Squadron, Columbus AFB, Miss.
14. July 2006 – June 2007, student, National War College, Ft. McNair, Washington, D.C.
15. June 2007 – June 2009, chief, Information Operations Division (J39), U.S. Pacific Command, Hawaii
16. June 2009 – Apr 2011, commandant, Air and Space Basic Course, Maxwell AFB, Ala.
17. Oct 2010 – Apr 2011, commandant, Squadron Officer College, Maxwell AFB, Ala.
18. May 2011 – December 2011, assistant chief of staff, U.S. Forces-Iraq, Baghdad, Iraq
19. Jan 2012 – present, vice commander, Jeanne M. Holm Center for Officer Accessions and Citizen Development, Maxwell AFB, Ala.

#### **SUMMARY OF JOINT ASSIGNMENTS**

June 2007 – June 2009, chief, Information Operations Division (J39), U.S. Pacific Command, Hawaii  
May 2011 – December 2011, assistant chief of staff, U.S. Forces-Iraq, Baghdad, Iraq

#### **FLIGHT INFORMATION**

Rating: Command Pilot  
Flight Hours: 2,700  
Combat Hours: 9  
Aircraft Flown: F-111, F-16, T-38

#### **MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS**

Defense Superior Service Medal  
Legion of Merit  
Bronze Star  
Meritorious Service Medal with two oak leaf clusters  
Air Medal  
Air Force Commendation Medal with one oak leaf cluster

#### **EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION:**

Second Lieutenant, May 28, 1986  
First Lieutenant, May 28, 1988  
Captain, May 28, 1990  
Major, Sep. 1, 1997  
Lieutenant Colonel, Feb. 1, 2002  
Colonel, July 1, 2007

(Current as of January 2012)