



# 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 approximately 16,000 cadets in the Air Force Reserve Officer Training Corps program and 1,900 students in Officer Training School. Additionally, the Holm Center trains nearly 70 percent of line, chaplain, judge advocate, nurse, medical service and biomedical science officer production for the Air Force. The center also provides oversight for the Air Force Junior ROTC program at more than 884 locations, with more than 119,000 cadets, and Civil Air Patrol, the Air Force's official auxiliary.

Before this assignment, Colonel Rossi served as the assistant chief of staff, United States Forces-Iraq, Operation New Dawn, Iraq. While deployed, he assisted in providing guidance and direction to a 2,500-person, four-star headquarters staff overseeing a 50,000-member joint force that advised, assisted, trained and equipped the Iraqi Security Forces and then executed the largest military withdrawal since Vietnam.



Colonel Rossi has commanded at the group and squadron levels in addition to serving in the 5<sup>th</sup> ATAF Combined Air Operations Center and on the CENTAF staff that planned Operation Iraqi Freedom.

### EDUCATION

- 1986 Bachelor of Science degree in aeronautical engineering and mathematics, U.S. Air Force Academy, Colorado Springs, Colo.
- 1988 Master of Aeronautical Engineering, George Washington University, Washington, D.C.
- 1993 Squadron Officer School (distinguished graduate), Maxwell AFB, Ala.
- 2000 U.S. Army Command and General Staff College, Fort Leavenworth, Kan.
- 2001 Master of Arts and Science, School for Advanced Airpower Studies, Air University, Maxwell AFB, Ala.
- 2003 Air War College (distance learning), Air University, Maxwell AFB, Ala.
- 2007 Master of Science 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 weapons and 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, Ft. Leavenworth, Kan.

10. July 2000 – May 2001, student, School for Advanced Airpower Studies, Maxwell AFB, Ala.
11. June 2001 – February 2003, chief, Air Warfare Doctrine, then chief, commanders action group, 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 – May 2011, Commandant, Air and Space Basic Course, Maxwell AFB, Ala.
17. Oct 2010 – May 2011, Commandant, Squadron Officer College, Maxwell AFB, Ala.
18. May – December 2011, assistant chief of staff, U.S. Forces-Iraq, Baghdad, Iraq
19. January 2012 – present, Vice Commander, Jeanne M. Holm Center for Officer Accessions and Citizen Development, Maxwell AFB, Ala.

### **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, Sept. 1, 1997

Lieutenant Colonel, Feb. 1, 2002

Colonel, July 1, 2007

(Current as of May 2012)