



BIOGRAPHY



UNITED STATES AIR FORCE

COLONEL JOHN T. RAUCH JR.

Col. John T. Rauch, Jr. is Vice Commander, 55th Wing, Offutt Air Force Base, Neb. He is responsible for organizing, training, and equipping six groups and 30 squadrons executing worldwide intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance; electronic attack; command and control; presidential support; and treaty verification missions. He is also responsible for base support to 90 associate units, including U.S. Strategic Command, Air Force Weather Agency, and more than 57,000 active-duty members, civilians, family members and retirees.

Colonel Rauch received his commission in 1989 through the Air Force Reserve Officer Training Corps program at the University of Colorado, Boulder, Colo. Colonel Rauch flew operational reconnaissance missions in the RC-135 supporting Operations SOUTHERN WATCH, PROVIDE PROMISE, DENY FLIGHT, SUPPORT DEMOCRACY, ENDURING FREEDOM, and IRAQI FREEDOM. His staff assignments include serving in the Air Force Intelligence and Legislative Liaison Directorates, AETC and U.S. Special Operations Command. He commanded the 763d Expeditionary Reconnaissance Squadron and 338th Combat Training Squadron.

Colonel Rauch is a Master Navigator with over 2,900 flying hours in the RC-135 U/V/W and T-43.



EDUCATION

- 1989 Bachelor of Science in Aerospace Engineering, University of Colorado at Boulder, Colo.
- 1995 Squadron Officer School, Maxwell AFB, Ala.
- 1997 Master of Arts in Organizational Management, George Washington University, Washington D.C.
- 2001 Master of Military Operational Art and Science, Air Command and Staff College, Maxwell AFB, Ala.
- 2002 Master of Airpower Art and Science, School of Advanced Airpower Studies, Maxwell AFB, Ala.
- 2007 NATO Defense College, Rome, Italy

ASSIGNMENTS

- September 1989 – June 1990, student, Specialized Undergraduate Navigator Training, Mather AFB, Calif.
- October 1990 – February 1991, student, Combat Crew Training School, Castle AFB, Calif.
- March 1991 – July 1995, RC-135 instructor, evaluator/navigator and operations group executive officer, Offutt AFB, Neb.
- August 1995 – June 1997, Air Force Intern Program, Intelligence and Legislative Liaison Directorates, Pentagon, Washington D.C.
- June 1997 – July 2000, instructor navigator, flight commander and assistant operations officer, Joint Specialized Undergraduate Navigator Training, Randolph AFB, Texas
- July 2000 – July 2001, student, Air Command and Staff College, Maxwell AFB, Ala.
- July 2001 – July 2002, student, School of Advanced Air Power Studies, Maxwell AFB, Ala.
- July 2002 – July 2003, Deputy and Director Air Education and Training Command Commander's Action Group, Randolph AFB, Texas
- July 2003 – December 2004, Operations Officer, 38th Reconnaissance Squadron, Offutt AFB, Neb.

December 2004 – October 2006, Commander, 338th Combat Training Squadron, Offutt AFB, Neb.
October 2006 – February 2007, Deputy Commander, 55th Operations Group, Offutt AFB, Neb.
February 2007 – August 2007, Course Member, NATO Defense College, Rome, Italy
August 2007 – June 2009, Special Operations Support Team Chief, USSTRATCOM, Offutt AFB, Neb.
June 2009 -- Present, Vice Commander, 55th Wing, Offutt AFB, Neb.

FLIGHT INFORMATION

Rating: Master Navigator
Flight Hours: More than 2,900
Aircraft flown: RC-135U/V/W and T-43

MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS

Meritorious Service Medal with two oak leaf clusters
Air Medal
Aerial Achievement Medal with five oak leaf clusters
Air Force Commendation Medal
Air Force Achievement Medal with one oak leaf cluster

EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION

Second Lieutenant	Jul. 11, 1989
First Lieutenant	Jul. 11, 1991
Captain	Jul. 11, 1993
Major	Jul. 1, 1999
Lieutenant Colonel	Mar. 1, 2002
Colonel	Aug. 1, 2007

(Current as of July 2009)