



# BIOGRAPHY

## UNITED STATES AIR FORCE

### COLONEL BART T. VAN ROO

Colonel Bart T. Van Roo is the commander of the 115th Fighter Wing, Wisconsin Air National Guard, Truax Field, Madison, Wisconsin. As commander, he is responsible for the organization, training, and equipping of nearly 1,200 active-guard and traditional forces serving the dual mission of state and federal responsibility falling under the Governor of Wisconsin and the President of the United States of America. The 115th Fighter Wing operates the F-16 Fighting Falcon as its primary weapon system, as well as the RC-26B aircraft in the global Intelligence, Surveillance and Reconnaissance mission.

Col. Van Roo attended the University of Wisconsin-Whitewater and University of Wisconsin-Madison and received his commission through the Academy of Military Science in April 1999. Col. Van Roo began his military career in 1992 when he enlisted at the 115th Fighter Wing, Madison, Wisconsin as an Aeromedical Specialist. He served as a Non Commissioned Officer until 1998. In 2000, he graduated from specialized undergraduate pilot training at Laughlin Air Force Base, Texas. He then went on to complete the F-16 Training Course, Luke Air Force Base, Ariz. Col. Van Roo returned to the 115th Fighter Wing where he held numerous positions within operations, including as an F-16 pilot in support of Operation Noble Eagle as an Aerospace Control Pilot, and served at the 176th Fighter Squadron Director of Operations. In 2017, Col. Van Roo was appointed the 176th Fighter Squadron Commander, and was deployed to the Korean Peninsula with the 8th Fighter Wing as the 176th Expeditionary Fighter Squadron Commander. He then served as the 115th Fighter Wing Inspector General. Prior to his current position, Col. Van Roo was the Director of Operations, Wisconsin Air National Guard, Joint Force Headquarters, Madison, Wis., while simultaneously serving the Northern Lightning Exercise director at the Volk Field Combat Readiness Training Center.



Col. Van Roo is a command pilot with more than 2,600 flying hours in the F-16C/D Fighting Falcon, AT-38A Talon II, Northrop T-38A Talon, and Cessna T-37B Tweet.

#### EDUCATION

- 1992 Basic Military Training, Lackland Air Force Base (AFB), Texas
- 1993 Aeromedical Specialist Course, Brooks AFB, Texas
- 1998 Bachelor of Science, Cell Physiology, University of Wisconsin, Whitewater, Wis.
- 1999 Academy of Military Science, McGhee-Tyson AFB, Tenn.
- 2000 United States Air Force Specialized Undergraduate Pilot Training, Laughlin AFB, Texas
- 2000 Introduction to Fighter Fundamentals, Randolph AFB, Texas
- 2001 Survival Training, Fairchild AFB, Wash.
- 2006 Squadron Officer School, Maxwell AFB, Ala.
- 2008 Air Command and Staff College, Maxwell AFB, Ala.
- 2015 Air War College, Maxwell AFB, Ala.
- 2018 Masters of Management Air Command and Staff College, Maxwell AFB, Ala.

## **ASSIGNMENTS**

1. January 1992 - April 1999, Aeromedical Specialist, Truax Field, Wis.
2. April 1999 - June 2000, Training Flight, 176th Fighter Squadron, Truax Field, Wis.
3. June 2000- October 2000, Pilot Trainee, Laughlin AFB, Texas
4. June 2000- October 2000, Fighter Pilot Trainee, Randolph AFB, Texas
5. November 2004 - January 2005, OPERATION ENDURING FREEDOM/OPERATION IRAQI FREEDOM, Aludied AB, Qatar
6. April 2005 - April 2007, Chief of Stan Evaluations, 176th Fighter Squadron, Truax Field, Wis.
7. June 2006 - August 2006, OPERATION IRAQI FREEDOM, Balad AB, Iraq
8. April 2007 - June 2007, Chief of Training, 176th Fighter Squadron, Truax Field, Wis.
9. June 2007 - June 2008, Weapons and Tactics Officer, Volk Field Air National Guard Base, Wis.
10. June 2008 - December 2008, F-16 Pilot, 176th Fighter Squadron, Truax Field, Wis.
11. December 2008 - March 2012, Flight Commander, 176th Fighter Squadron, Truax Field, Wis.
12. January 2008 - March 2008, OPERATION IRAQI FREEDOM, Balad AB, Iraq
13. September 2009 - November 2009, OPERATION IRAQI FREEDOM, Balad AB, Iraq
14. March 2012 - September 2013, Fighter Pilot, 115th Operations Support Flight, Truax Field, Wis.
15. January 2013 - March 2013, OPERATION NOBLE EAGLE , Camp Lemonnier, Africa
16. September 2013 - March 2015, Fighter Pilot, 115th Operations Support Squadron, Truax Field, Madison, Wis.
17. March 2015 - June 2016, Inspector General, 115th Fighter Wing, Truax Field, Madison, Wis.
18. June 2016 - October 2018, Commander, 176th Fighter Squadron, Truax Field, Madison, Wis.
19. July 2017 - November 2017, Commander, 8FW (176 EFS) – Theater Security Package, Kunsan AB, Korea
20. October 2018 – September 2020, Director of Operations- Air, Joint Force Headquarters, Madison, Wis.
21. September 2020 – Present, Commander, 115th Fighter Wing, Truax Field, Madison, Wis.

## **FLIGHT INFORMATION**

Rating: command pilot

Flight hours: more than 2,600

Aircraft flown: T-37, T-38, AT-38, F-16C

## **MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS**

Meritorious Service Medal with two oak leaf clusters

Aerial Achievement Medal

Air Force Commendation Medal

## **EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION**

Second Lieutenant, May 1996

First Lieutenant, May 1998

Captain, May 2000

Major, May 2006

Lieutenant Colonel, May 2010

Colonel, July 2017

(Current as of October 2020)