



BIOGRAPHY

UNITED STATES AIR FORCE

COLONEL RAUL ROSARIO

Col. Raul Rosario is Commander of the 149th Fighter Wing, Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland, Texas. The 149th FW is home to the 149th Maintenance Group, 149th Operations Group, 149th Mission Support Group and the 149th Medical Group. In addition, the 149th Fighter Wing has five geographically separated units: Headquarters Texas Air National Guard, 203rd Ground Combat Training Squadron, 204th SFS, 209th Weather Flight and the 273rd Cyber Operations Squadron. The wing is composed of more than a thousand Air National Guard members and is responsible for providing fully trained F-16 pilots, battlefield airmen and cyber warriors to war fighting commands.

Colonel Rosario graduated from Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University in 1993 with a Bachelor of Science in Aerospace Engineering. He was commissioned in the Air National Guard in 1996 and earned his pilot wings in 1997 as member of the 156th Fighter Wing, San Juan, Puerto Rico. He served as Chief of Scheduling and as Flight Commander at the 183rd Fighter Wing in Springfield, Illinois. He joined the ranks of the 149th FW in 2002, where he has served as an Instructor-Evaluation-Functional Flight Check Pilot, Chief of Standardization and Evaluation, Chief of Training, Quality Assurance Project Officer, Wing Special Programs Manager, Regional Mission Training Center Lead, Wing Liaison for the State Partnership Program, Assistant Operations Officer, Director of Operations, and as the 149th Operations Support Squadron Commander.



Colonel Rosario is a command pilot with more than 2,800 flying hours, primarily in the F-16. He has flown combat missions in operations Southern Watch and Enduring Freedom and has supported Operation Noble Eagle. As an Air National Guard citizen airman, his experience extends to the civilian sector as both an aerospace engineer program manager and an airline pilot. Prior to assuming his current position, Colonel Rosario served as Commander for the 149th Operations Group, JBSA-Lackland, Texas.

EDUCATION

1993 Bachelor of Science, Aerospace Engineering, Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University, Daytona Beach, Fla.
2004 Squadron Officer School, Maxwell Air Force Base, Ala., by correspondence
2008 Air Command and Staff College, Maxwell AFB, Ala., by correspondence
2012 Air War College, Maxwell AFB, Ala., by correspondence
2015 Master of Arts, Theology, Holy Apostles University, Cromwell, Conn.
2017 Board President Safety Course, Kirtland AFB, N.M.
2018 Commander Development Course, ANG Readiness Center, Md.
2019 Joint Task Force Commanders Course, Colorado Springs, Colo.
2019 Dual Status Commanders Course, Colorado Springs, Colo.

ASSIGNMENTS

1. August 1996 – September 1997, Student Pilot, 80th Sheppard AFB, Texas
2. October 1997 – July 1998, F-16 Formal Training Unit Student, 162nd Fighter Wing, Ariz.
3. August 1998 – September 2002, F-16 Combat Ready Pilot, 170th Fighter Squadron, Springfield, Ill.
4. October 2002 – January 2007, F-16 Instructor Pilot, 182nd Fighter Squadron, JBSA-Lackland, Texas

5. February 2007 – August 2008, Chief of Scheduling/Training, 182nd FS, JBSA-Lackland, Texas
6. September 2008 – April 2012, Mission Training Center Lead/Wing Program Manager, 149th Fighter Wing, JBSA-Lackland, Texas
7. September 2008 – January 2010, Project Officer Quality Assurance, 149th Operations Support Squadron, JBSA-Lackland, Texas
8. January 2010 – April 2012, Chief of Standards and Evaluation, 149th Operations Group, JBSA-Lackland, Texas
9. May 2012 – April 2013, Assistant Director of Operations, 182nd FS, JBSA-Lackland, Texas
10. May 2013 – April 2014, Director of Operations, 182nd FS, JBSA-Lackland, Texas
11. May 2014 – March 2016, Deputy Group Commander / OSS Commander, 149th Operations Group, JBSA-Lackland, Texas
12. April 2016 – August 2018, Commander, 149th OG, JBSA-Lackland, Texas
13. August 2018 – current, Wing Commander, 149th FW, JBSA-Lackland, Texas

MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS

Meritorious Service Medal with two oak leaf clusters
Aerial Achievement Medal
Air Force Achievement Medal
Air Force Outstanding Unit Award with Valor Device
National Defense Service Medal
Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal
Global War on Terrorism Service Medal
Armed Forces Reserve Medal

EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION

Second Lieutenant March 21, 1996
First Lieutenant March 21, 1998
Captain April 14, 2000
Major July 21, 2004
Lieutenant Colonel Jan. 26, 2010
Colonel July 13, 2016

(Current as of December 2019)