



BIOGRAPHY



UNITED STATES AIR FORCE

LIEUTENANT COLONEL BRETT “RAZOR” RURKA (CHC Grad '94, USAFA '99)

Lieutenant Colonel Brett “Razor” Rurka is a current Active Duty Air Force F-35 Stealth Fighter pilot assigned to the 388th Fighter Wing located at Hill Air Force Base, Utah. He graduated from Calvert Hall in 1994 where he wrestled, played football and lacrosse. He was recruited for lacrosse and attended the U.S. Air Force Academy 1995-1999. Razor was a four-year starter for the Air Force Lacrosse team, All-conference Defense, and Team MVP. He graduated with a Bachelor of Science in Behavioral Sciences and was selected to attend undergraduate pilot training.

Razor has over 4,200 fighter jet flying hours with 260 combat missions (1,100+ hours) in the F-16 through five combat deployments to the Middle East. He started his F-16 career at Aviano Air Base, Italy and his combat experience in 2002 where he deployed to Al Jabber Air Base, Kuwait for Operation SOUTHERN WATCH (OSW) then to Al Udeid Air Base, Qatar for Operation IRAQI FREEDOM (OIF). He had two additional deployments to Balad Air Base, Iraq for the same operation rounding out his OIF tours and accumulated over 100 F-16 OIF missions.

In 2017, Lt Col Rurka again deployed for a year to Operations RESOLUTE SUPPORT (ORS) and FREEDOM SENTINAL (OFS) and took command of the 455th Expeditionary Operations Support Squadron at Bagram Air Base, Afghanistan and was the commander of the airfields at both Bagram Air Base and Jalalabad Air Base in eastern Afghanistan. Additionally, Razor flew over 100 F-16 combat missions in Afghanistan against enemy Taliban and ISIS forces with numerous missions weapons employments. His combat experience has garnered him the Bronze Star, ten Air Medals, and two Aerial Achievement Medals.

Razor wrapped up his F-16 career as the 8th Operations Group Deputy Commander, Kunsan Air Base, South Korea. With six total years in Korea, He was assigned to all three F-16 fighter squadrons at the two F-16 bases before beginning the cross-training into the Air Force's most recent fighter, the F-35 Stealth Fighter.

Currently, Lt Col Rurka is wrapping up his Air Force career as an F-35 pilot at the 388 Fighter Wing serving as the Director of Plans and Programs and Chief of Special Technical Operations.