



BIOGRAPHY

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Colonel Jonathan W. Klaaren is commandant, Squadron Officer School, and vice commander, Squadron Officer College, Maxwell Air Force Base, Ala. He is responsible for implementing a curriculum to improve the professional competence of Air Force company grade officers and inspire their dedication to the profession of arms.

Colonel Klaaren was formerly the commander of 4th Operations Support Squadron, Seymour Johnson Air Force Base, N.C. His previous assignments have included flying as a weapon systems officer in the F-4E, F-111F and F-15E. He flew 30 combat missions in the F-111F during Operation Desert Storm. He also served as an instructor at Air Command and Staff College and in

staff positions at Headquarters Air Combat Command in the operations directorate and plans and programs directorate.

Colonel Klaaren received his commission from Officer Training School, Lackland Air Force Base, Texas, in 1981. He graduated from navigator training in 1982. Colonel Klaaren is a master navigator with more than 2,500 flying hours.

EDUCATION:

1977 Bachelor of science degree in business administration, Miami University, Oxford, Ohio
1988 Squadron Officer School, Maxwell Air Force Base, Ala.
1989 Masters degree in aeronautical science, Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University, Daytona Beach, Fla.
1993 Air Command and Staff College, Maxwell Air Force Base, Ala.
2001 Masters degree in strategic studies, Air War College, Maxwell Air Force Base, Ala.

ASSIGNMENTS:

1. December 1981 - June 1982, student, undergraduate navigator training, 452nd Flying Training Squadron, Mather Air Force Base, Calif.
2. July 1982 - June 1983, student weapons system officer, F-4 replacement training unit 307th Tactical Fighter Squadron, Homestead Air Force Base, Fla.
3. June 1983 - March 1986, F-4E instructor WSO, 336th Tactical Fighter Squadron, Seymour Johnson Air Force Base, N.C.
4. April 1986 - May 1991, F-111F instructor WSO, squadron chief of Pave Tack/Radar Strike, operations executive officer, flight examiner, wing executive officer, and flight commander, 492nd and 493rd Tactical Fighter Squadrons, RAF Lakenheath, United Kingdom
5. June 1991 - July 1992, chief, F-111 Training Branch, Headquarters Tactical Air Command/Air Combat Command, Langley Air Force Base, Va.
6. July 1992 - June 1993, student, Air Command and Staff College, Maxwell Air Force Base, Ala.
7. June 1993 - June 1995, academic instructor, curriculum developer and operations officer, Air Command and Staff College, Maxwell Air Force Base, Ala.
8. July 1995 - December 1996, F-15E WSO, chief of quality and assistant operations officer, 335th Fighter Squadron, Seymour Johnson Air Force Base, N.C.
9. January 1997 - July 2000, F-15E WSO, current operations flight commander, operations officer and commander, 4th Operations Support Squadron, Seymour Johnson Air Force Base, N.C.
10. August 2000 - June 2001, student, Air War College, Maxwell Air Force Base, Ala.
11. July 2001 - March 2003, chief of the Basing and Force Structure Division, Headquarters Air Combat Command, Langley Air Force Base, Va.
12. March 2003 - present, commandant, Squadron Officer School, Maxwell Air Force Base, Ala.

FLIGHT INFORMATION:

Rating: Master navigator

Flight hours: More than 2,500, including more than 200 combat hours

Aircraft flown: F-4E, F-111F and F-15E

MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS:

Distinguished Flying Cross
Air Force Meritorious Service Medal with two oak leaf clusters
Air Medal with four oak leaf clusters
Aerial Achievement Medal with three oak leaf clusters
Air Force Commendation Medal with two oak leaf clusters
Air Force Achievement Medal
Air Force Outstanding Unit Award with one silver leaf cluster and Valor device
Combat Readiness Medal with four oak leaf clusters
National Defense Service Medal
Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal
Southwest Asia Service Medal
Military Outstanding Volunteer Service Medal
Kuwait Liberation Medal, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia
Kuwait Liberation Medal, Government of Kuwait

EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION:

Second Lieutenant	Nov. 6, 1981
First Lieutenant	Nov. 6, 1983
Captain	Nov. 6, 1985
Major	May 1, 1993
Lieutenant Colonel	Jan. 1, 1997
Colonel	June 1, 2002

(Current as of March 2003)