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UNITED STATES AIR FORCE

## COLONEL BRADLEY D. "GATO" RUTTMAN

Colonel Bradley Ruttman is currently the Commander of the 138th Fighter Wing, Tulsa Air National Guard Base, Oklahoma Air National Guard. He is the senior officer responsible for organizing, training, and equipping over 1,200 personnel. He provides the governor and federal commanders with personnel and equipment to meet state emergencies, national emergencies, and ongoing force requirements. The wing provides command, control, and oversight of a 21 primary assigned F-16CM fighter aircraft, flies more than 2,600 sorties annually and logs more than 3,500 flying hours each year. He is also responsible for oversight of 138th Fighter Wing, Detachment 1 at Ellington Field, Texas executing the Aerospace Control Alert mission.

Colonel Ruttman entered the United States Air Force in 1999 and received his commission through the Air Force Officer Training School. After leaving Active Duty in 2003, he joined the Oklahoma Air National Guard and completed Euro-NATO Joint Jet Pilot Training in July 2004. He has participated in six overseas deployments in Kuwait, Iraq, Afghanistan, and Japan. He has over 500 hours of combat time in the F-16 and over 100 combat sorties. He attended the University of Oklahoma where he earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Engineering. Colonel Ruttman has commanded at the squadron, group, and wing levels.



### EDUCATION

- 1999 BS degree in Environmental Engineering, University of Oklahoma, Norman, OK
- 2007 Squadron Officer School by correspondence
- 2011 Air Command and Staff College by correspondence
- 2017 Air War College by correspondence

### ASSIGNMENTS

1. October 1999 – January 2000, Student, Officer Training School, Maxwell Air Force Base, Alabama
2. January 2000 – March 2003, Civil Engineering Officer, Randolph AFB, Texas
3. March 2003 – December 2004, Euro-NATO Joint Jet Pilot training, Sheppard AFB, TX
4. December 2004 – November 2005, Student, F-16 Replacement Training Unit, Springfield Air National Guard Base, Ohio
5. November 2005 – January 2012, F-16 Pilot, Tulsa ANGB, Oklahoma
6. January 2012 – February 2014, F-16 Instructor Pilot and Flight Commander, Tulsa ANGB, Okla
7. February 2014 – November 2018, Commander, 138th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron, Tulsa ANGB, Okla
8. November 2018 – August 2019, Deputy Commander, 138th Operations Group, Tulsa ANGB, Okla
9. August 2019 – June 2023, Commander, 138th Operations Group, Tulsa ANGB, Okla
10. June 2023 – August 2024, Deputy Commander, 138th Fighter Wing, Tulsa ANGB, Okla
11. August 2024 – August 2025; Retired
12. August 2025 – Present; Wing Commander, 138th Fighter Wing, Tulsa ANGB, Okla





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## FLIGHT INFORMATION

Rating: Command Pilot

Flying Hours: more than 2,400

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

## MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS

Legion of Merit

Meritorious Service Medal with one oak leaf cluster

Air Medal with three oak leaf clusters and four "C" devices

Aerial Achievement Medal

Air and Space Commendation Medal

Air and Space Achievement Medal with one oak leaf cluster

Combat Readiness Medal with seven oak leaf clusters

National Defense Service Medal

Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal

Afghanistan Campaign Medal with two service stars

Iraq Campaign Medal with one service star

Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal

Global War on Terrorism Service Medal

NATO Medal with one service star

## EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION

Second Lieutenant Jan 14, 2000

First Lieutenant Jan 14, 2002

Captain Jan 20, 2004

Major Jan 22, 2008

Lieutenant Colonel Jan 22, 2015

Colonel Sep 01, 2019

(Current as of December 2025)

