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MEDIA STATEMENT**

Colonel David Smith, Commander of the 158th Fighter Wing Announces Retirement after More than 30 Years of Service

Col. David Smith, commander, 158th Fighter Wing, announced he will retire from the Vermont Air National Guard.

“It has been the honor of my life to serve in the Vermont National Guard for more than three decades. We have worked hard to continue the legacy of the Green Mountain Boys and I couldn’t be more proud of the women and men I serve alongside and the support we have received from the community.”

After graduating from the University of Vermont in 1987, Colonel Smith joined the USAF and attended the Academy of Military Science in 1989, commissioning as a Second Lieutenant. Col. Smith flew the F-16 for over two decades. He commanded at all levels while at the 158th Fighter Wing to include his final position as Wing commander. Under his leadership, Col Smith ensured that we were prepared and the 158th Fighter Wing was ready for this new mission.

“The F-35s are here, the program that so many worked so hard for is underway, and the Wing is in good hands thanks to the contributions of many. For me and my family, it’s the right time to pursue other opportunities and we are excited for what the future will hold after retirement,” said Smith. “I am grateful for the opportunity to serve the state and nation I love so much.”

“It has been an honor to serve with Col. Smith. You will be missed and we all wish you the best in your retirement. I cannot thank Col Smith enough for his service, mentorship, care for our members and steadfast leadership,” said Brig. Gen. Greg Knight, adjutant general, Vermont National Guard.

Brig. Gen. Steven Lambrecht, air component commander, will command the 158th Fighter Wing and Col. Adam Rice, vice wing commander, will handle day-to-day operations. A change of command ceremony is scheduled for early next year.

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