



BIOGRAPHY



UNITED STATES AIR FORCE

CHAPLAIN (BRIG. GEN.) JOSEPH H. PENKAUL



Chaplain (Brig. Gen.) Joseph H. Penkaul is the mobilization assistant to the Chief of Air Force Chaplains, Headquarters U.S. Air Force, Washington, D.C. He advises the Chief of Chaplains in directing and maintaining a trained, equipped and professional chaplain service in the Reserve forces.

Chaplain Penkaul is a native of Buffalo, N.Y. He enlisted in the Army in April 1958. After being discharged in January 1961, he attended St. John Vianney Seminary in East Aurora, N.Y., and Niagara University, Niagara Falls, N.Y. Chaplain Penkaul was commissioned as a chaplain in the Army Reserve in 1970 and then transferred to the Air Force Reserve in 1973.

Chaplain Penkaul was ordained in 1968 as a priest for the diocese of Buffalo, N.Y., where he served as a parish priest, high school principal, and a chaplain at Attica Correctional Facility, Attica, N.Y., for 12 years. He is now pastor of three parishes in New York.

EDUCATION

1964 Bachelor of Arts degree in philosophy, St. John Vianney Seminary, East Aurora, N.Y.
 1969 Master of Arts degree in theology, St. John Vianney Seminary, East Aurora, N.Y.
 1974 Master of Science degree in education, Canisius College, Buffalo, N.Y.
 1977 Certificate in Secondary Administration and Supervision, Niagara University, Niagara, N.Y.
 1989 National Security Management Course, by correspondence

ASSIGNMENTS

1. April 1958 - July 1958, trainee, Fort Dix, N.J.
2. July 1958 - August 1959, administration specialist, Headquarters 504th Military Police Battalion, Fort Gordon, Ga.
3. September 1959 - October 1960, administration specialist, Headquarters 7th Infantry Division, Camp Casey, South Korea
4. October 1960 - January 1961, administrative specialist, Fort Monmouth, N.J.
5. January 1961 - June 1970, civilian status
6. June 1970 - February 1973, Catholic chaplain, Headquarters 2nd Battalion, 98th Combat Training Division, Amherst, N.Y.
7. February 1973 - November 1973, Catholic chaplain, individual mobilization augmentee, 416th Bomber Wing, Griffiss Air Force Base, N.Y.
8. November 1973 - May 1976, Catholic chaplain, 914th Tactical Air Group, Niagara Falls, N.Y.
9. May 1976 - January 1987, Catholic chaplain, 107th Fighter Interceptor Group, Niagara Falls, N.Y.
10. January 1987 - February 1990, Air National Guard assistant to the Command Chaplain, Military Airlift Command, Scott AFB, III.
11. February 1990 - February 1991, senior IMA chaplain to the Command Chaplain, Military Airlift Command, Scott AFB, III.
12. February 1991 - June 1991, Catholic chaplain, Operation Desert Storm, 55th Combat Support Group, Offutt AFB, Neb.
13. June 1991 - October 1991, senior IMA chaplain to the Command Chaplain, Military Airlift Command, Scott AFB, III.
14. October 1991 - January 1993, senior IMA chaplain to Air Force Reserve staff chaplain, Robins AFB, Ga.
15. January 1993 - present, mobilization assistant to the Chief of Air Force Chaplains, Headquarters U.S. Air Force, Washington, D.C.

MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS

Army Good Conduct Medal
 Army Overseas Service Ribbon
 Meritorious Service Medal with oak leaf cluster
 Air Force Commendation Medal
 Air Force Outstanding Unit Award with two oak leaf clusters
 Air Force Organizational Excellence Award
 National Defense Service Medal with bronze star
 Air Force Overseas Ribbon - Short
 Air Force Longevity Service Award with silver oak leaf cluster
 Armed Forces Reserve Medal with oak leaf cluster
 Small Arms Expert Marksmanship Ribbon
 Air Force Training Ribbon

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS AND ASSOCIATIONS

Air Force Association
 American Legion, Belmont, N.Y.
 Reserve Officers Association
 Lions Club, Scio, N.Y.

EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION

First Lieutenant May 25, 1970

Captain Feb. 23, 1973

Major Sept. 17, 1977

Lieutenant Colonel Jan. 28, 1983

Colonel Dec. 22, 1986

Brigadier General Feb. 9, 1994

(Current as of October 1994)

