



BIOGRAPHY

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BRIGADIER GENERAL (CHAPLAIN) JOSEPH H. PENKAUL

Brigadier General (Chaplain) 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 for the free exercise of religion to all Air Force personnel and their families worldwide. He recommends fiscal, personnel and professional program planning with the emphasis on mobilization and training of Reserve forces.



The chaplain 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, extended active duty, U.S. Army, Fort Dix, N.J.
2. July 1958 - August 1959, administration specialist, U.S. Army, Headquarters 504th Military Police Battalion, Fort Gordon, Ga.
3. September 1959 - October 1960, administration specialist, U.S. Army, Headquarters 7th Infantry Division, Camp Casey, South Korea
4. October 1960 - January 1961, administrative specialist, U.S. Army, Fort Monmouth, N.J.
5. January 1961 - June 1970, civilian status
6. June 1970 - February 1973, Catholic chaplain, U. S. Army Reserve, Headquarters 2nd Battalion, 98th Combat Training Division, Amherst, N.Y.
7. February 1973 - November 1973, Catholic chaplain, U.S. Air Force Reserve; individual mobilization augmentee, 416th Bomber Wing, Strategic Air Command, Griffiss Air Force Base, N.Y.
8. November 1973 - May 1976, Catholic chaplain, Air Force Reserve, 914th Tactical Air Group, Military Airlift Command, Niagara Falls, N.Y.

9. May 1976 - January 1987, Catholic chaplain, Air National Guard, 107th Fighter Interceptor Group, Tactical Air Command, Niagara Falls, N.Y.
10. January 1987 - February 1990, Air National Guard assistant to the Military Airlift Command chaplain, Scott Air Force Base, Ill.
11. February 1990 - February 1991, senior individual mobilization augmentee chaplain to the Military Airlift Command chaplain, Scott Air Force Base, Ill.
12. February 1991 - June 1991, Catholic chaplain, extended active duty, Operation Desert Storm, Strategic Air Command, 55th Combat Support Group, Offutt Air Force Base, Neb.
13. June 1991 - October 1991, senior individual mobilization augmentee chaplain to the Military Airlift Command chaplain, Scott Air Force Base, Ill.
14. October 1991 - January 1993, senior individual mobilization augmentee chaplain to Air Force Reserve staff chaplain, Robins Air Force Base, Ga.
15. January 1993 - present, mobilization assistant to the chief of Air Force chaplains, Headquarters U.S. Air Force, Bolling Air Force Base, 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 service star
 Air Force Overseas Ribbon - Short
 Air Force Longevity Service Award Ribbon with five oak leaf clusters
 Armed Forces Reserve Medal with oak leaf cluster
 Small Arms Expert Marksmanship Ribbon
 Air Force Training Ribbon

OTHER ACHIEVEMENTS:

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

EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION:

First Lieutenant	May 25, 1970
Captain	Feb 23, 1973
Major	Sep 17, 1977
Lieutenant Colonel	Jan 28, 1983
Colonel	Dec 22, 1986
Brigadier General	Feb 9, 1994

(Current as of October 1994)