



BIOGRAPHY



UNITED STATES AIR FORCE

CHAPLAIN, MAJOR WILLIAM R. "SPENCE" SPENCER

Chaplain, Major William R. Spencer currently serves as the Deputy Wing Chaplain for the 6th Air Mobility Wing at MacDill Air Force Base in Tampa, Florida. In this capacity, he directly supervises two active-duty chaplains and 5 contractors. He plans, directs, and provides oversight for the entire Protestant parish which encompasses 18 programs and a \$250K annual budget. Chaplain Spencer functions as a member of the chapel team which is responsible for providing comprehensive ministry to over 12,000 personnel, 38 mission partners and 62 coalition member nations across the entire base.



Chaplain Spencer entered the active duty Air Force in August 2004, after serving as a civilian associate pastor for seven years and a Chaplain Candidate and reserve Chaplain for approximately six years. Chaplain Spencer deployed to Ali Al Salem Air Base, Kuwait in 2008. In 2011, he was deployed to HQ USCENTCOM as the pastoral care chaplain for over 5,000 personnel assigned to the Headquarters.

EDUCATION

- 1992 Marion Senior High School, Marion, VA
- 1997 Bachelor of Arts, Asbury College, Wilmore, KY
- 1999 Commissioned Officer Training, OTS, Maxwell AFB, AL
- 1999 Chaplain Candidate Familiarization Course, Chaplain Service Institute (CSI), Maxwell AFB, AL
- 2001 Master of Divinity, Asbury Theological Seminary, Wilmore, KY
- 2002 Basic Chaplain Course, CSI, Maxwell AFB, AL
- 2006 Squadron Officer School (Correspondence), Maxwell AFB, AL
- 2008 Squadron Officer School (In-Residence), Maxwell AFB, AL
- 2010 Intermediate Chaplain Course, Chaplain Corps College (CCC), Ft Jackson, SC

ASSIGNMENTS

1. January 1999 – August 2001, Chaplain Candidate, 9017th ARS, ARPC, Denver, CO
Attached to Fairchild AFB, WA (summer 1999) and Wright-Patterson AFB, OH (summer 2000)
for candidate tours
2. August 2001 – August 2004, Reserve Protestant Chaplain, 9018th ARS, ARPC, Denver, CO;
Attached to 6 AMW, MacDill AFB, FL (all 3 years)
3. August 2004 - April 2005, Protestant Chaplain, 325 FW, Tyndall AFB, FL
4. April 2005 – December 2005, Protestant Chaplain, 81 TRW, Keesler AFB, MS
5. December 2005 – July 2010, Protestant Chaplain, 88 ABW, Wright-Patterson AFB, OH
(September 2008 – January 2009, Protestant Chaplain, 386 AEW, Ali Al Salem, Kuwait)
6. July 2010 – Present, Senior Protestant/Deputy Wing Chaplain, 6 AMW, MacDill AFB, FL
(June – December 2011, Pastoral Care Chaplain, HQ USCENTCOM, MacDill AFB, FL)

AWARDS AND DECORATIONS

Joint Service Commendation Medal
Air Force Commendation Medal with 1 Oak Leaf Cluster (OLC)
Air Force Achievement Medal
Joint Meritorious Unit Award
Meritorious Unit Award
Air Force Outstanding Unit Award with 3 OLC
National Defense Service Medal
Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal
Global War on Terrorism Service Medal
Armed Forces Service Medal
Humanitarian Service Medal
Air Force Expeditionary Service Ribbon with Gold Border
Air Force Longevity Service with 3 OLC
Armed Forces Reserve Medal with 1 BHG
Air Force Training Ribbon

OTHER ACHIEVEMENTS

2001 Ordained to ministry (Church of God - Anderson), Minister's Assembly, Orlando, FL
Distinguished Graduate, Commissioned Officer Training, OTS, Maxwell AFB, AL
Top Graduate, Basic Chaplain Course, Chaplain Service Institute, Maxwell AFB, AL
"Team of the Month" November 2008, 386th Air Expeditionary Wing, Ali Al Salem AB, Kuwait
"CGO of the Quarter" October 2009, 88th Air Base Wing, Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio
"Company Grade Chaplain of the Year" for Air Force Materiel Command in 2009
"CGO of the Quarter" (WSA) April 2011, 6th Air Mobility Wing, MacDill AFB, Florida
"Distinguished Young Alum Award", June 2011, Asbury University, Wilmore, Kentucky
Air Mobility Command's "Outstanding Large Chapel Organization Award" for 2011

EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTIONS

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| Second Lieutenant | 23 January 1999 |
| First Lieutenant | 27 August 2000 |
| Captain | 1 October 2002 |
| Major | 1 Jan 2013 |

(Current as of 1 Jan 2013)