



CHAPLAIN, COLONEL JAMES M. HENDRICK

Ch, Col James M. Hendrick Services as Command Chaplain, Pacific Air Forces (PACAF) Headquarters (HQ), Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam (JBPHH), Hawaii. He implements the commander's religious support program to provide for the free exercise of religion for 46,000 Airmen serving principally in Japan, Korea, Hawaii, Alaska, and Guam. He ensures PACAF Religious Support Teams (RSTs) are prepared, trained, & equipped to conduct religious affairs across the entire range of military operations. He is the principal advisor to the commander regarding the impact of religion on military operations and strengthens ally and partner relations through Key Religious Leader Engagements. He develops theater-specific policies and procedures, establishes manpower requirements, and provides leadership and functional oversight of 134 PACAF Chaplain Corps personnel.

Chaplain Hendrick entered the Air Force in July 1991. He graduated North Greenville College in May 1998 and Erskine Theological Seminary in May 2001. He direct-commissioned into the Air Force Reserve in 1999 and was ordained by the Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church in June 2001. Before returning to active duty in 2004, he served in civilian ministry for three years. Prior to his current position, Ch, Col Hendrick served as the Command Chaplain, Special Operations Command Central (SOCCENT), MacDill Air Force Base (AFB), Florida.



EDUCATION

1998 Bachelor of Arts, Christian Studies, North Greenville College, Tigerville, S.C.
1999 Commissioned Officer Training School, Maxwell Air Force Base, Ala.
2001 Master of Divinity, Erskine Theological Seminary, Due West, S.C.
2004 Air Force Basic Chaplain Course, Maxwell AFB, Ala.
2005 Air and Space Basic Course, Maxwell AFB, Ala.
2008 Squadron Officer School, Maxwell AFB, Ala., by correspondence
2009 Squadron Officer School, Maxwell AFB, Ala.
2017 Air Command Staff College, Maxwell AFB, Ala., by correspondence
2023 Air War College, Maxwell AFB, Ala.

ASSIGNMENTS

1. November 1991-January 1995, Fuel Systems Mechanic, 23 AW, Pope Air Force Base, N.C.
2. January 1995-July 1995, Information Manager, 61 ABW, Los Angeles AFB, Calif.
3. August 1995-May 1999, Information Manager, Charlotte Air National Guard, N.C.
4. June 1999-July 1999, Chaplain Candidate, 75 ABW, Hill AFB, Utah
5. June 2000-July 2000, Chaplain Candidate, 315 AW, Charleston AFB, S.C.
6. December 2002-July 2004, IMA Chaplain, 78 ABW, Robins AFB, Ga.
7. July 2004-October 2008, Chaplain, 436 AW, Dover AFB, Del.
8. November 2008-November 2010, Chaplain, 45 SW, Patrick AFB, Fla.
9. December 2010-June 2013, Chaplain, 55 WG, Offutt AFB, Neb.
10. June 2013-June 2016, Chaplain, 673 ABW, Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson, Alaska





BIOGRAPHY



UNITED STATES AIR FORCE

11. June 2016-June 2019, Wing Chaplain, 24 SOW, Hurlburt Field, Fla.
12. June 2019-June 2021, Wing Chaplain, USAFA/HCX, United States Air Force Academy, Colo.
13. June 2021-June 2022, Wing Chaplain, 86 AW, Ramstein AB, Germany
14. July 2022-May 2023, Student, Air War College, Maxwell AFB, Ala.
15. June 2023-May 2025, Command Chaplain, SOCCENT, MacDill AFB, Fla.
16. May 2025-Present, Command Chaplain, PACAF, JBPHH, Hawaii

MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS

Air Force Meritorious Service Medal with four oak leaf clusters Joint Service Commendation Medal

Air Force Commendation Medal with two oak leaf clusters Army Commendation Medal

Air Force Achievement Medal with oak leaf cluster

EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION

Second Lieutenant April 1, 1999

First Lieutenant Dec. 1, 2002

Captain Nov. 1, 2004

Major July. 1, 2015

Lieutenant Colonel Nov. 1, 2019

Colonel March 1, 2024

(Current as of May 2025)

