



BIOGRAPHY



UNITED STATES AIR FORCE

CHAPLAIN, COLONEL REGINA O. SAMUEL

Chaplain, Colonel Regina O. Samuel currently serves as the Commandant, Air Force Chaplain Corps College, Ira C. Eaker Center for Leadership Development, Maxwell Air Force Base, Montgomery, Alabama. She leads an elite team of 24 Total Force Chaplains and Religious Affairs Airmen and one civilian Airman. On behalf of the Air Force Chief of Chaplain's Office, the College trains and educates the nearly 2,000 chaplains and religious affairs Airmen from the active duty, Air Reserve, and Air Guard components to provide worship, liturgies, religious rites and spiritual care to all Air and Space professionals and their families while also serving as the primary adviser to commanders and senior enlisted leaders on moral, spiritual, ethical, and religious matters.

Chaplain Samuel served as an enlisted Airman from 1983 to 1989. She received a direct commission as a Chaplain Candidate in 1998 and re-entered active duty in 2002 as a Chaplain. She has served at the US Air Force Academy, the Air Force Chief of Chaplains' office, and also completed the Army Family Life training, where she received a Master of Counseling Psychology with a concentration in Marriage and Family Therapy via the Air Force Institute of Technology-Civilian Institute. Chaplain Samuel deployed in support of Operation ENDURING FREEDOM, Operation IRAQI FREEDOM, and Operation FREEDOM'S SENTINEL and NATO's Resolute Support missions. Prior to her current assignment, she served as the first agency Staff Chaplain for the National Reconnaissance Office, Chantilly, Virginia.



Chaplain Samuel is a native of Florence, South Carolina. She is an ordained Itinerant Elder and endorsed by the African Methodist Episcopal Church.

EDUCATION

- 1994 Bachelor of Arts, English, Allen University, Columbia, S.C.
- 1998 Commissioned Officer Training, Maxwell Air Force Base, Ala.
- 1999 Master of Divinity, Homiletics, Interdenominational Theological Center, Atlanta, Ga.
- 2002 Air and Space Basic Course, Maxwell AFB, Ala
- 2006 Squadron Officer School, Maxwell AFB, Ala.
- 2009 – 2010 Organizational Leadership Doctoral courses (Diversity), Argosy University, Denver, Colo.
- 2011 Master of Counseling Psychology (Marriage and Family Therapy), AFIT-CI, Texas A&M Central-Texas, Killeen
- 2016 Master of Military Operational Art and Science, Air Command and Staff College, Maxwell AFB, Ala.
- 2020 Air War College, Maxwell AFB, Ala. by correspondence
- 2021 – present Doctor of Ministry studies, Erskine Theological Seminary, Due West, S.C.
- 2022 Certificate, Diversity, Equity and Inclusion in the Workplace, University of South Florida Sarasota-Manatee, Sarasota

ASSIGNMENTS

1. November 1983 – January 1985, Administrative Specialist, England Air Force Base, La.
2. January 1985 – November 1985, Administrative Specialist, Shaw AFB, S.C.
3. December 1985 – October 1989, Legal Specialist (USAFR), Shaw AFB, S.C.
4. August 1998 – July 1999, Chaplain Candidate, Air Force Reserve Command, Denver, Colo.
5. March 2000 – April 2002, IMA Protestant Chaplain (USAFR), Shaw AFB, S.C.

6. May 2002 – August 2003, Chaplain, McGuire AFB, N.J.
7. August 2003 – August 2004, Chaplain, Kunsan Air Base, Republic of Korea
8. September 2004 – May 2007, Chaplain (Basic Military and Technical Training), Lackland AFB, Texas (May – September 2005, Chaplain, 379th Air Expeditionary Wing, Al Udeid AB, Qatar)
9. May 2007 – December 2009, Chaplain, USAF Academy (Cadet Chapel), USAF Academy, Colo. (June – October 2009, Chaplain, 322nd Air Expeditionary Wing, Balad AB, Iraq)
10. January 2010 – March 2010, Staff Chaplain, Plans and Programs, USAF Academy (Cadet Chapel), USAF Academy, Colo.
11. March 2010 – August 2011, Student, AFIT-CI, Family Life, Ft. Hood, Texas
12. September 2011 – June 2013, Chaplain, Ramstein AB, Germany
13. June 2013 – July 2015, Staff Chaplain, HQ HAF Resource Development Center, Ft. Jackson, S.C.
14. July 2015 – June 2016, Student, Air Command and Staff College, Maxwell AFB, Ala.
15. June 2016 – July 2017, Deputy Wing Chaplain, Andersen AFB, Guam
16. July 2017 – June 2018, Wing Chaplain, Andersen AFB, Guam
17. June 2018 – October 2020, Wing Chaplain, Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland, Texas (October 2019 – July 2020, Wing Chaplain, 455th Air Expeditionary Wing, Bagram Airfield, Afghanistan)
18. October 2020 – July 2022, Staff Chaplain, National Reconnaissance Office, Chantilly, Va.
19. July 2022 – present, Commandant, Air Force Chaplain Corps College, Maxwell AFB, Ala.

MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS

Defense Superior Service Medal
Bronze Star
Air Force Meritorious Service Medal with two oak leaf clusters
Air Force Commendation Medal with four oak leaf clusters
Air Force Achievement Medal
Joint Meritorious Unit Award
Meritorious Unit Award with one oak leaf cluster
Air Force Outstanding Unit Award with four oak leaf clusters
National Defense Service Medal
Afghanistan Campaign Medal with one bronze star
Iraq Campaign Medal with one bronze star
Korean Defense Service Medal

EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION

Captain September 4, 2002
Major November 1, 2012
Lieutenant Colonel November 1, 2017
Colonel, January 1, 2022

(Current as of Nov 22)