



BIOGRAPHY

UNITED STATES AIR FORCE

CHAPLAIN, MAJOR DONDI E. COSTIN



Chaplain Dondi E. Costin serves as Senior Protestant Chaplain, 43d Airlift Wing, Pope Air Force Base, North Carolina. In addition to his Senior Protestant Chaplain duties, he is primary chaplain for the 23d Fighter Group (ACC) and oversees Pope's IMA chaplain program.

Chaplain Costin was born in Wilmington, North Carolina on 21 August 1964. After graduating as valedictorian of his high school class in 1982, he entered the United States Air Force Academy. He graduated from the academy in 1986 and was commissioned a second lieutenant. He then served three years as a scientific analyst evaluating air-to-ground weapons with the 4486th Fighter Weapons Squadron, USAF Tactical Air Warfare Center, Eglin AFB, Florida. This was followed by three years of service as a branch chief scientific analyst at HQ TAC/XP's Joint Studies Group, Langley AFB, Virginia. He then served four years as assistant professor of aerospace studies at Air Force ROTC Detachment 845, Texas Christian University, Fort Worth, Texas. He completed a competitive category transfer into the chaplaincy on 10 May 1996 and attended the Chaplain Orientation Course in June 1996. From July 1996 to August

1998 he served as Protestant Chaplain for Air Force Basic Military Training, 37th Training Wing, Lackland AFB, Texas. He was transferred to the 100th Air Refueling Wing, RAF Mildenhall, United Kingdom, in August 1998, where he served as Flightline Chaplain until assuming Senior Flightline Chaplain duties in June 1999. He attended Air Command and Staff College, Maxwell AFB, Alabama, from August of 2000 until his graduation in June 2001. He assumed his current duties in July 2001.

PROFESSIONAL MILITARY EDUCATION

1992 USAF Academic Instructor School, Maxwell AFB AL
 1993 Squadron Officer School, Maxwell AFB AL
 1996 Chaplain Orientation Course, distinguished graduate, Maxwell AFB AL
 2001 Air Command and Staff College, Maxwell AFB AL

ASSIGNMENTS

1986-1989 Scientific Analyst, 4486th Fighter Weapons Squadron, USAFTAWC, Eglin AFB FL
 1989-1992 Chief Scientific Analyst, HQ TAC/XP-Joint Studies Group, Langley AFB VA
 1992-1996 Assistant Professor of Aerospace Studies, Texas Christian University, Ft Worth TX
 1996-1998 Protestant Chaplain, 37th Training Wing, Lackland AFB TX
 1998-2000 Flightline Chaplain then Senior Flightline Chaplain, 100th Air Refueling Wing, RAF Mildenhall UK
 2000-2001 Student, Air Command and Staff College, Maxwell AFB AL
 2001-pres Senior Protestant Chaplain, Pope AFB NC

AWARDS AND DECORATIONS

Meritorious Service Medal (2 oak leaf clusters)
 Air Force Commendation Medal (3 oak leaf clusters)
 Joint Service Achievement Medal
 Air Force Outstanding Unit Award with "V" Device (2 oak leaf clusters)
 Air Force Organizational Excellence Award (1 oak leaf cluster)
 Air Force Recognition Ribbon

National Defense Service Medal (1 bronze star)
Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal
Kosovo Campaign Medal
Armed Forces Service Medal
Military Outstanding Volunteer Service Medal
Humanitarian Service Medal
Air Force Overseas Ribbon Long
Air Force Longevity Service Award Ribbon (3 oak leaf clusters)
Small Arms Marksmanship Ribbon
Air Force Training Ribbon

EDUCATION

1986 Bachelor of Science, Operations Research, United States Air Force Academy, Colorado Springs CO
1991 Master of Arts (Counseling), Liberty University, Lynchburg VA
1992 Master of Arts in Religion, Liberty Baptist Theological Seminary, Lynchburg VA
1994 Master of Divinity, Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth TX
2001 Master of Military Operational Art and Science, Air Command and Staff College, Maxwell AFB AL
2003 Doctor of Ministry, The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville KY

EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION

Second Lieutenant	28 May 1986
First Lieutenant	28 May 1988
Captain	28 May 1990
Major	1 March 2000

(Current as of October 2003)