



The Air Force Reserve

CHAPLAIN

Corps



AIR FORCE RESERVE

This weekend thousands of men and women will not attend religious services at home. Instead, they choose to defend the freedoms of Americans, including the First Amendment which preserves our religious freedoms.

They need your help.

The Air Force Reserve is looking for qualified clergy to serve as chaplains. We are also looking for qualified seminary students to train as chaplain candidates.



AIR FORCE RESERVE **CHAPLAIN CORPS**

The Air Force Reserve Chaplain Corps exists to ensure the free exercise of religion. We are a diverse community of faiths serving a pluralistic population while remaining true to our own faith traditions. We train chaplains and chaplain assistants to provide ministry to airmen and their families.

In order to respond effectively to national and international emergencies, the Air Force Reserve must maintain a high level of readiness at all times. Ministry that makes a difference requires us to be current on all training and to maintain a sense of urgency.

Your Air Force Reserve ministry will enhance your civilian ministry by:

- Providing quality leadership training at no cost to your faith group
- Equipping you to serve a diverse community
- Offering health, dental and life insurance benefits at nominal cost

Your civilian ministry will complement your Air Force Reserve ministry by:

- Sharing your education and experience with us
- Adding your ministry insights and perspectives to ours

QUALIFICATIONS TO SERVE

- Be a U.S. citizen (dual citizenship is not accepted)
- Be qualified spiritually, morally, intellectually and emotionally to serve Air Force Reserve personnel
- Pass the Air Force Reserve physical examination and meet weight standards
- Pass a National Security Agency background check to qualify for a security clearance
- Be sensitive to religious diversity and provide for the free exercise of religion by all military personnel, their dependents, and other authorized personnel of the U.S. Military
- **Educational requirements:**
Schools must be accredited
 1. Bachelor degree - Chaplains and candidates must possess a degree with not less than 120 semester hours
 2. Professional degree - Chaplains must possess a completed Master of Divinity of at least 72 hours. Candidates must be working on the MDiv

- **Ecclesiastical requirements:**

Contact NCMAF.org to locate your endorser

1. Chaplains must have full endorsement
2. Candidates must have an ecclesiastical approval letter

- **Age requirements:**

Chaplains must be less than 40 at the time of appointment. Those with prior military service must be less than 42 at the time of appointment

Candidates must be less than 35 at the time of appointment

- **Training requirements:**

For chaplains:

1. Commissioned Officer Training - 4 weeks
2. Basic Chaplain Course - 6 weeks

For candidates:

1. First Summer—all back-to-back
 - Commissioned Officer Training - 4 weeks
 - Chaplain Candidate Course - 2 weeks
 - Chaplain Candidate Intensive Internship Program - 5 weeks
2. Second Summer Internship - 5 weeks

DIVISIONS OF SERVICE

The below requirements reflect the minimum days of participation required to be a Reservist.

Category A: Traditional Reservist

You become the chaplain to a group of Reservists, who, like you, serve one weekend per month and two weeks per year. Chaplains are also eligible for short tours to augment the active duty.

Category B: Individual Mobilization Augmentee

Instead of being the chaplain to a group of Reservists, you will become an asset to an active duty chapel staff, serving a minimum of 24 days per year, divided as follows: 12 consecutive days and 12 individual days scattered throughout the year. These days are served according to the needs of your chapel while considering your civilian ministry calendar.

LOCATIONS OF SERVICE

Your base will be determined by both the proximity to your home and the needs of the Air Force Reserve. We will discuss the possibilities and options with you to arrive at the best possible fit for you and the Chaplain Corps.

OFFICER COMMISSIONING

Upon acceptance, a chaplain is commissioned as a First Lieutenant.

A candidate is commissioned as a Second Lieutenant. Upon seminary graduation, a candidate has the option to reappoint as a chaplain with the rank of First Lieutenant.

BENEFITS

Earn additional income

The Air Force Reserve offers excellent part-time pay. Both chaplains and candidates are paid when they serve. For chaplains this means year-round part-time income, and for candidates, part-time income during the summer months.

Insurance

Excellent medical, dental and life insurance are provided while on duty and available year-round for a nominal fee.

Retirement

The military offers a non-contributory retirement plan. As a Reservist, your total amount of retirement will be based on how much time you serve. The more you serve, the greater your retirement benefit.

The above benefits are available for chaplains. Candidates are entitled to these benefits only during summer training.



Education

Candidates may apply for tuition assistance after completing the first summer of candidate training. Tuition assistance is currently \$4500 per year. For more information about tuition assistance, please call 800-525-0102 and ask for Delaina Hull.



For more information, contact one of our regional recruiters:

Western U.S. Chaplain Recruiter:

(West of the Mississippi River)

Chaplain (Lt. Col.) David Pendleton

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Eastern U.S. Chaplain Recruiter:

(East of the Mississippi River)

Chaplain (Maj.) Paul Gunn

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