



BIOGRAPHY

UNITED STATES AIR FORCE

CHAPLAIN (COLONEL) LARRY W. MYERS

Retired Mar. 1, 2002

Chaplain, Colonel Larry W. Myers was the Individual Mobilization Augmentee (IMA) to the Chief, Personnel, Materiel, & Readiness Division, Office of the Chief of the Chaplain Service, Bolling AFB, District of Columbia. In this capacity he assisted in the formulation of Chaplain Service policy affecting manpower and force structure issues, program considerations for materiel, and readiness for deployments and contingency operations. He was especially responsible for providing advice on policies and actions relating to Chaplain Service readiness for USAF Reserve and Air National Guard units and IMAs. He also helped to ensure that Active Duty, Reserve, and Air National Guard Chaplain Service personnel received professional and proficiency training to meet the Air Force wartime mission. He was the primary Reserve chaplain member of the HQ AF Crisis Action Team (CAT) and assisted in the mobilization and deployment of Chaplain Service personnel.

The chaplain entered the Air Force in February 1972 as a chaplain candidate during his seminary studies. His entire military career has been in the Air Force Reserve, including ten years of service in the Republic of Korea and the Federal Republic of Germany. Assignments have included base level, Numbered Air Force, MAJCOM, and Air Staff in both Category A and Category B positions. He is the first reserve chaplain of any branch to serve on the Joint Staff of the Joint Chiefs of Staff and has served twice on the Air Staff in the Office of the Chief of the Chaplain Service.

Chaplain Myers is from Missouri and is an ordained clergyman of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod. He is currently serving in civilian capacity as Administrative Pastor, Elm Grove Evangelical Lutheran Church, Elm Grove, Wisconsin. He and his son, Christoph-Martin, live in New Berlin, Wisconsin.

EDUCATION:

- 1968 Bachelor of Arts degree in pre-seminary studies, Concordia Senior College, Fort Wayne, Indiana
- 1972 Master of Divinity degree in theology, Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, Missouri
- 1972 Completion of Master of Arts degree in Classical Greek, Saint Louis University, St. Louis, Missouri
- 1974 Diploma, Korean Language Institute, Yonsei University, Seoul, Republic of Korea
- 1975 Squadron Officer School (by correspondence)
- 1978 Summer session, American Academy in Rome, Rome, Italy
- 1979 Academic Instructor School, Maxwell AFB, Alabama
- 1980 Classical summer session, American School of Classical Studies in Athens, Athens, Greece
- 1981 Air Command and Staff College (by seminar)
- 1987 Completion of Ph.D. graduate work in Classical Languages, Saint Louis University, St. Louis, Missouri
- 1988 National Endowment for the Humanities Summer Institute, Program in Jewish Studies, Brown University, Providence, Rhode Island
- 1989 Air War College (by seminar)
- 1991 Reserve Components National Security Seminar, Ft. McNair, Washington, District of Columbia

ASSIGNMENTS:

1. February 1972 - March 1973, Chaplain Candidate, HQ ARPC, Denver, Colorado.
2. July 1973 – March 1974, Chaplain Area Representative (CHAPAR), HQ ARPC, Denver, Colorado, in the Republic of Korea.
3. March 1974 - June 1987, Chaplain Individual Mobilization Augmentee, 9018 Air Reserve Squadron, HQ ARPC, Denver, Colo., with attachments . . .
 - July 1973 - June 1976, Osan AB, Republic of Korea;
 - July 1976 - August 1977, Scott AFB, Illinois;
 - September 1977 - June 1980, Duluth AFB, Duluth IAP, Minnesota;
 - July 1980 - June 1986, Rhein-Main AB, Federal Republic of Germany; and
 - July 1986 - June 1987, Bergstrom AFB, Austin, Texas.
4. July 1987 - July 1988, Headquarters Chaplain, 10th Air Force, Bergstrom AFB, Austin, Texas.
5. August 1988 - November 1992, Headquarters Chaplain and Headquarters Staff Chaplain, 14th Air Force, Dobbins AFB, Georgia.
6. December 1992 - May 1993, Staff Chaplain, 907 AG, Rickenbacker ANGRB, Columbus, Ohio.
7. June 1993 - September 1997, Senior IMA Chaplain, 9018 Air Reserve Squadron, HQ ARPC, Denver, Colorado, with attachment to HQ USAF/HCX, Plans and Programs, Office of the Chief of the Chaplain Service, Bolling AFB, District of Columbia.
8. October 1997 - June 1998, IMA to the Command Chaplain, HQ AMC/HC, Office of the Command Chaplain, Scott AFB, Illinois.
9. July 1998 - June 2001, IMA to the Chaplain, Joint Staff, J-1, Joint Chiefs of Staff, Pentagon, Washington, District of Columbia.
10. July 2001 - Retirement, IMA to the Chief, Personnel, Materiel, & Readiness Division, Office of the Chief of the Chaplain Service, HQ USAF/HCP, Bolling AFB, District of Columbia.

MILITARY AWARDS AND DECORATIONS:

Legion of Merit
Defense Meritorious Service Medal
Air Force Meritorious Service Medal with two oak leaf clusters
Joint Service Commendation Medal
Air Force Commendation Medal
Global War on Terrorism Service Medal
Air Force Outstanding Unit Award
Air Force Organizational Excellence Award
National Defense Service Medal with two bronze stars
Korean Defense Service Medal
Air Force Longevity Service Award with bronze and silver oak leaf clusters
Armed Forces Reserve Medal with silver hourglass device and two mobilization devices
Air Force Training Ribbon

EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION:

Second Lieutenant	February 25, 1972
First Lieutenant	March 10, 1973
Captain	January 6, 1976
Major	March 10, 1984
Lieutenant Colonel	March 10, 1989
Colonel	June 1, 1993

(Current as of December 2002)

Abbreviated Bio
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LARRY W. MYERS

SUMMARY:

- Wide range of civilian experience, which includes mission field, parish, the classroom (high school, college, both seminary undergraduate and graduate schools), and national staff work.
 - Ten years of overseas experience (Pacific and Europe) in cross-cultural environments.
 - Thirty years of significant contributions to United States Air Force as a Reserve Chaplain (retired March 2002) in a variety of assignments, ranging from Base level to Numbered Air Force to Air Staff and Joint Staff (first-ever Reserve chaplain on Joint Staff of the Joint Chiefs of Staff).
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CIVILIAN EDUCATION:

Graduate Work (Master of Arts & Doctor of Philosophy programs) in Classical Languages

SAINT LOUIS UNIVERSITY, ST. LOUIS MO (1969-1987)

National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH) Summer Institute

JUDAIC STUDIES PROGRAM, BROWN UNIVERSITY, PROVIDENCE RI (Summer 1988)

Summer Session, Classical Sites and Archaeology

AMERICAN SCHOOL OF CLASSICAL STUDIES IN ATHENS, ATHENS, GREECE (Summer 1980)

Classical Summer Session

AMERICAN ACADEMY IN ROME, ROME, ITALY (Summer 1978)

International Summer School for Asian Studies

EHWA WOMAN'S UNIVERSITY, SEOUL, KOREA (Summer 1973)

Korean Language Institute

YONSEI UNIVERSITY, SEOUL, KOREA (1972-1974)

Master of Divinity

CONCORDIA SEMINARY, ST. LOUIS MO (1968-1972)

Bachelor of Arts "*with distinction*"

CONCORDIA SENIOR COLLEGE, FORT WAYNE IN (1964-1968)

Associate of Arts

SAINT PAUL COLLEGE, CONCORDIA, MO (1964-1966)

CIVILIAN EXPERIENCE:

Assistant Pastor → Associate Pastor → Administrative Pastor → Associate Pastor

ELM GROVE EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH, ELM GROVE WI

1997-2016

[Retired 31 December 2016]

Instructor of Latin & Religion

MILWAUKEE LUTHERAN HIGH SCHOOL, MILWAUKEE WI

1990-1997

Interim Staff Member, Commission on Theology and Church Relations (CTCR)

THE LUTHERAN CHURCH--MISSOURI SYNOD, ST. LOUIS MO

1989-1990

Assistant Professor of New Testament Exegetical Theology

CONCORDIA SEMINARY, ST. LOUIS MO

1988-1989

Assistant Professor of Religion and Biblical Languages CONCORDIA LUTHERAN COLLEGE OF TEXAS, AUSTIN TX	1986-1988
Field Service Pastor, Europe and the Near East Division of Service to Military Personnel, Lutheran Council in the U.S.A. FRANKFURT AM MAIN, FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY	1980-1986
Assistant Professor of Religion CONCORDIA COLLEGE, ST. PAUL MN	1977-1980
Evangelistic Missionary, Board for Missions, The LCMS LUTHERAN CHURCH IN KOREA, SEOUL, REPUBLIC OF KOREA	1972-1977

CHURCH-WIDE EXPERIENCE:

• Lutheran Heritage Foundation—Ind. Reg. Prom. Rep. & Board of Directors	2017-Present
• Visiting Instructor, Concordia Seminary, SELCU, Odessa, Ukraine	2017 & 2018
• Vacancy Pastor: Christ the Life, Waukesha, WI, & Int'l Luth. Church, Seoul, Korea	2017-2018 & 2018
• LCMS Special Liaison to India Evangelical Lutheran Church	2012-2015
• Vice-President, South Wisconsin District, Central East Region	2006-2009
• LCMS South Wisconsin District Critical Incident Stress Management Team	2005-2014
• Doctrinal Reviewer, The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod	1989-2001
• Retreat Master, European Area Lutheran Chaplains Professional Development Seminar, Berchtesgaden, Bavaria	May 1981
• Assistant, Scholarly Research, Commission on Church Literature (The LCMS)	1979-1982

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS:

- Society for Classical Studies (formerly American Philological Association)
 - Classical Association of the Middle West and South
 - American Classical League
 - Air Force Association (*Life Member*)
 - American Legion (*Life Member*) and Veterans of Foreign Wars (*Life Member*)
 - Reserve Officers Association of the United States (*Life Member*)
 - Rotary Club (1999-Present)—club president (2x); D-6270 Assistant Governor
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CIVILIAN AWARDS, HONORS, & APPOINTMENTS:

Aid Association for Lutherans Faculty Development Grant, 1979
 National Endowment for the Humanities Summer Institute Award Recipient, 1988
 Marquis' "Who's Who in America" (Religion Section, 1991)
 "Who's Who Among America's Teachers" (5x recognized)
 (3rd Ed., 1994; 4th Ed., 1996; 5th Ed., 1998; 7th Ed., 2002; 9th Ed., 2005)
 The Bronze St. Martin of Tours Medal, Ministry to the Armed Forces, The LCMS, 1994
 "Partner Award," Partners for Education, Inc., Waukesha County, Wisconsin, 2000.
 "District Governor's Citation," Rotary District 6270, 2002
 Rotary Paul Harris Fellow Recognitions (6x)
 Commissioner, Police & Fire Commissioner, City of New Berlin, WI, 2015-Present