



BIOGRAPHY

UNITED STATES AIR FORCE

CHAPLAIN, COLONEL RALPH T. ELLIOTT JR.

Chaplain, Colonel Ralph T. Elliott Jr., currently serves as the Commandant, Air Force Chaplain Corps College, Ira C. Eaker Center for Leadership Development, Maxwell Air Force Base, Montgomery, Alabama. He 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 Elliott served in the enlisted corps as an Airborne Warning and Control Systems (AWACS) technician and Religious Affairs Airman from 1994 to 2000. He received a direct commission as a Chaplain Candidate in 2001 and while serving as a Candidate, he completed a unit of Clinical Pastoral Education (CPE) at Walter Reed Army Medical Center, in Washington D.C. Chaplain Elliott re-entered active duty in 2003 as a Chaplain. He deployed to U.S. Air Forces Central Command in support of Operations ENDURING FREEDOM, IRAQI FREEDOM and JOINT TASK FORCE HORN OF AFRICA (JTFHOA). Prior to attending Air War College Chaplain Elliott served in a four-star sub unified command as Deputy Command Chaplain for United States Forces Korea (USFK) HQ at Camp Humphreys, Republic of Korea. Chaplain Elliott received his ordination and ecclesiastical endorsement from the National Baptist Convention, USA Inc.

EDUCATION

1997 Associate of Avionics, Community College of the Air Force, Maxwell AFB, AL.
1999 Associate of Information Management, Community College of the Air Force, Maxwell AFB, AL.
2000 Bachelor of Arts in Biblical Studies, American Christian College and Seminary, Oklahoma City, OK.
2001 United States Air Force Commissioned Officer Training, Maxwell AFB, AL
2002 Master of Divinity, American Christian College and Seminary, Oklahoma City, OK
2003 Basic Chaplain Course, USAF Chaplain Service Institute, Maxwell AFB, AL
2007 Squadron Officer School (residence), Maxwell AFB, AL
2012 Deputy Wing Chaplain Course, USAF Chaplain Corps College, Ft Jackson, SC
2019 Master of Military Operational Art and Science, Air Command and Staff College, Maxwell AFB, AL
2020 Wing Chaplain Course, USAF Chaplain Corps College, Maxwell AFB, AL
2021 Senior Chaplain Course, USAF Chaplain Corps College (Virtual), Maxwell AFB, AL
2024 Master of Strategic Studies, Air War College, Maxwell AFB, AL

ASSIGNMENTS

1. June 2003 – July 2006, Protestant Chaplain, 27th Fighter Wing, Cannon AFB, New Mexico.
-- (Aug 2005 – Jan 2006, Chaplain, 36th Air Expeditionary Wing, Andersen AFB, Guam)
2. July 2006 – July 2009, Protestant Chaplain, 35th Fighter Wing, Misawa Air Base, Japan.
-- (January 2009 – May 2009, Chaplain, Al Udeid Air Base, Qatar)
3. July 2009 – June 2012, Protestant Chaplain, 81st Training Wing, Keesler AFB, MS.
-- (July 2011 – January 2012, Chaplain, Bagram Air Base, Afghanistan)
4. June 2012 – June 2014, Protestant Chaplain, 72d Air Base Wing, Tinker AFB, OK.
-- (June 2014 – March 2016, Deputy Wing Chaplain, 72d Air Base Wing, Tinker AFB, OK)
5. March 2016 – June 2018, Deputy Wing Chaplain, 35th Fighter Wing, Misawa Air Base, Japan.
6. June 2018 – June 2019, IDE Student, Air Command and Staff College, Maxwell AFB, AL.
7. June 2019 – June 2021, Wing Chaplain, 52d Fighter Wing, Spangdahlem Air Base, Germany.
8. June 2021 – June 2023, Deputy Command Chaplain, USFK, Camp Humphreys Republic of Korea.
9. June 2023 – May 2024, SDE Student, Air War College, Maxwell AFB, AL.
10. July 2024 – present, Commandant, Air Force Chaplain Corps College, Maxwell AFB, AL.

MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS

Defense Meritorious Service Medal
Meritorious Service Medal with two Oak Leaf Clusters
Air and Space Commendation Medal with three Oak Leaf Clusters
Joint Service Achievement Medal
Air and Space Achievement Medal
Navy Achievement Medal
Joint Meritorious Unit Award
Meritorious Unit Award
Air and Space Outstanding Unit Award with five Oak Leaf Clusters National
Defense Service Medal
Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal
Afghanistan Campaign Medal
Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal
Global War on Terrorism Service Medal
Korean Defense Service Medal
Humanitarian Service Medal
Air Force Overseas Ribbon Long
Air Force Expeditionary Service Ribbon with Gold Border
NATO Medal

EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION

Second Lieutenant	22 March 2001
First Lieutenant	6 February 2003
Captain	6 February 2004
Major	1 June 2014
Lieutenant Colonel	1 April 2019
Colonel	1 April 2024

(Current as of 12 Jul 2024)