



BIOGRAPHY

CHAPLAIN, LIEUTENANT COLONEL JOHN F. REUTEMANN III

Chaplain, Lieutenant Colonel John F. Reutemann III currently serves on the Montana Wing staff as both the Director of Cadet Programs and the Wing Chaplain, and on the National Staff as the Special Advisor for Cadet Programs to the Chief of Chaplains and as a Seminar Advisor at National Staff College. As Wing Chaplain, his duties include advising wing leadership on religious, ethical, and morale issues, as well as ensuring the Constitutionally-protected free exercise of religion of all members, regardless of their religion or lack thereof. As the Director of Cadet Programs, Ch. Reutemann is responsible for overseeing and facilitating the wing-wide execution of the Cadet Program, one of CAP's three Congressionally-tasked missions.



Ch. Reutemann joined CAP in 1996 as a cadet in the Bethesda-Chevy Chase Composite (B-CC) Squadron of the Maryland Wing. He worked his way up the Chain of Command at B-CC, ultimately serving as the Cadet Commander during his sophomore year in high school. Afterward, he was offered the position of Group IV Cadet Commander, which he held during his junior and senior years of high school. During this time, Ch. Reutemann was also heavily involved in the Maryland Wing Honor Guard and the Cadet Advisory Council (CAC), ultimately serving as the Middle East Region (MER) Representative to the National CAC. He was attended encampment each summer after joining, going as a trainee in the summer of 1997, and then ultimately as the Cadet Commander in 2003. He also attended the National Flight Academy for Gliders twice, as well as the National Blue Beret twice, serving as the Cadet Commander there in 2001. Ch. Reutemann was especially honored to serve as a goodwill ambassador of the United States through the International Air Cadet Exchange Program (IACE) to Canada in 2000, and to Belgium in 2002.

On the verge of accepting an appointment to the United States Air Force Academy, Ch. Reutemann felt that God was calling him to the Priesthood instead, and so after graduating high school in 2002, he began seminary studies that would last him eight years. In June 2010, after finishing the rigorous program for priestly formation, Ch. Reutemann was ordained a Catholic priest at the hands of the Archbishop of Washington, Cardinal Donald Wuerl. For his first priestly assignment, Ch. Reutemann was sent to Sacred Heart Parish in La Plata, MD, where he served as Associate Pastor until November 2013. It was in his first year at Sacred Heart that Maryland Wing contacted him about serving as the commander of a new squadron that they wanted to start in Charles County, which had been without a squadron for several years. Ch. Reutemann thus served as founding commander of the Charles Composite Squadron from its chartering in July 2011 until he stepped down in June 2013 to begin preparations to go active duty with the Air Force chaplaincy. In November 2013, Ch. Reutemann received his orders to be chaplain at Malmstrom AFB, Great Falls, MT, where he currently serves when not doing CAP. From July 2015 through January 2016, Ch. Reutemann deployed to serve as the only Air Force Catholic chaplain for all of Kuwait and Iraq.

Ch. Reutemann is very proud of his family: his father, Mr. John F. Reutemann Jr. (Jack), CEO & Founder of Research Financial Strategies; his mother, Mrs. Antoinette (Toni) Reutemann, a former Special Education teacher, homemaker, and current President of the Potomac Home & Garden Club; and his four sisters, Dr. Kathryn (Katie) Reutemann, Mrs. Colleen Harbison, Dr. Patricia (Patty) Lucey, and Miss Annaliese (Anna) Reutemann, and his two brothers-in-law, Reilly Harbison and Jay Lucey. Major highlights of Ch. Reutemann's life include presiding over the weddings of two of his sisters and baptizing his niece Kyra and nephew Landon. Ch. Reutemann really enjoys studying foreign languages, Eastern Catholic liturgical traditions, and anything written by or about C.S. Lewis. He is fluent in Spanish and French, and has taught Hebrew and Latin.

EDUCATION

2002 Diploma, Thomas S. Wootton High School, Rockville, MD

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- 2006 Bachelor of Arts in Philosophy and Theology, Fordham University, New York, NY
- 2007 USAF Officer Training School, Maxwell AFB, Montgomery, AL
- 2007 USAF Chaplain Candidate Course, Maxwell AFB, Montgomery, AL
- 2010 Master of Divinity, Mount St. Mary's University, Emmitsburg, MD
- 2010 Sacred Theology Baccalaureate, Dominican House of Studies, Washington, DC
- 2014 USAF Basic Chaplain Course, Fort Jackson, SC
- 2014 Doctor of Ministry candidate, Rockbridge Seminary, Springfield, MO

ASSIGNMENTS

- 1996-2002 Cadet, Maryland Wing
- 2003-2004 Leadership Officer, Mount Pocono Composite Squadron (NER-PA-207)
- 2004-2006 Leadership Officer, North Castle Composite Squadron (NER-NY-238)
- 2006-2008 Leadership Officer, Bethesda-Chevy Chase Composite Squadron (MER-MD-071)
- 2008-2010 Deputy Commander for Cadets, Bethesda-Chevy Chase Composite Squadron (MER-MD-071)
- 2011-2013 Commander, Charles Composite Squadron (MER-MD-019)
- 2013-2013 Chaplain, Charles Composite Squadron (MER-MD-019)
- 2013-present Director of Cadet Programs, Montana Wing (RMR-MT-001)
- 2013-present Wing Chaplain, Montana Wing (RMR-MT-001)
- 2015-present Special Advisor for Cadet Programs to the Chief of Chaplains, National Headquarters

CAP PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

- 2000 CAP Officer Course (ECI 13), via correspondence
- 2006 Technician Rating, Personnel
- 2006 Corporate Learning Course, Camp Fretterd, Reisterstown, MD
- 2007 Squadron Leadership Course, Camp Fretterd, Reisterstown, MD
- 2007 Senior Rating, Administration
- 2008 Training Leaders of Cadets, Maryland Wing Conference, Rockville, MD
- 2009 Senior Rating, Professional Development
- 2011 Master Rating, Cadet Programs
- 2011 Region Staff College, Offutt AFB, Omaha, NE
- 2011 Unit Commanders Course, Camp Fretterd, Reisterstown, MD
- 2015 National Staff College, Maxwell AFB, Montgomery, AL

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS AND AFFILIATIONS

- Board of Directors, The Spaatz Association
- 4th Degree Member, Knights of Columbus

MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS

- Meritorious Service Award
- Commander's Commendation Award with one silver star clasp and three bronze triangle clasps
- Achievement Award
- Unit Citation Award with one bronze triangle clasp

EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION

- Cadet Colonel 10 Jul 2002
- Senior Member 28 Apr 2004
- Captain 30 Apr 2004
- Major 09 Aug 2007
- Lieutenant Colonel 10 Aug 2011

(Current as of April 2016)