

# **CHAPLAIN, COLONEL, MICHAEL D. SPROUL**

## **Air National Guard Assistant to the Command Chaplain USAFE-AFAFRICA**

Chaplain, Col Michael D. Sproul is the Air National Guard Assistant to Command Chaplain United States Air Forces Europe and Air Forces Africa. He advises USAFE-AFAFRICA and ANG leadership on all matters that pertain to religious freedom, accommodation, morale, and related activities of the Air National Guard Chaplain Corps. He developed and facilitates the first of its kind integration of the ANG Chaplain Corps members into USAFE-AFAFRICA which has resulted in multiple Air Guard religious support teams trained and deployed to serve at the MAJCOM HQ and base level. He also serves as needed as the Command Chaplain giving spiritual support and leadership to 5 COCOMS, 9 major operating bases/wings and 80+ geographically separated units.



In his role as Arizona Air State chaplain advises the TAG on all issues concerning religious freedom, accommodation and morale as well as leading six RSTs at two bases resulting in spiritual ministrations for all Arizona Air Guard airmen.

Chaplain Sproul has three degrees in his field as well as being a published author of a college textbook. He has served five years on active duty, six years in the Air Reserve, and fifteen years in the Guard. He was an Air Guard Wing Chaplain for eleven years as well as a deploying three times in his career with one of those being as the Wing Chaplain at a major transit base in Central Asia. He is also the pastor of a thriving congregation of 650 and oversees a staff of over 165 in ten countries on five continents. Prior to his current position the Colonel was the Wing Chaplain for the 161<sup>st</sup> Air Refueling Wing at the Goldwater Air National Guard Base.

### **EDUCATION DEGREES:**

1985 Bachelor of Arts degree in Pastoral Administration/Theology, International Baptist College and Seminary, Chandler, Ariz.

1988 Master of Divinity degree in Theology/Greek, Calvary Baptist Theological Seminary, Lansdale, Penn.

1991 Basic Chaplain Course, Maxwell Air Force Base, Ala.

1992 Air Force Officer Orientation Course, Lackland Air Force Base, Ala.

1993 Academic Instructor's School, Lackland Air Force Base, Ala.

1995 Doctor of Ministry degree in Counseling/Church Growth, International Baptist College and Seminary, Chandler, Ariz.

2003 Air Command and Staff College, by correspondence

2010 Wing Chaplain Course, Fort Jackson, S.C.

2012 Air War College, by correspondence

## **ASSIGNMENTS:**

1. July 1991 - June 1994, Protestant Chaplain, 9th Reconnaissance Wing, Beale Air Force Base, Calif. (March 1992 - July 1992 Protestant Chaplain, Air Expeditionary Wing, Southwest Asia, as a 1<sup>st</sup> Lieutenant)
2. July 1994 - June 1996, Protestant Chaplain, 36th Air Base Wing, Anderson AFB, Guam
3. August 1996 - June 1998, IMA Reservist, Protestant Chaplain, 355th Fighter Wing, Davis-Monthan AFB, Ariz.
4. July 1998 - September 2000, IMA Reservist, Protestant Chaplain, 56th Fighter Wing, Luke AFB, Ariz.
5. October 2000 - October 2002, CAT A Reservist, Protestant Chaplain, 944th Fighter Wing, Luke AFB, Ariz.
6. November 2002 - November 2013, Wing Chaplain, 161st Air Refueling Wing, Goldwater Air National Guard Base, (October 2011 – January 2012 Protestant, Chaplain Section Chief, Air Expeditionary Wing, Southwest Asia, as a Lieutenant Colonel), (April 2013 – October 2013, Wing Chaplain, Air Expeditionary Wing, Southwest Asia, as a Lieutenant Colonel)
7. December 2013 - Present, Air National Guard Assistant to Command Chaplain United States Air Forces Europe and Air Forces Africa.

## **MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS:**

Meritorious Service Medal (with three bronze oak leaf clusters)  
Air Force Commendation Medal (with two bronze oak leaf clusters)  
Meritorious Unit Award (with three bronze oak leaf clusters)  
Air Force Outstanding Unit Award (with four bronze oak leaf clusters)  
National Defense Service Medal (with bronze star)  
Southwest Asia Service Medal (with bronze star)  
Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal (with bronze star)  
Global War on Terrorism Service Medal  
Nuclear Deterrence Operations Service Medal (with two bronze oak leaf clusters)  
Air Force Overseas Ribbon Long  
Air Force Expeditionary Service Ribbon (with gold border with seven oak leaf clusters)  
Air Force Longevity Service (with five silver oak leaf clusters)  
Armed Forces Reserve Medal (with two "M" devices with gold hourglass)  
Air Force Training Ribbon (with oak leaf cluster)  
Kuwait Liberation Medal Government of Kuwait

## **CIVILIAN OCCUPATION:**

Dr. Sproul is the Senior Pastor/CEO of Tri-City Baptist Church, Chandler, AZ. For the last 21+ years his ministry has grown to the extent that he oversees 165+ employees on five continents in ten countries including 115 churches, three orphanages, four Christian schools, three Bible colleges and seminaries and over 350k square feet of buildings with a combined annual budget of \$7.1M. He led his congregation to build a new \$30M+ complex in the heart of a hi-tech corridor with a ministry net worth growth of over 500%

during his tenure. Dr. Sproul is the Chairman of the Board or President of six educational non-profits and a mission agency.

**OTHER ACHIEVEMENTS:**

1993 9<sup>th</sup> Reconnaissance Wing Company Grade Officer of the Quarter

2005 Published author, "God's Word Preserved"—College Theology Textbook

**EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION:**

First Lieutenant Jul 15, 1991

Captain Jul 15, 1992

Major Oct 1, 2000

Lieutenant Colonel Oct 2, 2004

Colonel May 22, 2014