



# BIOGRAPHY



## UNITED STATES AIR FORCE

### CHAPLAIN, CAPTAIN JEFFREY M. RYBOLD

Captain Jeffrey Rybold is a Chaplain assigned to the 56th Fighter Wing, Luke Air Force Base, Arizona. He assists the Wing Chaplain in advising and representing the 56th Fighter Wing commander on all aspects of the Chaplain Corps mission, while ensuring the protection of First Amendment, "Free exercise of religion." The wing supports national security objectives by training combat ready F-35 and F-16 pilots and maintainers, while providing support to more than 10,000 military and civilian personnel. Ch Rybold also assists in planning, coordinating and executing Chapel Community Programs.



Capt Rybold enlisted in the Air Force in March 2002 and completed Ground Radio Maintenance technical training. After 12 years of Active Duty service, he cross-trained into the Chaplain Assistant Air Force Specialty Code as an Individual Mobilization Augmentee (IMA), graduating technical training in June 2015. He graduated Summa Cum Laude from Liberty University with a Bachelor of Science in Christian Ministry in December 2017, continuing his education at Liberty's Rawling School of Divinity. During this time he received his commission in 2018 as a Second Lieutenant, Chaplain Candidate. In 2020 he received his Master of Divinity with an emphasis in Leadership. He then was reappointed as Chaplain to the 944th Fighter Wing, Luke AFB in January 2021 and further transitioned to Active Duty as Chaplin for the 56th Fighter Wing. He has 20 years of service in the USAF with roughly 12 years in Active Duty, 4 years as an IMA Reservist, and 3 years as a Chaplain Candidate.

In May 2018, he received his ordination and license as a Baptist minister. Prior to his commission, Captain was the IMA to the Noncommissioned Officer In Charge, Readiness and Training, 78<sup>th</sup> Air Base Wing, Robins AFB, Ga.

#### EDUCATION

- 2002 Basic Training, Lackland Air Force Base (AFB), Tx.
- 2003 Ground Radio Maintenance Technical School, Keesler AFB, Ms.
- 2007 Airman Leadership School, Kadena Air Base (AB), Japan
- 2013 Associate in Electronic Systems Technology, Community College of the Air Force (CCAF), Maxwell-Gunter AFB, Ala.
- 2015 Associate in Human Resources, CCAF, Maxwell-Gunter AFB, Ala.
- 2015 Chaplain Assistant Technical School, Fort Jackson, NC.
- 2018 Bachelor of Science in Christian Ministry, Liberty University, Lynchburg, Va.
- 2018 Commissioned Officer Training School, Maxwell AFB, Ala.
- 2020 Master of Divinity: Leadership, Liberty University, Lynchburg, Va.

## **ASSIGNMENTS**

1. March 2002-June 2002, Basic Trainee, 323rd Training Squadron, Lackland AFB, Tx.
2. June 2002-November 2002, SERE Instructor Trainee, 66th Training Squadron, Fairchild AFB, Wa.
3. November 2002-August 2003, Ground Radio Maintenance Trainee, Keesler AFB, Ms.
4. August 2003-September 2006, Ground Radio Maintenance Apprentice, 65th Communications Squadron, Lajes Field AB, Azores, Portugal
5. October 2006-October 2009, Data Systems Journeyman, 390th Intelligence Squadron, Kadena AB, Japan
6. November 2009-January 2010, Radio Frequency Transmissions Systems Craftsman, 51st Combat Communications Squadron, Robins Air Force Base (AFB), Ga.
7. January 2010-May 2013, Combat Readiness Instructor, 5th Combat Communications Group, Robins AFB, Ga.
8. May 2013-August 2014, Transmissions Systems Supervisor, 51st Combat Communications Squadron, Robins AFB, Ga.
9. August 2014-April 2018, Chaplain Assistant, 78th Air Base Wing, Robins AFB, Ga.
10. April 2018-January 2021 Chaplain Candidate, Headquarters Individual Reservist Readiness and Integration Organization, Detachment 5, Robins AFB, Ga.
11. January 2021-April 2022 Chaplain, 944th Fighter Wing, Luke AFB, Az.
12. April 2022-Present Chaplain, 56th Fighter Wing, Luke AFB, Az.

## **MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS**

Air Force Commendation Medal with oak leaf cluster  
Joint Service Achievement Medal  
Air Force Achievement Medal with two oak leaf cluster  
Meritorious Unit Award with three oak leaf clusters  
Air Force Outstanding Unit Award  
National Defense Service Medal  
Afghanistan Campaign Medal with star

## **PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS AND ASSOCIATIONS**

Foundations Baptist Fellowship International

## **EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION**

Airman March 14, 2002  
Airman First Class January 14, 2003  
Senior Airman March 12, 2005  
Staff Sergeant January 1, 2008  
Second Lieutenant April 25, 2018  
First Lieutenant January 15, 2021  
Captain January 15, 2022

(Current as of June 24, 2022)