

**RETIREMENT CEREMONY**  
**HONORING**  
**CHAPLAIN, LT COL JOHN J. SECRET**



**21 JANUARY 2000**





**Chaplain, Lt Col John J. Secret**

Chaplain, Lt Col John J. Secret served in his final assignment as Wing Chaplain at Tyndall Air Force Base, Florida overseeing all chaplaincy functions, and advising the Installation Commander on religious and moral concerns. Chaplain Secret was born on 2 August 1949 in Baltimore, Maryland. He has been an ordained minister of the Church of God, (Cleveland TN) since 1979. Prior to entering active duty, he served as a pastor, a principal of a Christian School, and as an Army Reserve Chaplain in Maryland. Chaplain Secret and his wife, Pat, have three children; Jared, Christie, and Vince, and three grandchildren.

**EDUCATION:**

- 1974 Bachelor of Arts in Social Science, University of Baltimore
- 1977 Master of Divinity, Wesley Theological Seminary, Washington D.C.
- 1977 Army Chaplain School, Fort Wadsworth, NY
- 1979 Air Force Chaplain School, Maxwell AFB, AL
- 1987 Air Command and Staff College
- 1995 Air War College

### **ASSIGNMENTS:**

1. September 1976 – September 1979, Army Reserve Chaplain, 100<sup>th</sup> Station Hospital, Baltimore, MD
2. October 1979 – May 1982, Protestant Chaplain, 3415 Air Base Group (ATC) Lowry AFB, CO
3. June 1982 – June 1985, Installation Protestant Chaplain, 600<sup>th</sup> Combat Support Squadron (USAFE) Hessisch-Oldendorf Air Station, West Germany
4. July 1985 – January 1990, Protestant Senior Chaplain, 305<sup>th</sup> Combat Support Group (SAC), Grissom AFB, IN
5. January 1990 – June 1993, Protestant Senior Chaplain, 49<sup>th</sup> Fighter Wing (ACC), Holloman AFB, NM
- 5a. October 1992 – January 1993, Senior Chaplain, 49<sup>th</sup> Operations Group (Provisional) (CENTAF), King Khalid Air Base, Saudi Arabia
6. July 1993 – July 1996, Wing Chaplain, 35<sup>th</sup> Fighter Wing (PACAF), Misawa Air Base, Japan
7. August 1996 – present, Wing Chaplain, 325<sup>th</sup> Fighter Wing (AETC), Tyndall AFB, FL

### **MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS:**

Meritorious Service Medal with three oak leaf clusters  
Air Force Commendation Medal  
National Defense Service Medal  
Southwest Asia Service Medal  
Kuwait Liberation Medal

### **EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION:**

Major	April 1986
Lieutenant Colonel	April 1992