

The Rev Carl Machin Andrews Biographical Statement

Carl Machin Andrews is an Episcopal priest and United States Air Force chaplain. He was born 5 March 1948, to the late Lieutenant Colonel Thomas Joseph and Kathleen Agnes Andrews. Carl's early life was strongly influence by the multiple countries and locations he lived as a military child, including a period in a British boarding school. He graduated from Central High School, London, England, a known DOD college preparatory school, and from Colorado State University, Colorado with a Bachelor's degree. Following in the footsteps of his American father who flew Spitfires for the British during the WW II, Carl, upon graduation in 1970, was commissioned a Lieutenant and trained as a Weapons Officer in the United States Air Force (USAF). His first duty station was Phan Rang with follow-on to DaNang Vietnam. During his time in Vietnam, he wrestled with the vocation to priesthood; following his commitment to the Lord, he choose Nashotah House seminary because of their focus on training parish priests and for the opportunity for community. Upon ordination in 1977, Carl returned to Colorado as a curate to St Timothy's Littleton and ultimately to the Western Slope of Colorado as a mission priest. During his five years in Craig, Colorado, Carl responded to a call to become an active duty Air Force chaplain. His assignments have included Colorado, Thailand, Montana, Australia, Philippines, California, Illinois, Pentagon, Germany, and Texas; like most service members, he has spent short tours in Turkey, France, Spain, Iceland, Azores, Bosnia, Korea, Afghanistan, Italy, Norway, Holland, and Belgium. During his time in the Philippines, Carl orchestrated humanitarian relief efforts for thousands of destitute Filipinos during the aftermath of the eruption of Mount Pinatubo. Additionally, while on duty at the Pentagon, September 11th, he was actively involved in the recovery of wounded and the directing of world-wide Chaplain Corp functions for 96 hours. The zenith of Carl's military ministry was his assignment as Command Chaplain to all USAF personnel serving in Europe and Africa. While assigned there at Ramstein, Germany, he also served as an intensive care chaplain at Landstuhl Hospital, ministering to wounded returning from Iraq and Afghanistan. His personal high point of this career in the Air Force is his current assignment as senior chaplain, where Carl authored the Spiritual Fitness program for the over 5000 Basic Military Training recruits attending chapel each weekend, providing them a spiritual foundation and ensuring the USAF fourth Tiedown of spirituality. This Spiritual Fitness education is now becoming standardized across the Air Force. His personal interests and passions are mentoring chaplains, working with Post Traumatic Stress and brain-injured patients, teaching young people and sharing the Gospel. He is happily married to Lynne, his beloved wife of 36 years. They have raised two daughters, Alyssa and Gwyneth.