

Texas Baptist named deputy chief of Air Force chaplains

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SAN ANTONIO—Bobby Page, a [Baptist General Convention of Texas](#)-endorsed chaplain, has been confirmed as second-in-command over Air Force chaplains.

Page is the first BGCT-endorsed chaplain to serve as deputy chief of Air Force chaplains. Often, the person who holds that position eventually is promoted to lead Air Force chaplains, who number about 500.



Bobby Page

Page currently is stationed at Randolph Air Force Base in San Antonio, where he oversees more than 200 chaplains in 18 locations. In his military career, Page has earned numerous awards, including the Legion of Merit Award twice, the Meritorious Service Medal four times and the Air Force Commendation Medal three times.

Bobby Smith, who leads Texas Baptists' chaplaincy program, praised Page's skills as a leader and noted his ability to minister to military personnel. Page truly has his "heart in heaven and feet on the ground" caring for the men and women under his charge, Smith said.

"Chaplain Page is an incredibly intelligent leader and organizer," Smith said. "He's the greatest pastoral care giver I've ever met. Simply put, Chaplain Page is a gentle soul who knows how to get the job done."

Page first was commissioned through the Reserve Officer Training Corps at Louisiana State University in 1973.

In 1980, he began studies at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in Fort Worth. After graduating, he was pastor of churches in Arkansas and North Carolina. While serving as pastor, he also ministered as chaplain in the Air National Guard.

He returned to active Air Force duty in 1989 and has served in a variety of chaplaincy roles, including significant deployment experience. In 2003, he established the first Air Force chaplain ministry at the Baghdad International Airport in Iraq.