Jon R. Stovall

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Chaplain Endorser for Military Services and Veterans’ Affairs

Jon grew up as a young cowboy in the Black Hills of South Dakota. There he enjoyed ranch life, including hunting, fishing, haying, horseback riding and roping. As a youth he joined FFA where he learned to weld and work on small engines. He also joined 4-H where he enjoyed showing horses and cattle at stock shows, as well as team roping at rodeo competitions. With a passion for the great outdoors and flying, he would later receive his pilot’s license to fly small aircraft.

After completing high school and college, he married the love of his life, Peggoty Autry of North Carolina. As a registered nurse, she provided for the family as Jon attended and graduated from two seminaries, North American in South Dakota and Southeastern in North Carolina. Upon graduation they both took a short-term missionary assignment to the Netherland Antilles.

Soon thereafter, Jon received a call to serve in the United States Air Force as a chaplain. After several stateside assignments, two tours to Germany, staff member at the USAF Chaplain School, Assignment officer assigning chaplains to their duty station across the world, a post-graduate school assignment at Catholic University of America studying Spiritual Direction, and several deployments serving Airmen during the Iraq and Afghanistan wars, Jon retired from the military after nearly 28 years of service.

Shortly after retiring from the military, Jon was called and blessed to serve as pastor of the historic Mable Community Church in the great state of Colorado. Here he served for approximately 12 years and in 2023 retired from pastoring. Fortunately during this same time period Jon was introduced to Marble Retreat and now serves as a Board member.

Jon and Peggoty presently live in Myrtle Beach, South Carolina where Jon serves as a Chaplain Endorser for the Military Services and Veterans’ Affairs…ensuring the military and VA receive top notch chaplains to serve our nation’s finest men and women…our veterans.

Jon and Peggoty have two wonderful grown children, a daughter Rylie, and a son Joshua and a wonderful daughter-in-law, Laura.