

# Walter Kula Jr.

Walter J. Kula, Jr. is retired. In June 2021 he finished 13 years as an AFJROTC Aerospace Science Instructor at Choctaw High School. He retired from the United States Air Force 1 April 2005 as a Chief Master Sergeant.

Born on September 1, 1959, in Manchester, New Hampshire. He earned a Masters of Arts Degree in Management from Webster University, a Bachelors of Science Degree in Criminal Justice Administration from Park College, an Associates Degree in Police Science from the Community College of the Air Force, and an Associates Degree in General Studies from Georgia Military College.

Enlisted and entered active duty in May 1978. After basic training at Lackland Air Force Base Texas, he attended the Basic Security Police Academy Course and graduated in August 1978.

Had assignments at Whiteman Air Force Base, Knob Noster Missouri; Incirlik Air Base, Adana Turkey; Peterson Air Force Base, Colorado Springs Colorado; Randolph Air Force Base, Schertz Texas;



and Tinker Air Force Base, Midwest City Oklahoma.

His military highlights include duties as the Superintendent, Nuclear and Space Security, Headquarters, Air Force Space Command, Peterson Air Force Base Colorado responsible for developing and implementing security requirements for the 550 Land-Based Intercontinental Ballistic Missiles; the Superintendent, Security Forces Inspections, Headquarters,

Air Education and Training Command, Randolph Air Force Base Texas inspecting over 16 military installations; and the Security Forces Manager, 72d Security Forces Squadron, Tinker Air Force Base Oklahoma responsible for enlisted issues of over 400 personnel.

Upon his AF retirement he worked until March 2008 as the Chief of Guards, USProtect Corporation. He was responsible for direct leadership of 95 security officers providing installation entry control to Tinker AFB.

His awards and decorations include the Meritorious Service Medal with five devices, the Air Force Commendation Medal with one device, the Air Force Achievement Medal with one device, the Air Force Outstanding Unit Award with two devices, the Air Force Organizational Excellence Award with one device, the Air Force Good Conduct Medal with seven devices, the National Defense Service Medal with one device, and the Military Outstanding Volunteer Service Medal with one device. He is an expert marksman with the rifle and handgun. Chief Kula was Headquarters, Air Force Space Command's Senior Noncommissioned Officer of the

year, 1995.

He was the Academic Achievement Award winner from the Noncommissioned Officer Supervisor's Course, the Commandant's Award Winner from 8th Air Force's Leadership School, and a Distinguished Graduate of the AFCC Noncommissioned Officer Academy. He completed the USAF Senior Noncommissioned Officer Academy by correspondence and in residence.

During his career he served on numerous Base Committees (Youth, Chapel, Day Care Committees and Chairman, Tinker Chiefs' Group), was a member of Lions Club International and Red Cross Shelter Manager Certified. In the 2000s he participated in Oklahoma City's SouthEast Sector Planning Community Group and for three years he was a Volunteer with Tinker Federal Credit Union on their Credit Committee.

He is currently the Chairman, Oklahoma City's Traffic and Transportation Commission, since January 2012, and has served on the commission since June 2008.

He is married, and his spouse, Judith (Retired Educator), is from Kansas City, Missouri. They have two children, Jonathan and Ashley.



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