



BIOGRAPHY

Teresa Marné Peterson (Major General, USAF Retired)

Retired U.S. Air Force Major General Teresa Marné Peterson currently serves as a member of the Civil Air Patrol's Board of Governors.

As CAP's top governing body, the 11-member Board of Governors (BoG) consists of four Air Force appointees, three members appointed jointly by the Secretary of the Air Force and CAP's national commander, and four members-at-large selected by CAP's Senior Advisory Group. The BoG moves CAP forward through collective decision-making to generate strategic policies, plans, and programs designed to guide it both today and tomorrow. It is assisted by CAP's National Commander and Chief Executive Officer, the organization's Chief Operating Officer and the CAP-U.S. Air Force Commander, who act as advisers.

The general joined the BoG in November 2012 and also serves as a member of the Board of Directors, National Order of Daedalians.

She had a 34-year career in the U.S. Air Force, retiring in 2007 as the 25th Commandant, National War College, Fort Lesley J. McNair, Washington, D.C. The National War College is the senior service school in the study of national security affairs. It is composed of departmental influences to include Army, Navy, Air Force and Marine Corps, Department of Defense, Department of State, Central Intelligence Agency, National Security Agency and other executive agencies.

A 1993 graduate of the National War College, the general previously earned a Bachelor of Science degree in photographic sciences from Southern Illinois University and a Master's in Human Resources Development from Webster University. In 2015, she received her Ph.D. in Leadership Studies at Our Lady of the Lake University in San Antonio, Texas.

A distinguished graduate of Officer Training School, she was commissioned in the Air Force in 1973. After her initial assignment as an aircraft maintenance officer, she entered undergraduate pilot training and received her pilot wings in 1979. She has held positions as an instructor pilot and operations officer, and she is the first Air Force woman to command a flying squadron. She also commanded the 86th Support Group, 14th Flying Training Wing and the 305th Air Mobility Wing at McGuire Air Force Base, N.J. During this command, she deployed as the Director of Mobility Forces for Operation Enduring Freedom at the Combined Air Operations Center, Prince Sultan Air Base, Saudi Arabia.

Her staff assignments included assignment officer for The Colonels' Group at Headquarters Air Force Military Personnel Center, and Chief of the Mobility Control Center at U.S. Transportation Command. She also served on the Air Staff as the Air Force Director of Transportation as well as the Air Force Director of Operations and Training.

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