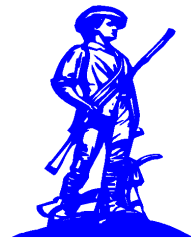




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Lieutenant Colonel Richard J. Conwell is currently assigned as the United States Air Force Academy (USAFA) Deputy Liaison Officer Director responsible for four hundred (400) Pennsylvania high schools and colleges, and providing oversight of all assigned Admissions Liaison Officer's in the Western Region of Pennsylvania. Colonel Conwell is also a USAFA Congressional Liaison Officer representing the 15th (Congressman Glenn Thompson), 16th (Congressman Mike Kelly) and the 17th (Congressman Keith Rothfus) Pennsylvania Districts. Prior to that, he served as the Administrative Services Flight Commander (MSC) for the 171st Medical Group, Pennsylvania Air National Guard located at the Greater Pittsburgh International Airport. Colonel Conwell also completed an overseas deployment to the Afghanistan Theatre of Operations under Operation Enduring Freedom in 2005. Here he served as Deputy Commander and Chief Administrator for the 376th Expeditionary Medical Group located at Manas Air Base in Kyrgyzstan with theatre aeromedical evacuation responsibilities. Other activations included service in Operation Desert Storm, Operation Desert Shield, and the Pueblo Incident involving North Korea. His background also included an assignment as the Chief Administrator/Health Services for the 171st Medical Squadron (MDS). He has served in varying Medical Service Corp (MSC) capacities since assignment to the 171st Medical Group in September 1983 including Medical Readiness, Medical Intelligence and Provider Credentialing. Colonel Conwell holds an A.A. from Point Park University (1970), a B.A. from Edinboro University of Pennsylvania in Psychology (1973), a M.A. from Saint Francis University of Pennsylvania in Personnel Administration (1981), a M.A. from Saint Francis University of Pennsylvania in Labor Relations (1982), a M.P.M. from Carnegie-Mellon University in Health Systems Management (1986), and a Doctorate in Business Administration (DBA) from Nova Southeastern University (2009). His military professional schools include graduation from Squadron Officer School, Personnel Officers School, Reserve Components National Security Course, Air Command and Staff College, and the Air War College. Prior to his assignment with the 171st Medical Group, he served for several years with the 171st Air Refueling Wing, Pennsylvania Air

National Guard, in myriad capacities as a Personnel Officer, Wing Squadron Section Commander, Executive Support Officer and Chief of Central Base Administration. Colonel Conwell's decorations include the Air Force Meritorious Service Medal with 3 Oak Leaf Clusters (OLC), Air Force Commendation Medal with 1 OLC, Air Force Achievement Medal with 2 OLC's, Air Force Organizational Excellence Award, Air Force Outstanding Unit Award with Valor and 5 OLC's , Air Reserve Meritorious Service Medal, National Defense Service Medal with 2 Bronze Service Stars, Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, Military Outstanding Volunteer Service Medal, Air Force Expeditionary Ribbon with Gold Border (Combat), Air Force Longevity Service Award with 8 OLC's, Armed Forces Reserve Medal with Gold Hourglass Device, Bronze Hourglass Device and Bronze letter "M", Small Arms Expert Marksmanship Ribbon with Bronze Service Star, Air Force Training Ribbon with Bronze OLC, Vietnam Gallantry Cross with Palm, Pennsylvania Distinguished Service Medal with Silver Star, Pennsylvania Meritorious Service Medal, Pennsylvania Commendation Medal, Pennsylvania Twenty Year Ribbon with 4 Silver Stars, Governors Unit Citation and the General Thomas White Medal. Colonel Conwell has over fifty-three (53) year's continuous service in the USAF, ANG and AFRES, and is the longest serving Airman veteran in U.S. military history dating back to before the American civil war where Balloonists were the first actual United States airmen in uniform serving with the U.S. Army. In his civilian position, he serves as the Vice President of CORPAR, LLC. a commercial storage corporation for classic automobiles, as well as employed part-time as a Test Driver for the Bobby Rahal Motorcar Company. This officer is twice a recipient of the Jefferson Award for Public Service for varied volunteer services throughout Pennsylvania, and was recently inducted into Sigma Beta Delta, the international honor society in Business, Management and Administration. Colonel Conwell is married to Celia Evans-Conwell. They have one son Christopher and four grandchildren, and currently reside in Cranberry Township, Pennsylvania. Here, Colonel Conwell is Vice President of the Pinehurst Homeowners Association Board of Directors, an Advisory Board member of the Pittsburgh Business Exchange, and a recent Pennsylvania Senatorial recipient of the Cranberry Township Hometown Hero's Award.