



# BIOGRAPHY

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## COLONEL VIRGINIA N. PRIBYLA

Colonel (Ret) Virginia N. Pribyla was born Feb. 8, 1952, in Big Spring, Texas, and graduated from Flower Grove High School, Ackerly, Texas, in 1970. She received her commission as a Distinguished Graduate in 1974 through the Reserve Officer Training Corps program at Texas Tech University. She was in the first group of women to graduate from the ROTC four-year cadet program after it was opened to women in 1970. She served as a public affairs specialist at base, numbered air force, major command, unified command, and air staff levels. She served on the U.S. Central Command Joint Information Bureau in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia, during Desert Storm. Additionally, she was an account executive at Hill & Knowlton, Incorporated, a public relations firm in New York and Washington D.C., during an Education with Industry assignment.

Colonel (Ret) Pribyla is married to Colonel (Ret) Michael L. Hutcheson, who was raised in Springfield, Ore. They reside in Aiea, HI.

### EDUCATION:

- 1974 Bachelor of arts degree in journalism, Texas Tech University, Lubbock
- 1980 Squadron Officer School, Maxwell Air Force Base, Ala.
- 1984 Master of arts degree in communication, University of Oklahoma, Norman
- 1985 Education with Industry, Hill & Knowlton, Inc., New York and Washington D.C.
- 1988 Air Force Command and Staff College, Maxwell Air Force Base, Ala.
- 1993 Air War College

### ASSIGNMENTS:

1. September 1974 - November 1976, chief, internal information division and deputy chief, community relations, Headquarters Air Force Eastern Test Range, Patrick Air Force Base, Fla.
2. November 1976 - November 1977, public affairs officer, 4684th Air Base Group, Sondrestrom Air Base, Greenland
3. November 1977 - August 1980, deputy chief, special events and plans, policy and security review branches, Headquarters Strategic Air Command, Offutt Air Force Base, Neb.
4. August 1980 - August 1984, media officer, media relations division, Secretary of the Air Force Office of Public Affairs, the Pentagon, Washington D.C.
5. August 1984 - May 1985, student, Education with Industry, Hill & Knowlton, Inc., New York, N.Y., and Washington D.C.
6. May 1985 - June 1988, chief of media relations, U.S. Commander in Chief Pacific Command, Camp H. M. Smith, Hawaii
7. June 1988 - June 1989, student, Air Command and Staff College, Maxwell Air Force Base, Ala.
8. June 1989 - June 1992, director of public affairs, Munitions Systems Division, Eglin Air Force Base, Fla.

9. June 1992 - June 1995, chief of media relations and then deputy director of public affairs, Headquarters U.S. Air Forces in Europe, Ramstein Air Base, Germany
10. June 1995 - Feb 1998, chief of media relations, Secretary of the Air Force Office of Public Affairs, the Pentagon, Washington D.C.
11. Feb 1998 - July 1998, deputy director, Secretary of the Air Force Office of Public Affairs, the Pentagon, Washington D.C.
12. July 1998 – Feb 2001, director of public affairs for Headquarters, Pacific Air Forces, Hickam Air Force Base, Hawaii

## **MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS**

Legion of Merit  
Defense Meritorious Service Medal  
Meritorious Service Medal  
Joint Service Commendation Medal  
Air Force Commendation Medal  
Air Force Achievement Medal  
National Defense Service Medal  
Southwest Asia Service Medal  
Kuwait Liberation Medal

## **EFFECTIVE DATES OF RANK:**

Second Lieutenant	Jul 1, 1974
First Lieutenant	Jul 1, 1976
Captain	Jul 1, 1978
Major	Dec 1, 1985
Lieutenant Colonel	Dec 1, 1989
Colonel	Apr 1, 1997