



BIOGRAPHY

UNITED STATES AIR FORCE

JOSEPH E. LAMENDOLA, COL (ret)

Joseph E. Lamendola was the Staff Judge Advocate, for the Headquarters, New York Air National Guard, Latham, New York. Colonel Lamendola served as the senior uniformed Air National Guard Judge Advocate in the New York Air National Guard and was responsible for providing legal advice, opinions, and assistance on a variety of subjects to the Commander of the New York Air National Guard, the Air Staff, other Judge Advocates assigned to five flying wings and various Air National Commanders throughout New York.

Colonel Lamendola received his direct commission in 1984 and served four years on active duty as an Assistant Staff Judge Advocate and Area Defense Counsel at Seymour Johnson AFB, NC. In October 1988, Colonel Lamendola transferred to the New York Air National Guard and was assigned to the 174th Fighter Wing, Hancock Field, Syracuse, New York. During his tenure as Staff Judge Advocate with the 174th Fighter Wing, Colonel Lamendola served as the 9th AF ANG JA Liaison. From October 1995 through December 2000, Colonel Lamendola provided guidance and support to 9th AF ANG-gained units, including Staff Assistance Visits to all 18 units. In March 1995, he deployed with the 174th Fighter Wing in support of joint NATO exercises to Andoya AB, Norway. In 1991, in support of Operations Desert Shield/Storm, Colonel Lamendola was activated for 180 days at home station and served in a dual role as Staff Judge Advocate/Public Affairs Officer. He was appointed to serve as Legal Advisor, Recorder and Respondent's Counsel on numerous occasions by Air National Guard units from the states of Alaska, Connecticut, Massachusetts, Montana, New York and Vermont. Colonel Lamendola assisted in the research and revision of the 1996 Commander's Legal Desk Book. He participated as a member of a Process Action Team, which drafted the Air National Guard Instruction dealing with Legal Assistance. He also served as an instructor for the November 2003 CCBI course hosted by the New York Air National Guard.

In his civilian capacity, Colonel Lamendola maintains a law practice in Syracuse, New York and serves a client base in northern and central New York. His practice concentrates in the areas of business litigation, personal injury, education & school law, family law, military law and estate planning.

Col Lamendola and his wife Heather reside in Camillus, New York, with their daughter Amelia Jude.

Education

Tulane Law School, New Orleans, Louisiana, 1983 (LL.M, Admiralty Law)
University of Wales, Cardiff, United Kingdom, 1982 (LL.B, Cum Laude)
State University of New York, Plattsburg, NY, 1977 (B.A., Political Science)
Air War College (correspondence) 14th Edition, May 2005

Bar Admissions

U.S. Supreme Court, 1987
U.S. Court of Appeals 2nd Circuit, 1996
U.S. Court of Appeals 5th Circuit, 1983
U.S. District Court Eastern District of Louisiana, 1983
U.S. District Court Northern District of New York, 1991
U.S. Court of Appeals for the Armed Forces, 1984
State of New York, 1990
State of Louisiana, 1983

Awards & Decorations

Air Force Meritorious Service Medal (2 clusters)
Air Force Commendation Medal (2 clusters)
Armed Forces Reserve Medal
National Defense Service Medal
Outstanding Unit (2 clusters)
Air Force Longevity Service Award (2 clusters)
New York State Long & Faithful Award
New York State Longevity Service Award

Effective dates of promotion

Captain - 28 September 1984
Major - 02 December 1989
Lieutenant Colonel - 27 January 1994
Colonel - 01 June 2009
Retired - 01 March 2014