

Dr. Chris Reynolds



Dr. Chris Reynolds currently serves as the Dean of Academic Outreach & Program Development at American Public University System, which includes American Military University. In this role, he oversees faculty and program innovation, which meets the university's strategic goal of encouraging and supporting faculty communication, dialogue, and community development. Previously, Dr. Reynolds served as the Dean for the Center for Teaching and Learning (CTL), which included overseeing the faculty development of over 2,500 faculty. The primary role was to support teaching and learning with resources dedicated to the development of courses and curriculum, instructional technology, student success, and faculty development. Dr. Reynolds also served six years as the Program Director for the Emergency & Disaster Management, Explosives and Ordinance Disposal and Homeland Security programs, which consisted of both undergraduate and graduate degree programs.

Dr. Reynolds retired from the United States Air Force Reserve as a Lieutenant Colonel after serving as an Emergency Preparedness Liaison Officer (EPLO) assigned to the Defense Support of Civilian Authorities (DSCA) Command Cell, 1st Air Force (Air Forces Northern), Tyndall Air Force Base, Florida. Lt. Col. Reynolds served as a senior civilian command fire officer and emergency manager for over 33 years. He is a board certified emergency manager (CEM) through the International Association of Emergency Managers (IAEM) and has commanded numerous multi-alarm/multiagency emergency scenes, mass casualty, and hazardous materials emergencies. He was deployed to the Oklahoma City Bombing in 1995, assisting the FEMA Incident Support Team (IST) on site. He was deployed to the Florida State Emergency Operations Center in 1995 as a part of the State Emergency Response Team (SERT) and coordinated all firefighting and urban search and rescue operations during Hurricane Opal. In his military role, he deployed to New Orleans in the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina as the officer in command of an aeromedical evacuation liaison team (AELT) that was a part of Joint Task Force (JTF) Katrina and coordinated joint civilian/military airlift of over 20,000 evacuee's and 4,500 casualties. Most recently, Lt. Col. Reynolds was deployed in support of JTF Haitian Earthquake and coordinated the repatriation of Haitian casualties in the South Florida AOR. Lt. Col. Reynolds was among the first mobilized in the aftermath of the September 11th attacks in 2001 and deployed as the commanding officer of a aeromedical evacuation team to two classified forward locations in the Afghanistan/ Pakistan area. His Team coordinated the medical evacuation of US and coalition combat casualties and directly supported combat search and rescue operations. His Team was recognized by the Department of Defense and awarded the valor "V" device for their efforts. In 1995, he deployed to Haiti during OPERATION UPHOLD DEMOCRACY and coordinated rotary lift-aeromedical evacuation between Port A' Prince and the USNS Comfort.