

Donald Palandech
Class of 1975
Inducted in November 2008

1979 Bachelor of Science Degree in Chemistry, United State Air Force Academy, Colorado
1983 NATO Tactical Leadership Program, Jever Air Base, Germany
1984 Squadron Officers School, Maxwell AFB, Alabama
1991 Masters of Science of Administration, Central Michigan University 1992
2001 Masters Degree in National Security Strategy, National War College, Ft Lesley J. McNair, Washington D.C.

Promotions

Second Lieutenant -	May 30, 1979
First Lieutenant -	May 30, 1981
Captain -	May 30, 1983
Major -	March 30, 1990
Lieutenant Colonel -	Jan 1, 1995
Colonel -	Jan 1, 2001

Donald Palandech entered the United States Air Force in 1979 and remains on active duty today. He received a Bronze Star, for work commanding Air Expeditionary Group of 1,100 Airmen at airfield in Iraq. He also received an Air Medal and Aerial Achievement Medal for flight missions in Iraq enforcing the United Nations Resolutions and Sanctions during the 1990s.

Colonel Donald M. Palandech commands the Air Force Reserve Officer Training Corps Detachment 25 at Arizona State University. He is responsible for recruiting and overseeing the preparation of more than 120 officer candidates for commissioning as leaders in today's Air Force.

Col Palandech is a master navigator with 2,500 flight hours as a weapons system officer in F- 4, F-111, and F-1 5E.

Quote: “Participate in as many activities that interest you as possible while at Hinsdale South. Go for it!”