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Class of 1982

Chris Geackel is a product of the Copiague Public School system, graduating from Copiague High School in 1982. After graduation, Chris enlisted in the United States Air Force where he began his career as a Security Policeman. His overseas assignments included Turkey, Guam, Panama, South Korea, Philippines, Canada and the Netherlands. His primary duties were providing security for the world's most sophisticated military aircraft, missiles, nuclear weapons systems and military installations.

Believing that we are life-long learners, Chris decided, after 13 years in security, to work in the Education and Training field and completed technical training school in 1996. He developed and managed training programs and was re-assigned to manage the Formal Training branch where he ensured that Air Force students attended high tech training, formal military schools, and long-distance learning courses worldwide. As Assistant Flight Chief – Education Service, he provided training and assistance to Air Force guidance counselors and servicemen worldwide.

Chris retired from the Air Force as a Master Sergeant in 2006 after 23 years of service. Major awards and decorations include two Meritorious Service Medals, three Commendation Medals, five Air Force Achievement Medals, and the Global War on Terrorism Service Medal. He was awarded CCAF Noncommissioned Officer of the Year in 2003, twice awarded CCAF Senior Noncommissioned Officer of the Quarter and twice awarded CCAF Athletic Warrior of the Year for outstanding fitness standards. Chris received two Associate in Applied Science degrees in Criminal Justice and Education and Training Management through the Community College of the Air Force.

"Next in importance to freedom and justice is popular education, without which neither freedom nor justice can be permanently maintained."