



Major (Ret) Leah Karbler

Major (Ret) Leah Karbler hails from Charm, Ohio (Note from husband, Dan, who composed this bio – “Yes, Charm. If you know Leah, that should not come as a surprise”) and spent an idyllic life growing up with horses on a farm in the heart of Amish country.

After graduating from Alderson-Broaddus College in West (By God) Virginia, Leah received a direct commission into the Air Force. She served in such far-flung places as Misawa, Japan and Bitburg, Germany. She has been stationed stateside at Bolling AFB in D.C.; Holloman AFB, New Mexico; McConnell AFB, Kansas; Joint Base Fort Worth, Texas; and Joint Base Pearl Harbor, Hickam, Hawaii.

She deployed to Silopi, Turkey, where she provided medical support to the Kurdish in Northern Iraq during Operation Provide Comfort.

After returning to Bitburg Airbase from her deployment to Provide Comfort, she embarked on a second deployment, Provide Comfort II, when she met Army Captain Dan Karbler. That hardship tour has now lasted nearly 34 years.

Leah is the proud Mom to:

Captain Lauren Karbler, Battery Commander at JBLM; Lauren’s husband, Captain (P) Brad Cho, who serves in the Army as a Chinook pilot (as such, Lauren has slightly changed the ADA motto from, “*If It Flies, It Dies,*” to “*If It Flies, It needs to stop by the store and get some milk*”).

1LT Tim Karbler, currently stationed at Peterson SFB, working as the aide for former NASA astronaut BG Drew Morgan (finally, Tim has a worthy role model). Leah retired from the Air Force in 2014, after serving 26 years as a nurse on both active duty and in the Reserves.



Leah is known for her Polish Pottery acumen, enjoying working a side-hustle as co-owner of the Pottery Niche Polish Pottery emporium in Berlin, Ohio and online. *Felicia note: avoid going to www.thepotteryniche.com as it will prove hazardous to your financial health. It has, however, provided me with some of the best Christmas gifts ever. My family calls them their heirloom pieces.*

There has been some heated discussion over who will get my extensive Polish Pottery collection when I have moved on to the Heavenly realm.

