



## **Captain Stephen M. Lee** **USN Chaplain Corps** **USCG Pacific Area Chaplain**



Chaplain Lee reported as the Command Chaplain for USCG Pacific Area and USCG Defense Force West on December 2019. Originally from Tennessee, he is endorsed by The United Methodist Church and was commissioned in the U.S. Navy in 1997. His initial commissioning was through the Army Reserve Officer Training Corps on his graduation from Middle Tennessee State University in 1982. Later, he earned his Master of Divinity from Vanderbilt University, a Masters of Sacred Theology from Boston University and completed the Naval War College Fleet Seminar Program, Joint Military Professional Education Phase I.

Chaplain Lee previously served with the USCG as the Command Chaplain for the USCG Yard (2000-2003) with coverage responsibilities for USCG Activities Baltimore, USCG Engineering and Logistics Command, USCG Group Philadelphia, and the USCG Atlantic Environmental Strike Force New Jersey. Following the 9/11 attacks he participated in the response efforts to the Pentagon and was designated an Honorary

Command Master Chief in 2001.

U.S. Navy tours: Command Chaplain on the USS Cape St George (CG 71) (2003-2005); Deputy Director, Chaplains Religious Educational Development Opportunity (CREDO) Mid-Atlantic Region (2006-2009); Expeditionary Combat Readiness Center/Global War on Terror Support Assignment, Chaplain, Joint Operations Center Multi-National Corps, Baghdad (2009-2010); Head of Department, Command Religious Ministry Department USS HARRY S. TRUMAN (CVN 75)/Strike Group Chaplain Carrier Strike Group TEN (2011-2013), and Force Chaplain, Commander Naval Air Forces Atlantic (2013-2015).

U.S. Marine Corps tours: Command Chaplain, III Marine Expeditionary Force Headquarters Group (1997-2000), with additional duty as Command Chaplain 31<sup>st</sup> Marine Expeditionary Unit (1998-1999), Deputy Force Chaplain/Headquarters Chaplain Marine Forces Reserve (2010-2011), Assistant Chief of Staff for Religious Ministries, Marine Air Ground Task Force Training Command, Marine Corps Air Ground Combat Center (2015-2017) and Force Chaplain, U.S. Marine Forces, Pacific (2017-2019) with additional duty as Command Chaplain U.S. Indo-Pacific Command (2019).

His personal awards include the Legion of Merit (2), Navy Meritorious Service Medal (3), Joint Commendation Medal, Navy Commendation Medal (3), USCG Commendation Medal, Army Commendation Medal, USCG Achievement Medal, Army Achievement Medal (3) and other personal and service ribbons.