



LIEUTENANT COMMANDER STEPHEN CHAPMAN USCG District 14 Chaplain



LCDR Stephen Chapman, a native of Trussville, Alabama, is a graduate of the University of Alabama-Birmingham with a Bachelor of Science in Marketing and Finance. He holds a Master of Divinity degree with a concentration in Christian Education and Mission Studies from New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary. He was ordained to the pastoral ministry by the First Baptist Church, Trussville, Alabama (Southern Baptist) in August 1996. Over 16 years, he served five different Southern Baptist churches in both Alabama and Georgia.



He was commissioned as a Lieutenant in January 2010 in the Chaplain Corps, United States Navy. Upon completion of the Basic School and Chaplain Candidate Course in July 2010, he reported to his first duty station at the Surface Force Ministry Center (SFMC), Naval Base San Diego, California. He served as the Command Chaplain for DESRON TWENTY-THREE, ministering to five destroyers and two frigates. Chaplain Chapman then deployed as the Command Chaplain onboard USS HIGGINS (DDG 76) during the ship's 2011 deployment to the North Arabian Gulf and the Western Pacific.

After returning from deployment, he served as the Deputy Director and Training & Operations Officer for the SFMC and Command Chaplain for DESRON ONE. Chaplain Chapman deployed onboard USS GRIDLEY (DDG 101) during the ship's 2012-2013 deployment to the Arabian Gulf and Western Pacific, and onboard USS STOCKDALE (DDG 106) and USS HIGGINS (DDG 76) during a 2013 deployment to the Arabian Gulf and Western Pacific as part of the NIMITZ Strike Group.

From August 2013 to August 2016, he served as the Deputy Command Chaplain for Marine Corps Base, Kaneohe Bay, Hawaii and the Command Chaplain for Headquarters Battalion. He supervised more than 100 Religious Ministry Programs as well as the military's third largest Religious Offering fund with an annual intake of over \$175,000 in unappropriated funds.

He was then assigned to 2nd Marine Division at Camp Lejeune, North Carolina where he served as the Chaplain for 3rd Battalion, 6th Marine Regiment. In January 2017, he deployed with the 24th Marine Expeditionary Unit and spent six months in Syria in support of Operation Inherent Resolve with Task Force 9.7. He then filled in as the Regimental Chaplain for seven months and as Chaplain for the 2D Tanks and 2D LAR battalions.

As of April 2019, LCDR Chapman currently serves as U.S. Coast Guard District 14 Chaplain in Honolulu, Hawaii where he is responsible for the religious ministry provision for over 3,800 Coast Guard military personnel, family members, and civilian workers across the largest Coast Guard AOR including the Hawaiian Islands, Guam, Japan, Singapore, and American Samoa.

His personal awards include Navy Commendation Medal (2 Gold Stars), Navy Achievement Medal (3 Gold Stars), Iraq Campaign Medal with bronze star and the Fleet Marine Force Pin.

LCDR Chapman is married to the former April DeLane Hallmark of Pinson, Alabama. They have two children: Faith who is attending Samford University, and son, Connor.