

**CAPTAIN SANTIAGO RODRIGUEZ – “RODDY”
UNITED STATES COAST GUARD
PACIFIC AREA CHAPLAIN**

CAPT “Roddy” currently serves as the Senior Chaplain for the United States Coast Guard Pacific Area Command. PACAREA encompasses six of the seven continents, 71 countries, and more than 74 million square miles of ocean –from the U.S. Western States to Asia, and from the Arctic to Antarctica. He leads a team of four District Chaplains, four sector/base Chaplains; one Maritime Cutter Forces Chaplain and 18 Auxiliarist Clergy Support Chaplains. Under his leadership, the team spiritually facilitates and provides quality of life programming. They care for all, and advise commanders on pertinent issues such as morale and quality of life programming. His team ministers to the Coast Guard Members, civilians, and Auxiliarists who daily place their lives in danger as they rescue the perishing, and/or execute our nation’s justice and law enforcement from our country’s borders, coasts and waterways to the high seas.



From 2019 to 2021, Chaplain Roddy served the USMC Recruit Depot’s Recruit Training Regiment (RTR) at Parris Island. There he provided top-shelf leadership, training, supervision, and guidance to five Religious Program Teams (5 officers, 5 enlisted), plus 120 civilian volunteers. Our chaplains and RPs are assigned to Support Battalion, First Battalion, Second Battalion, Third Battalion, and Fourth Battalion. He also provided leadership, advisement, and spiritual care to the commander and permanent staff of RTR. The RTR Command is responsible every year for the transforming of over 22,000 civilian recruits into Marines as they undergo 12 weeks of 24/7 arduous basic training.

Prior to MCRD PI, CDR Rodriguez served in a remote OCONUS location as the U.S. Naval Forces Korea Chaplain. This inaugural, Navy Milestone billet was designed to address war planning, training, advisement, and provision of ministry to the far East Joint arena stakeholders – CNFK/CNRK/CTF-78 in addition to relationship building with UNC/CFC/USFK, NCC and the Republic of Korea Navy Chaplaincy.

From 2015-2019, CDR Rodriguez served USCG District Seventh Chaplain in Miami, FL (another Navy Milestone Billet). He was responsible for providing leadership, supervision, and training to a Religious Ministry Team of 12 Active Duty/Naval Reserve and Auxiliary Clergy Support personnel in the USCG’s most intensive operational environment throughout South Carolina, Georgia, Florida, Florida Keys, and the Caribbean Basin. The major highlight of this tour was the strategic-level response and the challenges of leadership during three unprecedented seasons of devastating CAT 4 & 5 hurricanes (Joaquin, Matthew, Maria, Irma).

Chaplain Rodriguez was commissioned a Lieutenant in the U.S. Navy in 2001. He reported to duty in June 2001, at Newport, RI for Chaplain School. His first assignment out of Chaplain School was a sea duty assignment with Commander Amphibious Squadron Four from 2001-2003. This command took him on his first combat deployment with 22nd Marine Expeditionary Unit. From 2003-2006 he served with Naval Special Warfare Command Group Four where he earned a Non-SEAL Officer designation, and Paratrooper Airborne Gold Wings qualification. The next billet was with the Marine Corps Security Force Regiment from 2006-2009. In this billet he earned the Fleet Marine Force Insignia Qualification. From 2009-2011 Chaplain Rodriguez served as RELMIN Principal Assistant on board the USS Dwight D. Eisenhower (CVN 69). The Eisenhower Strike group completed two back-to-back combat deployments. From 2011-2014 he was assigned the Deputy

Chaplain and later the Command Chaplain at Joint Expeditionary Base Little Creek-Fort Story. From 2014-2015 he served at the Navy Reserve Forces Command (MPT&E billet) in Norfolk where he successfully completed JPME 1 and later that year he was Milestone Board screened and selected. Chaplain Rodriguez reported in Feb 2015 to USCG Seventh District Command.

Chaplain Rodriguez' top 3 medals are the Meritorious Service Medal (5 awards), the Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal (4 awards), and the Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal (2 awards).

Santiago Rodriguez, "Roddy" a native of Havana, Cuba, was raised in Spain and in Miami. He is a graduate of Miami Dade Community College, Broward Community College, and Antillian Adventist University, Mayaguez, PR earning a Bachelor of Arts degree in Theology, Valedictorian, *Summa Cum Laude*. Chaplain Rodriguez' graduate studies were at Andrews University in Berrien Springs, Michigan earning a Masters of Divinity in 1993 and a Doctorate in Ministry in 2004. He is endorsed by the Seventh-day Adventist Church.

SNAPSHOT:

<u>US NAVY/MARINE CORPS/USCG ASSIGNMENTS</u>		<u>Rank</u>
◆ 2021-Present	USCG PACAREA	CAPT
◆ 2019-2021	MCRD PI	CDR/CAPT
◆ 2018-2019	Commander Navy Forces Korea (2 nd Milestone Billet)	CDR
◆ 2015-2018 -	USCG Seventh District, Miami (Milestone Billet)	CDR
◆ 2014-2015 -	Commander Navy Reserve Forces Command (JPME 1 Qual, Milestone Screened)	CDR
◆ 2011-2014	Joint Expeditionary Base Little Creek -Fort Story	LCDR/CDR
◆ 2009-2011	USS Dwight D. Eisenhower (CVN 69) – Sea duty	LCDR
◆ 2006-2009	Marine Corps Security Force Regiment - Sea duty (FMF Qual)	LT/LCDR
◆ 2003-2006	Naval Special Warfare Group Four - Sea duty (Non-SEAL Officer and Airborne Qual)	LT
◆ 2001-2003	Commander Amphibious Squadron Group Four Sea duty	LT

EDUCATION

Doctor of Ministry	2004. Andrews University, Berrien Springs, MI
Masters of Divinity	1993. Andrews University, Berrien Springs, MI
Bachelor of Theology	1990. Antillian Adventist University, Mayaguez, PR <i>Summa Cum Laude</i> , Valedictorian
Associate in Science	1986. Diagnostic Medical Sonography Broward Community College of Health Sciences
Associate in Science	1984. Radiologic Technology Miami-Dade College of Health Sciences

FAMILY

CAPT Rodriguez is married to Bonnie since 1991. They have two adult age sons, James, and Michael. He enjoys playing and/or watching baseball, playing the violin, and one day, living out in the snow covered mountains of the West.