

MAJ Brian Palmer Chaplain Corps, United States Army



Chaplain Palmer was born in Toronto, Ontario, Canada. He was raised in the provinces of Ontario and Quebec until he joined the Canadian Army. Chaplain Palmer served as an enlisted infantryman in the Canadian Army which he left to pursue training for ministry. He received a Bachelor of Religious Education from Ontario Bible College in Toronto, Ontario, Canada. He went on to receive a Master of Divinity Degree from Eastern Mennonite Seminary in Harrisonburg, Virginia. Following graduation

Chaplain Palmer returned to Canada to pastor a church in northern British Columbia.

While pastoring this small church in British Columbia, Canada, Brian and Ivey were introduced and were married in 1998. Soon after they were married, Brian began to pray about his calling to serve God as a Chaplain in the military and worked as a Christian School teacher as well as other jobs as he waited through the long process of getting a green card, applying to, and being accepted for active duty as a Chaplain in the US Army. Brian was commissioned into the Army in 2002 and started his Army career in Columbia, SC at Ft. Jackson.

Chaplain Palmer was accessioned to the United States Army Chaplain Corps in December 2001 being endorsed by the Fundamental Baptist Fellowship International. After completing the Chaplain Officer Basic Course in September 2002, he was assigned to the 1st Battalion, 28th Infantry Regiment at Fort Jackson SC, serving as a basic training battalion chaplain. His other assignments include battalion chaplain 2nd battalion 10th Infantry Regiment, Ft. Leonard Wood; battalion chaplain 1-24 Infantry Regiment, Ft. Wainwright Alaska; battalion chaplain 2-3 Field Artillery Regiment, Giessen Depot, Germany. Chaplain Palmer is currently at the 3rd Chemical Brigade Chaplain, Ft. Leonard Wood, Missouri.

Chaplain Palmer has deployed as a battalion chaplain to Ramadi, Iraq with the Ready First Combat Team of 1 Armored Division and Diyala Province, Iraq with the 1st Stryker Brigade of 25th Infantry Division.

Chaplain Palmer's awards include the Bronze Star Medal, Meritorious Service Medal, Army Commendation Medal (2 OLC), Army Achievement Medal (1 OLC), Iraq Campaign Medal, Overseas ribbon (4th award), Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, National Defense Service Medal.

Chaplain Palmer is married to the former Ivey Watkins of Clayton, North Carolina. They have two children, Nathaniel (8) and Micah (6).