

MAJ Matthew W. Sprecher Chaplain Corps, United States Army



Matthew Sprecher was born in Hagerstown, MD, on April 26 1968. The youngest of seven children, he was raised in a very patriotic family. His father, Paul Sprecher, is a Korean War veteran and Bronze Star Medal recipient. His family is very religious. His father and two of his brothers are pastors.

Matt holds a Bachelor of Arts in Youth Ministries from Bob Jones University, a Master of Arts in Pastoral Theology from Bob Jones University, and a Master of Ministries from International Baptist College. Prior to joining the Army, he served as an Assistant Pastor at Keystone Baptist Church in Berryville, VA, for seven years. While there, he served as the Principal of Keystone Christian Academy and the Youth Pastor of the church. He then served as the Senior Pastor of Cornerstone Baptist Church in Sahuarita, AZ, for

eight years. While there, he became burdened for the military and felt the call of God to enter the Army Chaplaincy

Matthew Sprecher is married to the former Virginia (Ginger) Betry of Lisle, IL. They have four sons together Preston, 20, Logan, 19, Cameron, 16, and Reagan, 12. Ginger has a Bachelor of Science in Home Economics Education. Ginger teaches 6th grade at Cornerstone Christian Academy. She is actively involved in Army Family Team Building. She is also a Master Trainer for Army Community Service.

Chaplain Matthew Sprecher currently serves as the Brigade Chaplain for 525th Battlefield Surveillance Brigade at Ft Bragg, NC. Chaplain Sprecher was commissioned a 1st Lieutenant on April 18, 2005. He graduated Chaplain Officer Basic on September 2, 2005. His first assignment was with 2-101 Brigade Special Troops Battalion, 2nd Brigade Combat Team, 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault) Ft Campbell, KY. He deployed to Iraq with the 2-101st BSTB on September 28, 2005. He redeployed to Ft. Campbell with the Battalion in September of 2006 where he assisted the unit transition from Combat Operations.

In February 2007 CH Sprecher was transferred to 1-502 Infantry Battalion, 2nd Brigade Combat Team, 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault) Ft. Campbell, KY. He deployed with the Unit to Iraq October 12, 2007. He was deployed for thirteen months and returned to Ft. Campbell in November 2008.

In June 2009 CH Sprecher was transferred to 316th CAV Brigade at Ft Knox, KY. He served as the Chaplain for 1/16th and 2/16th CAV Squadrons. Next he attended the Chaplain Captains Career Course (C4) at Ft. Jackson. From C4, he was assigned as the Chaplain of Allied Forces North Battalion, US Army NATO Brigade at Joint Forces Command Brunsum, NL. After the NATO assignment, CH Sprecher was assigned to the 82nd Airborne Division as the 3-321 FA Battalion Chaplain. He was promoted to Major on May 5, 2014, and reported to Ft. Belvoir, VA, for Common Core Intermediate Level Education - Command and General Staff

College on May 7, 2014 and graduated August 21, 2014. CH Sprecher assumed the position of Brigade Chaplain of 525th MI BDE August 26, 2014.

Chaplain Sprecher's awards and decorations include the Bronze Star Medal (1 OLC), Meritorious Service Medal, Army Commendation Medal (2 OLC), Army Achievement Medal, Valorous Unit Award, Meritorious Unit Citation, National Defense Service Medal, Iraq Campaign Medal, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, Army Service Ribbon, the Combat Action Badge, and the Belgian Military Fitness Badge.