

LCDR Shawn Turpin
Chaplain Corps, United States Navy



Chaplain (LCDR) Shawn Turpin was born in Ontario, Canada, and grew up in Norway. He graduated from Bob Jones University in 1996 with a BA in Pastoral Studies and a minor in Communication. He later earned the Master of Divinity from Bob Jones Seminary in 2005. During his ministerial training, Chaplain Turpin served as Assistant Pastor at Waynesboro Baptist Temple (Georgia), as Interim Missionary Pastor at Tønsberg International Baptist Bible Church (Norway), and in other ministry staff capacities at Fellowship Baptist Church and Mount Calvary Baptist Church (South Carolina).

LCDR Turpin was commissioned as a Navy Reserve Chaplain in April 2010. His assignments included Supervisory Chaplain with 4th Maintenance Battalion (later CLB 451), Command Chaplain at NOSC Charlotte, Headquarters Chaplain for Marine Forces Reserve, and Staff Chaplain with COMNAVSURFPAC. Chaplain Turpin's short-term assignments included CVN 77 George H.W. Bush, NMPS Norfolk, and Chaplain at NAF El Centro, California. He also taught and facilitated reintegration at Returning Warrior Workshops for three Navy Region Commands. Chaplain Turpin took the oath of office for Permanent Active Duty in July 2015 and is currently serving at Naval Air Station Joint Reserve Base New Orleans.

Chaplain Turpin is a certified trainer in many areas: USMC Operational Stress Control, Navy Suicide (safeTALK), Bystander Intervention, PREP Relationships, 4 LENSES Personalities, among others. He also developed a class entitled "Core Values for Life." His personal awards include the Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal, the Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal (two awards), and the Outstanding Volunteer Medal.

Chaplain Turpin has also been an Emergency Medical Technician and Disaster Response Team Member since 2003, with current EMT-I Certification. He has served as EMS Senior Chaplain, teaching Operational Stress, Ethics, and Leadership for First Responders. Chaplain Turpin is also a certified hospital chaplain with 5 units of Clinical Pastoral Education, with additional training and experience in end-of-life issues, family systems, crisis counseling, and mental health. Shawn, his wife Barbara, and their 5 children live in New Orleans.