

**LIEUTENANT COMMANDER TAVIS J. LONG  
CHAPLAIN CORPS, UNITED STATES NAVY**

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Lieutenant Commander Tavis J. Long, Chaplain Corps, United States Navy, is the Principal Assistant to the Chaplain aboard the USS John C. Stennis (CVN 74) home-ported in Bremerton, Washington. Originally from Dover, Ohio, Chaplain Long is a graduate of Pensacola Christian College. He received a Bachelor of Science in Secondary History Education from Pensacola Christian College (2001); a Master of Divinity from Mid-America Baptist Theological Seminary (2004); a Master of Arts in Philosophy from George Mason University (2016); and a Doctor of Philosophy from Bethany Divinity College and Seminary (2006). Chaplain Long is endorsed through the Fundamental Baptist Fellowship and is sent out of the Good News Baptist Church in Chesapeake, Virginia.

Before taking on his current assignment on the USS John C. Stennis, Lieutenant Commander Long served as Base Chaplain at the Marine Corps Logistics Base, Barstow, California; Battalion Chaplain for First Battalion, Eighth Marine Regiment in Camp Lejeune, North Carolina; Ship's Chaplain aboard the USS Bainbridge (DDG 96) home-ported in Norfolk, Virginia; Squadron Chaplain for Destroyer Squadron Two Six headquartered at Joint Expeditionary Base Little Creek, Virginia; and Executive Assistant to the Chaplain of the Marine Corps, Headquarters Marine Corps, the Pentagon. In 2009, Chaplain Long deployed to the Al Anbar Province in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom; and, in 2011, Chaplain Long deployed with Standing NATO Maritime Group 2 to conduct counter-piracy operations in the Somali Basin in support of Operation Enduring Freedom.

In addition to various unit awards, Chaplain Long's personal awards include the Meritorious Service Medal, the Navy Commendation Medal (3 awards), the Navy Achievement Medal, and the Military Outstanding Volunteer Service Medal. Chaplain Long is a Fleet Marine Force Qualified Officer and a Marine Corps Martial Arts Program Black Belt instructor.

Chaplain Long is married to Kendal Long. They reside in Bremerton, Washington, with their four children, Karalyn, Karsen, Tavis II, and Tanner.