

LCDR Robert Spivey **Chaplain Corps, United States Navy**



Robert S. Spivey is a graduate of Pensacola Christian College where he received a Bachelor of Arts degree in History in May 2001. He served as a Youth Minister at Grace Baptist Church in Newport, North Carolina, from May 1998 until August 2001.

LCDR Spivey graduated from Pensacola Theological Seminary in May 2006 where he received a Master of Divinity in Biblical Studies. While going through and following completion of seminary, LCDR Spivey served as assistant pastor and youth pastor at Navarre Chapel in Navarre, FL, from 2001 to 2007. While there, LCDR Spivey served as administrator for the church in addition to preaching, counseling, and ministerial duties as youth pastor.

Chaplain Spivey was commissioned in October 2003 and reported to Chaplain Basic Course in Newport, RI, in June 2004. After completion of Chaplain Basic Course in August of 2004, LCDR Spivey served as a reservist until he superseded to active duty in April 2007. In April 2007, LCDR Spivey reported to Commander Strike Fighter Wing, U.S. Pacific Fleet, Naval Air Station Lemoore, CA, as Command Chaplain. From there he moved on to serve as the chaplain for 2nd Light Armored Reconnaissance Battalion, 2nd Marine Division out of Camp Lejeune, NC. In May of 2011, Chaplain Spivey deployed with 2nd LAR Battalion to Helmand Province, Afghanistan, in support of Operation Enduring Freedom. He redeployed in November 2011 and remained with 2nd LAR until his detachment in October 2012. In November 2012, Chaplain Spivey reported to Commander Expeditionary Strike Group Seven in Sasebo, Japan, as the group chaplain. During this tour, he served onboard the *USS DENVER (LPD-9)* as command chaplain during two forward deployed Western Pacific patrols in support of joint and multinational operations and exercises. In August 2013, Chaplain Spivey was selected for promotion to the rank of Lieutenant Commander for FY-14 and pinned on his current rank 1 September 2014. Following his tour in Japan, LCDR Spivey reported to Naval Medical Center San Diego, California, in August 2015 as a resident in the Clinical Pastoral Education (CPE) program. After CPE, Chaplain Spivey will be executing follow-on orders to Naval Nuclear Power Training Unit in Ballston Spa, New York in September 2016.

LCDR Spivey's military awards include the Navy Commendation Medal with two gold stars, the Navy Achievement Medal with gold star, National Defense Service Medal, Afghanistan Campaign Medal with EGA device and two stars, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, Military Outstanding Volunteer Service Medal, Sea Service Deployment Ribbon with two stars, Overseas Service Ribbon with one star, and the NATO ISAF Medal. In addition, Chaplain Spivey is a Fleet Marine Force qualified officer.

LCDR Spivey is married to Sarah Ann Spivey and they have two children, Evelyn and Ethan.