

1LT Chris Koehn **Chaplain Corps, United States Army**



Chris Koehn was born and raised in Ewa Beach, Hawai'i. As an elementary student, Chris' parents started attending a Bible church. During this time, Chris realized his need for Christ's saving work on the cross and put his trust in Christ. Chris began to grow spiritually and gain a burden to serve others.

After high school, Chris attended International Baptist College and Seminary where he completed a Bachelor of Arts in Bible and Christian Service. He went on to complete a Master of Ministry from IBCS while serving as college pastor at Tri-City Baptist Church in Chandler, AZ. Chris and his family then moved to Watertown, WI where he completed his Master of Divinity at Maranatha Baptist Seminary while working as a graduate assistant.

While praying about ministry direction, the Lord opened up the door to the chaplaincy through a dialogue with a friend who was an Air Force Reserve Chaplain. In 2014, Chris commissioned as a Chaplain Candidate (Second Lieutenant) in the Wisconsin Army National Guard at age 29.

In 2014, Chris served briefly under the 641st Troop Command before attending Chaplain Officer Basic Leadership Course in Fort Jackson, SC. Upon graduation, Chris returned to become the Chaplain Candidate with the 2nd Battalion, 127th Infantry in Appleton, WI. In the spring of 2016, Chris became ordained by Fellowship Baptist Church in Watertown, WI.

Following ordination, Chris was appointed to full Chaplain (First Lieutenant) in the fall of the same year. After another move across the country in 2017, he now serves in the Arizona Army National Guard under the 158th Combat Sustainment Support Battalion out of Tucson, AZ as well as in Desert Foothills Baptist Church as the assistant pastor in the same respective city.

CH (1LT) Chris Koehn's military awards and decorations include: Army Commendation Medal, National Defense Service Medal, Humanitarian Service Medal, and Army Service Ribbon.

The Lord has blessed Chris with his wife and four children along with many ministry opportunities.