



United States Navy Biography

Lieutenant Commander Shawn Turpin
DEPUTY DIRECTOR
COMMANDER NAVAL SURFACE FORCES ATLANTIC
MINISTRY CENTER MAYPORT



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 Combat Logistics Battalion 451), Command Chaplain at Naval Operational Support Center Charlotte, Headquarters Battalion Chaplain for Marine Forces Reserve, and Staff Chaplain with Naval Surface Force Pacific Fleet. Chaplain Turpin's short-term assignments included USS George H. W. Bush (CVN 77), Naval Mobilization Processing Center Norfolk, and Naval Air Facility El Centro, California. He also taught and facilitated reintegration at Yellow Ribbon Returning Warrior Workshops for three Navy Region Commands. Chaplain Turpin took the oath of office for Permanent Active Duty in July 2015 and served as the Command Chaplain at Naval Air Station Joint Reserve Base New Orleans. Since July 2018, he has been assigned to Commander, Naval Surface Forces Atlantic, Mayport Ministry Center, serving as Deputy Director and as the Chaplain onboard USS Philippine Sea (CG 58).

Chaplain Turpin is a certified trainer in Operational Stress Control, Suicide Prevention (safeTALK), Bystander Intervention, PREP Relationships, Core Values for Life, and others. He has experience in Crisis Response, having been an Emergency Medical Technician from 2003 until 2016, serving as EMS Chaplain, Ethics and Leadership trainer, and Disaster Response Team member. Chaplain Turpin is also a volunteer police chaplain and a certified hospital chaplain with five units of Clinical Pastoral Education and training in end-of-life issues, family systems, crisis counseling, and mental health.

Chaplain Turpin's personal awards include the Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal, the Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal (three awards), and the Outstanding Volunteer Medal. Shawn is married to Barbara (Bierwirth) Turpin; they have five children: Grace, Micah, Faith, Daniel, Joy.