

Chaplain John Radacsy

US Coast Guard's Auxiliary Clergy Support



John Radacsy serves as a volunteer chaplain through the U.S. Coast Guard's Auxiliary Clergy Support (ACS) program. Working mainly at U.S. Coast Guard Base Portsmouth, Virginia, John assists, on an as-needed basis, the base's active-duty chaplain (the U.S. Coast Guard's District-5 chaplain).

John was born in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, in 1975, and is a 1998 graduate of Grove City College, Grove City, Pennsylvania. After teaching history, government, international relations, and economics classes for

three years at a public high school, John was commissioned a second lieutenant in the U.S. Marine Corps after graduating from Officer Candidates School at Marine Corps Base Quantico, Virginia (2001). After completing The Basic School (2002), Marine Air Traffic Control Officer Course (2002), and Weapons and Tactics Instructor Course (2003), John deployed in support of Operations Enduring Freedom (2003) and Iraqi Freedom (2004-05), where he served primarily as an aviation command-and-control officer. Following these deployments, John was selected to attend law school as part of the Marine Corps' Legal Education Program. After earning his Doctor of Jurisprudence (J.D.) degree (University of Tennessee College of Law, 2009) and passing the Tennessee bar exam, John attended Naval Justice School (2009) and then served four years as a prosecutor and legal assistance attorney.

In conjunction with his medical retirement in 2013, John was led of the Lord to attend Maranatha Baptist Seminary, where he completed the school's Master of Divinity (2017) and Master of Arts in Biblical Counseling (2018) programs. During his four years of seminary training, John and his family had the privilege of serving on several short-term mission trips, to Ireland, China, Hungary, Canada, and the West Indies.

John now serves as an assistant pastor at Good News Baptist Church in Chesapeake, Virginia, where his primary responsibilities include the church's military and counseling ministries. He also serves as the church's missions director.

John and his wife, Cindi, have two sons: Daniel and Andrew.