

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



Lieutenant Commander Robert S. Spivey, Chaplain Corps, United States Navy, is the Command Chaplain for the 13th Marine Expeditionary Unit (MEU) based out of Camp Pendleton, California. Originally from Yuma, Arizona, Chaplain Spivey is a graduate of Pensacola Christian College. He received a Bachelor of Arts in History from Pensacola Christian College (2001); a Master of Arts in Bible Exposition from Pensacola Theological Seminary (2003); and a Master of Divinity from Pensacola Theological Seminary (2006). Chaplain Spivey is endorsed through the Foundations Baptist Fellowship and is sent out by the Navarre Chapel Independent Baptist Church in Navarre, Florida.

Before taking on his current assignment with the 13th MEU, Lieutenant Commander Spivey served as the Command Chaplain for Commander, Strike Fighter Wing, U.S. Pacific Fleet out of Naval Air Station Lemoore, California; Battalion Chaplain for 2nd Light Armored Reconnaissance Battalion in Camp Lejeune, North Carolina; Group Chaplain for Commander, Expeditionary Strike Group Seven in Sasebo, Japan; Ship's Chaplain aboard the USS DENVER (LPD-9) home-ported in Sasebo, Japan; Clinical Pastoral Education student at the Naval Medical Center in San Diego, California; and Command Chaplain at the Naval Nuclear Power Training Unit in Ballston Spa, New York. In 2011, Chaplain Spivey deployed to the Helmand Province in Afghanistan in support of Operation Enduring Freedom; in 2013-2014, Chaplain Spivey executed two forward deployed Western Pacific patrols with the USS DENVER (LPD-9) in support of joint and multinational operations and exercises; and in 2020, Chaplain Spivey deployed with the Special Purpose Marine Air Ground Task Force in the U.S. Central Command area of responsibility.

In addition to various unit awards, Chaplain Spivey's personal awards include the Navy Commendation Medal (4 awards), the Navy Achievement Medal (2 awards), and the Military Outstanding Volunteer Service Medal. Chaplain Spivey is a Fleet Marine Force Qualified Officer and is a Board-Certified Chaplain through the National Association of Veterans Affairs Chaplains.

Chaplain Spivey is married to Sarah Spivey. They reside in Oceanside, California with their three children, Evelyn, Ethan, and Elliot.