



United States Navy Biography

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Commander Robert S. Spivey, Chaplain Corps, United States Navy, is the Deputy Chaplain at Navy Medicine Readiness and Training Command, Portsmouth, Virginia. Additionally, he serves as the Command Chaplain for the USNS COMFORT (T-AH 20). Originally from Yuma, Arizona, Chaplain Spivey is a graduate of Pensacola Christian College. He received a Bachelor of Arts in History (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 by the Foundations Baptist Fellowship International and is sent out by the Navarre Chapel in Navarre, Florida.

Before taking on his current assignment at NMRTC, Commander Spivey served as the Command Chaplain for Commander, Strike Fighter Wing, U.S. Pacific Fleet, Naval Air Station Lemoore, California; Battalion Chaplain, 2nd Light Armored Reconnaissance Battalion, Camp Lejeune, North Carolina; Group Chaplain, Commander, Expeditionary Strike Group Seven, Sasebo, Japan; Ship's Chaplain, USS DENVER (LPD-9), Sasebo, Japan; Clinical Pastoral Education student at the Naval Medical Center in San Diego, California; Command Chaplain at the Naval Nuclear Power Training Unit in Ballston Spa, New York; Command Chaplain, 13th Marine Expeditionary Unit, Camp Pendleton, California and Command Chaplain, Naval Air Station Key West, Florida.

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 Meritorious Service Medal (2 awards), 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 Suffolk, Virginia with their three children, Evelyn, Ethan, and Elliot.