



Captain David Aaron Stroud Chaplain Corps Pacific Area Chaplain



Chaplain Stroud is a native of Redford Township, Michigan. He earned his Bachelor of Arts in Political Science at the University of Michigan (Ann Arbor, MI) and graduated from Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary (South Hamilton, MA) with Master of Divinity. He was commissioned in May 1994 as a Chaplain Candidate Program Officer. After ordination, he began working as an Associate Pastor at Christ Church (Redford, MI) and was assigned as a Reserve Chaplain to Marine Wing Support Squadron 472B.

In June 1998, he came on active duty and reported aboard USS ARCTIC (AOE-8) as Command Chaplain. His next assignment was to the National Naval Medical Center in Bethesda, MD where he served primarily as the Labor & Delivery/NICU chaplain. Following the September 11 attacks, he deployed to New York City aboard the hospital ship USNS COMFORT (T-AH-20) as a member of the Special Psychiatric Intervention Team. He then moved to join Carrier Air Wing EIGHT where he deployed aboard USS THEODORE ROOSEVELT (CVN-71) for the initial attacks on Iraq in 2003.

In August 2004, Chaplain Stroud reported to Navy Region Hawaii where he served as Deputy Region Chaplain. He followed that with a move across the island to serve in the chapel at Marine Corps Base Hawaii. During this tour, he deployed as an Individual Augmentee for five months to Camp Leatherneck, Afghanistan as a part of the First Marine Expeditionary Force. Upon return from Afghanistan, he transitioned to Naval Submarine Support Command – Pearl Harbor where he was responsible for religious ministry to 18 submarine crews and the staffs of 3 submarine squadrons. While in Hawaii, he completed JPME Phase 1 and received a Master of Arts in National Security Studies from the U.S. Naval War College.

In April 2014, he reported to U.S. Coast Guard District Eleven as District Chaplain with time underway aboard CGC STRATTON (WMSL-752) and CGC POLAR STAR (WAGB-10). His next assignment was as Deputy Director for Religious Ministries at Marine Corps Air Ground Combat Center – Twentynine Palms, CA. In August 2020, he became the Deputy Chaplain of the Coast Guard and chaplain to the Deputy Commandant for Mission Support. In July 2022, he reported to Naval District Washington as the Region Chaplain. He currently serves as the U.S. Coast Guard Pacific Area Chaplain.

Chaplain Stroud is endorsed by Chaplaincy Full Gospel Churches. His awards include the Meritorious Service Medal (4 Awards), Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal (4 Awards), Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal (2 Awards), two “Battle E’s” as well as various other unit and campaign medals.