

Chaplain (COL) David Colwell

Chaplain (COL) David Colwell was born in Bedford Massachusetts in February 1956. He grew up in Lexington, Massachusetts where he graduated from high school in 1974.

In 1978, Chaplain Colwell graduated from the University of Massachusetts at Amherst with a Bachelor of Art in Political Science. In 1984, he graduated from Boston University School of Theology with a Master of Divinity. In 2002, he graduated from Catholic University of America in Washington, DC with a Masters in World Politics. Chaplain Colwell entered active duty in 1984.

Chaplain Colwell previous assignments include serving as chaplain to the following organizations, 535th Quartermaster Battalion, Fort Bragg, North Carolina (1984-1986); 1/505th Infantry Battalion 82 (ABN) Division, Fort Bragg, North Carolina (1986-1987); 197th Ordnance Battalion, Siegelsbach, Germany (1987-1990); 2/35 Armor Battalion 4th Infantry Division, Fort Carson, Colorado (1991-1993); 3rd Brigade, 4th Infantry Division, Fort Carson, Colorado (1993-1994); Deputy Division Chaplain 24th and 3rd Infantry Divisions, Fort Stewart, Georgia (1994-1997); 6th CAV Brigade, Camp Humphreys, South Korea (1997-1998); Research and Congressional liaison officer, Chief of Chaplains Office, Washington, DC (1998-2002), 1st Cavalry Division Chaplain, Fort Hood, Texas (2002-2004), Area II Chaplain Yongsan, Korea (2004-2006); Installation Chaplain, Fort Campbell, KY (2006 – 2007); U.S. Africa Command Chaplain, Stuttgart Germany (2007-2010), and Command Chaplain 3rd Army (Army Central Command), Shaw Air Force Base, SC (2010-2011). He became Commandant of USACHCS on 9 December 2011.

Chaplain Colwell's awards include the Legion of Merit, Meritorious Service Medal (4th OLC); Army Commendation Medal (3rd OLC); Army Achievement Medal; National Defense Service Ribbon; Army Service Ribbon; and Overseas Service Ribbon (4th OLC).

His military education includes the Chaplain Officer Basic and Advanced Courses; Combined Arms Service School; Command and General Staff College; Army Force Management Course, Division Chaplains Course, the Defense Strategy Course and the Army War College.

Chaplain Colwell is married to the former Carol Korody of Buffalo, New York. They have two daughters, Alexandra and Gabriella. Chaplain Colwell is endorsed by the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ).