



Captain Gregory N. Todd, CHC, USN

Chaplain of the Coast Guard



Gregory N. Todd, a native of Seattle, Washington, is a 1984 graduate of Concordia College in Portland, Oregon receiving a Bachelor of Arts degree in theology and education. Chaplain Todd's graduate studies were at Concordia Seminary in St. Louis, Missouri resulting in a Master of Divinity degree. He was ordained a minister in the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod in 1988. In 2009, Chaplain Todd received the Doctor of Ministry degree in Christian Leadership from Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary, Charlotte, NC.

Chaplain Todd was commissioned an ensign in the U.S. Navy Reserve in 1986 serving as chaplain for Marine Corps Reserve units as well as a civilian pastor for congregations in Illinois. In 1994 Chaplain Todd came on active duty and has served as Protestant Chaplain—Naval Amphibious Base Coronado, 1994-1996, and Chaplain—USS CHANCELLORSVILLE (CG 62), 1996-1998, deploying to the Caribbean and Eastern Pacific for counter-narcotics operations.



From July 1998 to October 2002, he was the Chaplain for U.S. Coast Guard Activities New York. While serving in New York, Chaplain Todd was the first Navy chaplain ministering at “Ground Zero” following the attacks on the World Trade Center and hosted the Coast Guard Chaplain Emergency Response Team providing ministry to emergency workers and civilians. Chaplain Todd was also part of the response teams following the crashes of Egypt Air 990 and American Airlines 586.

In December 2002, Chaplain Todd reported to the Second Force Service Support Group, Camp Lejeune, NC and deployed with Forward Battalion, 2D FSSG to Kuwait in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom. In 2004, he deployed with the 22nd Marine Expeditionary Unit to Afghanistan as part of Operation Enduring Freedom, establishing the religious program at Forward Operating Base Ripley in the Oruzgan Province of Afghanistan.

Chaplain Todd detached from 2D FSSG in May 2005 and reported as the Officer-in-Charge of the Marine Corps Chaplain and RP Expeditionary Skills Training (CREST), Camp Johnson, until OCT 2008. After attending the Senior Supervisory Chaplain Course, Chaplain Todd reported to USS KEARSARGE (LHD 3) in DEC 2009 to serve as the Command Chaplain.

In JUL 2010, Chaplain Todd assumed duty as the 2D Marine Logistics Group (2D MLG) Chaplain leading transition and support ministries for Marines and Sailors deploying and redeploying from Afghanistan. He led the team of chaplains in support of Third Location Decompression programs for EOD Marines in Ramstein, Germany facilitating their transition from a very kinetic deployment. He detached from 2D MLG in FEB 2013 and reported to II Marine Expeditionary Force as Force Chaplain managing the II MEF Command Religious Program for over 50,000 Marines, Sailors, and their families. Chaplain Todd detached from II MEF in JUN 2014 to assume the duties as Chaplain of the Coast Guard.

Chaplain Todd has received the Legion of Merit Medal, the Meritorious Service Medal (four awards), the Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal (three awards), the Coast Guard Commendation Medal, the Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal (three awards), a Letter of Commendation from the Commandant of the Coast Guard, the Navy Fleet Marine Force ribbon, the National Defense Service Medal (two award), the Combat Action Ribbon, the Afghanistan Campaign Medal, the Global War on Terror Expeditionary Medal, the Global War on Terror Service Medal, the Sea Service Deployment Ribbon (two awards), and various other unit commendations. Chaplain Todd was also awarded the Department of Transportation 9/11 Medal for his ministry in New York following the attacks of September 11th.

Chaplain Todd's qualifications include Master Training Specialist and Fleet Marine Force Qualified Officer.