



United States Navy Biography

CAPTAIN RONALD PETTIGREW COMMANDER SEVEN FLEET RESERVE DEPUTY CHAPLAIN

Captain Pettigrew was born at Andrews Air Force into a Navy family. After his completion of a Bachelor of Arts Degree in International Relations in 1987 at the University of Southern California he was initially commissioned through the NROTC program. Following his own initial service as a Surface Warfare Officer following, he resigned his commission in 1992 to become a Chaplain Candidate. After completion of his Master of Divinity in Urban Ministry in 1996 from Trinity Evangelical Divinity School and ordination within the Evangelical Free Church of America, he received his final designation as a Reserve Naval Chaplain.



After serving as the Pastor of Calvary's Cross Evangelical Free Church in Rock Island, Illinois, in December of 2000, he was recalled to Active Duty to serve as the Command Chaplain on the USS Cowpens forward deployed in Yokosuka, Japan. Chaplain Pettigrew was then assigned as the Staff Chaplain for the Training Support Center SN ATD, IT-A Schools, and Pastor of the Bluejacket Memorial Gospel Service at Great Lakes, Illinois. Upon his separation from Active Duty, he rejoined the Navy Reserves in 2005. In the Reserves he presently serves as the Reserve Deputy Chaplain for Commander United States Seventh Fleet.

OTHER PREVIOUS MAJOR ASSIGNMENTS:

USS Durham LKA-114 1st Division Officer, Machinery Officer, and Auxiliaries Officer from 1988 to 1991; USS LaSalle AGF-3 Administrative, Legal, and Personnel Officer, on the US Naval Forces Central Command Flagship from 1991-1992; Chaplain, Commander U.S. Naval Forces Pacific Reserve Detachment 216 (1997-1998); and U.S. Coast Guard Religious Support Unit 106 (1998-2000); Operational Health Support Unit, Great Lakes and Landstuhl Regional Medical Center (2005-2008); Officer in Charge of Religious Expeditionary Unit 105 (2008-2010); Battalion Chaplain 2nd Battalion, 24th Marines (2010-2012); Wounded Warrior Battalion East (LRMC detachment 2012-2014); 1st Marine Civil Affairs Group, Camp Pendleton (2014-2015); Military Sealift Command Pacific (2015); Navy Expeditionary Combat Command Reserve Force Deputy Chaplain (2015-2017); and Officer in Charge of the United States Coast Guard Religious Support Unit 106 and Deputy Chaplain for Reserve Matters for the United States Coast Guard (2018-2020).

AWARDS AND DECORATIONS: Chaplain Pettigrew's personal military awards include Naval Chaplain's School Leadership Award, Coast Guard Meritorious Service Medal, Navy Commendation Medal (Four Gold Stars), Army Commendation Medal, Navy Achievement Medal, Coast Guard Achievement Medal, Combat Action Ribbon, Military Outstanding Volunteer Service Medal as well as numerous other campaign medals and unit ribbons.

Chaplain Pettigrew holds both 1430N and 3000P subspecialty codes for Religion and Culture – religion and statecraft and emerging cultural/institutional values, and Resource Management and Analysis, respectively. With over 20 years' experience in Higher Education, Chaplain Pettigrew currently serves as the Veteran Resource Director, Academic Advisor and Instructor at Western Illinois University, in Macomb, Illinois.