



Captain Douglas J. Waite, Chaplain Corps, USN (Retired)

Captain Waite was born and raised in Washington State graduating from the University of Washington. He then enlisted in the U. S. Navy as an Electrician's Mate and served aboard two destroyers in the Pacific during the end of the Vietnam War. He was the Protestant Lay Reader of his ship.

After his Honorable Discharge, Chaplain Waite continued post-graduate studies at Fuller Theological Seminary in Pasadena, California graduating with a Masters of Divinity Degree. He was ordained in the United Methodist Church and pastored his first church in Mt. Vernon, Washington.

In 1983 Chaplain Waite was commissioned a Lieutenant Junior Grade in the U. S. Navy Chaplain Corps and drilled with the U. S. Marines as a Battalion Chaplain. In 1984 he went to Chaplain's School in Newport, Rhode Island and received his first Active Duty orders to First Force Service Support Group, Fleet Marine Force, Pacific at Camp Pendleton, California. Following Camp Pendleton, he received orders in 1986 as the Command Chaplain of U. S. Naval Hospital, Yokosuka, Japan. In 1989 he went to the nuclear aircraft carrier USS NIMITZ (CVN-68) as the Protestant and Command Chaplain. While on the NIMITZ he deployed to Operation Desert Storm.

In 1992 Chaplain Waite was selected for post-graduate education at Seattle Pacific University and Fuller Theological Seminary. He completed a Doctor of Ministry Degree in 1994 focusing on Generation X in the military. He has been published on this subject by the Chaplain's Resource Board and Defense Communities Magazine and featured in the Navy and Marine Corps Times.

Chaplain Waite was then assigned as Command Chaplain U. S. Naval Computer and Telecommunications Station and U. S. Naval Hospital, Rota, Spain in 1993. In 1996 he was reassigned as Assistant Command Chaplain Naval Air Station Whidbey Island, Washington and became Command Chaplain in 1998.

In December 1998, Chaplain Waite received orders as Command Chaplain of the nuclear aircraft carrier USS ABRAHAM LINCOLN (CVN-72), in Everett, Washington. He deployed again to the Arabian Gulf on LINCOLN in support of Operation Southern Watch as the Strike Group Chaplain. It was during this deployment that the USS COLE was attacked. After his second carrier tour, he was reassigned as the Headquarters and Deputy Chaplain of the U. S. Coast Guard in Washington, D. C. While at Coast Guard Headquarters, he was involved in ministry at both the Pentagon and the World Trade Center after the terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001. He also opened the U.S. Senate twice in prayer and met and prayed with President George W. Bush.

In June 2003 Chaplain Waite was promoted to Captain and reassigned as the Pacific Area Coast Guard Chaplain in Alameda, CA. While there he was involved in heading the chaplain ministry in Louisiana following Hurricanes Katrina and Rita. June 2006 Chaplain Waite became the