

LCDR JOSE F. JIMENEZ
CHAPLAIN CORPS, UNITED STATES NAVY



Lieutenant Commander Jose Jimenez is a military brat. In 1997, he graduated from the Naval Academy Preparatory School in Newport, Rhode Island. In 2001, he received a Bachelor of Science degree in Mathematics from the United States Naval Academy in Annapolis, Maryland. He subsequently was awarded a Master of Divinity degree in 2011 from Westminster Seminary California in Escondido, California. Before entering active duty as a Navy Chaplain, he served as an active duty Army Chaplain and with the young adults ministry of his church in San Diego, California. He is endorsed by the Evangelical Chaplain Commission.

LCDR Jimenez was commissioned in the United States Marine Corps in 2001 and served as a communications officer. In 2003 he served with Division Communications Company and the 1st Battalion 5th Marines, 1st Marine Division, Camp Pendleton, California. From 2005-2008 he served as Inspector and Instructor, Marine Wing Communications Squadron 48. In 2008, as a Selected Marine Corps Reserve he served with 4th Medical Battalion, MCAS Miramar, California until he was honorably discharged from the Marines in 2012. LCDR Jimenez completed three deployments in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom in 2003, 2004, and 2005.

LCDR Jimenez received a direct commission as an Army Chaplain in 2012 with his initial assignment as the squadron chaplain 3rd Squadron 17th Cavalry Regiment, 3rd Combat Aviation Brigade, 3rd Infantry Division Hunter Army Airfield, Georgia where he deployed in support of Operation Enduring Freedom in 2012-2013. He later served as chaplain of 2nd Battalion 7th Infantry Regiment, 3rd Infantry Division Fort Stewart, Georgia where he deployed to Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland and Spain in support of regionally aligned forces (RAF).

LCDR Jimenez initial Navy Chaplain assignment was the base chaplain Naval Station Newport, Rhode Island where he also served as the Naval Academy Preparatory School Chaplain from 2016-2019. Next, he served as staff chaplain of Marine Aircraft Group 39 until 2020 and deployed aboard the USS ESSEX as 11th Marine Expeditionary Unit, Aviation Combat Element chaplain until March 2022. Currently, he serves as a chaplain serving the Defense Information School, Fort Meade, Maryland.

His military education includes the Army and Navy Chaplain Officer Basic Courses; U.S. Marine Corps Expeditionary Warfare School, U.S. Marine Corps Communication Officer Course; and U.S. Marine Corps Basic Officer Course.

His awards and decorations include: Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal, Army Commendation Medal (2nd Award); Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal (3rd Award); Combat Action Ribbon; Navy Meritorious Unit Citation; Select Marine Corps Reserve Medal; National Defense Service Medal; Afghanistan Campaign Medal; Iraq Campaign Medal; GWOT Expeditionary Medal (2nd Award); GWOT Service Medal; Navy Sea Service Deployment Ribbon (3rd Award); and NATO (ISAF) Medal.

LCDR Jimenez is married to the former Rebekah Anne Hamelink and they have six children: Timothy (14), Abigail (12), Rachel (9) Elizabeth (6), Joseph (3) and Naomi (8 months). Rebekah is a native of Gaithersburg, Maryland. She is an amazing homemaker and is a registered nurse.