

Commander Clifford A. Stuart, CHC, USN

Chaplain Stuart is a native of Riverside, CA. and endorsed for chaplaincy by The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. He currently serves at First Coast Guard District, Boston, MA. He provides and facilitates religious ministry and spiritual care to more than 11,000 active duty, reserve, civilian and auxiliary personnel who are employed on 30 cutters, 200 boats, 46 stations, and 8 aircraft across eight states in the Northeast including over 2,000 miles of Coastline from the U.S.-Canadian border to northern New Jersey and 1300 miles offshore.

Chaplain Stuart enlisted in the Marine Corps and graduated boot camp at Marine Corps Recruit Depot San Diego in 1985. He served as an enlisted Marine for 15 years as an armorer, weapons instructor, and recruiter, attaining the rank of Staff Sergeant (E-6). He was commissioned a LTJG in the Navy Chaplain Corps in August 2000. He served at Destroyer Squadron 21 at San Diego, CA from 2000-2003, 3rd Marine Aircraft Wing at Miramar, CA from 2003-2005, Naval Air Facility El Centro, CA from 2006-2008, 1st Marine Aircraft Wing at Okinawa, Japan from 2008-2012 and 3rd Marine Division at Okinawa, Japan from 2012-2015. He deployed and participated in Operation Southern Watch in 2000, Operations Noble Eagle in 2000, Enduring Freedom in 2001-2002, Operation Iraqi Freedom in 2003 and 2004, and Operation Enduring Freedom in 2009 as the Theater Mortuary Evacuation Point Chaplain and Patient Administration Tracking Team OIC. He also participated in humanitarian assistance and disaster relief operations including Operation Tomadachi following the Japanese earthquake and tsunami in 2011, and Operation Damayan in the Philippines following Typhoon Haiyan in 2013.

Chaplain Stuart earned a Bachelor of Arts in English from California State University Fullerton, a Master of Human Services from National University, a Diploma from The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints Institute of Religion at San Marcos, a Certificate in Pastoral Care in Crisis from The International Critical Incident Stress Foundation and University of Maryland Baltimore County, and is a graduate of the Marine Corps Command and Staff College. His awards include 3 Meritorious Service Medals, 5 Navy/Marine Corps Commendation Medals, and the Navy Achievement Medal. He was awarded the Military Chaplains Association Distinguished Service Award in 2008.