



Lieutenant Commander Edward Bass Chaplain Corps United States Navy

Chaplain Bass was born in Tempe, Arizona and raised near Seattle, Washington. He graduated from the United States Coast Guard Academy in 1987 with a Bachelor's Degree in Applied Science. From there he was commissioned an Ensign in the Coast Guard and assigned to Coast Guard Cutter EVERGREEN in New London, CT, as a Deck Watch Officer. LCDR Bass spent the next 12 years as an active duty and reserve Coast Guard Officer, serving tours of duty at Marine Safety Office, San Diego, Officer Candidate School Staff in Yorktown, Virginia, and Marine Safety Offices in Savannah, Georgia and Portland, Oregon.

In August 1998 he entered seminary at Multnomah Biblical Seminary in Portland, Oregon and graduated with a Masters of Divinity in May 2001. While completing seminary, Chaplain Bass interned as a chaplain and Clinical Pastoral Education (CPE) student at Oregon State Hospital, providing pastoral care for psychiatric patients. He completed his fourth unit of CPE at Rhode Island Hospital, Providence, RI, in December 2001. He was licensed as a church staff minister in 2000 and was ordained by the International Church of the Foursquare Gospel in September 2002.

Upon completion of Naval Chaplain School in Newport, Rhode Island in November 2002, Chaplain Bass reported for duty aboard the USS BRIDGE (AOE-10), a fast combat support ship in Bremerton, Washington. His time there included an extended eight-month deployment in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom (OIF). Chaplain Bass then completed an overseas tour of duty at the Third Marine Division in Okinawa, Japan from 2004-2007. The following tour brought he and his family back to the States where he served at the Surface Forces Ministry Center in Norfolk, Virginia from 2007-2010; there he completed major deployments in USS NASHVILLE (LPD 13) and USS PONCE (LPD 15). His most recent tour of duty was at the Naval Medical Center Portsmouth VA where he served on staff and deployed to Afghanistan as Head, Religious Services at the NATO Role 3 Multi-national Medical Unit in Kandahar. His interests include family activities, spiritual reading, biking, running, and several other sports, including an occasional round of golf. He will go fishing but not for any species in the Bass family (kidding).

His military awards and qualifications include several Navy Commendation and Coast Guard Achievement medals, and the Fleet Marine Force (FMF) Officer pin. Chaplain Bass is happily married to the former Lisa Ann McGuinness from Cranston, Rhode Island, having celebrated their 26 year anniversary last May. They are enjoying their recent "empty nester" status with both children now in college.