



Lieutenant Commander Daniel R. Spies Chaplain Corps, United States Navy



Lieutenant Commander Daniel R. Spies was born in Minneapolis, Minnesota. He presently serves as Chaplain for US Coast Guard Sectors Lake Michigan and Sault Sainte Marie.

He graduated from Augsburg College and Luther Seminary in Saint Paul Minnesota and began his active service as a Chaplain on in 2007 after training as a Chaplain Candidate Program Officer in seminary.

Prior to his active Chaplain service, LT Spies served as an infantryman in the USMC from 1989 to 1993. He deployed to operations DESERT SHIELD/STORM and RESTORE HOPE with 1st Reconnaissance Battalion 1st Marine Division and Reconnaissance Company 5th Marines. He completed his enlisted service as a Corporal in 1993.



After graduating college and seminary, LCDR Spies was ordained a Pastor in the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. He served Lutheran congregations in River Falls, Wisconsin from 2002 to 2007.

LCDR Spies served as the School Chaplain for Naval Construction Training Center in Gulfport Mississippi from 2007 to 2009. After Gulfport, LCDR Spies transferred to 1st Marine Division. He was Command Chaplain for 1st Reconnaissance Battalion, HQ Battalion, and 3rd Battalion 1st Marines to 2012. He deployed with 11th Marine Expeditionary Unit as Chaplain for 3/1. From 2012 to 2015 he was a staff chaplain at the US Navy Recruit Training Command at Great Lakes, Illinois. He began his chaplain duties in the US Coast Guard in September 2015.