



MARINE CORPS BASE HAWAII BASE CHAPLAIN

- A native of Seneca, SC, Commander Sluder entered active duty in the United States Navy in January 2010 following three years as a pastor in Westminster, SC.
- Chaplain Sluder holds a Master of Divinity from The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, KY. He graduated summa cum laude earning a Bachelor of Arts from North Greenville University, Tigerville, SC. He is ordained, called, and endorsed by the Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod.
- Following graduation from Officer Development School at Officer Training Command Newport and graduation from the Naval Chaplaincy School and Center at Fort Jackson, Chaplain Sluder began duties as Staff Chaplain and Division Officer at U.S. Naval Support Activity, Naples, Italy. Following a successful tour in Naples, Chaplain Sluder reported to 2d Marine Division as the Battalion Chaplain of 1st Battalion, 2d Marines. The tour with 1/2 included a combat deployment to Afghanistan. After returning from Afghanistan, he was assigned as the Battalion Chaplain for 2d Light Armored Reconnaissance Battalion. Upon completion of this tour with 2d Marine Division, he began duties as Command Chaplain for Airborne Command and Control and Logistics Wing in Point Mugu, California. Following his assignment with the Wing, Chaplain Sluder became the Command Chaplain of USS GERMANTOWN LSD-42 in the Seventh Fleet as part of the Forward Deployed Naval Force in Sasebo, Japan. Following this successful sea tour, Chaplain Sluder served in the Pentagon as the Deputy Executive Assistant to the Chief of Chaplains of the Navy. He is currently serving as the Command Chaplain of Marine Corps Base Hawaii in Kaneohe.
- Chaplain Sluder is a Fleet Marine Force Qualified Officer, and he has been awarded the Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal (5 Awards).
- Chaplain Sluder and his wife, Tracie, are happily married with four children: Chesed, Aletheia, Gianna, and David. His personal interests include Clemson Tiger athletics, brewing beer, firearms, and reading.



MARINE CORPS AIR STATION CHAPLAIN

- Lieutenant Commander Coffman is a native of Lexington, Tennessee. He graduated from Union University in Jackson, Tennessee with a Bachelor of Arts in Biblical Studies and then completed his Master of Divinity degree at Beeson Divinity School in Birmingham, Alabama.
- Chaplain Candidate Coffman was commissioned in 2008 completing Officers Development School in June 2009 and Naval Chaplaincy School and Center in March 2010. His first active duty assignment began in June 2010 as Staff Chaplain and Division Officer at Naval Station Norfolk. In 2013 Chaplain Coffman began his first sea duty tour as the Command Chaplain on the USS SAN ANTONIO (LPD 17). Upon completion of sea duty, Chaplain Coffman was assigned to 3rd Marine Logistics Group in Okinawa, Japan in July 2015. He was Battalion Chaplain for Combat Logistics Battalion 4 until transferring back to Virginia. He reported to Naval Weapons Station Yorktown in August 2017 to serve as Command Chaplain. In September 2019 he transferred to Marine Corps Security Force Regiment located at Naval Weapons Station Yorktown, Yorktown, Virginia. Following his assignments in Yorktown, Chaplain Coffman was assigned to be the Command Chaplain for Submarine Readiness Squadron 34 (SRS 34) in Norfolk, Virginia. He supported religious ministry to all Submariners assigned to SRS 34, Commander Submarine Squadrons 6 and 8. He is currently serving as the Deputy Command Chaplain of Marine Corps Base Hawaii and Marine Corps Air Station in Kaneohe Bay.
- Chaplain Coffman is a Fleet Marine Force Qualified Officer, and he has been awarded the Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal (3 Awards) and the Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal (3 Awards).
- Chaplain Coffman is married to his high school sweetheart Amanda. They have two children and one daughter-in-law: Nathan (Olivia), Lily.



HEADQUARTERS BATTALION CHAPLAIN

- Chaplain James Curry is a native of West Des Moines, Iowa. He earned a Bachelor of Science in 1996 from the University of Illinois and a Master of Divinity from North Park Theological Seminary in 2003. Chaplain Curry is ordained and endorsed by the Evangelical Covenant Church.
- Chaplain Curry was commissioned in August 2025 to active duty as a Navy Chaplain. He currently serves as the Headquarters Battalion Chaplain at Marine Corps Base Hawaii.
- Chaplain Curry's prior ministry experience includes church Pastor from 2003 to 2010, developing hospice programs as a Chaplain and Administrator beginning in 2012, as well as over a decade of serving families as a community Funeral Officiant.