



Chaplain (COL) James J. Foster
(2000 - 2022)

Chaplain James Foster was born in Eugene, Oregon. He originally served as an enlisted Marine in the USMCR from 1989-1996. He attended and got his undergraduate degree from Messenger College, class of 1998. James served in several PCG Churches before going on active duty but was ordained in 2000 in the Oregon/ Southern Idaho District. He completed his M. Div at Western Evangelical Seminary in Tigard, Oregon before being accessioned to active duty in August 2000.

Chaplain Foster has served in several battalion units and deployed at every rank from CPT to LTC in support of the Global War on Terrorism in Iraq and Afghanistan. He was Brigade Chaplain for the 201st Battlefield Surveillance Brigade. Chaplain Foster completed a year of resident Intermediate Level Education at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas before reporting to Fort Bliss, Texas as the 1st Armored Division's Deputy Division Chaplain. Chaplain Foster served three assignments for IMCOM in Wiesbaden, Germany, Vicenza Italy and Fort Drum New York. He served as the 10th Mountain Division Chaplain, continuing at Fort Drum from October 2018 - January 2021 and deployed with the HQ for five months to Afghanistan in support of Operation Freedom Sentinel. Most recently he served for one year as the Deputy Command Chaplain for the JTF-National Capital Region & Military District of Washington. Since February 2, 2022 he has moved to the Command Chaplain position for the same office at Ft McNair, District of Columbia.

Chaplain Foster's military education includes Army emergency Operations Course (2018), Chaplain LTC Course (2016), Chaplaincy Resource Manager Course (2014), Command and General Staff College (2012), Brigade Chaplain Functional Area Qualification (2009), Chaplain Captain Career Course (2007), Emergency Medical Ministry (2005), Airborne (2002), and Chaplain Officer Basic Course (2000).

Chaplain Foster has been married for over 28 years to the former Angela Hendley of La Pine, Oregon. They have three grown children, Rebecca, Cody and Courtney, all enjoying life after college and serving God in their sphere of influence. He and his family have been involved in multiple Chapel services throughout the years and volunteered in VBSs, Children's Ministry, music ministry and areas of ministry and leadership.

Chaplain Foster is available to mentor through the O5 level.