



United States Navy Biography

Lieutenant Commander Ralph “Mickey” Weikel Naval Medical Center Portsmouth

A native of Union, West Virginia, Chaplain Weikel is a 4-year prior service Marine Corporal. He served as a Field Radio Operator with 3d Battalion, 12th Marine Regiment, 3d Marine Division, Okinawa, Japan, and Security Force Battalion, Norfolk, VA, where he deployed with Fleet Antiterrorism Security Team Company, Team 3 to Haiti in support of Operation FAIRWINDS in 1996. At the conclusion of his enlistment, Chaplain Weikel served as Associate Pastor of Princeton Church of God, Princeton, West Virginia for six years.



He graduated from Lee University with a Bachelor of Science degree in the spring of 2007. He received his Master of Divinity from Pentecostal Theological Seminary in 2010. He completed JPME Phase I at the U.S. Naval War College in 2014.

In April 2008, Chaplain Weikel was commissioned as a Chaplain Candidate in the U.S Navy. He accepted orders to Naval Station Great Lakes, where he served as Religious Ministries Division Officer from January 2011 to June 2012. There, he served as pastor of the Protestant community of the Blue Jacket Memorial Chapel. In June 2012, Chaplain Weikel was assigned to Command Chaplain of Officer Training Command in Newport, RI. In September, 2014 Chaplain Weikel reported to 2d Marine Division, where he deployed with 1st Battalion, 2d Marines on the Unit Deployment Program to the Pacific (UDP East) and supported training operation EAGER LION in the Kingdom of Jordan. In May, 2017 Chaplain Weikel reported to Naval Surface Forces Atlantic, where he deployed with USS JASON DUNHAM (DDG 109) to Fifth and Sixth Fleet areas of operation. In 2019, Chaplain Weikel was selected as a Clinical Pastoral Education Resident at Navy Medical and Readiness Training Command, Portsmouth, VA where he completed the requirements for a 1440N Subspecialty Code in Pastoral Care, a Mental Health Fellowship with the Hampton Roads CPE Center at Hampton VA Medical Center, and board certification through the National Association of Veterans Affairs Chaplains. He then served as command chaplain of EMF Juliet from 2020 to 2023.

Chaplain Weikel is currently assigned to CBRIF. His personal awards include the Navy Marine Corps Commendation Medal, 4 awards; Navy Achievement Medal; and the Marine Corps Good Conduct Medal. He is qualified to wear the Fleet Marine Force Qualified Officer insignia. Chaplain Weikel is endorsed by the Church of God Chaplains Commission.