

# **BIOGRAPHIES**

## *Deputy Force Chaplain Marine Forces Pacific*

### **COMMANDER JEFFREY E. RHODES CHAPLAIN CORPS, UNITED STATES NAVY**

Commander Jeffrey E. Rhodes, Chaplain Corps, United States Navy, is the Deputy Force Chaplain, Marine Corps Forces Pacific, Camp H. M. Smith, Hawaii.

Chaplain Rhodes is a native of Howell, Michigan. He is an alumnus of Western Michigan University, attended Princeton Theological Seminary in 1974-75, and earned a Master of Divinity Degree in 1978 and a Doctor of Ministry degree in 1983 from Boston University's School of Theology. Ordained a minister of the United Church of Christ in 1981, he served the Wilton Congregational Church in Wilton, Connecticut from July 1981 - December 1984.



Commissioned a LTJG in the Naval Reserve and entering the United States Chaplain Corps in December 1984, he reported for active duty in January 1985. His first duty station was the First Marine Division, Camp Pendleton, CA, serving with the Combat Engineer Battalion and then 3rd Battalion, 9th Marines. His follow-on assignments were: the Naval Support Activity, Diego Garcia; NCTAMS EASTPAC, Wahiawa, HI; USS ARKANSAS (CGN41); the Naval Postgraduate School, Monterey, CA; USS CONSTELLATION (CV64); and, his latest assignment as a Base Chaplain at Marine Corps Base Hawaii.

Chaplain Rhodes has competed in over seventy triathlons and thirty marathons, completing the IRONMAN World Championship Triathlon in Kona, HI, three times. He still competes seriously in both running and triathlon events.

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