



# Command Chaplain

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U.S. Army Military District of Washington



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## Chaplain (Colonel) Gary R. Studniewski



Chaplain (COL) Gary R. Studniewski was born in Toledo, Ohio in 1957 to Richard and Alfreda Studniewski. He received an Army commission through the ROTC program at the University of Toledo in 1979, completing a Bachelor of Education degree in Biology. As a Lieutenant he served in various artillery assignments in the 82d Airborne Division Artillery, and as Aide-de-Camp for the Commanding General, 1st ROTC Region, Fort Bragg, NC. He was assigned in 1983 to United States Army Europe with the 3rd Infantry Division as a Captain and served as battalion adjutant and firing battery commander in the 2d Bn, 41st Field Artillery, Bad Kissingen. He then served as the Division Artillery Nuclear Surety Officer in Wuerzburg. From 1987 to 1989 he served in the Army's Personnel Command in Alexandria, VA, working in the Officer Personnel Management Directorate, Joint Management Office.

In 1989 Gary left active duty to study for the Catholic priesthood, co-sponsored by the Archdiocese of Washington and the Archdiocese for the Military Services, USA. He attended the Pontifical North American College and completed Bachelor and Licentiate work in Sacred Theology at the University of St. Thomas Aquinas in Rome. He was ordained a priest of Washington in 1995 and served in a parish in Southern Maryland. In 1998 he re-entered active Army service as a chaplain. He served as the 82nd Airborne Division Support Command Chaplain from 1998 – 2000, the Task Force Chaplain for the Multinational Force and Observers, Sinai, Egypt in 2001, and the Deputy Installation Chaplain at Fort Belvoir, VA, 2002 – 2005. In May, 2005 he was reassigned to the Office of the Chief of Chaplains, Personnel Directorate, at the Pentagon. He arrived at Fort Lewis, WA, in June, 2008 and deployed in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom as the Brigade Chaplain with the 555th Engineer Brigade. In November, 2009 he was assigned as the Garrison Chaplain, Fort Lewis becoming the Joint Base Garrison Chaplain at Joint Base Lewis-McChord in February, 2010. In July, 2012 Chaplain Studniewski was assigned as the Command Chaplain for U.S. Army North (5th Army) at Fort Sam Houston, TX. He assumed his duties as Command Chaplain, Joint Forces Headquarters-National Capitol Region/Military District of Washington in June, 2014.

Chaplain Studniewski is a graduate of the Field Artillery Officer Basic and Advanced Courses, the Chaplain Officer Basic and Advanced Courses, the Combined Arms Services Staff School, the Command

and General Staff Officer Course and the Chaplain Lieutenant Colonel Course. He is a graduate of the U.S. Army War College, Department of Distance Education.