

**CDR ERIC P. HAMMEN  
CHAPLAIN CORPS, UNITED STATES NAVY**



Commander Eric Hammen enlisted in the Navy in 1992 and was sent to RTC San Diego to attend boot camp and RM "A" school. Following his initial training he completed tours on the USS Fairfax County (LST 1193) and USS Kidd (DDG 993) where he completed his first Mediterranean Deployment. He was then sent to NAVCOMTELSTA Roosevelt Roads, PR for his overseas tour. During this tour Chaplain Hammen earned his B.A. in Criminal Law from Columbia College (2001), and was then transferred to NCTAMS detachment Hampton Roads, Norfolk, VA. While stationed in Norfolk, he was sent on an IA assignment to JTF SOUTHCOM, Saudi Arabia. Upon completion of his second deployment, then IT2 Hammen Cross-rated to LN and was stationed at NLSO det New Orleans, LA.

While at New Orleans CDR Hammen attended New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary, and entered the CCPO program in 2004. At Seminary, CDR Hammen served as the Chaplain for the New Orleans Saints, New Orleans Voodoo (Arena Football), on staff as an Associate Pastor at First Baptist Church Avondale, and was a High School History/Civics teacher at Faith Christian Academy, New Orleans. In 2005 Chaplain Hammen completed his MDIV from NOBTS and was a relocation victim of Hurricane Katrina, finally settling in Virginia Beach, VA. Once settled in Virginia he was hired as a Church Planting Consultant for the South Baptist Conservatives of Virginia where he remained until 2007. At that time he was commissioned on active duty and attended Basic Chaplain Leadership Course in Newport, RI.

CDR Hammen's duties as a Navy Chaplain included tours with Training Support Center, Dam Neck, VA; 2<sup>nd</sup> Marine Air Wing, Cherry Point, NC w/Combat deployment to Afghanistan; Naval Special Warfare Group TWO (SEAL Team TEN) w/2<sup>nd</sup> Combat deployment to Afghanistan as SOTF SE, served as the Basic Leadership Course Instructor at the Naval Chaplaincy School and Center, FT Jackson, SC; and the Command Chaplain, USS San Antonio LPD 17. CDR Hammen is currently serving on the staff of the Chief of Chaplain at the Pentagon, Washington DC.

His personal awards include the Meritorious Service Medal, Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal (w/5 gold stars), the Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal (w/1 gold star). Chaplain Hammen hold qualifications as a Master Training Specialist, NSW NON-SEAL Officer, and Fleet Marine Force Qualified Officer (FMFQO).

CDR Hammen is an ordained by the Southern Baptist Convention.

He is married (25yrs) to the former Tamara Shawn Maxwell of Virginia Beach, VA and they have four children; Pierce (USCG, Bayonne, NJ), Maddie Grace (Christopher Newport University), Reed, and Jude. They currently reside in Virginia Beach, VA.