

David A. Brady
State Chaplain – Army - Post 8430

Chaplain David A. Brady is a native of McKeesport, PA, graduating from United Wesleyan College in Allentown, PA in 1985 with a Bachelor of Science in Pastoral Ministries and Christian Education. He then attended Wesley Biblical Seminary in Jackson, MS, graduating in 1993 with a Masters of Divinity. In addition, he has a Master of Arts in Humanitarian Action and Peacebuilding through the United Nations Institute for Training and Research, Oxford Brookes University, Oxford, England, graduating in 2020. He presently resides in White Oak, PA and is a member of North McKeesport Post 8430.

Chaplain Brady served in the United States Marine Corps Reserve as a CH-53 Sea Stallion First Mechanic. He also served in the United States Army as an M3 Bradley Cavalry Scout, where he conducted multiple border security missions before the fall of both the Berlin Wall and the inner German border, reunifying Germany. He commissioned into the United States Army Chaplain Corps in 1991 as part of the Mississippi Army National Guard. He served with the Alabama and Florida Army National Guards as well.

Chaplain Brady was ordained in 1997 by the Wesleyan Church serving churches in Anniston, AL and Tampa, FL before entering active duty in 1997 as a United States Air Force Chaplain, where he served in Operations Joint Forge and Southern Watch until 1999. In 2011 he returned to duty serving with the Illinois Army National Guard as an independently endorsed Chaplain, then ordained by the Free Methodist Church in 2013, serving as Associate Pastor in Woodstock, IL. He deployed in 2021 to support Operations Spartan Shield and Allies Refuge with the United States Army Reserve, assisting the coordination of the humanitarian civilian evacuation from Afghanistan. Chaplain Brady served as Director of Boots and Bible Ministries from 2014 - 2024.

Chaplain Brady's previous assignments include Deputy Command Chaplain, Area Support Group Kuwait, Camp Buehring as well as Liaison Officer for Humanitarian Relief and Disaster Response, 1st Theater Sustainment Command, Camp As Sayliyah, Qatar; Detachment Officer in Charge, 111th Chaplain Detachment at Fort Bragg, NC; Brigade Chaplain, 308th Civil Affairs Brigade, Homewood, IL; Mission Support Chaplain, 416th Theater Engineer Command, Darien, IL; Brigade Chaplain, 33rd Infantry Brigade Combat Team, Urbana, IL; Brigade Chaplain, 404th Maneuver Enhancement Brigade, Normal, IL; Battalion Chaplain, 1-178th Infantry Battalion, Chicago, IL; Group Chaplain, 16th Expeditionary Operations Group, Istres, France; Group Chaplain, 305th Air Mobility Wing, McGuire AFB, NJ; Chaplain, 131st Mobile Army Surgical Hospital, Temple Terrace, FL; Battalion Chaplain, 1-167th Infantry Battalion, Talladega, AL; Chaplain, Alabama Military Academy, Anniston, AL; Chaplain Candidate, 184th Transportation Brigade, Laurel, MS.

His military education includes attending Senior Chaplain Section Leader Course, Command and General Staff College, Operational Religious Support Leader Course, Chaplain Officer Basic and Advanced Courses, Combat Medical Ministry Course, Defense Support of Civil Authorities Course, Applied Suicide Intervention Skills Training for Trainers Course, Chaplain Casualty Notification Training, and the Primary Leadership Development Course.

His military awards include the Meritorious Service Medal (with Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster), Army Commendation Medal (with 3 Bronze Oak Leaf Clusters), Army Achievement Medal, Air Force Achievement Medal, Army Good Conduct Medal, Army Reserve Components Achievement Medal (with 3 Bronze Oak Leaf Clusters), Selected Marine Corps Reserve Medal, National Defense Service Medal (with 1 Bronze Service Star), Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, Armed Forces Service Medal (with 1 Bronze Service Star), Humanitarian Service Medal, Military Outstanding Volunteer Service Medal, Armed Forces Reserve Medal (with Bronze Hourglass & Bronze Letter M), NATO Medal (with Yugoslavia Bar), Meritorious Unit Citation, Air Force Outstanding Unit Award, Mississippi War Medal, and Marine Corps Aircrew Badge.