

Biography of Chaplain Colonel (RET) Timothy L Baer

Chaplain Baer was born and grew up in Northwest Ohio. He holds a Bachelor of Science Degree in Business and Master of Divinity Degree from Oral Roberts University, Tulsa OK, in 1989. CH Baer is currently working to complete the Dissertation for a Doctorate in Executive Leadership from the University of Charleston. CH Baer is a trained EMT-I. As a business entrepreneur opened a fitness equipment manufacturing company, personally designing over 50 different strength machines, started a fitness center in 1996 – 2009. CH Baer was ordained into the United Methodist Church in 1989, and was a local fulltime Pastor for over 7yrs, part-time Pastor for additional 8yrs. CH Baer was senior Pastor of Souls Harbor Pentecostal Church from 2006-2009 as well as full time in the military. CH Baer was senior Pastor at Pope Chapel, Fort Bragg, 2014-2016, rotation Chaplain for Bayonet Chapel, 2017-2019.

CH Baer was Direct Commissioned as an Active Duty Chaplain in MAR of 2000, served on Active Duty for four years. CH Baer was deployed to two overseas tours, one in North Africa, one to Iraq, OIF, where he received a Bronze Star during combat operations in Iraq. After returning home transferred into the Virginia Army National Guard, then later to the Wyoming National Guard. CH Baer served as Battalion Chaplain in the Virginia Army National Guard for one year before becoming full time active duty, (ARG), to work in Army National Guard, (ARNG) Chaplain Recruiting. When CH Baer took over Chaplain Recruiting for the Army National Guard in 2004 as Program Chief, the nation was 80% short company grade chaplains. By 2010 when Chaplain Baer left recruiting, his program had recruited over 600 chaplains and chaplain candidates, set highest recruiting records in National Guard History, and closed the gap to only 10% short. His program also increased the Chaplain Candidates in Seminary from only 30 to 400. Ch Baer was so successful in Chaplain recruiting he was placed in charge of all Medical (AMEDD) and Lawyer (JAG) recruiting, as well as basic branch officers, where AMEDD increased over 400 accessions in doctors, dentists, medical students, and physician assistants. CH Baer's program also saw the largest growth in Medical Students and Doctors assessing in the military in history, over the same period. CH Baer was interviewed by several national media throughout this time to include NPR, CBN, MSNBC, USATODAY and others. CH Baer worked in Arlington, VA at National Guard Bureau in Recruiting, Soldier Family Services, Staff Chaplains Office, Fort Bragg, NC at FORSCOM in Mobilization and Deployments, and Fort Jackson, SC, at the US Army Chaplain Center and School, in Operations, ARNG Liaison, Total Force Integration, Training, Recruiting and Retention at US Army Chaplain School, USACHCS, retiring 1 SEP 2021, after completing 20 years of active duty, 21.5 years military service total.

His previous chaplain assignments include Section Chief for Casualty Operations, Branch Chief Officer Accessions, Specialty Branch Recruiting Chief, Battalion Chaplain 1-111 Air Defense Artillery Battalion, Portsmouth VA, Battalion Chaplain, 11th Trans, Ft Story. CH Baer has two overseas deployments, to Egypt 2001, and Iraq 2003, as well as rotations to Germany.

Chaplain Baer is a graduate of the Chaplain Officer Basic Course, the Chaplain Captain's Career Course, the Command and General Staff College and the Chaplain Lieutenant Colonel's Course, Force Management Course.

His awards and decorations include the Legion of Merit, Bronze Star Medal, three Meritorious Achievement Medals, two Army Achievement Medals, two Army Commendation Medals, the

Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, the Humanitarian Service Medal, the Army Service Ribbon, the Army Staff Identification Badge, the Recruiting and Retention Basic Badge, Armed Forces Service Medal . He was promoted to Colonel in 2021.

Pastor Baer is currently a full-time student at UCWV in the Doctoral of Leadership program, finishing up the dissertation. He is also the Pastor of Redwine & Macedonia Churches in Canon, GA. Pastor Baer is also working with a Ministry in Bacolod City, Philippines to build a program engaging to prevent human trafficking in Southeast Asia.

Timothy is married to Christine Baer and they live in Westminster, SC. He has five children, Hannah Baer, Abigail Baer, CPT Timothy Joel, Ichian Dizon and John Caleb Baer. Hannah is a PA in Chesapeake, Virginia; Abigail, is a Social Worker in San Diego, CA; CPT Timothy Joel Baer, Fort Carson, CO, Ichian and John Caleb are at home, Westminster, SC.