



United States Navy Biography

COMMANDER STEPHEN L. CLOER RESILIENCY BRANCH HEAD, HUMAN PERFORMANCE OFFICE, MARINE CORPS TRAINING & EDUCATION COMMAND

A native of Orlando, Florida, Commander Stephen L. Cloer enlisted into the U.S. Navy in 1994. After serving 6 years he transferred to church ministry. He completed his bachelor's degree in Bible (2001) and his Masters of Divinity in Educational Ministries (2005) at Columbia International University. He was Ordained by the Southern Baptist Denomination and commissioned in the United States Navy Chaplain Corps in 2006.



His Navy enlisted assignment was aboard USS Leyte Gulf (CG 55) as a MK 86 Fire Control Technician where he deployed twice in support of 5th and 6th Fleet operations conducting combat operations in support of Operation Allied Force.

His Chaplain Corps assignments include: First Marine Division, 2d Bn, 11th Marines, Camp Pendleton, California. 7th Division Iraqi Army Military Transition Team, Iraq. MCRD Parris Island, Recruit Training Battalion, Support Battalion, and Weapons and Field Training Battalion. Naval Surface Atlantic Ministry Center, Mayport, Florida. HQMC, Washington D.C., Staff Secretary and Executive Assistant to RDML Brent Scott, Chaplain of the Marine Corps. First Marine Air Wing, Marine Aircraft Group 36, Okinawa, Japan.

He deployed to Iraq with 2d Bn, 11th Marines, AFRICOM aboard the USS Robert G. Bradley, and 5th fleet aboard the USS Carney (DDG-64.) Most recently, he was detailed to Marine Corps Training and Education Command, Human Performance Office to serve as the Resiliency Branch Head from December 2020 to present.

Personal awards include the Meritorious Service Medal, Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal (4), and the Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal.

Chaplain Cloer is married to the former Becky Lea Westerman. They have 3 children, Megan, Sarah, and Brayden.