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USA-IRL Chief of Staff/Deputy Commandant Chaplain (COL) HyeonJoong “MIKE” Kim

Chaplain Kim was ordained and licensed by Reformed Church in America (RCA) in 2000. He has been serving Soldiers and Family members of US Army since 2002 and is presently Deputy Commandant of USA-IRL, Ft. Jackson, SC.

Chaplain Kim’s past duty assignments include US Army Reserve 113th Chaplain Detachment- (Ft. Dix, NJ 2002-2003), 8th Combat Engineer Battalion, 1st Cavalry Division (2003-2005, Ft. Hood, TX), 5-158th Combat Aviation Battalion, 12th Combat Aviation Brigade (2005-2008, Ansbach, Germany), Chaplain Captain Career Course (2009, Fort Jackson, SC), 505th Quarter Master Battalion, 10th Area Support Group (ASG) (2009-2011, Okinawa, Japan), Resident-Intermediate Level Education (ILE) (2011-2012, Ft. Leavenworth, KS), 4th Armored Brigade Combat Team (4ABCT), 1st Armored Division (2012-2014, Ft. Bliss, TX), USAG Bliss Pastoral Coordinator (2014-2015, Ft. Bliss, TX), and Plans and Training Chaplain at US Army Central Command (2015-2016, HQ, USARCENT, Shaw Air Force Base, SC), 174th INF BDE (OC/T) (2016-2018, JB M-D-L, NJ, First Army), the 2nd Infantry Division (2018-2020), US Army Training and Doctrine Command, Fort Eustis, Virginia (2020-2022), and US Army Institute for Religious Leadership (present).



Chaplain Kim also participated in Operation Iraqi Freedom (OIF) in 2004-2005 and 2007-2008.

Chaplain Kim’s civilian education includes the Bachelor of Art (B.A.) degree in Psychology (1996, City University of New York, NY); the Master of Divinity (M. Div.) degree (2000, New Brunswick Theological Seminary, NJ).

His awards and decorations include Meritorious Service Medal w 1 Silver OLC; Army Commendation Medal w/ 3 OLC; Joint Service Achievement Medal; Army Achievement Medal w/ 2 OLC; National Defense Service Medal; Global War on Terrorism Service Medal; Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal; Iraqi Liberation Medal with a star; Korea Defense Medal; Army Service Ribbon; 6 Overseas Service Ribbon.

He is married to the former Sun-Ok Kwack of Seoul, Republic of Korea (ROK). They have two (2) grown-up children and a daughter-in-law.

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