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Chaplain (BG) Charles M. Causey was born at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas. He holds a Bachelor of Arts in Molecular Biology from the University of Colorado, Boulder, Colorado, a Bachelor of Science in Biochemistry from the University of Nebraska, Lincoln, Nebraska, a Master of Divinity degree from Trinity Evangelical Divinity School, Deerfield, Illinois, and a Doctor of Ministry degree from Erskine University, Due West, South Carolina. He is ordained by the Evangelical Church of America. Chaplain Causey commissioned as a Second Lieutenant in 1990 through ROTC at the University of Colorado, Boulder.

He served as a Platoon Leader and Detachment Commander while working as a pastor at Britt, Iowa. He then served as Company Commander of the 482nd Transportation Company, Cherokee, Iowa and Company Commander of the 444th Quartermaster Company, Sioux City, Iowa. While attending seminary he served 1st Brigade, 85th Division, Ft. Sheridan, Illinois and then accessioned into the Chaplain Corps as a Chaplain Candidate in 2002.



Chaplain Causey became a United States Army Reserve Chaplain in 2004 and his previous assignments include serving as Hospital Chaplain for the 452nd Combat Support Hospital, Fort Snelling, Minnesota; Brigade Chaplain, 1st Air Cavalry Brigade, 1st Cavalry Division, Taji, Iraq in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom; Deputy Command Chaplain, 99th Readiness Division, Fort Dix, New Jersey; Chaplain Candidate Manager, Office of the Chief of Chaplains, Army Pentagon; United States Army Reserve Deputy Command Chaplain, Fort Liberty, North Carolina; Garrison Chaplain, Fort Dix, New Jersey and Command Chaplain, 9th Mission Support Command, Honolulu, Hawaii; Deputy Chief of Chaplains, United States Army Reserve and Director, United States Army Institute for Religious Leadership, Fort Jackson, South Carolina.

His military education includes Quartermaster Officer Basic Course and Advanced Course, Combined Arms Services and Staff School, Airborne School, Chaplain Officer Basic Course, Chaplain Captain Career Course, Brigade Chaplain Functional Course, Command and General Staff College, and the Army War College.

His decorations and badges include the Legion of Merit, Bronze Star Medal, Meritorious Service Medal with four oak leaf clusters, the Army Commendation Medal with one oak leaf cluster, the Army Achievement Medal with two oak leaf clusters, the Parachutist Badge, and the Army Staff Identification Badge.

Chaplain Causey is married to the former Lauri Ann Nieuwendorp of Sheldon, Iowa. They have four adult children.

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