



## **Chaplain (Colonel) Michael T. Shellman**

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Chaplain (COL) Michael T. Shellman currently serves as the command Chaplain for the JTHQ-NCR & MDW. He leads the Joint Religious Operations Center in providing religious support in the National Capital Region.

Chaplain Shellman earned his Bachelor of Arts degree from Maranatha Baptist University and a Master of Arts degree from Maranatha Baptist Seminary. He is an ordained Baptist minister, and served as an assistant pastor in Fairfax, Virginia, and Westminster, Maryland for six years. He then served as an administrator at Maranatha Baptist University for six years, followed by serving as the senior pastor of Oak Ridge Baptist Church in Oak Ridge, Tennessee for three years. During this time, he earned a Master of Divinity degree from Temple Baptist Seminary. In 1998, he was commissioned as a chaplain in the United States Army Reserves. He served for a short time as a Reserve Chaplain in Knoxville, Tennessee before entering active duty as a chaplain in 2000.

Chaplain Shellman's assignments as a chaplain include: Battalion Chaplain, 4<sup>th</sup> Battalion, 159<sup>th</sup> Aviation Regiment, 101<sup>st</sup> Airborne Division, Fort Campbell, Kentucky; Battalion Chaplain, 2<sup>nd</sup> Battalion, 3<sup>rd</sup> Infantry Regiment, 101<sup>st</sup> Airborne Division, Fort Campbell, Kentucky (Deployed ISO OEF and OIF); Battalion Chaplain, 2<sup>nd</sup> Battalion, 3<sup>rd</sup> Special Forces Group, Fort Bragg, North Carolina (Three deployments ISO of OEF); Battalion Chaplain, 3<sup>rd</sup> Battalion, 75<sup>th</sup> Ranger Regiment, Fort Benning, Georgia (Multiple deployments ISO OEF/OIF); Brigade Chaplain, Ranger Training Brigade, Fort Benning, GA; Pastoral Coordinator, Fort Leavenworth, Kansas; Regimental Chaplain, 160<sup>th</sup> Special Operations Aviation Regiment, Fort Campbell, Kentucky (Multiple deployments ISO OEF/OIF on JTF); Deputy Command Chaplain, Joint Special Operations Command, Fort Bragg, North Carolina (Multiple deployments ISO JTF); and Command Chaplain, 1<sup>st</sup> Special Forces Command, Fort Bragg, North Carolina (Deployed ISO OIR).

Chaplain Shellman has numerous awards and citations, including the Combat Action Badge; the Ranger Tab; Master Parachutist Wings; and multiple Foreign Jump Wings.

Mike is married with three children.