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Chaplain James Foster was born in Eugene, Oregon and graduated from Bend Senior High School in 1989. He originally served as an enlisted Marine in the USMCR from 1989-1996. He left the Marine Corps to fulfill a calling to the Chaplaincy and was commissioned a Second Lieutenant as a Chaplain Candidate in 1997 while attending Western Evangelical Seminary in Tigard, Oregon. Chaplain Foster also completed a unit of Clinical Pastoral Education at the VA Hospital in Portland, Oregon before being accessioned to active duty in August 2000.

Chaplain Foster served as a Battalion Chaplain for the 101st FSB of 1st ID, Fort Riley, KS and the 2-52d AVN Battalion of 17th AVN BDE in Korea. His first deployment to Iraq was as the 4- 14 Cavalry Squadron Chaplain, part of the 172nd SBCT out of Fort Wainwright, Alaska. After completing the Chaplain's Captain Career Course at Fort Jackson he was a Battalion Chaplain for 5-3 FA battalion MLRS 17FiB at Fort Lewis. He served as Brigade Chaplain for the 201st Battlefield Surveillance Brigade (BfSB) and also deployed with them to Iraq. Chaplain Foster left Washington State and completed a year of resident Intermediate Level Education at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas before reporting to Fort Bliss, Texas as the 1st Armored Division's Deputy Division Chaplain from July 2012 to May 2014. He left Fort Bliss and attended the Resource Manager's Course at Fort Jackson, South Carolina before reporting to Wiesbaden, Germany, as the Deputy Garrison Chaplain in July of 2014. He served as the Garrison Chaplain in Vicenza Italy from August 2015- June 2017 and the Deputy Garrison Chaplain at Fort Drum New York from June 2017- October 2018. He was most recently the 10th Mountain Division Chaplain, continuing at Fort Drum from October 2018 - January 2021 and deployed with the HQ for five months to Afghanistan in support of Operation Freedom Sentinel. He is currently assigned as the JTF-NCR & MDW Deputy Command Chaplain at Ft McNair, District of Columbia.

Chaplain Foster is an Ordained Minister from the Pentecostal Church of God, a graduate of the Army Airborne School and the Command and General Staff Officers Course. He has a B.A. degree from Messenger College and an M.Div. from Western Evangelical Seminary. His awards and decorations include the Meritorious Service Medal (5 OLC), the Army Commendation Medal (4 OLC), the Army Achievement Medal (3 OLC), the Valorous Unit Award, the Meritorious Unit Award, the Navy Meritorious Unit Award and the Combat Action Badge.

Chaplain Foster is married with three children.