

LIEUTENANT COLONEL PAUL D. FRITTS

Command Chaplain

U.S. Army Center for Initial Military Training

Chaplain Paul D. Fritts serves as the Command Chaplain for the Commanding General, Center for Initial Military Training (CG-CIMT). He is responsible for the annual training and oversight of over 260K Soldiers and Officers by providing direct religious support to approximately 3000 Headquarters' personnel consisting of Senior Leaders, Cadre, Department of Army Civilians, and Contractors stretching across 22 different locations with six Basic and One Station Unit Training Sites, 160 different Advanced Individual Training Specialties, 18 Basic Combat Training (BCT) Brigades, three Reserve Divisions and 24 Officer/Warrant Basic and Leader Courses. Chaplain Fritts is also responsible for the training, development, mentorship, and personnel management of 18 BCT Unit Ministry Teams by providing oversight of Soldier and Family Strong Bonds Programming. Most importantly, Chaplain Fritts serves as the Personal Advisor to the Commander and Special Staff to the CIMT Command for Army Command Level Title X, Religious Support and morale impacting CIMT training operations. He coordinates with the Training and Doctrine Command (TRADOC), the U.S. Army Chaplain Center & School (USACHCS) and the Capability Development Integration Directorate (CDID) Chaplain Offices on doctrine, training, Chaplain Initiatives and Army Directives, as well as Installation Management Commands (IMCOM) and Installation Chaplains' Missions across TRADOC.



Chaplain Fritts was born in Tulsa, OK, on April 2, 1966, and grew up in Sand Springs, OK, in the same home where his parents lived for more than 50 years. Chaplain Fritts was ordained as a minister of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in 1992, as he pastored various civilian churches in Oklahoma for 13 years. He entered the Army Chaplaincy as a First Lieutenant in 1999 for the Oklahoma National Guard and entered Active Duty in 2004. Chaplain Fritts' noteworthy assignments include serving as the Garrison Chaplain for Fort Greely, AK; Brigade Chaplain for the 2nd Brigade Combat Team, 10th Mountain Division (Light Infantry), Fort Drum, NY; Ethics Instructor for the Soldier Support Institute, Fort Jackson, SC; Garrison Chaplain for Camp Darby, Italy; and the first chaplain to support the National Ground Intelligence Center and the Judge Advocate General's Legal Center and School in Charlottesville, VA. Chaplain Fritts also deployed from Fort Carson, CO, in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom (OIF) III in 2005-06 with the 4th Squadron, 3rd Armored Cavalry Regiment. Additionally, he deployed in support of OIF I in 2003 and served with pride as a Chaplain for battalions of the 45th Infantry Brigade, Oklahoma National Guard. He presently serves as the Command Chaplain of the Center for Initial Military Training, located at Joint Base Langley-Eustis.

Chaplain Fritts has additional skill identifiers as an Army Instructor and an Ethics Subject Matter Expert. Chaplain Fritts attended Phillips University in Enid, OK, where he received a Bachelor of Science Degree in 1988 in Psychology. He earned a Master of Divinity Degree in 1992 from Phillips Theological Seminary in Tulsa, OK, and the Master of Sacred Theology Degree in 2013 from the Yale Divinity School in New Haven, CT.