



## **Department of Veterans Affairs**

### **Chaplain Biography**

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**Matthew A. Cassady, M.Div., BCC-MH**  
***Program Manager for Transitional Care and Education***  
***National VA Chaplain Service***



Chaplain Cassady is entrusted with the sacred honor of developing relationships with rural community clergy partners and providing virtual education for onboarding chaplains. These programs ensure the spiritual well-being of our Nation's Veterans from transition from service through end of life care. Chaplain Cassady received the 2020 Distinguished Service Award from the Military Chaplains Association. Chaplain Cassady co-created both the orientation and advanced virtual chaplain education courses. Matt is an RV'er and avid outdoorsman who enjoys hiking, hunting, and glamping.

#### **CAREER CHRONOLOGY:**

2021 - Present	Program Manager for Transitional Care & Education, National VA Chaplain Service
2016 - 2021	Chief of Chaplain Service – New Mexico VA HCS, Albuquerque, NM
2016 - 2016	Director of Chaplaincy Ministries – Faith Comes by Hearing, Albuquerque, NM
2014 - 2015	Sr. Hospital Chaplain – 10 <sup>th</sup> Combat Support Hospital, Fort Carson, CO
2012 - 2013	Clinical Pastoral Education Resident Brooke Army Medical Center, San Antonio, TX
2010 - 2012	Brigade Chaplain – Defense Language Institute, Monterey, CA
2008 - 2010	Battalion Chaplain – 524 <sup>th</sup> Military Intelligence, Seoul, South Korea
2005 - 2008	Battalion Chaplain – 1/325 AIR and 2/82 AASLT, Fort Bragg and Afghanistan

#### **EDUCATION:**

2000 Master of Divinity, Lincoln Christian Seminary, Lincoln, IL  
1997 Bachelor of Arts in Pastoral Studies, Christian Life College, Mount Prospect, IL

#### **CERTIFICATIONS:**

National Association of VA Chaplains (NAVAC), Board Certified Chaplain with Mental Health Specialty.