

U.S. Army Chaplain Center and School



USACHCS Deputy Commandant Chaplain (Col.) Shmuel L. Felzenberg

Chaplain Felzenberg was born in Newark, NJ. He graduated from the Rabbinical College of America in Morristown, NJ, with a Bachelor of Religious Studies degree; he earned his Master of Divinity degree and Rabbinic Ordination at Yeshivas Tomchei Tmimim in Kfar Chabad, Israel. CH Felzenberg received his commissioning as a U.S. Army officer and chaplain in May 1999. He attended the Chaplain Officer Basic Course at the U.S. Army Chaplain Center and School (USACHCS), Fort Jackson, SC.

Chaplain Felzenberg's duty assignments include: Battalion Chaplain, 80th Ordnance Battalion, Fort Lewis, WA; Battalion Chaplain, 84th Engineer Combat Battalion (Heavy), Schofield Barracks, HI; Battalion Chaplain, 4/159th AVIM BN, and 122nd ASB, Fort Bragg, NC; upon selection below zone for promotion to major, Brigade Chaplain, 82nd Combat Aviation Brigade, Fort Bragg, NC; Command and General Staff College resident ILE course at Fort Leavenworth, KS; Installation Jewish Chaplain, United States Military Academy, West Point, NY; Instructor/Writer & Staff Group Leader for the Chaplain Basic Officer Leader Course (CH-BOLC), and later the Training Directorate Executive Officer, USACHCS, Fort Jackson, SC; Training Management Officer, Office of the Chief of Chaplains, HQDA, Pentagon, Washington D.C. In 2017 served as the Division Chaplain for the 1st Infantry Division, Fort Riley, KS. Upon promotion to COL in 2018, CH Felzenberg transitioned to be the "Senior Chaplain" at FRKS, responsible for both the DIV and USAG religious support programs. Resident student at the U.S. Army War College, Carlisle Barracks, PA. CH Felzenberg presently serves as the Deputy Commandant at USACHCS, Fort Jackson, SC.



CH Felzenberg's deployments include: Iraq, 2004-2005, Operation Iraqi Freedom II (OIF-2); Afghanistan, 2007-2008, Operation Enduring Freedom VIII (OEF-8); Kuwait, 2013; Afghanistan, 2014, USFOR-A.

His awards/decorations include: Bronze Star Medal, Defense Meritorious Service Medal, Meritorious Service Medal (6 OLC), Army Commendation Medal (2 OLC), Army Achievement Medal (4 OLC), National Defense Service Medal, Afghanistan Campaign Medal, Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, Army Service Ribbon, Overseas Service Ribbon (4), NATO Medal, and the Combat Action Badge. Selected as "Chaplain of the Year" (2004) by the Rabbinical Council of America, and "Chaplain of the Year" (2008) by the Military Chaplains Association.

CH Felzenberg is married to the former Dini Teitelbaum of Morristown, NJ; they have six children (two of whom also serve in the Army) and four grandchildren.

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