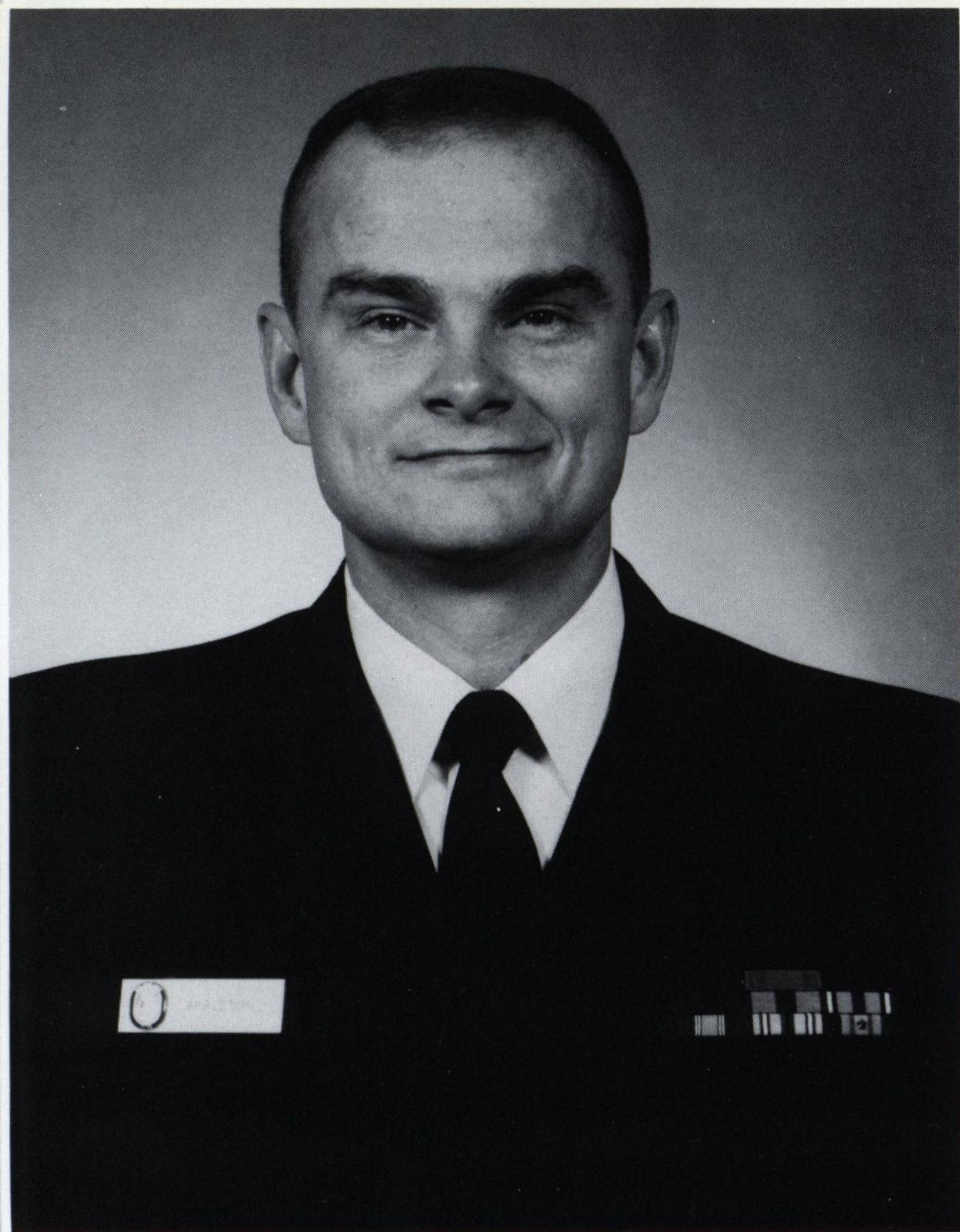


CHAPLAIN

LT. Bill M. Appleton



A native of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, Chaplain Appleton enlisted in the United States Marine Corps in 1976. He initially served as a Dragon, T.O.W. and Redeye Missile Technician with the Brigade Service Support Group at Kaneohe Marine Corps Air Station Kaneohe, Hawaii. He was honorably discharged from active duty as a Marine Sergeant in 1981, and joined the Marine Corps Reserves. He was assigned to C Company 4th Combat Engineer Battalion in Lynchburg, Virginia, where he served as the units Combat Engineer Operations Chief until 1988. During his reserve years he attended the Marine Corps Staff Non-Commissioned Officers Academy, Combat Engineer School, Mountain Warfare Training School, and several Combined Arms Exercises in Twenty-nine Palms,

California.

Following his graduation from Liberty University with a Bachelor of Science Degree in 1987, he was honorably discharged from the Marine Corps as a Marine Gunnery Sergeant in 1988. He accepted a Naval Reserve Commission into the Navy Chaplain Candidate Program in 1988, and participated with a CINCLANTREL unit at the Naval Amphibious Base in Little Creek, Virginia for three years. He is a graduate of Liberty Baptist Theological Seminary, where he was awarded a Master of Religious Education with a concentration in Counseling and a Master of Arts in Religious Studies in 1991.

He served as an Associate Pastor in several churches and was ordained by the Thomas Road Baptist Church in Lynchburg, Virginia in 1991. He graduated from the Navy Chaplains School in Newport, Rhode Island and was assigned as the first Chaplain on board the USS HUE CITY in 1991.

Chaplain Appleton resides in Jacksonville, Florida, with his wife Julie and three children, Hannah, Billy, and Amanda.