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PERSONAL SUMMARY

Over 34 years of global and cultural immersion experience. As a recently retired Lieutenant Colonel in the U.S. Army Chaplaincy, with a prior enlisted background in infantry and international business sales, I bring a unique blend of frontline insight and pastoral and servant leadership. Over my military career, I provided extensive counseling and religious support operations support to all Service Members across all ranks, branches, international audience, including those within Special Operations Forces.

My experience is deeply rooted in operational ministry, organizational leadership, and crisis management in domestic and overseas settings. I have consistently demonstrated creativity in chapel programming and community outreach, building strong, resilient spiritual support systems. However, my main strengths also include internal operations, personnel management, and force structure coordination, making me well-equipped to lead and adapt in dynamic environments.

Tactically proficient, operationally competent, strategically trained, spiritually mature, and Resilient. I received the following strengths by Gallup StrengthsFinder: Context, Strategic, Achiever, Activator, and Futuristic. Language: English and Korean (Native-Upper-Level Defense Language Proficiency Test).

EDUCATION

University of Georgia Athens (UGA), Department of Religion, PHD, Expected completion of 2031

The Heritage Foundation Heritage Academy an Online Public Policy Fellowship 2025

US Army Clinical Pastoral Education Course (1 CPE unit), Fort Jackson, SC 2023

US Army Command and General Staff College and completed GENOCIDE PREVENTION ELECTIVE with US Holocaust Memorial Museum staff, Fort Leavenworth, KS 2023

Special Operation Forces Chaplain Suicide Prevention, Intervention, Postvention Training Course and Crisis Care and Counseling Course, MacDill AFB, FL 2019

Joint Special Operations and Theater Special Operations Command Staff Course, MacDill AFB, FL 2012 & 2018

US Army Chaplain Basic and Advance Leadership Course, Fort Jackson, SC 2007& 2015

Master of Theology: Systematic Theology; Fuller Theological Seminary, Pasadena, CA 2006
Graduation thesis for Th.M., completed 5 PHD course works and mentored by Dr. Colin Brown. "The Christology of James D.G. Dunn: With Special Reference to Dunn's Spirit Christology"

Master of Divinity: Fuller Theological Seminary, Pasadena, CA 2003

Bachelor of Arts: Bible and Biblical Languages; LIFE Pacific College, San Dimas, CA 1998

US Army Primary Leadership Development Course and Basic Noncommissioned Officer Course

US Army Airborne and Ranger School, Fort Benning, GA 1989-90

US Army Infantry Basic and AIT School (OUST), Fort Benning, GA 1988

PREVIOUS RESEARCH FOCUS

Currently writes non-professional level articles on Religion, US & Korean politics, histories, and current affair issues on LinkedIn personal page

Contributed to Special Operations Command (SOCOM)'s 13 Ethical Battle Drill Training Manual

Accepted to Duke Theological Seminary for MA to PHD in Asian studies in 2023 to concentrate studies on Korean Peninsula peace making process through non-state actors

Asian Spirituality and Yi Yong Do: *Accepted to Free University (Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam) at the Dept. of Hollenweger Pentecostal Studies in 2006 for proposing "The Christology of Yi Yong Do: with the Special Reference to Asian Spirituality." However, the study never took off because I joined the army as a chaplain.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

The US Army Chaplain 2007- 2025

Deployed to Afghanistan, Egypt, Haiti, Iraq, Indonesia, Japan, Korea, Kuwait, Philippines, Taiwan, Senegal, Kenya, Tunisia, and Ghana.

- USAG Humphrey Deputy Garrison Chaplain, ROK 2024-2025
- Deputy Division/ Acting DIV Chaplain of 2ID/RUCD, Camp Humphreys, ROK.2023-24.
- Brigade Chaplain to 2d Security Force Assistance Brigade (SFAB), FBNC, NC 2021-23.
- Command Chaplain to Special Operations Command Korea (SOCKOR), ROK 2018-21.
- Command Chaplain to Defense Language Institute Foreign Language Center (DLI) and senior pastor of the DLI/POM chapel, Presidio of Monterey, CA 2016-18.
- Battalion CH, 1-17th Stryker Infantry Regiment, 2d SBCT, 7ID, JBLM, WA 2015-16.
- Battalion CH, Group Support Battalion, 1st Special Forces Group (A), JBLM, WA 2012-15.
- Battalion CH, 1-325th Airborne Infantry Regiment and senior pastor of Camp Ramadi, 2d IBCT, 82AD, FBNC, NC 2009-12.
- Battalion CH, 6-37th Field Artillery, 210 FIRES, 2ID, Camp Casey, 2007-09.

Pastoring at various Korean American Churches and mission agency	2001- 2007
Mentored and pastored youth and young adult congregation in Korean churches. Led spiritual renewal meeting and traveled to West Africa, Indonesia, Mexico, and Peru to preach the good news.	
Fuller Theological Seminary, Pasadena, CA	2001-2003
Paper Coordinator for Dmin. Depts	
International Trading and Business Manager	1992 – 1999
The US Army Enlisted Infantryman (Active Army and CANG)	1988- 1997
Served as the US Army enlisted Infantryman and Scout observer and deployed to Panama.	

CONFERENCE AND EVENTS ORGANIZED

Organized and led the national level the first ROK-US Korean War US POW-MIA Remembrance Day at the ROK War Museum.

Organized and led numerous spiritual formation and historical pilgrimage trips for Soldiers and families

Organized and led Over 50 Marriage and Resilience Weekend Retreats for Soldiers and families

Organized and led over 30 military prayer breakfast and luncheon

Organized and led first Defense Language Institute induction of the Saint Jerome for Linguists

PODCAST AND YOUTUBE

Weekly (Wednesday) commentator for the ROK-US issues @NNP-TV (GA based Conservative Korean YouTube News Media)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YJungWGEI9o&t=3971s&pp=0gcJCc0JAYcqIYzv>

[NNP 뉴포초대석] What happens when the OPCON is negotiated - A warning from a recently retired US Army lieutenant colonel!

Korean Freedom Federation (Korean version of the Heritage Foundation founded by the President Rhee Syngman in 1954)-Dr. Park Tae Woo's Freedom-Guardian Youtube channel: Guest panel commentator on "The ROK-US Alliance"

https://www.youtube.com/live/MrJjh_Q8I7g?si=E4TttvwOBdE3-oM

[Invitation to U.S. Lieutenant Colonel Ham Chan-young / Freedom Guardian ep52] 'Outlook for ROK-US Relations in 2025'

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIP

Distinguished and Life Member of the 17th Infantry Regiment

Life Member of the Veteran of Foreign War

Life Member of the 82ND Airborne Division Association

Life Member of the National Infantry Association

Ordained and Licensed under ECA

Appointed as special lecturer at Korean Freedom Federation Agency on the ROK-US Alliance

STRENGTHS

Chaplain Ham is married to the former Jeong Eun Cho of Bellflower, California. They have three children: Angeline Yebin who attends UGA, Christine Subin, and Peter Yejun.

He is an avid outdoorsman and world traveler, ultra-marathon runner, long distant cyclist, and passionate researcher of the historical Jesus and intercultural studies. He is planning to walk and bike the El Camino Santiago and visit Jerusalem.