

CHAPLAIN (CPT) ANDREA ALLEN BAKER



Task Force Flying Dragons Unit Ministry Team
SGT Diamond James, Senior Airman Zac, Chaplain
(CPT) Andrea Baker

Chaplain (CPT) Andrea Baker grew up in a military family, mostly in Northern Virginia. She graduated from the U.S. Military Academy at West Point in 1984 and served as a Signal Corps officer in the 25th Infantry Division as a platoon leader, battalion adjutant and company executive officer from 1984-1988. She then served as company commander for the Pentagon Operations Company, 1101st Signal Brigade, stationed at Ft. Myer, Virginia. She left the Army in 1991, completed a Master of Arts degree in English and Creative Writing from the University of Hawaii in 1996, and later worked as Admissions Director and Upper School Director at The Community School in

Sun Valley, Idaho from 2001-2006. She answered a long-felt call to professional ministry after her family relocated to Sacramento in 2006. She was ordained an Episcopal priest in 2010 after receiving a Master of Divinity degree from the Church Divinity School of the Pacific in Berkeley, California. From 2010-2011, she served as Superintendent of Episcopal Bilingual Schools of Honduras and then as Interim Rector at Epiphany Church in Vacaville, California. After a 20-year break in service, she received a direct commission in 2011 as a chaplain in the U.S. Army Reserve, answering another long-felt call, and is assigned to the 319th Expeditionary Signal Battalion in Sacramento. She also serves as Priest-in-Charge at Faith Episcopal Church in Cameron Park, California. Chaplain Baker deployed to Kandahar Airfield, Afghanistan from April–November 2014 with 1-52 General Support Aviation Battalion, “Task Force Flying Dragons,” an active duty unit from Ft. Wainwright, Alaska. Zac, a psychiatric service dog raised and trained by Puppies Behind Bars, joined Chaplain Baker in Kandahar and became an integral part of her ministry. Chaplain Baker has been married for 31 years to the Very Rev. Dr. Brian Baker, who serves as Dean of Trinity Episcopal Cathedral in Sacramento, and they have two young adult children.