

RDML Burt is a native of Springfield, Oregon. He began his Navy career at Recruit Training Command, Orlando, Florida in May 1970. His enlisted service included three years as a Communications Technician "R" branch and three and a-half years aboard USS KITTY HAWK (CV 63) as a Data Processor.

RDML Burt received his honorable discharge in March 1977 and immediately returned to studies at Eugene Bible College in Eugene, Oregon, where he graduated with his Bachelor of Science in 1978. He went on to receive his Master of Divinity Degree from Western Evangelical Seminary, Portland, Oregon in May 1981. An ordained minister of Open Bible Churches, the National Association of Evangelicals then endorsed Chaplain Burt for military chaplaincy. In June of 1981, he was commissioned a Lieutenant, Junior Grade in the Navy Chaplain Corps. Chaplain Burt completed the Navy Chaplain's Basic Course in Newport, Rhode Island in August of 1981 and reported for duty at the Naval Hospital, Roosevelt Roads, Puerto Rico, in September. In August of 1984, RDML Burt began a twenty-six month tour aboard USS ARKANSAS (CGN 41). In October of 1986, he was assigned to Naval Training Center, San Diego, where he spent two and a-half years at Recruit Training Command.

In April 1989, Chaplain Burt detached from NTC, San Diego, and reported to Naval Recruiting Area Eight in Oakland, California, where he recruited Chaplains in the west coast region. In June 1990, he was assigned to USS KANSAS CITY (AOR 3), home ported in Oakland, and served in the Persian Gulf during Desert Shield/Desert Storm. In August of 1991, Chaplain Burt joined a class of seventeen other chaplains for the Chaplain's Advance Course in Newport, Rhode Island. Upon graduation in June 1992, he reported for duty at Submarine Base Bangor in Silverdale, Washington. In January 1995, RDML Burt was assigned to USS NIMITZ (CVN 68) as Command Chaplain. From April 1997 through March 1999, Chaplain Burt served as Regimental Chaplain with First Marine Regiment, First Marine Division FMF, Camp Pendleton, California. In April 1999, Chaplain Burt took over as the Assistant Chief of Staff, Religious Programs and Support Services at Naval Training Center, Great Lakes. From January 2001 until April 2003, Chaplain Burt was the Chaplain Corps Senior Detailer and Placement Officer at Navy Personnel Command in Millington, TN. On Aug 7, 2003, after completing the 12 week Executive Course at the Asian-Pacific Center for Security Studies in Honolulu, Chaplain Burt reported to Commander, Pacific Fleet as the Fleet Chaplain in Pearl Harbor, HI. RDML Burt reported to HQMC (REL) as the 15th Chaplain of the Marine Corps on September 29, 2003. He serves as Chaplain of the Marine Corps and Deputy Chief of Chaplains for the Navy.

RDML Burt has completed six deployments to the Western Pacific/Indian Ocean/North Arabian Gulf. His decorations and awards include: Meritorious Service Medal w/2 gold stars; Navy Commendation Medal w/gold star; Navy Achievement Medal; Navy Unit Commendation; Meritorious Unit Commendation w/2 bronze stars; Navy "E" Ribbon w/3 "E"s; Good Conduct Medal; Fleet Marine Force Ribbon; Navy Expeditionary Medal; National Defense Service Medal w/bronze star; Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal; Southwest Asian Service Medal; Sea Service Deployment Ribbon w/4 bronze stars; Navy/Marine Corps Overseas Ribbon w/bronze star; Navy Recruiting Service Ribbon; Kuwait Liberation Medal (Saudi Arabia); and Kuwait Liberation Medal (Kuwait).

RDML Burt is married to the former Evelyn Maryott of Seattle, Washington. They have two daughters and five grandchildren.