

**CHAPLAIN COLONEL WILLIAM C. DRAPER**  
**KENTUCKY ARMY NATIONAL GUARD**

Chaplain Draper enlisted into the Army Reserve 672nd General Supply Company in Lexington, Kentucky on 18 January 1982 serving as a 45B Small Arms Repairman. He joined the Kentucky Army National Guard on 15 June 1989 serving as a 71L Administrative Specialist assigned to 75th Troop Command. Chaplain Draper completed the Chaplain Candidate Program in May 2004 and became the first Full-time Support Chaplain for the Kentucky National Guard in June 2004.



**CIVILIAN EDUCATION:**

Chaplain Draper earned a Bachelor of Arts in Social Work from Kentucky State University (1999), Master of Divinity from Asbury Theological Seminary (2004) and is a Board-Certified Chaplain with the National Association of Veterans Affairs Chaplains (NAVAC), 2012.

**ASSIGNMENT HIGHLIGHTS:**

Chaplain Draper has three combat deployments to Afghanistan beginning with the 198th MP BN in 2006 followed by the 201st EN BN in 2008-09 and NSOCC-A/SOJTF-A Command Chaplain in March 2020 through July 2021. Chaplain Draper was assigned to the 63rd Theater Aviation Brigade (TAB) on 1 October 2011. In May 2019 Chaplain Draper was reassigned to JFHQ-KY Deputy JFHQ chaplain. On 1 October 2022 he was assigned as the JFHQ State Chaplain.

**AWARDS AND DECORATIONS:**

Chaplain Draper's military awards include the Bronze Star, Defense Meritorious Service Medal, Meritorious Service Medal, The Afghanistan Campaign Medal with 2 Campaign Stars, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, Armed Forces Reserve Component Medal with Mobilization device, NCO Professional Development Ribbon, Army Service Ribbon, Overseas Service Ribbon (3), Kentucky Merit Ribbon, Kentucky Commendation Ribbon (2), and Kentucky Service Ribbon (5).

Bill and his wife Yvonne along with their daughter April and son-in-law Tracy reside in Frankfort.