

Chaplain (MAJ) Ryan P. Lewis was born in West Berlin, West Germany in August 1980. He grew up in Bellevue, Nebraska where he graduated from Bellevue West High School in 1999. CH Lewis graduated cum laude in 2004 from the University of Nebraska at Omaha with a Bachelor of Arts in Political Science and a Bachelor of Arts in International Studies. He graduated from Brigham Young University with a Master of Arts in Religious Studies in 2012 specializing in Military Chaplaincy.

Chaplain Lewis began his military career commissioning at Officer Candidate School at Fort Benning, Georgia as a Military Intelligence Officer in the United States Army Reserve in 2005. CH Lewis volunteered for deployment to Afghanistan and was assigned to the 13th Psychological Operations Battalion in Arden Hills, Minnesota as the Battalion Intelligence Officer. In Afghanistan, he was the S2 OIC for the Psychological Operations Task Force-Afghanistan supporting Combined Joint Task Force-82. After redeployment, CH Lewis was assigned as a Staff Intelligence Officer, in the Army Reserve Element attached United States Strategic Command, Offutt AFB, Nebraska. He served as the Deputy Section Chief to Cyber Intelligence Operations. CH Lewis was selected for Company Command and commanded the 728th Quartermaster Company (Petroleum Pipeline) at Fremont, Nebraska. After completing Company Command, he finished his Army Reserve service in the 394th Combat Service Support Battalion at Fremont, Nebraska as the Battalion Intelligence Officer.

Chaplain Lewis re-commissioned and was branched as a Chaplain in Army Chaplain Center and School at Fort Jackson, South Carolina in the United States Army in 2012. His first assignment was as the Battalion Chaplain of 2-320th Field Artillery Regiment "Balls of the Eagle", 101st Division Artillery, 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault) at Fort Campbell, Kentucky. CH Lewis transferred to 1-32nd Cavalry Regiment "Bandits", 1st Brigade Combat Team, 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault). Following Career Course, he was assigned to the 297th Military Intelligence Battalion "Vanguard", 513th Military Intelligence Brigade (Theater) at Fort Gordon, Georgia. After promoting to Major, CH Lewis assumed the role of Brigade Chaplain for 75th Field Artillery Brigade "Diamond Brigade", III Corps at Fort Sill, Oklahoma.

Chaplain Lewis' awards include the Meritorious Service Medal (with 1 Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster), Army Commendation Medal (with 2 Bronze Oak Leaf Clusters), Army Achievement Medal (with 1 Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster), Army Reserve Component Achievement Medal (with 1 Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster), Afghanistan Campaign Medal (with 1 Campaign Star), Military Outstanding Volunteer Service Medal (with 2 Bronze Stars), Armed Forces Reserve Medal (with "M" Device), ISAF NATO Medal, Overseas Service Ribbon, Joint Meritorious Unit Award (with 1 Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster), German Armed Forces Badge for Military Proficiency (Gold), and Air Assault Badge.

Chaplain Lewis' military education includes the Military Intelligence Officer Basic Course, Theater Nuclear Operations Staff Course, Asymmetric Warfare Intelligence Course, Military Intelligence Captain Career Course, Chaplain Officer Basic Leader Course, Combat Medical Ministry, Chaplain Captain Career Course, and Traumatic Event Management.

Chaplain Lewis married the former Captain (USAF/IRR) Elizabeth Lester of Lakewood, Colorado. They have six children, Benjamin; Alexander; James; Levi; Samuel; and Latonya. Chaplain Lewis is endorsed by The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.