



PASTORAL COUNSELING

(This card is used to facilitate instruction, questions to ask – answers ETC... If the back is required – that's OK – but try to limit to one card for reference)

1. Pastoral Counseling:

- Pastoral counseling is Confidential between the Chaplain, Chaplain Assistant, chapel office staff and the counselee.
- Chaplains & Chaplains Assistants do not report pastoral counseling to the chain of command.
- Pastoral counseling involves caring for and strengthening Army personnel to survive and grow through the multitude of experiences that are part of military life.

2. Communications – Confidential / Privileged:

- Confidential Communications:
 - Any communication given to a Chaplain in trust by an individual, to include enemy prisoners of war (EPWs); formal act of religion or as a matter of conscience.
 - Made to a Chaplain acting as a spiritual advisor or to a Chaplain Assistant aiding a spiritual advisor.
 - Not intended to be disclosed to third party persons in any context, legal, or otherwise.

Communications – Confidential / Privileged Con't:

- Obligations to Confidentiality:
 - Privilege of non-disclosure belongs to the individual.
 - Privileged Communications:
 - Information which is not admissible in court or legal action
 - Confidential information is also privileged.
- 3. Privilege of Non-Disclosure:
 - Non-disclosure: Belongs to the person, guardian or conservator, or personal representative. Can be claimed Chaplain or assistant who received information.
 - Extends beyond death of person
 - Release from privilege: Consent must be given freely by the person and specific to the information; should be written.
 - Privilege in the court system: Cannot be violated by CDRs or the courts; If military judge or presiding official decides that no privilege exists, a Chaplain or their assistant may be obligated to testify.