



Religious Support

TASK: Religious Support

CONDITIONS: Given an environment that fosters learning, discuss the topic of religious support.

STANDARDS: Understand religious support responsibilities and capabilities.

REFERENCE(S): AR 165-1, FM 1-05



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The religious program for the Army is the Commanders program. Commanders establish and maintain a climate of high moral and ethical standards.

Chaplain is responsible to mission unit Commander for unit-based advisement, planning, and execution of religious support; and the operational and expeditionary readiness of Unit Ministry Teams within that command.

The Army Chaplaincy is established to advise and assist commanders in the discharge of their responsibilities to provide for the free exercise of religion in the context of military service guaranteed by the Constitution, to assist Commanders in managing religious affairs and to serve as the principal advisors to Commanders for all issues regarding the impact of religion on military operations.



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Religious Support Core Competencies

Nurture the living:

In preparation for missions that span the range of military operations and during execution of those missions, chaplains and chaplain assistants develop and execute a religious support plan (RSP) that seeks to strengthen and sustain Soldiers and Family Members.

Care for the wounded:

During the execution of decisive action, chaplains and chaplain assistants bring hope and strength to those who have been wounded and traumatized in body, mind, spirit, by assisting in the healing process.

Honor the dead:

Our nation reveres those who have died in military service. Religious support honors the dead. Memorial ceremonies, services, and funerals reflect the emphasis the American people place on the worth and value of the individual.



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Religious Support Functions

The Chaplain section or UMT provide religious support by executing specific functions.

- Advising the command on religion, morals, and ethical
- Leadership of religious worship
- Administration of religious rites, sacraments, and ordinances
- Provision of pastoral care and counseling
- Teaching and management of religious education
- Family-life ministry
- Provision of professional support to the command and staff
- Management and administration of personnel, facilities, and funds necessary to the religious support mission
- Liaison with local or host-nation religious leaders as directed by the Commander
- Conduct of religious support planning, training, and operations



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Perform or Provide

Chaplains and Chaplain Assistants perform or provide and coordinate religious support to the Army.

If a Chaplain cannot perform a religious act (because of their denomination or religious conviction), they will coordinate to ensure that service is provided.