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CHIEF OF CHAPLAINS OF THE NAVY/
DIRECTOR OF RELIGIOUS MINISTRIES
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Mission: To direct, administer, and lead the Navy Chaplain Corps; to serve as principal advisor on religious, moral, and ethical concerns; and to implement religious ministries to meet the spiritual and faith community needs of personnel and their families throughout the Navy, Marine Corps, Coast Guard and Merchant Marine (sea services).

Functions:

1. Serves as principal advisor to CNO on religious matters:

a. Advises CNO and the OPNAV staff on religious, moral and ethical concerns and needs of sea service personnel and their families; ensures consideration of those factors in all policy development; supports the meeting of those needs through proposing and monitoring plans, policies, and programs of religious ministry in the sea services.

b. Reports regularly to VCNO on the religious, moral, and ethical implications of Navy plans, policies and actions.

c. Represents the Navy to the nation's religious faith groups in all matters pertaining to religious ministries within the sea services.

d. Advises CNO on matters related to human values within the sea services and their impact on readiness and mission capability.

e. Functions as technical sponsor for the acquisition, operation, and maintenance of religious ministry facilities and collateral equipment, both ashore and afloat.

f. Coordinates and administers Chaplain Corps participation in command inspection programs for the sea services in those areas related to religious ministries, morale, and quality of life.

2. Advises and supports SECNAV in the following areas:

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a. Advises on religious, moral, and ethical implications of DON plans, policies and actions.

b. Represents DON on the Armed Forces Chaplains Board (AFCB), and maintains liaison with the JS, other boards and agencies on matters pertaining to religious ministries, morale, and well-being of persons in the sea services.

c. Provides liaison with DOD-approved ecclesiastical endorsing agents.

d. Provides liaison with the National Conference on Ministry to the Armed Forces (NCMAF).

3. Advises the Commandants of the Marine Corps and Coast Guard (CMC and CCG) and officials of the Merchant Marine on meeting the religious, moral, and ethical needs of sea service personnel.

4. Advises CHNAVPERS on religious, moral, and ethical matters affecting personnel management and requirements for religious ministries in the Navy, and ensures consideration of those factors in all personnel plans and policy development.

a. Identifies personnel and fiscal resources required to meet religious ministry needs throughout the sea services.

b. Develops plans, and establishes policies and programs governing the accession, professional development, and distribution of chaplains.

c. Provides guidance and assistance in development of policy and guidelines concerning core values and program efforts in this area.

d. Establishes Chaplain Corps officer procurement requirements for COMNAVCRUITCOM.

e. Serves as technical and program sponsor of training for the 410X community.

f. Serves as primary advisor and program sponsor for the Religious Program Specialist (RP) rating.

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