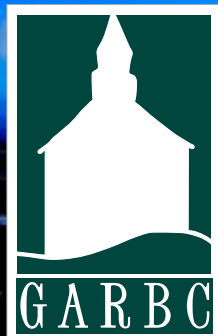


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MILITARY CHAPLAINS go where they are needed all around the world, providing worship services, religious education, pastoral care, counseling, and visitation to the military community at permanent bases, medical facilities, industrial complexes, and deployed sites. Work areas reach far beyond chapel walls to the hospitals, field maneuvers and flight lines, and battleships and aircraft. Chaplains are trained to respond to a wide variety of situations, including emergency ministrations, mass casualty ministries, and national readiness mobilizations for deployments. They offer spiritual ministries during war, contingencies, national emergencies, and military exercises.

Active duty chaplains are assigned to positions around the world, normally accompanied by their families; they are subject to deployment with other military personnel. The guard and reserve offer part-time military duty to clergy who wish to remain in the civilian ministry. Those in the guard or reserve usually serve two weeks of active duty each year plus other training periods as required. They may be called to full-time active duty in the case of a national emergency, and they must meet the same requirements as those specified for active duty chaplains.

Requirements for Appointment

- You must be a United States citizen.
- You must be less than 40 years of age.
- You must have a bachelor's degree and a master of divinity or equivalent degree; you must have completed 90 semester hours in a graduate program from an institution regionally accredited or accredited by the Association of Theological Schools.
- You must be ordained and a member in good standing of a church that is in fellowship with the GARBC.
- You must have a minimum of two years of full-time professional experience.
- You must be endorsed by the GARBC Chaplaincy Commission.
- You must pass a complete military physical.
- You must pass a security background investigation.

Selection is competitive and is based upon the needs of the military.

Civil Air Patrol

The Civil Air Patrol (CAP) is the official Auxiliary of the United States Air Force. CAP chaplains, like all CAP members, are volunteers. They wear Air Force-style uniforms and attend local squadron meetings twice a month or more. CAP chaplains must have an accredited undergraduate degree and seminary training or equivalent education. Like military chaplains from other branches of service, CAP chaplains are endorsed by the Chaplaincy Commission.

Chaplain Candidate Program

The Chaplain Candidate Program allows individuals to explore the military ministry option while attending seminary. It is designed to expose seminarians to the diverse and demanding role of military chaplaincy in a variety of ministerial settings. Requirements for appointment in the Chaplain Candidate Program include:

- Approval by the GARBC Chaplaincy Commission.
- Being less than 35 years of age on the date of your appointment as a chaplain candidate.
- A bachelor's degree from a regionally accredited college or university.
- Full-time enrollment in a seminary or theological school that is regionally accredited or accredited by the Association of Theological Schools, working toward a master of divinity or equivalent degree.
- Fulfilling requirements for commissioning as a second lieutenant in the reserve. Commissioning can occur after the Reserve Personnel Center favorably reviews at least one semester or quarter of your seminary work. Upon completion of the Chaplain Candidate Program, you are encouraged to apply for reappointment as a reserve chaplain.

Applications are accepted after enrollment in seminary and must be completed prior to the beginning of the third semester before graduation. Those who apply must be available for approximately 100 days of training.

For more information or to apply for this challenging ministry opportunity, contact:

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