

Chaplaincy

WHEREAS the history of the American military chaplaincy dates back to its creation in 1775 by an act of the Continental Congress upon the recommendation of General George Washington; and

WHEREAS we recognize the sober reality that our young men and women serving in the military forces of our country need the comfort, consolation, and salvation found alone in the message of the gospel of Christ; and

WHEREAS the General Association of Regular Baptist Churches senses its profound responsibility to provide for these spiritual needs through the military chaplaincy;

We, the messengers of the General Association of Regular Baptist Churches, assembled in Annual Conference this 28th day of June, 1968, express herewith our appreciation to Major General Edward R. Chess, Chief of Chaplains of the United States Air Force; Rear Admiral James W. Kelly, Chief of Chaplains, United States Navy; and Major General Francis L. Sampson, Chief of Chaplains of the United States Army, for their manifest concern for the spiritual welfare of the men and women of their respective services; and

That we unitedly express our deepest appreciation and gratitude to our own military chaplains of the General Association of Regular Baptist Churches for their unselfish and complete dedication to our God and to the United States of America; and

That we further pledge to them our wholehearted prayer as they bring the gospel of Christ to those men and women in the military service of our country.

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