



# THE UNITED STATES ARMY AND RELIGION

The Constitution of the United States guarantees that the citizens – even its citizens who have joined the military – will have the opportunity to exercise their religion freely. The concept of religious freedom and tolerance is one of the founding principle of our Nation, so each of the Armed Forces have chaplains who represent a broad range of faith expressions. One of their primary tasks is to ensure each Soldier, Sailor, Airmen or Marine has the opportunity to meet for worship, to pray, and to be part of the faith community as they desire. The chaplains extend this protection of “free exercise rights” to all military members regardless of their background.

Religious support in the Army is the responsibility of the commander; the chaplain executes the commander’s plan. The chaplains, assisted by an enlisted Soldier known as a “chaplain’s assistant” conduct worship, prayer services, scripture study and religious counseling. They visit their Soldiers in the hospital, accompany their Soldiers at physical training, and deploy with them to combat – they are truly present at every stage of a Soldier’s life.

Chaplains are endorsed by their respective faith groups and possess at least a Master of Divinity degree or its equivalent. They typically have several years of experience as a Minister, Priest, Rabbi, Imam, or Religious Leader before they come in the Army. There are currently about 3,000 Army Chaplains serving in Active, Reserve and National Guard components around the world.

## U.S. ARMY CHAPLAIN CORPS

### MISSION

“Provide religious support to America’s Army across the full spectrum of operations by assisting the commander in ensuring that the right of free exercise of religion and by providing spiritual, moral, and ethical leadership for the Army and its culture.”

### CORE COMPETENCIES

- Nurture the Living
- Care for the Wounded
- Honor the Fallen

## OPPORTUNITIES FOR RELIGIOUS EXPRESSION

### The USAWC Memorial Chapel

Located just inside the post at the Claremont Gate, the Chapel is the central place for worship and religious education for the Carlisle Barracks Protestant and Roman Catholic communities. It offers a full range of faith-specific and interfaith worship, education and youth programs.

#### Protestant Worship:

Sundays, 11:00 a.m.

#### Roman Catholic Mass:

Weekdays, 12:00 p.m.

Saturday, 4:30 p.m. – Reconciliation  
or by appointment

Saturday, 5:30 p.m.

Sundays, 9:15 a.m.

Call the Chapel Office for information regarding religious education, youth, and special programs.

#### Islamic Schedule:

Islamic Center for learning, Dawah, 5 daily prayers.  
The Jumuah Friday prayer is held each Friday.

The Peace Centre

505 Cavalry Road  
Carlisle, PA 17013

(717)241-960

*NOTE: A Chapel Annex Prayer Room is available in the lower level of Upton Hall (Room 21) for daily prayers.*

#### Eastern Orthodox Schedule:

Divine Liturgy, 10:00 a.m., Sundays, at  
Holy Trinity Cathedral

1000 Yverdon Drive  
Camp Hill, PA 17011

(717) 763-7441



#### Jewish Schedule:

Jewish services are conducted on Friday evening at 7:15 p.m. and Saturday morning at 10:15 a.m. at

Milton B. Asbell Center for Jewish Life  
262 W. High Street  
Carlisle, PA 17013

(717) 254-8963

For information on Hebrew School or Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur services, call (717)732-5005

#### Denominational & Religious Faith Services:

There are denominational services and various faith groups in the Carlisle and Harrisburg area to meet the religious needs of a pluralistic community. The chapel will be glad to assist you in making contact with your particular faith group.

## DURING YOUR STAY AT CARLISLE BARRACKS...

You will have tremendous opportunities to grow academically and culturally. The schedule allows time for study, research, writing and reflection. It also allows time for you to explore this region of south central Pennsylvania, rich with the heritage of America's founding and growth.

We also hope that you will take this opportunity to deepen your own faith traditions and enhance the role of spirituality in your life.

The Unit Ministry Team at USAWC Memorial Chapel will be glad to assist you in realizing this goal.

If you are from a Catholic or Protestant tradition, we encourage you to consider being a part of one of the congregations at the Chapel.

If you are from a Jewish, Islamic, Orthodox or other tradition and are looking for a community of faith, we will be glad to assist you in locating an appropriate place for prayer, worship and fellowship.



### SPIRITUAL DEVELOPMENT SEMINAR BREAKFAST

WEDNESDAYS  
7:00 – 8:00 AM

An ecumenical Christian prayer  
breakfast focused on personal and  
professional spiritual development.

*Topics Include:*

*Integrating Faith and Profession*

*The Christian Officer*

*Panel Discussions on  
Current Strategic Topics*

*Balancing Profession and Family*

For more information please contact the  
USAG, Carlisle Barracks  
Religious Support Office  
located at the USAWC Memorial Chapel

After hours emergency contact the MPs at  
(717) 245-4115/4337 and ask to speak to  
the Chaplain.

**USAWC Memorial Chapel**

**452 Mara Circle**

**Carlisle, Pennsylvania 17013**

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## U.S. ARMY WAR COLLEGE



### CARLISLE BARRACKS

## RELIGIOUS SUPPORT FOR INTERNATIONAL FELLOWS

USAG, Carlisle Barracks  
Religious Support Office