The Chaplain's Role in Suicide Prevention & Intervention









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*Advising Leaders at All Levels

- *Ethics, Morals, Morale
- *Mental & Spiritual Readiness
- * Religious Accommodation



*Providing Pastoral/Spiritual Care

- * Religiously Distinct
- *Soul Care / Moral Injury
- *Emotional / Relational Healing (Forgiveness, Redemption)



*Chaplain Corps Capabilities

*Religiously Distinct

- *Specialized Education & Training
- *Absolute Confidentiality
- *Unique & Universal
- *Service for All



*Focused Application

- *Psychology = "study of the soul"
- *Ancient Art of Holistic Care for the Soul
- *Millennia of Tradition

*Spiritual Care

*Four Areas of Fitness / Performance

- * Physical / Human
- *Mental / Psychological
- *Spiritual
- * Social



- *Mental / Psychological
 - * Body-Mind Connection
- *Spiritual
- * Social



*Comprehensive Fitness

*Exceptional Position

- *Meet Requirements
- *Follow Regulations
- *Embedded w/ Units
- *Meet Similar Challenges
- * Deployments

*Resilience Programs

- * Individuals
- *Couples
- *Families





*Deployment-Related Challenges

- *Acts of War
- *Sexual Assaults
- *Relationship Strains

*Home Station Challenges

- * Post-Traumatic Distress
- *Relationship Strains



* Statistically, deployed members are at lower risk for suicide

*Challenges

*Moral Injury

- *Violation of Humanity
- *Violation of Conscience
- *Violation of Moral Code
- *Violated by Experience

*Soul Healing

- *Confidentiality
- * Hope
- *Forgiveness
- * Redemption





Questions?









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