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Every day around the world, members of the Navy, Marine Corps and Coast Guard answer the call to advance the cause of freedom. Navy Chaplains support and protect the religious freedom of these service members and their families.

NAVY CHAPLAINCY EMBODIES A BREADTH OF OPPORTUNITIES

Who you serve:

- Provide care and support for a community that reflects all aspects of the American society, including cultural, socio-economic, religious and educational backgrounds.

Where you serve:

- Serve underway on a ship, deployed to a foreign country, or a base chapel. Provide support for people of your own faith, facilitate for people of other faiths and care for all people in your command regardless of their faith.

How you serve:

- Spiritual readiness is the North Star of the Navy Chaplain Corps. Chaplains support service members and their families through challenges unique to a demanding lifestyle. These men and women look to chaplains to help them build and calibrate their moral compass and connect with what keeps them grounded and growing spiritually.





PATHS TO NAVAL CHAPLAINCY

As a Religious Ministry Professional, there are several paths available to care for the souls of those in the Navy, Marine Corps, Coast Guard and their families:

- Active-duty Chaplains are initially commissioned as Naval Officers for three years of active service.
- Reserve-duty Chaplains are commissioned as Navy Reserve Officers while they continue their civilian ministry. They attend two drill days each month, plus a two-week annual training period.
- Chaplain Candidate Program Officers prepare for professional ministry while enrolled in a qualifying graduate degree program. They are commissioned in the Individual Ready Reserve (IRR) and receive pay and benefits while training. Upon graduation and completion of both religious and U.S. Navy requirements, they will be considered for an initial appointment as an active- or reserve-duty Chaplain. No service obligation is incurred until acceptance of this appointment.

GENERAL QUALIFICATIONS:

All candidates must:

- Be a U.S. citizen
- Meet the Navy's standards for physical fitness
- Be a graduate of an accredited college or university and graduate-level theological school or seminary
- Have an ecclesiastical endorsement by a religious organization registered with the Ecclesiastical Endorsing Agents online at prhome.defense.gov/M-RA/MPP/AFCB/Endorsements/
- Be less than 42 years old (waivers may be considered on a case by case basis 42 and over)
- Have committed two years of full-time professional religious ministry experience (after completion of theological school or seminary preferred).

Still working on your seminary training? Consider the Navy Chaplain Candidate Program.

Chaplain Candidates are commissioned as a Naval Officer in the Individual Ready Reserve while continuing theological studies and preparing for professional religious ministry. Upon selection, candidates attend a five-week Officer Development School in Newport, R.I. in the first year. In year two, they attend the Professional Naval Chaplaincy Basic Leadership Course (PNC-BLC) at the Naval Chaplaincy School. In subsequent years, Chaplain Candidates will receive on-the-job training for no less than 14 days with an active-duty Chaplain to gain field experience. Once all requirements are met, Chaplain Candidates can then apply for Chaplaincy in the Active or Reserve component.



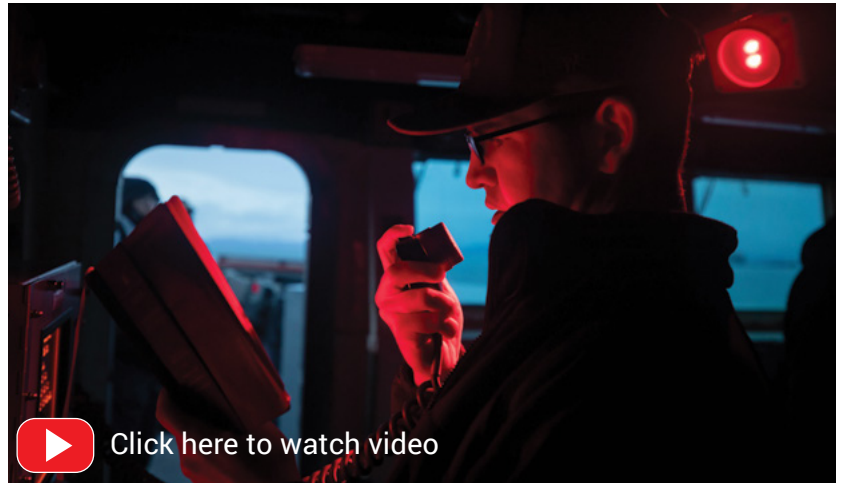


PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT & BENEFITS

- Opportunities for funded post-graduate education
- Professional development and growth through leadership courses
- Administrative and logistical support from enlisted Religious Program Specialists
- Opportunity to attend retreats and conferences

ADDITIONAL BENEFITS:

- Competitive pay and allowance package
- 30 days paid vacation earned each year
- Comprehensive medical and dental care
- Retirement benefits and a 401(k)-style savings plan
- Worldwide mission
- Low-cost life insurance (up to \$500,000)
- Tax-free shopping privileges at military stores



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As a Navy Chaplain, you will bring the presence of God to those who are often on the frontlines of faith, at sea, ashore, in naval hospitals, brigs or wherever they serve.





ARE YOU UP FOR THE CHALLENGE?

The Navy needs religious ministry professionals to meet the religious and spiritual needs of its people.

Call 888-NAVYCHC (888-628-9242) or visit navy.com/careers/navy-chaplain to learn more about this exciting and diverse opportunity for ministry in America's Navy Chaplain Corps.

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