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God's Word:
More Precious Than Gold,
and Sweeter than Honey!

Psalm 19

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Romans 1:18-23

¹⁸ For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who by their unrighteousness suppress the truth.¹⁹ For what can be known about God is plain to them, because God has shown it to them. ²⁰ For his invisible attributes, namely, his eternal power and divine nature, have been clearly perceived, ever since the creation of the world, in the things that have been made. So they are without excuse. ²¹ For although they knew God, they did not honor him as God or give thanks to him, but they became futile in their thinking, and their foolish hearts were darkened.²² Claiming to be wise, they became fools, ²³ and exchanged the glory of the immortal God for images resembling mortal man and birds and animals and creeping things.

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Practical Helps to Take In Scripture

1. Buy a good Study Bible. See your pastoral team.
2. Read your Bible everyday! Be on a Bible reading plan, don't just "flip it open and read what comes up." Be methodical! See bible reading plans online.
3. Utilize a daily devotional that is based upon Scripture; read books from trust Christian authors who handle God's Word well! See recommendations online.
4. Memorize Scripture.
5. Before GOOGLING something, search your BIBLE instead! Learn to think Biblically.
6. Listen to the Bible being read on headphones! Many Apps out there!
7. Watch good Christian movies or documentaries that use Scripture well!

Final Thoughts:

“We grow in our love for the triune God and our confidence in His truth to the degree that we advance in our knowledge of Him and His mighty act of creation and works of providence.” – Table Talk Magazine 2025.

“Your love for Jesus, should move you to seek to know him better. The better you know him the more you will love him. This, then, repeats over and over. This is a simple, but true summary of how the Christian life is to be!”



U.S. Army Chaplaincy 101



Our Army, My Calling
Chaplain (Colonel) Erik J. Gramling



*Bringing God to Soldiers &
Soldiers to God since 1775*

As of MAY 2025





Why does the Army Chaplaincy exist?





Thus sayeth the Constitution & the DOD

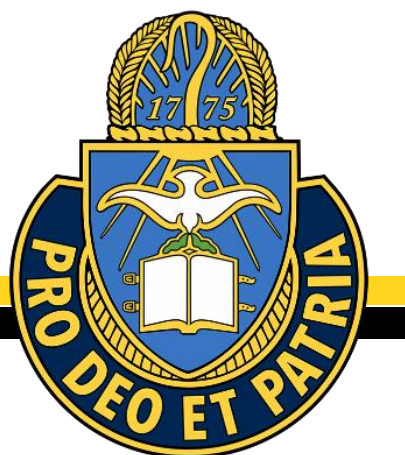


- **Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free **exercise** thereof;** or abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press; or the right of the people peaceably to assemble, and to petition the Government for a redress of grievances. *1st Amendment U.S. Constitution*

“The Army places a high value on the rights of its Soldiers to observe tenets of their respective religions or to observe no religion at all, while protecting the civil liberties of its personnel to the greatest extent possible, consistent with its military requirements.”

“...requests for religious accommodations from a military policy, practice, or duty that substantially burdens a Soldier’s (to include military prisoner’s) exercise of religion may be denied only when the military policy, practice, or duty furthers a compelling government interest and is the least restrictive means of furthering that interest.”

- AR 600-20, 5-6 Army Command Policy, July 24, 2020





Where does this FREEDOM come from?





From God:

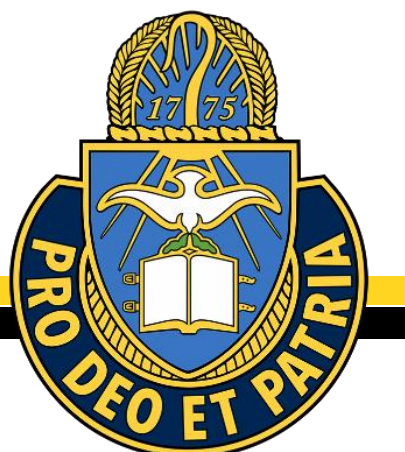


thus codifies The Declaration of Independence

In Congress, July 4, 1776.

The unanimous Declaration of the thirteen united States of America, When in the Course of human events, it becomes necessary for one people to dissolve the political bands which have connected them with another, and to assume among the powers of the earth, the separate and equal station **to which the Laws of Nature and of Nature's God entitle them**, a decent respect to the opinions of mankind requires that they should declare the causes which impel them to the separation.

We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness.--





The Chaplain is:
A Religious leader who ensures the free exercise of religion:



Via Three Core Competencies



Nurture the living
(***Privilege Communication =
100% Confidentiality***)



Honor the fallen

Care for the
injured/wounded





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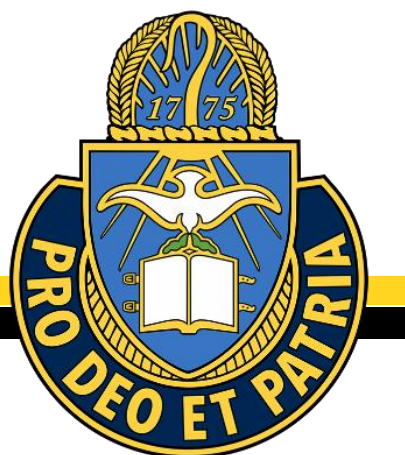
Three Core Competencies

Then LTG George Patton



Patton's Chaplain, CH (COL) James O'Neill

PLUS: Advising the Command





The Chaplain is: a Religious leader who cooperates without compromise.





The Chaplain is: A Religious leader comes from DoD a recognized group.



A Chaplain and their endorser.





The Chaplain is: A Soldier who goes where Soldiers go!





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SGT Dave Teakell



They put the
“T” in UMT

And they carry
the weapon!

SPC Maurice Hook



Fort Bragg, NC

Brigade Chaplain
108th Air Defense
Brigade

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Deployment to Qatar

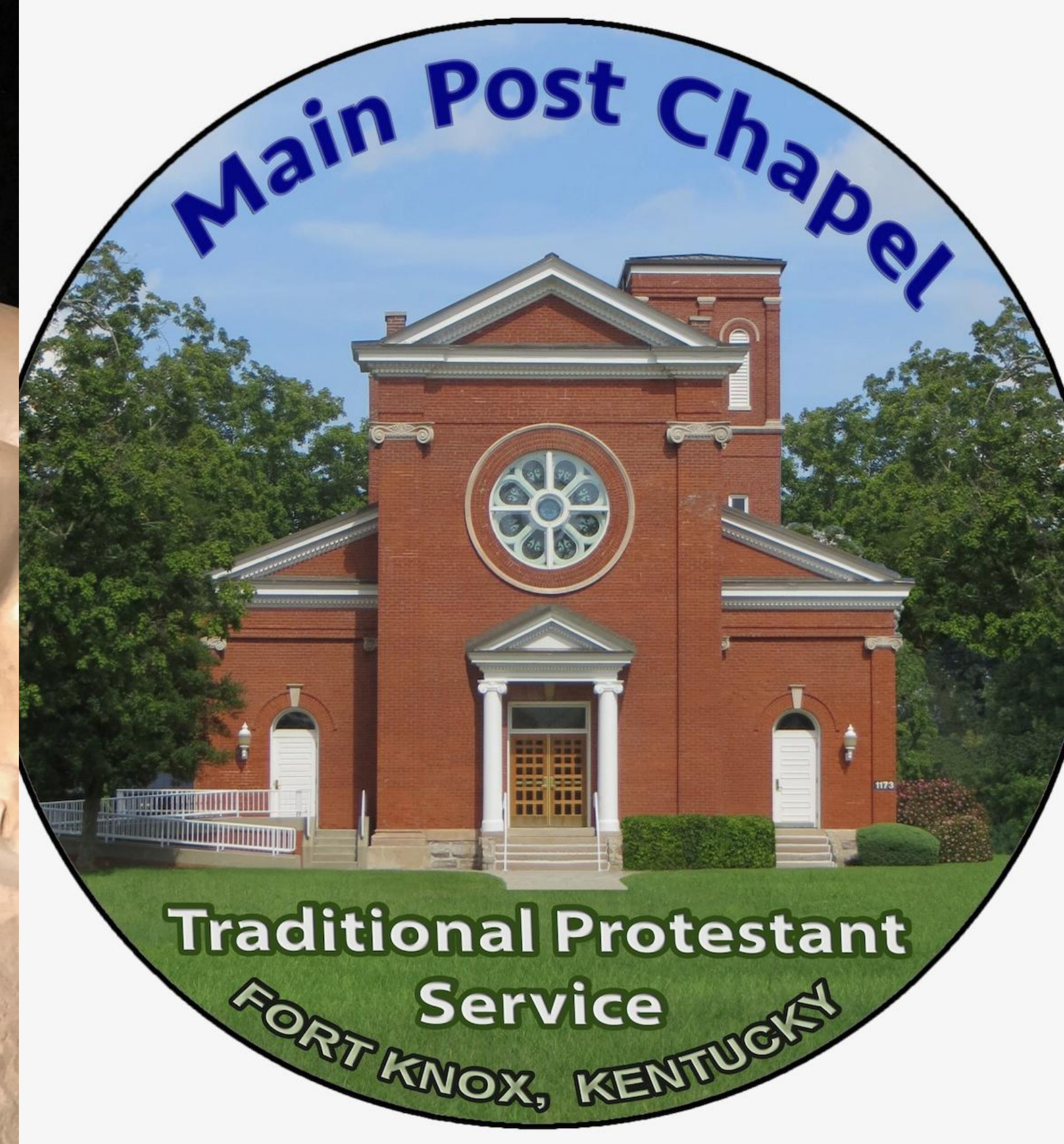


2013-2015









Fort Knox, KY ROTC Command Chaplain

2016-2019









Fort Jackson, SC

Deputy Chaplain
Recruiting &
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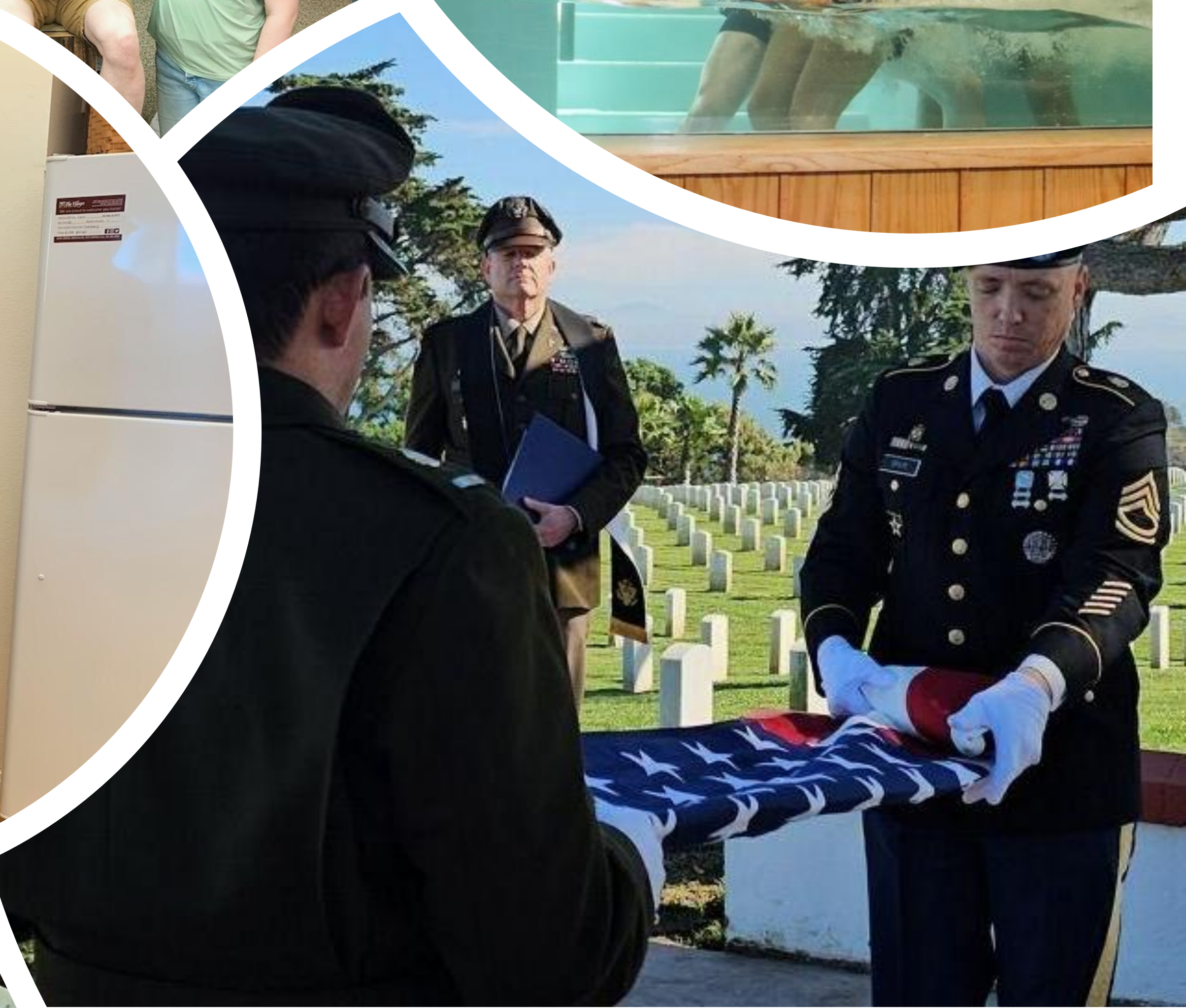
Fort Irwin, CA

Command Chaplain for The National Training Center



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