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Religious Ministry Support

1. **Summary.** This Directive:
 - a. Establishes policy and procedures for the United States European Command (USEUCOM) Chaplain's Office.
 - b. Describes and assigns responsibilities.
2. **Applicability.** Provisions of this Directive are applicable to all elements of USEUCOM, including the component commands as defined in JCS Pub 3 (C).
3. **Suggested Improvements.** The proponent for this publication is the United States European Command Chaplain's Office (ECCH). All recommendations for changes should be sent to: ecch.pg@eucom.mil, or Headquarters, United States European Command
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4. **References.**
 - a. DOD Directive, 1300.17, "Accommodation of Religious Practices Within the Military."
 - b. JCS Pub 1-05, Religious Ministry Support For Joint Operations.
 - c. ED 20-1, HQ USEUCOM Organization and Functions.
5. **Policies.** The Command Chaplain's Office (ECCH) is established as a Staff Office under direction, authority, and control of the Command Chaplain.
6. **Mission.**
 - a. The mission of ECCH is to serve as both a personal staff officer and special staff officer by:
 - (1) Advising the CINCEUR on the free exercise of religion, morale, ethics, and morals

within USEUCOM;

(2) Planning and coordinating religious ministry support for USEUCOM Joint and Combined operational requirements;

(3) Conducting deliberate planning and training with United States Component Chaplain personnel, and other nations as required.

b. The free exercise of religion is a basic principle that is guaranteed by the U.S. Constitution. It is DOD policy that requests for accommodation of religious practices be approved by commanders when accommodation will not have an adverse impact on military readiness, unit cohesion, standards, or discipline.

7. **Responsibilities.**

a. USEUCOM Command Chaplain will:

(1) Serve as principal adviser to CINCEUR on matters of religion, morale, ethics, and morals.

(2) Recommend policy to the CINCEUR on the provision of religious ministry support activities within the theater.

(3) Develop religious ministry support appendices for all JOINT Operations as required.

(4) Serve as direct supervisor for religious support missions for all Joint and Combined operations.

(5) Coordinate religious ministry support requirements with Component Command Chaplains. Responsible to forward all personnel and logistical requirements of the Joint Task Force Chaplain to appropriate Service Component.

(6) Identify joint training objectives for all chaplains in theater.

(7) Review and coordinate inter-Service agreements among components. Maintain an active file of all these agreements.

(8) Provide for pastoral care to U.S. personnel in the USEUCOM Area Of Responsibility (AOR) serving in remote and isolated locations on a "by-request" basis from Directors and subordinate commands.

b. The Joint Task Force Chaplain will:

(1) Serve as the principal adviser to the Joint Task Force Commander on matters of religion, morale, ethics, and morals.

(2) Provide religious ministry to personnel assigned to the Joint Task Force.

(3) Develop religious ministry support plans for the Joint Task Force.

(4) Reports directly to USEUCOM Command Chaplain for Religious Support operational supervision.

(5) Provides weekly narrative summary and ministry line reports IAW service / unit SOPs to USEUCOM Chaplain. Establish routine contact to USEUCOM Command Chaplain to support specific operational requirements at ecch.pg@eucom.mil, DSN 430-5151 / COMM 0049-711-680-5151.

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