



THE CUMBERLAND PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

OFFICE OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY



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Dear Cumberland Presbyterians:

Memorial Day has special significance for all of us. Our freedom has been protected by people who have served in the military; many gave the ultimate sacrifice of their own lives. Our country is still engaged in war in several places; not only are military personnel in constant danger, but their loved ones have many anxious fears. Some of the military persons who survive in war are maimed for life.

The General Assembly has approved a Memorial Day offering for the Presbyterian Council for Chaplains and Military Personnel. This is to encourage you to receive an offering in remembrance of those who have protected our freedom and in honor of the chaplains who serve the Church and their country. Chaplains minister to members of the Armed Forces as well as to wives, husbands, children and parents who must wait and pray. The ministry of chaplains is an extension of the outreach of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church. The Presbyterian Council which consists of four denominations, endorses chaplains for the military and veterans hospitals. The Council also seeks to provide emotional and spiritual support to chaplains and their families as well as other military personnel.

Please consider taking a special offering that will be used for the important work of the Presbyterian Council on Chaplains and Military Personnel. If your church would prefer to take an offering at a time other than Memorial Day, we encourage you to do so. Send the offering to the Office of the General Assembly, 8207 Traditional Place, Cordova, TN 38016, and the offering will be forwarded to the Presbyterian Council in Washington, D.C. Checks should be mailed and made payable to the Office of the General Assembly.

Sincerely yours,

Michael Sharpe

Cumberland Memorial Day Offering
In Support of



The Presbyterian Council for Chaplains and Military Personnel (PCCMP)

A Ministry to Those Who Serve Our Nation

The PCCMP is a partnership ministry of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church, the PCUSA, the CPCA, the ARP, and the Korean Presbyterian Church Abroad.

Please pray for the PCCMP and give generously to ensure effective Christian ministry to our service members and families through Presbyterian Chaplains in the Army, Navy, Air Force, and VA!

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Who is the Council?

The PCCMP, representing four Presbyterian denominations, is recognized by the Departments of Defense and Veterans Affairs as the agency for recruiting and endorsing professionally qualified clergy to serve in the U.S. Armed Forces (Army, Navy, Marine Corps, and Air Force) and Veterans hospitals. Our Presbyterian chaplains provide for the free exercise of religion for military personnel, their families, and other authorized persons.

Who Does the Council Serve?

The Council selects, sends, and supports **310 Chaplains** who serve in the Active, Reserve, and National Guard chaplaincies of the 3 military services, the Civil Air Patrol, the VA, and their families.

Our Chaplains reach more un-churched young adults than any other Presbyterian ministry that we know! There are 1.4 million active duty and 1.2 million reserve/Guard members

What Does the Council Do?

Through its board, staff, and volunteers, the Council serves in:

- **Ecclesiastical** - Recruiting and Credentialing Chaplains
- **Pastoral Care** - Personal visits and intercessory prayer; regular communication and annual retreats; advocacy for ministry in DoD and VA; career assistance for chaplains
- **Coordination** – With the General Assemblies/Synod, Presbyteries, DoD, VA, and numerous theological seminaries

How Can I Help?

- Pray for our Chaplains, Armed Forces, their families, and the PCCMP & send notes and goodies to deployed
- Minister to military families in your home area
- Advocate for PCCMP funding in church & presbytery
- Become a financial partner in the PCCMP ministry

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