



## Purpose of the Association

From the Articles of Incorporation, Section 3. Public Law 792 – 81st Congress of the United States, September 20, 1950

Humbly invoking the assistance of Almighty God, we associate ourselves together for the following purposes:

- (a) To safeguard and strengthen the forces of faith and morality of our Nation;
- (b) To perpetuate and deepen the bonds of understanding and friendship of our military service;
- (c) To preserve our spiritual influence and interest in all members and veterans of the Armed Forces;
- (d) To uphold the Constitution of the United States; and
- (e) To promote justice, peace and good will.

## Major Ministry Features

### Ministry Profession Advocacy

- ▶ Represent the ideals, challenges, accomplishments, and needs of military chaplains to religious communities, civilian leaders, Veterans Service Organizations, and news media.
- ▶ Promote cooperative ministry in order to advance and safeguard the religious rights and spiritual welfare of all personnel whom chaplains are called to serve.
- ▶ Enhance government and community efforts to support citizens about to enter, now within, or returning from war zones.
- ▶ Participate in The Military Coalition comprised of 34 military, veterans, and uniformed services organizations that represent over 5.5 million personnel and their families.
- ▶ Member of the Veterans Day National Committee.

### Ministry Profession Support

- ▶ Promote the concept, calling, and commitment of "Chaplains for Life."
- ▶ Maintain a Joint service and inter-agency forum for ministry analysis and development.
- ▶ Assist post-graduate preparation for service in the Air Force, Army, or Navy chaplaincies through the annual award of Chaplain Candidate Scholarships.
- ▶ Provide pastoral services where uniformed chaplaincy resources are not available.

### Information and Referral

- ▶ Respond to inquiries regarding chaplaincies, chaplains, and religious expression in the Armed Services and Department of Veterans Affairs.
- ▶ Assist persons outside the government or the military system in order to help them gain appropriate access for information and issue resolution.
- ▶ Maintain a database of over 8,600 chaplains - active, Guard, Reserve, retired, or deceased.

Under sections 501(c)(3) and 509(a)(2) of the Internal Revenue Code, the Military Chaplains Association of the United States of America (MCA) is recognized by the Internal Revenue Service as a tax exempt organization and a public charity. The MCA undergoes annual financial audit by a Certified Public Accountant. The MCA annually reports major ministry accomplishments and audit findings to the U.S. House of Representatives.