



Major Ministry Objectives Calendar Years 2009 and 2010

Ministry Profession Advocacy

- ▶ Increase awareness of MCA purposes that are established by charter from the Congress and implementation of these purposes through major ministry features and objectives.
- ▶ Extend nationwide ministry by coordination with local MCA chapters, formation of new chapters, and function of the South Carolina chapter as local liaison with the chaplain schools at Fort Jackson, SC.
- ▶ Carry out membership obligations with The Military Coalition and the Veterans Day National Committee.
- ▶ Continue collaboration with the Church, State, and Industry Foundation, the National Alliance for the Public Trust, and the National Conference on Ministry to the Armed Forces; and seek partnerships with other chaplaincy groups.

Ministry Profession Support

- ▶ Maintain a standing invitation to Unit Ministry Teams returning from OEF/OIF for support to those who begin or continue a healing journey and desire confidential listening by MCA member chaplains outside military and religious faith group channels.
- ▶ Publish a "Smart Card" in file folder format that aids recognition of key symptoms for the signature and "hidden" wounds from OEF/OIF and provides durable referral information for Wounded Warrior care.
- ▶ Strengthen connection with chaplain corps enlisted personnel and promotion of their vital role for delivery of religious ministry.
- ▶ Continue improvements in the MCA Ministry Support Network with particular focus on support for families that desire access to chaplain ministry during funerals, memorials, and interments at national cemeteries.
- ▶ Develop the LTG Hal G. Moore "Commanders and their Chaplains" series of letters and essays on the relationships between military commanders and their chaplains.
- ▶ Complete distribution of Bill Keith's republished Days of Anguish, Days of Hope in order to disseminate values for acquiring and sustaining "spiritual resilience" seen through the experience of Chaplain Robert Preston Taylor as a POW during World War II.
- ▶ Conduct the 85th MCA Annual Meeting and National Institute in coordination with dedication of the Air Force and Navy chaplain schools on 6 May 2010 at Fort Jackson, SC.

Information and Referral

- ▶ Rework MCA website information links for increased efficiency and effectiveness in response to inquiries and requests for support.
- ▶ Rework MCA database architecture to improve ministry asset analysis for referrals and enable total online administration of new and existing memberships.