



DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY  
OFFICE OF THE CHIEF OF NAVAL OPERATIONS  
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MEMORANDUM FOR MAJOR CLAIMANT STAFF CHAPLAINS

Subj: FOCUS 05/00 (Witherspoon Chaplain's Award)

1. The Layman's National Bible Association (LNBA) instituted the Witherspoon Chaplain's Award in 1981 to honor the military chaplaincy and memorialize the late Captain Maurice M. Witherspoon, USN, who served LNBA as director and an officer for 33 years.
2. Each year the award recipient comes from a different Service branch. This year it is the Navy's turn, and the chaplain selected to receive this award will be honored at the National Bible Week Inaugural Luncheon, to be held at Waldorf-Astoria in New York City on Friday, 07 November 2000. The LNBA will also include two nights stay at the Hilton for the chaplain (and the chaplain's spouse if applicable).
3. I want all Major Claimant Staff and Service Chaplains to nominate one chaplain from their respective claimancies. The primary criterion for nominated chaplains is creative use of the Bible in ministry, while raising the interest of military personnel and their families in Bible reading and study. LNBA is an interfaith organization of those who use the Hebrew and Christian Scriptures; therefore, nominations of chaplains from Christian and Jewish traditions are cordially invited. My point of contact is CDR(Sel) Bradford E. Ableson at DSN 223-5407.
4. Nominations are due no later than 30 June 2000. Please forward to this office your nominee with written recommendation, biographical data and photograph. Once the winner is announced, that chaplain will be contacted by the LNBA with further details.

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