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Dear Colleagues,

Advancing technology constantly reshapes our world and the way we do business. We live in a culture of continuous improvement, and we seek more efficient methods of doing things. Sometimes new methods save time; sometimes they create more work. Given these two possibilities, our goal is to ensure technologies employed within the Chaplain Corps serve us rather than hinder. This points to significant changes regarding our Chaplain Corps publications.

For nearly sixty years, this office has used *THE NAVY CHAPLAIN*, and its predecessors, *NAVY CHAPLAINS BULLETIN* and *NAVY CHAPLAIN'S NEWSLETTER*, to communicate professional information to our Corps. Many chaplains, Religious Program Specialists, and others contributed articles that informed and enriched our community, enabling us to provide better ministry to Sea Services personnel. As print technology changed, so did the look of these publications, from black-and-white to two-color, and eventually four-color processing. With the advent of the Chaplain Resource Branch (CRB) website we began posting each issue of *THE NAVY CHAPLAIN* as soon as it was approved for printing. The speed and capability of our website technology has meant that, due to lag time inherent in the printing and distribution process, the online edition has been available to you almost 2-3 weeks before your paper copy arrived in the mailbox.

In addition, publishing costs have become exorbitant. As a result, we investigated other ways to provide efficient and cost-effective resources. It now appears that the significant amount of money spent to publish *THE NAVY CHAPLAIN* in hard copy could be better spent improving the electronic network within the chaplain and RP community.

I have, therefore, made the decision to stop printing and distributing *THE NAVY CHAPLAIN* in hard copy, with the September-October issue to be the last printed by conventional means. From now on we will publish online.

Please continue submitting material, including articles, photos, and information of note, to the CRB for publication. The story of our ministry and its impact on the lives of the military community still needs to be told. I further encourage each of you to keep abreast of the new information technology tools available to us as we provide ministry to the men and women of the Sea Services.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Barry C. Black".

BARRY C. BLACK

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