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Dear Colleagues:

In 1980, then Chief of Chaplains Ross Trower, established the Chaplain Resource Board (CRB) as the "primary professional resource agency within the Chaplain Corps, U.S. Navy." "Chaplain" was chosen for the title rather than "Chaplains" (with an "s") or "Chaplain Corps," to emphasize that the individual "Chaplain" is the primary focus for the resources provided. Last year, the Chaplain Resource Board became the Chaplain Resource Branch. The CRB has four chaplains, five enlisted staff, and four contractors.

As technology has changed, so have the CRB resources. The CRB is leveraging technology to meet the resource requirements of Sea Services ministry providers. CRB initiatives include:

- **Throughout and Beyond**, a weekly e-newsletter listing resources and links to timely information for Sea Services chaplains.
- **THE NAVY CHAPLAIN**, a bi-monthly e-magazine used to "tell the story" of our chaplains and Religious Program Specialists (RPs).
- The **Chaplain Corps Website (www.chaplain.navy.mil)**, which has been redesigned using industry standard web software. The new site is database driven and features enhanced search capabilities, enabling customers to quickly find information.
- The **Chaplain Corps E-Mail System (CCES)** provides a web-based e-mail account for all active duty and reserve chaplains and RPs. This allows me to rapidly communicate with all chaplains and RPs via the internet. You are encouraged to keep CRB apprised of a current e-mail address to forward your CCES account to, thereby keeping you informed.
- The **ProQuest Religion Research Database** provides global access to an online database of over 90 religious journals and periodicals.

- As the resident "experts" in technology, the CRB has monitored the **Navy Marine Corps Intranet (NMCI)** program.
- Since some of our deployed chaplains have no access to the latest electronic technology, the CRB provides resources via CD ROM and the **Standard Automated Logistics Tool (SALTS)** system. SALTS is a supply system used to support fleet logistical requirements. Through collaboration with the supply community, CRB is using SALTS to list pertinent downloadable files for our deployed chaplains.

The chaplains assigned to CRB are also action officers for the Chief of Chaplains. They are called upon for projects related to my office. They have researched topics pertaining to the War on Terrorism to provide information to us about the issues involved in this non-traditional war. Current information can be found on the website under "Deployment Aids/Operation Enduring Freedom."

The CRB maintains the **Navy Chaplain Corps historical archives**. In addition to managing the Navy Chaplain Corps History Project, the CRB serves as the repository for many one-of-a-kind historical items.

I am proud of the work the CRB does to provide our chaplains and RPs ministry resources. As world situations and ministry venues change, the CRB will continue to provide these resources for the religious ministry teams serving around the world. We welcome your feedback. Contact CRB at (757) 444-7665, DSN 565-7665, or webmaster@crb.chaplain.navy.mil, for more information on available resources.

Sincerely,



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