



CHIEF OF CHAPLAINS

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Dear Colleagues in Ministry,

Chaplains Iasiello, Bigger and I continue to receive kudos and praise for the magnificent ministry our Sea Service chaplains are providing around the world. Whether in direct support of Operation Enduring Freedom, or in “routine” ministry, you continue to bring hope where there seems to be no hope. You shed light in the darkness of despair and show each and every person in our Sea Service family that there is a God who loves them and values them. As always, I am proud to serve with you.

In this issue of *The Navy Chaplain*, Chaplain Ron Craddock gives us a report from the frontlines of Operation Enduring Freedom. Chaplain K.C. James tells of ministry in Guantanamo Bay in support of Joint Task Force 160’s mission guarding terrorist detainees. An Air Force chaplain, Chaplain “David,” (whose surname is withheld for security purposes) shares his chronology of Joint ministry, including search and recovery operations for a downed Marine aircraft. Chaplain Barry Crane gives a report on the 2002 Naval Reserve Religious Ministry Workshop. These articles highlight the superb ministry of our chaplains and those of other services.

As our Commander in Chief has told us, this war will not end any time soon. In the midst of growing challenges and limited resources I encourage you, as you care for others, to take care of yourself and your colleagues as well. May the Lord give each one of you the strength and wisdom needed to carry out the task before you.

In God’s service and yours,