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DEDICATION

This Chaplain Training Strategy study is dedicated to the late Chaplain (Colonel) David Howard. Chaplain Howard died while serving as Director of Training, United States Army Chaplain Center and School, Fort Jackson, South Carolina. His dedication to his God, family, denomination, the Chaplain School and the Chaplain Corps was an inspiration to all.
ABSTRACT

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Chaplains have unique training requirements which can be incorporated into a comprehensive strategy. A Chaplain training strategy is needed to provide commanders and chaplain supervisors a strategic training vision for Area of Concentration 56. The enclosed strategy incorporates the Chief of Chaplains' vision and philosophy for the training of the Total Army Chaplaincy through the year 2010. Once this strategy is fielded, a Chaplain Assistant training strategy should be developed to support the Chaplain strategy. This study will examine the need for a strategy, the sources used to develop a strategy, and offer a training strategy which was coordinated with the Office of the Chief of Chaplains and other agencies.
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THE PROBLEM AND ITS SETTING

Introduction

The United States (U. S.) Army Chaplaincy is a select group of clergy who have been endorsed by their denominations or an umbrella agency for ministry in the U. S. Army. 1 These clergy represent a diversity of theological approaches. They also come with diverse backgrounds which prepare them for ministry in the U. S. Army. This study, will outline a training strategy for the U. S. Army Chaplaincy.

The topics which this study addresses include: a statement of the problem, and relevant U. S. Army training documents. The proposed Chaplain Training Strategy reflects current Army training doctrine from those documents. Then, the hypothesis and delimitations of this study are listed. Lastly, a selected definition of terms, study assumptions, the need for a strategy, the implications of this strategy for the Chaplaincy, lessons learned from this study and the proposed Chaplain Training Strategy itself are provided.

The Statement of the Problem

The U. S. Army Chaplaincy has not published an official training strategy since 6 November 1990. 2 That strategy was developed by the U. S. Army Chaplain Center and School (USACHCS) at the direction of the Chaplain (MG) Matthew Zimmerman, the
Chief of Chaplains from 1990 to 1994. It was not an official Department of the Army (DA) Circular or Pamphlet, but, a memorandum for the Total Army Unit Ministry Team.

Since then, five significant training documents have been published. These documents impact Army training systems and are in authorized training documents:

a. FORSCOM Regulation 350-41, *Active Component Training*.³
b. National Guard Regulation 350-1, *Army National Guard Training*.⁴
d. FORSCOM Regulation 350-4, *Active Component/Reserve Component Training Association Program*.⁶
e. Change 1, FORSCOM Regulation 350-2, *Reserve Component Training in America’s Army*.⁷

In October 1993, “An Analysis of the Existing Chaplain Corps Training Strategy”⁸ was written for the Chief of Chaplains. This analysis recommended changes to the existing strategy.

To respond to these problems, this study provides an updated Chaplain Training Strategy. It addresses changes in doctrine, training and leader development, and active component/reserve component mix. It also provides the Chief of Chaplains vision, philosophy and priorities for training.

**The Hypothesis**

The *first hypothesis* is that chaplains have unique training requirements which can be incorporated in a strategy.
The second hypothesis is that the Army’s training regulations and pamphlets are a better format than a memorandum for a strategic branch training strategy.

The third hypothesis is that an updated strategy will provide a model for improved training from Battalion through the USACHCS.

The Delimitations

This study is strategic in scope. It is not a tactics, techniques and procedures manual.

This study addresses AOC 56 only, not MOS 71M.

This study does not include crisis training during mobilization.

This study addresses Army requirements through 2010.

This study does not address the Army After Next.

The Definition of Terms

Training strategy means the combination of training objectives (ends) training concepts (ways), and training resources (means) to achieve a competent and ready chaplain force. 9

Training means those intentional activities, from the USACHCS, through Major Commands, Installations, Corps, Divisions, Brigades and Battalions, which prepare chaplains to deliver religious support in peace and war.

AOC 56 means that area of concentration that describes chaplains.
Assumptions

The first assumption is that the Chief of Chaplains’ is responsible to provide the strategic vision for AOC 56 unique training.

The second assumption is that a written strategy would communicate and direct the Chief of Chaplains vision, philosophy and priorities for training.

The third assumption is that the strategy must in a DA Training Circular.

The fourth assumption is that once an AOC 56 strategy is approved, a MOS 71M strategy that would support AOC 56 strategy would be developed by the USACHCS.

The Need for a Strategy

In 1990, Ch (MG) Zimmerman published an Unit Ministry Team training strategy. Since then, significant changes have occurred in Army training systems. A new strategy is needed to provide commanders and chaplain supervisors, across the Total Army, a strategic training vision for AOC 56.

The Implications of the Strategy for the U. S. Army Chaplaincy

First, it identifies the Chief of Chaplains’ vision and training philosophy.

Second, it integrates chaplain training within Army systems.

Third, it incorporates an active and reserve component mix.

Fourth, it sets responsibility for training at appropriate levels and for appropriate agencies.

Fifth, it provides commanders an authoritative guide for chaplains in units.

Sixth, it requires chaplain supervisors to train.
Seventh, it clarifies the authority of the installation chaplain in training as the Chief of Chaplains executive agent at the local level.

Eighth, it requires the USACHCS to provide training in and for the field.
CHAPTER 2

LESSONS LEARNED

The first lesson learned was the difference between a branch strategic training document and a tactics, techniques and procedures (TTP) manual. A strategic training document addresses the ends, ways and means for a branch to achieve branch wide training objectives. A TTP manual addresses the conditions and standards for specific tasks that soldiers are required to perform.

The second lesson learned was that a chaplain training strategy must integrate current Total Army training strategies. These strategies integrate Army training into the Planning, Programming, Budgeting, and Execution System, and address the TRADOC Concepts Based Requirements System and the TRADOC pillars of leader development.

The third lesson learned was that a strategy must address deliberate planning not crisis planning. This strategy will not address the resultant training that takes place during mobilization.

The fourth lesson learned was that new AOCs should be considered for the Chaplaincy. Originally, these had been included in this strategy. However, DA Pam 600-30 is the more appropriate place for them to appear.

The fifth lesson learned was that a separate training strategy should be developed for MOS 71M. Once both strategies have been fielded, a Unit Ministry Team strategy then could be developed.
The sixth lesson learned was the need to specify the installation chaplain as the Chief of Chaplains' sole executive agent for training at the local level. There is much confusion about the training role of the installation chaplain compared to the division and brigade chaplains on divisional posts.

The seventh lesson learned was that any strategy must address the two core capabilities of the Chaplaincy (religious leader/religious support and special staff officer/special staff work) and the eleven core processes (religious services; rites, sacraments, ordinances; pastoral care/counseling; religious education; family life ministry; clinical pastoral education; professional support to command; management and administration; humanitarian support; training; and religious support planning/operations). In this way, the strategy provides training direction for the full range of the Chaplaincy mission.
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a. Abbreviations

AC
Active Component

AC/RC
Active Component/Reserve Component

AOC
Area of Concentration

ARNG
Army National Guard

AWC
Army War College

CAS3
Combined Arms Service Staff School

CCH
Chief of Chaplains

CGSC
Command and General Staff College

CHOAC
Chaplains Officer Advanced Course

CHOBC
Chaplains Officer Basic Course
CMDT
Commandant

CPE
Clinical Pastoral Education

EAC
Echelon Above Corps

FORSAN
Forces Command

HQDA
Headquarters Department of the Army

LIFT
Logistics and Information Training

MACOM
Major Command

MEDCOM
Medical Command

NAF
Nonappropriated Fund

NCOPD
Noncommissioned Officers Professional Development

NGB
National Guard Bureau

OPD
Officer Professional Development

PPBES
Planning, Programming, Budgeting, and Execution System

RC
Reserve Component

TRADOC
Training and Doctrine Command
USARC
United States Army Reserve Command

USARPERCEN
United States Army Reserve Personnel Center

UMT
Unit Ministry Team

USACHCS
United States Army Chaplain Center and School

b. Terms

Area of Concentration
Identifies a requirement and an officer possessing a requisite area of expertise (subdivision) within a branch or functional area. An officer may possess and serve in more than one area of concentration.

Branch
A grouping of officers that comprises an arm or service of the Army in which an officer is commissioned or transferred, trained, developed, and promoted.

Skill
Identifies a requirement and an officer possessing specialized skills to perform duties of a specific position that may require significant education, training and experience. A skill can be related to more than one branch or functional area.

Special Branches
A grouping of branches and officers primarily concerned with providing combat service support and/or administration to the Army as a whole but managed separately from combat service support branches.

1-4.
Responsibilities

a. HQDA CCH. The HQDA CCH has overall responsibility to develop professional guidance for chaplain training. The CCH will provide annual training themes for the Total Army Chaplaincy.

b. U. S. Army Reserve Command (USARC) Chaplain will:
   (1) staff and monitor the implementation of chaplain AOC specific training with subordinate commands;
   (2) ensure USAR issues are represented in CCH training strategy.
c. **National Guard Bureau (NGB) Chaplain** will:
   
   (1) staff and monitor the implementation of chaplain AOC specific training with STARC chaplains;
   (2) ensure ARNG issues are represented in CCH training strategy.

d. **Cmdt, USACHCS** will:
   
   (1) Translate CCH strategic training goals to operational training objectives supported by D, Combat Development and C, Officer Training Division..
   (2) Develop training materials, curriculum and training for CCH.
   (3) Ensure full integration of reserve component issues in curriculum development.
   (4) Develop training support packages to support CCH annual training themes.

**Chapter 2**

**CCH Chaplain Training Strategy Overview**

**2-1. CCH Vision for Religious Support Operations.** To provide ministry teams organized, equipped and trained to conduct religious support operations from the power projection platform to the theater of operations in peace and war.

**2-2. CCH Training Philosophy.** Training will be the top priority for chaplain leadership, to include the Commandant, USACHCS, Installation, Corps, Division and Brigade chaplains. This training must include the following:
   
   a. Training that produces initial entry chaplains who are disciplined, physically fit, and skilled in basic critical religious support operations tasks necessary for deployment.
   b. Training that prepares chaplains for progressively higher positions of responsibility.
   c. Training that prepares chaplains for specific ministry and staff roles such as hospital ministry and pastoral care, family life, confinement ministry, instructor positions, training and combat development, duty at MACOM/HQDA staff, duty in support of CINCs and CJTFs.
   d. Training that supports combat readiness for unit ministry teams and supports the commander's religious support operations.
   e. Training that integrates AC/RC.
   f. Training that prepares Reserve Component (RC) chaplains to be ready to mobilize, deploy and perform religious support operations.
   g. Training annual themes across the Total Army Chaplaincy.
   h. Improved management techniques with appropriate feedback and evaluation to allocate, use and account for training resources efficiently.

**2-3. AOC 56.** The Chaplain branch encompasses the following two AOC. This training strategy directs training to provide the necessary Chaplaincy skills and competencies to support both the power projection platform and the deployed force.
a. AOC 56A. Command and Unit Chaplain. This chaplain serves as a religious leader with staff functions for unit of assignment and to units requiring area religious coverage. Examples of duty positions are as follows:

1. Unit Chaplain, Battalion
2. Unit Chaplain, Brigade
3. Depot Chaplain
4. Unit Chaplain, Division
5. Unit Chaplain, Corps
6. MACOM Staff Chaplain (or Staff Action Officer)
7. DA Chaplain (or Staff Action Officer)
8. Service School Instructor (or staff)
9. Family Life Director
10. Army Medical Center and Hospital Chaplain
11. Confinement Facility Chaplain
12. Installation Staff Chaplain
13. Installation Chaplain Resource Manager
14. Installation Chaplain Training Manager
15. CONUS Army Staff Chaplain (or Staff Action Officer)
16. STARC Chaplain
17. USARC Chaplain
18. NGB Chaplain

a. AOC 56D. Clinical Pastoral Education Supervisor.

2-4. Chaplain Branch Development (Active) (See figure 2-1)

2-5. Chaplain Branch Development (Reserve) (See figure 2-2)

Chapter 3.
Categories of Training

3-1. Institutional Training. Institutional training is that provided in the institutional training base.

a. USACHCS develops institutional training programs to support religious support operations. The CHOBC, CHOAC and functional courses are designed to provide basic skills and competencies for unit and installation religious support operations.

b. MEDCOM chaplain develops institutional training programs such as CPE and related courses to equip chaplains to provide religious support operations in MEDCOM facilities and units.

c. *Family Life training. CCH trains selected chaplains at Family Life training centers to perform duty as family life chaplains at installations.

d. *Intermediate schools. CCH participates in support of training for chaplains to occupy AERS positions. These positions support chaplains assigned to instructor positions at TRADOC schools, as well as other positions identified by the CCH.
e. *Chaplains will participate in Officer Professional Development courses such as CAS3, CGSC and AWC.

f. Chaplains may participate in functional courses at other TRADOC schools. These courses prepare chaplains for duties in select units and in staff positions.

*Reserve Component Chaplains do not qualify for Family Life, Internship or fully funded masters degree programs. RC chaplains do not participate in CAS3.

3-2. **Unit training.** Unit training is training provided at the local installation by commanders, brigade and division chaplains.

a. Chaplains will participate in unit training as directed by the commander.

b. Chaplains will participate in UMT specific training as provided by Installation, Corps, Division and Brigade chaplains.

3-3. **Professional development training.** Professional development training is that training in which the individual chaplain participates to develop pastoral and staff skills outside the normal institutional and unit environments. Examples include off-duty degree programs and correspondence courses.

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Training to Support the Power Projection Platform

4-1. **Clinical Pastoral Education.** This training prepares selected chaplains for duty in hospital settings and hospital units. CPE supervisory training is conducted to train CPE supervisors. Reserve Component Chaplains are eligible to enroll in one quarter CPE programs.

4-2. **Internship program.** This program provides for selected chaplains in the grade of captain, internship opportunities at sites selected by CCH.

4-3. **Intermediate Schools.** This training prepares selected chaplains for duty in positions identified in the AERS system. This training includes fully funded masters degree programs.

4-4. **Military Education.** Chaplains will participate in military education to include CAS3 and CGSC. Selected chaplains will participate in Senior Service College resident or corresponding courses.

Chapter 5
Training to Perform Religious Support Operations in the Theater of Operations

5-1. **For Battalion UMT.**

a. Institutional training: CHOBBC, courses at other TRADOC schools such as airborne, ranger, and special forces.
b. Unit:
(1) Commander. Commanders will provide common skills training and OPD.
(2) Installation chaplains/Base Support Battalion chaplains will provide chaplain
specific training for sustainment such as Chaplain NAF procedures,
homiletics, counseling, media relations, NGO/PVO contacts, and ethical
considerations of military operations..
(3) Corps, Division and Brigade chaplains will provide chaplain specific training
for military/combat operations.

5-2. For Brigade UMT.
   b. Unit:
      (1) Commander. Commanders will provide common skills training and OPD.
      (2) Installation chaplains/Base Support Battalion chaplains will provide chaplain
      specific training for sustainment such as chaplain staff supervision skills,
      Chaplain NAF procedures, homiletics, counseling, media relations,
      NGO/PVO contacts, ethical considerations of military operations, and
      religious support planning.
      (3) Corps and Division chaplains will provide chaplain specific training for
      military/combat operations such as duty on a CJTF and the impact of local
      religions on military operations.

5-3. For Division UMT.
   a. Institutional training: Division chaplain course and senior service college.
   b. Unit:
      (1) Commander. Commanders will provide common skills training and OPD.
      (2) Corps chaplains will provide chaplain specific training such as G-staff
      relationships.

5-4. For Corps Level UMT.
   b. CCH training: Annual senior chaplain training such as CJTF staff
      responsibilities and LIFT training.
   c. Unit: Commanders will provide chaplain specific training as required.

5-5. For EAC UMT.
   a. Institutional training: as appropriate.
   b. Unit: as appropriate.

Chapter 6.
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6-1. For Installation Staff Chaplain Office.
   a. Institutional training:
(1) USACHCS: Installation chaplain course and resource management courses.
(2) Other TRADOC schools such as PPBES.
a. CCH training: Senior chaplain training and LIFT conference.
b. Unit training: Commanders will provide common skills training and OPD.

6-2. For USACHCS.
   a. Institutional training:
      (1) USACHCS: Instructor development courses.
      (2) Other TRADOC schools such as PPBES, combat development, force
         management, and training development.
      a. CCH training: Senior chaplain training and LIFT conference.
         b. Unit training: Commandant and CSM will provide common skills training
            and O/NCOPD.

6-3. For MACOM Staff Chaplain Office.
   a. Institutional training:
      (1) USACHCS: Resource management courses.
      (2) Other TRADOC schools such as PPBES, combat development, force
         development and training development.
      a. CCH training: Senior chaplain training such as the provision of Army
         Component support to warfighting CINCs, LIFT conference, assignment
         officer and force development officer courses.
      b. Unit training: Commanders will provide common skills training and OPD.

Chapter 7.
Training Responsibilities for Chaplain Leadership

7-1. For Installation chaplain. The installation chaplain is the CCH executive agent for
training at the local installation. The installation is responsible to:
   a. Appoint a Ministry Team Operations Officer who will oversee the Ministry
      Team Training Council. At least one member of the Division UMT will be
      represented on the council.
   b. Provide monthly UMT training. This training will provide for a minimum of
      3 hours training time monthly. This training is designed to support CCH
      annual training themes and those skills identified by the Ministry Team
      Council as needing additional training emphasis. This training will appear on
      the installation DTP training calendar.
   c. Certify completion of Phase III sustainment training per appendix.
   d. Forward CVI/VI requests, with recommendation, to MACOM.
   e. Identify eligible chaplains for enrollment in Phase I CHOAC per appendix.
   f. Identify eligible chaplains for enrollment in CAS3 and CGSC per appendix.
   g. Monitor chaplains progress in CAS3 and CGSC.
   h. Monitor progress of chaplains enrolled in AWC corresponding studies.
   i. Nominate chaplains for other military schools.
   j. Monitor application of chaplains for intermediate schooling.
k. Provide AC/RC training.
l. Monitor and provide training for chaplain candidates.

7-2. For Division chaplains. The division chaplain is responsible to:

a. Assist the installation chaplain with monthly UMT training. This training will provide for a minimum of 3 hours training time monthly. This training is designed to support CCH annual training themes and those skills identified by the Ministry Team Council as needing additional training emphasis. This training will appear on the Division training calendar.

b. Certify, to the installation chaplain, completion of Phase III sustainment training per appendix

c. Forward CVI/VI requests, with recommendations, to Installation Chaplain.
d. Identify eligible chaplains for enrollment in Phase I CHOAC per appendix

e. Identify eligible chaplains for enrollment in CAS3 and CGSC per appendix

f. Monitor chaplains progress in CAS3 and CGSC.
g. Nominate, through the installation chaplain, chaplains for other military schools.
h. Monitor application of chaplains for intermediate schooling.
i. Provide AC/RC training.
j. Monitor and provide training for chaplain candidates.

7-3. For Brigade chaplains. The brigade chaplain is responsible to:

a. Assist the division chaplain with monthly UMT training. This training will provide for a minimum of 3 hours training time monthly on religious support and skills for military/combat operations. This training will be designed to support CCH requirements for emphasis upon ministry in the combat environment. This training will appear on the brigade and battalion training calendars.

b. Certify, to the division chaplain, completion of Phase III sustainment training per appendix

c. Forward CVI/VI requests, with recommendation, to Division Chaplain.
d. Identify eligible chaplains for enrollment in Phase I CHOAC per appendix

e. Identify eligible chaplains for enrollment in CAS3 and CGSC per appendix

f. Monitor chaplains progress in CAS3 and CGSC.
g. Nominate, through the division chaplain, chaplains for other military schools.
h. Monitor application of chaplains for intermediate schooling.
i. Provide AC/RC training.
j. Monitor and provide training for chaplain candidates.
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