

Chaplain Ross Fearing

Annual Report

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Overview

In addition to serving as pastor at Sparta RPC, I serve as a Chaplain in the US Army Reserve assigned as Deputy Command Chaplain at the 85 Army Reserve Support Command, located in Arlington Heights, IL.

Duties

As a deputy command chaplain, I help the Command Chaplain run a religious support program for units across the nation. As a deputy my role is more administrative than my past assignments, ensuring that the chaplains within the command are receiving the training and resources they need to do their work effectively. Nevertheless, I still preach and counsel Soldiers on a regular basis.

Ministry Update

In my current assignment my focus is on learning to be a more effective administrator, learning how to function within in a very senior command, and completing required education for further promotion. None of this work is especially exciting, but the skills I am learning are critical to being effective as a chaplain and having an influence on how the Army protects the rights of Soldiers to free exercise of their religion and how the Army provides ministry to the many Soldiers desiring Christian ministry.

Challenges

The greatest challenge I face right now is having the time and energy to keep up with military, church, and family responsibilities. In particular, I have until May of this year to complete the second phase of Intermediate Level Education. This course is required for me to compete for promotion at the 2025 and 2026 boards. I need to work through the material faster in order to make the May deadline.

Prayer Requests

Please pray for my completion of my military school on time. Pray for my family as I am absent from them 70+ days a year. Pray that God would raise up more RPCNA chaplains.

In Christ,
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