

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. My primary responsibility has been in administrating and leading the Battle Focused Training program for the Command. In that role I have been developing training material and led a regional training event for approximately 30 Soldiers last June and am preparing another event this year.

Ministry Update

This last year I have been learning how to provide for the spiritual care for Soldiers while taking a more indirect role. I spend a significant part of my time providing my command chaplain information so that he can understand the state of ministry in the command and help our subordinate chaplains provide better care to Soldiers. It isn't glamorous work, but much like our presbytery clerks are essential in preparing input to important decision, I provide the information to other decision makers so they can make informed decisions. In addition, I'm wrapping up the last few requirements for my Intermediate Level Education Phase 3 which will complete my military education requirements to compete for promotion to Lieutenant Colonel.

Challenges

I'm anticipating moving units in the next year as I will have been at this assignment for two years this fall. Transitions are always challenging as there are loose ends to wrap up in one place and a new role to learn in the next. In addition, I would like to find another unit that is within driving distance to limit how much time I spend traveling.

Prayer Requests

Please pray for the Lord to lead me to a good unit and smooth the transition. Pray for my family as I am absent from them 70+ days a year. Pray for our political and military leaders as they confront a world full of conflicts.

In Christ,
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