

# Please Join Us In Speaking with A Single Voice

## The National Conference on Ministry to the Armed Forces (An Association of Endorsers)

Our name is the National Conference on Ministry to the Armed Forces and we go by our acronym, NCMAF. Our roots go back to 1901 when the decision was made by the War Department (predecessor to the Department of Defense) to require the ecclesiastical endorsement of clergypersons who serve as chaplains in the armed forces.

We are a one of a kind organization in the world, bringing together, in a working and mutually supportive relationship, official representatives of all the major faith communities in the United States.

We are Protestant and Roman Catholic, Jewish and Orthodox, Buddhist and Islamic. Our members represent a wide theological spectrum of faith organizations making up organized religious communities in the United States.

We are for one another, support one another, and work together as a single community because we believe in a quality chaplain ministry in the armed forces. Our common goals are to recruit, endorse and provide ongoing support for chaplains in the armed forces.

We want clergypersons to serve as chaplains who are credible, committed to their faith, open to all persons, able to meet

military standards, and who represent the highest standards of their own faith communities.

NCMAF members are the point of contact between the armed forces and their particular civilian faith community. Being a part of a common organization allows systematic and ongoing dialogue among the various religious bodies and between the religious bodies and the Department of Defense. Our unity is a demonstration to the Department of Defense and the nation of our common areas of moral and spiritual convictions.

When the need exists to address the Department of Defense or the Congress around issues of significance to the faith community, our unity provides a significant power base out of which to operate for the good of our constituents.

NCMAF is a nonprofit organization supported entirely by voluntary contributions from the member faith groups and other interested parties. Our interfaith nature and mission make NCMFAF a very appropriate recipient for chapel offerings or for benevolent/grants from military chaplain funds. You can help ensure that our voice will continue to be heard, a voice raised in behalf of chaplains and quality ministry for every member of the military community.

We are asking for your support by including us among organizations you select to be recipients of designated offerings or gifts from your chapel fund during FY 2000.

Gifts may be sent to:  
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