

# FIELD EDUCATION

## The Log



Week # 9

Hours This Week: 14      Total Hours: 109 / 120

HOURS SPENT / TASKS & ACTIVITIES	REFLECTIONS    JOURNALING    THOUGHTS    PROCESSING
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Chaplain Candidate Meeting (via Zoom)</li> <li>• Reviewed Commander's intent for Religious Support</li> <li>• "Ministry of Presence" with Soldiers during Battle Assembly. Visited their work areas. Prayed with and for those that needed and wanted prayer.</li> <li>• Contacted a total of 76 Soldiers via phone call, email and/or text to check in on them and to see if there was anyway I could support them.</li> <li>• Attended Suicide Prevention Training</li> <li>• Attended Sexual Harassment Training</li> <li>• Completed Soldier Contact Log Excel Spreadsheet</li> </ul>	<p>As I continue to spend more time with my Mentor, I am really beginning to fully understand the importance of my role as a Chaplain and what is expected of me by my Command. In addition to what is required of me in the Chaplain role, there is another side as well; the Staff Officer side of things which requires me to submit monthly reports on different aspects of regarding Soldiers, become well-versed on all Army Regulations regarding Religious Accommodations, remain with a pluralistic mindset and remember not address the important religious holidays of other faiths and not just my own faith tradition.</p> <p>I have to admit that there are moments when I wonder if I can really do all of this. I want nothing more than to serve God and Soldiers and do it to the best of my ability.</p> <p>As I think back to the beginning of the Semester, I am amazed at how much I have grown and how many times I have pushed myself (or have been pushed by my Mentor), to get out of my comfort zone. There were several times when I experienced nerves and anxiety as I walked to the front of the company formations to address the Soldiers. I could not do what I do without the power of God and the Holy Spirit. Before I go before a formation of Soldiers my prayer I say to myself, "Holy Spirit I need you to do what you do; you lead and I follow". It's a simple little prayer but I mean it, the Holy Spirit has guided me to do things that I never could do in my own power and I want so much more of that.</p>

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**MEETING (S) WITH MENTOR (S) || TOPICS OF DISCUSSION || REFLECTIONS**

This weeks meeting with my Mentor/Chaplain Supervisor was focused on the training schedule and expectations for our upcoming Annual Training (AT) in Fort Knox, KY. The duration of this Annual Training is two weeks. I articulated how excited I was to be able to train for two weeks as a Chaplain Candidate on an Army base for two weeks! My Chaplain Supervisor reminded me that he is going to continue to push me out of my comfort zone and this AT is the perfect opportunity to make that happen. Not only will I be leading prayers, counseling Soldiers and assisting during religious services, but I will also be serving as the Chaplain's secondary Instructor for the mandatory "Spiritual Resilience" training that he has to conduct during this AT for 6 different companies.

I am always encouraged by my Chaplain Supervisor as he continues to place me in positions and assign tasks to me that he is confident that I can accomplish. He has expressed how proud he is of the work that I have been doing this Trimester and the way in which I have taken the lead among my fellow Chaplain Candidates.

I am blessed to have such an encouraging and supportive Mentor to walk alongside me.