

Why the U.S. Army Chaplaincy?

Michael proudly served in the United States Army for over ten years. The Army is an incredible organization with a rich history and high moral standards. The Army has been good to him and his family, which is why he wanted to be a career Soldier. Recently, however, Michael have felt God's call on his life to pursue ministry. Chaplaincy is the perfect balance between his call to ministry and his desire to serve in the US Army.

In his experience, the chaplain gets the pleasure of being the "good guy" of the unit. He/she usually greets everyone with a smile, bringing light wherever he/she goes. Michael looks forward to getting to know the Soldiers within the formation. Further, he wants to lead such functions that builds stronger marriages and greater resilience. He is excited to show God's light in his unit.

Michael fully understands that chaplaincy is not all smiles and fun. When it comes to any aspect of ministry, God's light is necessary for the areas of darkness. Soldiers often deal with unique stressors which can lead them to dark places. He wants to be the person that people turn to, to help them through the darkness. Soldiers sometimes just need someone to listen, and he is ready to help carry their burdens. Michael looks forward to providing sound, godly advice which leads people toward the light.

In closing, Michael is pursuing US Army Chaplaincy for three reasons: 1) He is called by God toward ministry which his Army experience enhances; 2) He wants to be God's light in the world, as seen by all the people in his unit; and 3) He is prepared to descend into the darkest parts of Soldiers' lives to bring hope and restoration. Ultimately, Michael looks forward to being the leader that God is calling him to be.