

Ever thought of serving those who serve? Or know someone that would be interested. The US Navy is looking for exceptional clergy for the Chaplain Corps. Contact Lieutenant Commander Dayton Nelson at 612-430-5560 or Dayton.nelson@navy.mil

Active Duty Chaplain

Active duty chaplains serve around the globe on ship and shore installations. A typical tour of duty is 3 years to the Navy, Marine Corps, or Coast Guard. Requirements:

1. Master of Divinity. A 72-hr. degree from an accredited seminary, and a 120-semester hour bachelor's degree. At least 2/3 of these credits are in residence. This requirement is waived for 2019
2. Two year's ministry experience in a relevant setting
3. Ecclesiastical Endorsement
4. Age limit is 42 (year for year credit for prior service), age waiver up to age 58 (must have a unique skill to be considered over age 48)
5. Open for male or female
6. Good moral character
7. Physically qualified by MEPS
8. Selection Board meets every month.
9. 3-year initial obligation, with 5-year individual (non-drilling) ready reserve (IRR)

Comments: Must attend the CARE board at the Pentagon for an interview. Travel at the Navy's expense. In the age of C19, the CARE board may meet by phone.

Reserve Chaplains

Reserve Chaplains perform the same mission as the entire US Navy Reserve force: Be Ready. Reservists drill once a month (Saturday/Sunday or Friday/Saturday) and two weeks a year. These citizen-sailors keep their day jobs as clergy in the parishes, seminaries, and churches, and are ready to serve when the nation calls. **Ready reservists are eligible to buy into Tricare healthcare for themselves and their families at a very low rate: \$46/mo. for single service members and \$221 for members with dependents. Also receive retirement points towards a military retirement.** Requirements: Same as 1-9 above.

Comments: The reserve selection board is the same as active duty. The applicant travels to the pentagon to interview or may interview by phone.

Chaplain Candidate Program

The Chaplain Candidate Program Officer (CCPO) allows seminarians to explore the Navy Chaplaincy with no obligation. Training is done at the Navy's expense, and CCPO's are paid during these training times only. Requirements:

1. A bachelor's degree.
2. Accepted into an accredited MDiv program- 2/3 of which must be in-residence
3. An acceptance letter by their endorsing agency or a provisional Ecclesiastical Endorsement.
4. Physically qualified by MEPS
5. Good moral character
6. Must be able to be commissioned by age 38 (year for year credit for prior service up to age 50)

Comments: CCPO's are placed into the Individual Ready Reserve (IRR) and are not paid except for Navy training. At the end of seminary and required CPE's, the candidate "supersedes" into the USN or USNR.