



OCT Chaplain's Corner

Comrade Chaplains,

October reminds us that seasons change. The crisp air, the turning leaves, and the shorter days all speak to life's cycles of transition. For many veterans and their families, change—whether it is moving from service to civilian life, coping with health challenges, or walking through grief—can feel heavy. As chaplains, we are called to be companions through those seasons, offering steady presence when the winds of life feel uncertain.



This month is also Pastor (Clergy) Appreciation Month. Let us not forget to lift up our own faith leaders, both within our congregations and in the military and veteran community, who pour themselves into caring for others. A kind note, a word of thanks, or even a simple prayer can go a long way in letting them know they are not alone in their calling.

October is likewise a time of preparation. As the holidays approach, many veterans face loneliness or financial strain. This is a perfect moment to begin reaching out—planning visits, organizing food drives, or simply checking in on a buddy. Small acts done now can prevent greater struggles later.

Through it all, let us remember that we are never alone in the work we do. God walks with us, and He often uses us to walk alongside others. May we remain faithful, steadfast, and compassionate as we serve those who have borne the battle.

“Let us not grow weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up.” (Galatians 6:9)

Yours in Comradeship,

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