

## **GEORGIA DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE**

Army National Guard - Air National Guard - State Defense Force



GSDF Chaplain Corps Joint Forces Information:

**Chaplain Corps has two essential elements. The Chaplain (officers) and the Chaplain Assistants (enlisted) personnel. Each operates as a UMT (Unit Ministry Team). Requirements to serve in either of these capacities are demanding. For the chaplain a (commissioned officer), these will include:**

- **Ecclesiastical Endorsement from a Pentagon recognized entity**
- **Ordination**
- **A favorable Command Chaplain interview**
- **Three specific letters of recommendation**
- **A valid Master of Divinity degree (or it's equal)**
- **DD Form 214 (if prior federal service)**
- **Three years experience in full time ministry**
- **An in-depth law enforcement background check**
- **Acceptance by Georgia Department of Defense Command**
- **Pass a standard physical for acceptance into Chaplain School**
- **18–64 years of age and must complete chaplain school prior to the age 62. Agree to serve out the two year enlistment period to age 64.**

**Chaplain Assistants are NOT required to receive the Endorsement, the ordination, have years of service in ministry or a degree. They will complete the required training, and upon completion of training they are assigned to a (UMT) Unit Ministry Team to work with a chaplain at a military unit.**

**After acceptance into the GSDF Chaplain Corps, each chaplain candidate must go through Chaplain School and complete **CHOBLC** (*Chaplain Officer Basic Leadership Course*), then Chaplain **AOC** (*Advanced Officer Course*) prior to a field grade promotion. You will have continual CHC training updates. All of this is time consuming but required to meet professional military standards. You will find it all extremely challenging. Chaplain Corps personnel attend Annual Training at Fort Stewart Georgia each year. Enlisted personnel complete (*Basic None Commissioned Officer Courses*) **BNCOC, ANCOC** and have continual training, particularly in the CTT areas. **ALL** personnel must do five specific FEMA courses for (Military Emergency Management Specialist) **MEMS**.**

**Chaplain Duties include: Joint Forces HQ Chaplain Corps (ADOS) Active Duty Operational support, Chapel Services, (FRG) Family Readiness Group support, (FTX) Field Training Exercise Duty, Weddings, counseling, preaching, teaching, suicide prevention, family support, funerals, Public Affairs, military writing, military ceremonial functions, support of state and federal military, and other duties as assigned by command Headquarters in support of the National Guard or state. Thank you, for your interest in Chaplain Corps.**