Military 101: An Introduction to the Structure and Culture of the Military

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WHY A CHAPLAIN PRESENTER?

• MILITARY SERVICE EFFECTS THE SPIRIT/ESSENCE/SOUL/CONSCIENCE

• SPIRITUAL WOUNDS OF WAR

• “SOLDIERS’ HEART” – BATTLE FATIGUE – COMBAT STRESS

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MILITARY STRUCTURE
BRANCHES

- ARMY
- NAVY
- MARINE CORPS
- AIR FORCE
- COAST GUARD

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MILITARY STRUCTURE, COMPONENTS

• ACTIVE

– RESERVE COMPONENTS:

• NATIONAL GUARD

• RESERVES

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Maine has approximately 7,000 active service members + several active soldiers who have retired here or call Maine their HOR

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WHAT IS A VETERAN?

• DEPENDS ON ORGANIZATION
• NOT ALL BENEFITS GO TO EVERYONE WHO WEARS OR WHO HAS WORN THE UNIFORM
• Veterans Affairs
• Military Treatment Facility
• TRI-CARE

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The Army Values

• Loyalty
• Duty
• Respect
• Selfless Service
• Honesty
• Integrity
• Personal Sacrifice

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The Navy Values and The Marine Corps Values

- Honor
- Courage
- Commitment

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The Air Force Values

• Integrity First

• Service Before Self

• Excellence In All We Do

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The Coast Guard Values

• Honor

• Respect

• Devotion to Duty

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SOME ASPECTS OF MILITARY CULTURE

• ROMANTICISM/IDEALISM
• RESILIENCE/SELF SUFFICIENCY
• CRITICAL
• HUMOROUS
  – MURPHY
COMMON MISCONCEPTIONS OF MILITARY CULTURE

• MONO-PARTISAN
• ROBOTIC
• VIOLENT
• INTOLERANT/BULLYISH
• STUPID
SOME LINGO

• MY “6”
• STAY IN YOUR OWN LANE
• ALL ATE UP
• TRACKING
• AT EASE
SOME LINGO

- LIMA CHARLIE
- CHARLIE FOXTROT
- FUBAR
- SNAFU
RESOURCES, ACTIVE

• MILITARY TREATMENT FACILITIES
• MEDICAL PERSONNEL/BRAIN INJURY EXPERIENCE
• COMBAT STRESS TEAMS (while deployed overseas)
• CHAPLAINS
• FAMILY SUPPORT
RESOURCES, RESERVE COMPONENTS

• DEPENDS ON THE STATE
• DEPLOYMENT CYCLE SUPPORT; YELLOW RIBBON
• MAINE MTBI SCREENING INITIATIVE
• PDHA; PDHRA
• VA; VET CENTERS
• VETERANS’ SERVICES
• MILITARY ONESOURCE
• PRIVATE; TRI-CARE or OTHER in other words:

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