

PRCC

Presbyterian and
Reformed
Commission on
Chaplain
and Military Personnel



Dear Supporters of America's Finest Chaplains:

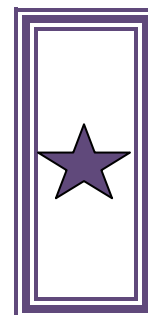
Over the past several years you have been among the "faithful and few" churches who have agreed to support a chaplain through prayer, special projects and financial gifts. Our chaplains agree that the citizens under their care experienced spiritual development, safety and encouragement as a direct result of your support! The Presbyterian and Reformed Commission for Chaplains and Military Personnel (PRCC) would like to honor you with a special Certificate...

First a bit of history: *"In 1917, World War I Army Capt. Robert L. Queissne of the 5th Ohio Infantry created a Blue Star banner to hang in his window signifying he had two sons serving on the front line. It quickly became the unofficial symbol of a child in the service. On Sept. 24, 1917, an Ohio congressman read the following into the Congressional Record: '...The mayor of Cleveland, the Chamber of Commerce, and the governor of Ohio have adopted this service flag. The world should know of those who give so much for liberty. The dearest thing in all the world to a father and mother - their children...' Today Blue Star Service Banners are displayed by families who have a loved one serving in the armed forces including the National Guard and Reserves of all military departments. The banner displayed in the front window of a home shows a family's pride in their loved one serving in the military, and reminds others that preserving America's freedom demands much".* www.bluestarsfor safereturn.com/history.htm



Following this tradition of the Blue Star Banner, the PRCC has created a new **"Purple Star Certificate"** signifying that your church contributes to the "Catch, Credential Care, and Cover" mission of the PRCC. You are tremendous blessing to the chaplains serving their country...whether in the military forces or civilian institutions. Why purple? It is a color long associated with royalty...and King Jesus.

This Certificate is designed to hang on your church bulletin board where many of you keep track of the service men and women of your church. It's a vivid reminder of your financial sacrifice for the chaplains who serve both in the military and significant civilian institutions of America.



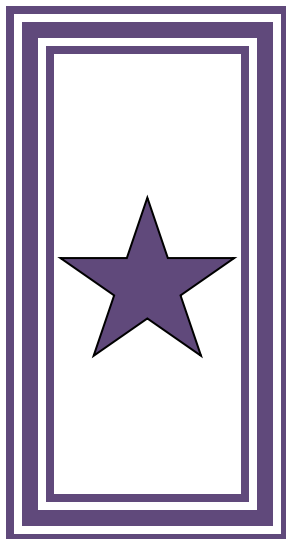
Every church that Sponsors at least one Chaplain and who has contributed a financial gift will receive a Purple Star Certificate. Any amount given to Chaplain Ministries will be honored, although we suggest that Supporting Churches consider an annual gift of \$600 for each Chaplain they sponsor.

We encourage you to frame your certificate, and place it on your missionary bulletin board, along with this letter, so your members will know that you support the superb chaplains of the PRCC.

Thankful for your faithful help and encouragement!

In Christ,

Dr. James R. Carter,
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Presented in Grateful Appreciation

To the Congregation of

Your Church Name

Your Town and State

This Purple Flag symbolizes that a Presbyterian & Reformed Commission (PRCC) Chaplain is “in the field” ministering to Soldiers, Sailors, Guardians, Marines, Airmen, and Civilians.

This certificate symbolizes that your congregation prays for that chaplain (and those he serves) and also provides financial support required to sustain and grow this vital, timely ministry. Your support upholds our desire to “*Catch, Credential, Care and Cover*” for chaplains.

*“...pray for us, that the word of the Lord may speed ahead and be honored...
and that we may be delivered from wicked and evil men”*

2 Thessalonians 3:1-2a



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