



**All Points Baptist Mission**  
Military Chaplaincy  
"For God and Country"



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**Welcome New Chaplains:**

We are excited to announce that God has provided two new chaplain candidates that we will be endorsing. Pastor Bill Miller of Chinook Baptist Church in Pasco, WA is seeking military chaplaincy with AD (Active Duty) Air Force. He has his M.Div. completed and has been pastoring in Pasco for nine years. APBM will also endorse Pastor Matthew Smith of Sandy Valley Baptist Church in Magnolia, OH. Bro. Smith has been Pastor for over five years and will continue to Pastor there while seeking approval as an Army Reserve Chaplain in Ohio. Praise the Lord for His great provision for this ministry. Please pray with us that God would continue to send laborers to a field so desperate for the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ in our military.

**Congratulations, but we will miss you:**

U.S. Navy CDR Dan Owens, our senior most chaplain retired with well over thirty years of military service in December 2016. We will miss Dan, his wife Carla and son Daniel. He will continue in ministry as he and the family will be moving to Indiana where he will serve in the local church and in evangelism. Bro. Owens pastored a church in New Jersey before becoming a military chaplain so he has experience and indeed, great wisdom in serving the Lord. Please pray for Bro. Owens and his family as they continue to witness for Christ from their new home church in Indiana.

**Endorsers Meeting:**

In January once again we attended the annual Endorsers meeting in Washington D.C. We heard from the Chief of Chaplains of each branch of service as well as Directors of Personnel from the Pentagon and the Under Secretary of Defense for Personnel and Readiness the Honorable Peter Levine. Also, addressing the Endorser's this year was the Honorable Anthony M. Kurta, Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for Military Personnel Policy. We are happy to report that we continue to enjoy complete freedom in our military through our chaplains to preach the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ. Chaplains continue to operate under the standards and guidelines of their Endorser. No military officer may ever threaten, coerce, or try to force any chaplain to compromise doctrine or do anything against the tenants of his Endorser's faith. That is why this ministry is so critical. We were also pleased to hear the mantra from each of the branches of service "we're hiring". This simply means the military chaplaincy has never offered a greater opportunity to get the gospel of Christ to our troops. If you have a young man in your church whom God has called to be a military chaplain, please let him know there is a local church ministry (Calvary Baptist Church in New Philadelphia, OH – Pastor: Dr. Don Snow) which is authorized by the D.O.D. (Dept. Of Defense) as an official ecclesiastical Endorser for U.S. Military Chaplains. You may contact me (contact info on letterhead) or go to our website: [www.allpointsbaptist.com](http://www.allpointsbaptist.com)

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We are grateful for your help in this ministry as we take the gospel of Christ to our military!

Mike Farris  
Missionary to the Military

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