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REF B IS BUPERSINST 1730.11B, ACCOMMODATION OF RELIGIOUS PRACTICES.
REF C IS NAVPERS 1730/2, CHAPLAIN QUESTIONNAIRE.
REF D IS DEPARTMENT OF WAR INSTRUCTION 1300.17, RELIGIOUS LIBERTY IN THE MILITARY SERVICES.//

RMKS/1. This NAVADMIN provides supplemental guidance for execution of Religious Accommodation (RA) request processing under REF A and REF B.

2. Commanders shall ensure expeditious completion while maintaining respect for religious freedoms, due process, and adherence to governing policy while balancing operational requirements, lethality, and the life, health, and safety of the overall crew.
REF B requires chaplain consultation and completion of NAVPERS 1730/2 for each RA request. This consultation is a required element of the process and essential to both Sailor access to the process and command evaluation.

3. COMMAND RESPONSIBILITIES. Commanders and commanding officers shall ensure immediate access to chaplain support for all RA-related consultations. When organic chaplain support is unavailable, commands shall coordinate through TYCOM, installation, or adjacent command chaplain channels. Administrative, geographic, or organizational barriers shall not delay required consultations.

4. CHAPLAIN ACCESS. A Chaplain is available 24/7 to support and advise Sailors and commanders. Chaplain support is available to all Sailors regardless of command or assignment, consistent with REF B.
CNIC Region Chaplains may be contacted for Duty Chaplain contact information.

5. CONSULTATION REQUIREMENTS. The Chaplains responsibility is to determine the religious nature of the request and provide advisory input to the command. In accordance with REF B, chaplains will conduct required consultations via in-person, telephone, or video teleconference as

operationally required, complete NAVPERS 1730/2, and advise the Sailor that the consultation is not confidential or privileged communication.

6. TYPE COMMANDER RESPONSIBILITIES. TYCOMs shall assess chaplain coverage across their areas of responsibility, with particular focus on deployed, geographically dispersed, and communications-limited units. Identified gaps shall be mitigated without delay through appropriate coordination across supported and supporting commands.
Commanders shall not delay RA processing due to lack of assigned chaplain support. Lack of organic chaplain presence does not relieve the requirement to provide access to chaplain consultation.

7. This effort requires proactive planning and execution to ensure uninterrupted access to required chaplain support and timely completion of all RA-related requirements.

8. Questions regarding chaplain support may be directed through TYCOM religious ministry support channels. Questions regarding RA policy execution shall be directed to Religious Accommodation Program Team at (altn_n1_rapt@us.navy.mil).

9. Released by Vice Admiral Jeffrey J. Czerewko, N1.//

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