



New “Voices of Chaplaincy” Book Series – Your Stories Needed

The Military Chaplains Association is seeking short, personal stories of chaplain ministry from MCA members in the core ministry functions of nurturing the living, caring for the wounded, and honoring the fallen. Help the MCA share and preserve the inspirational stories of chaplains who served or currently serve in the U.S. Armed Forces, Civil Air Patrol and VA Chaplain Service.

Stories will be compiled, edited and published by MCA in several digital eBooks and made available at Amazon, iTunes, Barnes and Noble, etc. All proceeds from book sales will benefit the MCA Chaplain Candidate Scholarship Fund. This new book series will expand the ability of the MCA to mentor and connect chaplains as we tell our story as personal advocates and voices of chaplaincy.

Stories should be limited to 500-700 words (2 double-spaced pages) and specifically focus on one of the three core ministry functions. You may submit more than one story. All authors will need to provide a biographical background form and sign a release form that entitles MCA to publish your story. All submissions are subject to approval by the editorial board. For more information or helpful guidelines for writing your story, please send an email to chaplains@mca-usa.org

Helpful Guidelines for Writing Your Story

1. Keep your story clear and concise. State the facts but avoid revealing any personal or confidential details (names of certain individuals, security sensitive info, etc.) that would detract from your story.
2. Limit your story to 500-700 words or less (about 2 double-spaced pages if using 12 point New Times Roman font).
3. Select a title for your story based on a particular theme or topic (nurturing, caring, honoring) you are presenting.
4. For examples of the types of stories to submit, please refer to “Miracles and Moments of Grace: Inspiring Stories from Military Chaplains” compiled by Nancy Kennedy (Leafwood Publishing, 2011).
5. Ask someone to proofread your story for clarity, spelling, and grammar. Make corrections as needed and put it aside for a few days. Pull it out again for a final proof and make corrections before submitting.
6. Email your story and a scanned copy of the biographical data/release form to chaplains@mca-usa.org
7. Stories will be accepted until September 30, 2013. Please submit your story as early as possible for consideration in this project.