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AMIM-BLG-ZA (600-20f)

POLICY MEMORANDUM #11

SUBJECT: Command Religious Program

1. Reference: Army Regulation (AR) 165-1, Army Chaplain Corps Activities, 5 February 2024.
2. Purpose. To outline opportunities for religious support (RS) and spiritual readiness offered on Fort Bliss, Texas.
3. Applicability. This policy applies to all Soldiers, Family members, and Department of Defense (DoD) Civilians living, working on, or assigned to Fort Bliss, Texas.
4. Policy. Soldiers, Family members, and authorized DoD Civilians are entitled to RS. In a pluralistic religious setting of the military, the Garrison Commander (GC) is responsible for a program that provides for the religious needs, moral guidance, and spiritual readiness of all DoD beneficiaries assigned or attached to units or organizations on Fort Bliss from all religious traditions. The Garrison Chaplain advises the GC on all matters pertaining to the free exercise of religion and assist the commander in providing for the accommodation of religious practices for our people.
5. Religious support includes providing essential elements of religion to include worship, religious rites, sacraments and ordinances, holy days and observances, pastoral care and counseling, religious education, spiritual readiness/fitness programs, and ministry of presence.
6. Commanders and directors will offer Soldiers and DoD Civilians the opportunity and time for the free exercise of religion in accordance with law, regulations, and mission requirements. Leaders and supervisors will attempt to accommodate religious worship, dietary needs, and medical practices if such activities do not create an adverse impact on their organization's mission.
7. I expect commanders and directors to make every effort to ensure the religious needs of our Soldiers, their Family members, and DoD Civilians are provided for.

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8. The point of contact for this policy is the Religious Support Office (RSO) at (915) 568-1519.

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