



Military 101: An Introduction to the Structure and Culture of the Military

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WHY A CHAPLAIN PRESENTER?

- MILITARY SERVICE EFFECTS THE SPIRIT/ESSENCE/SOUL/CONSCIENCE
- SPIRITUAL WOUNDS OF WAR
- “SOLDIERS’ HEART” – BATTLE FATIGUE – COMBAT STRESS

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MILITARY STRUCTURE BRANCHES

- ARMY
- NAVY
- MARINE CORPS
- AIR FORCE
- COAST GUARD

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MILITARY STRUCTURE, COMPONENTS

- ACTIVE
 - RESERVE COMPONENTS:
- NATIONAL GUARD
- RESERVES

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Maine has approximately 7,000 active service members +
several active soldiers who have retired here or call Maine
their HOR

Army Guard	2,100	
Air Guard	1,000	
Army Reserve	300	
Navy	2,000	
Naval Reserve	250	
Marine Corps Reserve		160
Coast Guard	400	
Active	940	

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WHAT IS A VETERAN?

- DEPENDS ON ORGANIZATION
- NOT ALL BENEFITS GO TO EVERYONE WHO WEARS OR WHO HAS WORN THE UNIFORM
- Veterans Affairs
- Military Treatment Facility
- TRI-CARE

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The Army Values

- Loyalty
- Duty
- Respect
- Selfless Service
- Honesty
- Integrity
- Personal Sacrifice

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The Navy Values and The Marine Corps Values

- Honor
- Courage
- Commitment

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The Air Force Values

- Integrity First
- Service Before Self
- Excellence In All We Do

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The Coast Guard Values

- Honor
- Respect
- Devotion to Duty

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SOME ASPECTS OF MILITARY CULTURE

- ROMANTICISM/IDEALISM
- RESILIENCE/SELF SUFFICIENCY
- CRITICAL
- HUMOROUS
 - MURPHY

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COMMON MISCONCEPTIONS OF MILITARY CULTURE

- MONO-PARTISAN
- ROBOTIC
- VIOLENT
- INTOLERANT/BULLYISH
- STUPID

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SOME LINGO

- MY “6”
- STAY IN YOUR OWN LANE
- ALL ATE UP
- TRACKING
- AT EASE

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SOME LINGO

- LIMA CHARLIE
- CHARLIE FOXTROT
- FUBAR
- SNAFU

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RESOURCES, ACTIVE

- MILITARY TREATMENT FACILITIES
- MEDICAL PERSONEL/BRAIN INJURY EXPERIENCE
- COMBAT STRESS TEAMS (while deployed overseas)
- CHAPLAINS
- FAMILY SUPPORT

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RESOURCES, RESERVE COMPONENTS

- DEPENDS ON THE STATE
- DEPLOYMENT CYCLE SUPPORT; YELLOW RIBBON
- MAINE MTBI SCREENING INITIATIVE
- PDHA; PDHRA
- VA; VET CENTERS
- VETERANS' SERVICES
- MILITARY ONESOURCE
- PRIVATE; TRI-CARE or OTHER in other words:

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RESOURCES, RESERVE COMPONENTS

MAINE MILITARY & COMMUNITY
NETWORK (Affiliated with MyVA
Community)

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QUESTIONS?

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