

# Chaplain Report

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# Overview

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Main Responsibilities

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Strong Bonds

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Conference

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Partners in Care

# Main Responsibilities

Readiness  
Team Chief

DMH Team  
Chief

Strong  
Bonds  
Coordinator

# Strong Bonds

The Air National Guard Strong Bonds program is a key resiliency and relational program designed to increase Airmen Warrior readiness through assisting commanders in building and strengthening the structure of ANG families. It may be incorporated as part of the command's Warrior Readiness and Retention initiatives. It is a preventative skills-based relationship building program led by the ANG Chaplain Corps. Twelve hours of Strong Bonds training is recommended annually for Airmen and family members to gain the most benefit from participation in the program. Chaplain Corps members provide follow-up support, reintegration and reunion ministries and other programs to build strong ANG families in order to have fewer divorces, suicides and to enhance the overall spiritual health of individuals.



# Strong Bonds continued...

- In August, the 164<sup>th</sup> resurrected our program by hosting 7 couples at the Hilton Memphis using the *Laugh Your Way to a Better Marriage* retreat by Mark Gungor. This weekend retreat is designed to make a good marriage better!



# Chaplain Emerging Leaders Conference

At this conference, 36 chaplains and chaplain assistants from the National Guard (Army and Air) were hand-picked to represent their state for a two day intensive leadership program to represent their state chaplain program. Topics of leadership and strategic planning were briefed by general officers and senior leadership from the National Guard Bureau and Pentagon.

# Partners in Care

An initiative of the Tennessee National Guard Chaplain's Office. The purpose of this initiative is to coordinate support for Tennessee National Guard members and families through partnerships with local faith communities. All faith communities are welcome to participate as "Partners In Care" congregations. Participating congregations agree to provide the TNGC with a current list of supportive services offered, as well as a congregational point of contact for coordination and communication of information, referrals, and support.

# Partners in Care

Services include, but are not limited to:

- Counseling
- Child care
- Basic household
- Auto repairs
- Lawn care
- Home cooked meals
- Child and teen mentoring
- Deployment support
- Parenting classes
- Financial support



# Conclusion

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- Chaplain Emerging Leaders Conference
- Partners in Care

