

JTF-ES VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT
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ANNOUNCEMENT NUMBER: 25-29-HHC-CHAP-01

OPENING DATE: 20AUG25

CLOSING DATE: 19SEP25

Minimum Grade: O3

Maximum Grade: O4

Number of Positions: 1

POSITION TITLE: JTF-ES Senior Chaplain

*This position is a NY Mil Law Section 6 State Active-Duty position

MOS: 56A (Chaplain)

AFSC: 52RX (Chaplain, Religious Support)

SALARY: Daily military pay equivalent to active duty of corresponding grade, rating and length of service, or \$125 a day, whichever is greater. **Service members cannot be paid for both State Active Duty and Federal Duty on the same day.**

UNIT & LOCATION: Joint Task Force Empire Shield, Fort Hamilton, Brooklyn NY 11252

SELECTING OFFICIAL: Panel Interview

ELIGIBLE CANDIDATES: Applicants must be a drilling member in good standing in the New York Army National Guard or New York Air National Guard.

POSITION DESCRIPTION: The Senior Chaplain will serve as the primary religious, spiritual, and moral support advisor to the commander of the Joint Task Force Empire Shield (JTF-ES). They will ensure the free exercise of religion is upheld in accordance with the Army values and regulations, while also promoting the overall spiritual resilience and well-being of the force. The Chaplain will provide confidential counseling, crisis intervention, and religious support across all faith groups, ensuring inclusiveness and respect for diverse beliefs.

The Senior Chaplain will visit Service Members (SMs) on post, respond to the religious and spiritual needs of the SMs, family members, and other authorized personnel, and provide training in spiritual fitness, communication, and relationships. Visiting SMs on post ("Battlefield circulation") is the primary task of RS and includes the Force Protection missions currently at JFHQ and CSTS and the four Naval Detachment missions. The JFSCH will ensure that Battlefield Circulation remains paramount.

They will also guide subordinate JTF religious support teams (RSTs) in the conduct of religious affairs. They supervise assigned staff to communicate command religious priorities, assess and direct religious' affairs activities, answer specific religious inquiries, facilitate unity of effort, and enhance lines of communication and situational awareness. The JFSCH also provides functional oversight and guidance to subordinate JTF RSTs. This includes regular development and evaluation meetings with subordinate CHs and documentation of the same.

Additionally, the Chaplain will advise the commander on matters of morale, ethics, and spiritual climate of the unit. They will coordinate and conduct religious services, rites, and ceremonies as requested, provide pastoral care during training, operations, and contingency missions. The

Chaplain will also assist in developing programs that enhance resilience, stress management, and ethical decision making throughout JTF-ES.

The JFSCH prepares Religious Support portions of plans/annexes and participates in identifying religious affairs requirements during planning. Additionally, this position includes liaison and coordination activities with appropriate local religious leaders as directed by the commander. (See JP 3-33, pg. XIV-9 for more details).

QUALIFICATION: Applicants must be and remain “in good standing” with their home units.

“In good standing” includes:

- Permission from Federal Unit Commander to serve on State Active Duty
- Passing and current AFT test
- Signed Lautenberg Agreement
- Not medically flagged
- No visible tattoos while wearing ACU/BDU's

PREFERRED SKILLS AND EXPERIENCE:

The Chaplain is expected to possess strong pastoral care and counseling skills, with the ability to provide confidential guidance and support to service members of diverse backgrounds and faith traditions. The candidates should be able to foster resilience and ethical decision making while promoting servicemember and family well-being across the force.

- Combined, Joint & Interagency Experience: Demonstrated ability to provide religious support, pastoral care and spiritual advisement within a diverse joint and interagency environment. Must be able to coordinate and integrate ministry and care efforts across Army, Air Force, Naval Militia, and civilian agencies, (e.g., NYPD, Port Authority, Department of Homeland Security, state and local emergency responders), ensuring spiritual resilience and ethical guidance are maintained across the force.
- **Preferred:** Experience serving as a Chaplain within a designated Joint Task Force (JTF Empire Shield, JTF COVID, JTF Asylum Seeker Resource Support, JTF Sentinel etc.) or multi-service headquarters. Candidates should demonstrate proficiency in interagency collaboration, crisis response ministry, and communication of religious support protocols while ensuring the free exercise of religion for all service members.

The candidate must demonstrate the ability to advise commanders and staff on matters of morale, ethics, and spiritual fitness, while effectively integrating into a dynamic operational environment. Experience in supervising RSTs and working the Military Decision-Making Process and orders production are both preferred. Professional Ministry Experience will be considered in ranking candidates. The Chaplain should be a self-starter who is approachable, compassionate, and able to balance spiritual care with mission requirements.

JTFES is looking for strong, seasoned, candidates from the New York Army and Air National Guard who exemplify strong moral character, sound judgement, leadership qualities, and a commitment to the holistic care of soldiers and families.

SKILLS:

- Crisis intervention and suicide prevention support
- Battlefield circulation and situational awareness

- Cultural and religious sensitivity across multiple faith traditions
- Building relationships and collaboration
- Problem solving and adaptability
- Providing confidential counseling and pastoral care
- Public Speaking/Interpersonal communication skills
- Self-motivated, compassionate, and dependable
- Solution oriented and mission focused

APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS:

Applicants must submit all of the required documents listed below via email to: ng.ny.nyarng.list.jtfes-j-1@army.mil. Applications and inquiries will only be accepted electronically via email. Phone calls or faxes are not accepted unless you are instructed to do so by an Applicant Coordinator.

Each email file attachment must include rank, last and first name, type of attachment (application/resume) and announcement number listed above.

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REQUIRED DOCUMENTS:

- JTFES application
- Letter of Good Standing signed by unit commander (dated within one year)
- Passing and current Physical Fitness Test (dated within one year)
- NY Air National Guard SM's are required to submit an 1160 (Request for SAD)
- Last three OER's

RECOMMENDED DOCUMENTS:

- **Resume**
- **Letter(s) of Recommendation**
- **One-page essay on why you want to serve the JTF as the Senior Chaplain.**

The applicant coordinator will acknowledge receipt of all documents and will inform SM of any issues or discrepancies with the application packet.

All application packets will be deleted after six months. SM's will be required to re-submit all documents once that time frame has been reached.

POINT OF CONTACT:

JTFES J1 APPLICANT COORDINATOR

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