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My First Month as a Chaplain



In formation the first week of training at Ft. Jackson, SC.

The adventure to which God has called me began January 4th as I traveled to Fort Jackson, SC to attend the 3 month training for Chaplains. As a Chaplain, I was commissioned as a 1st Lieutenant in the United States Army. The Army requires new Chaplains to attend specialized Officer's training called Chaplain's Basic Officer Course (CH-BOLC). The course

includes training on how to be an Army Officer, correct protocol, military bearing, and instructions pertaining to the duties and position of a Chaplain.

The first month focused strongly on formation movements, physical training, and basic field operations. In other words, we marched, ran, crawled in the dirt while bullets flew overhead, and learned to like it.

This past month, I have learned a little more about how much God has truly prepared me for this calling. He gave me a love for the outdoors and physical activities and these were very useful. I truly enjoyed the training and the fellowship of 84 other Chaplains going through the course with me.

Thank you for your prayers.



Learning to love the dirt and crawl under the wire.

Pictures from this month



Using a radio in field operations.



My CH-BOLC Platoon at Ft. Jackson. I am in the middle row on the right of the flag.



Using a compass in a land navigation.

Prayer Concerns

- PHYSICAL STRENGTH AND STAMINA
- ABILITY TO MENTALLY SOAK UP ALL THE NEW INFORMATION I'M LEARNING
- SPIRITUAL STRENGTH FOR THE TASKS AHEAD
- HOPE FOR THE HURTING SOLDIERS

Upcoming Events

CLASSROOM TRAINING THROUGHOUT FEBRUARY

SIMULATED FIELD SERVICE Feb 5

OBSTACLE COURSE CHALLENGE Feb 6

CHAPLAINS PRAYER BREAKFAST Feb 12

PHYSICAL TRAINING TEST Feb 20