



# **“PARTNERS IN CARE”**

An initiative of the Maryland  
National Guard JFHQ State  
Chaplain's Office

# PURPOSE

- ◆ Coordinate support for warriors and families through partnerships with local faith communities.
- ◆ Allow for referral for support to local faith communities without implied endorsement of a particular religion
- ◆ Expand the spiritual resources available to Chaplains for warrior and family support

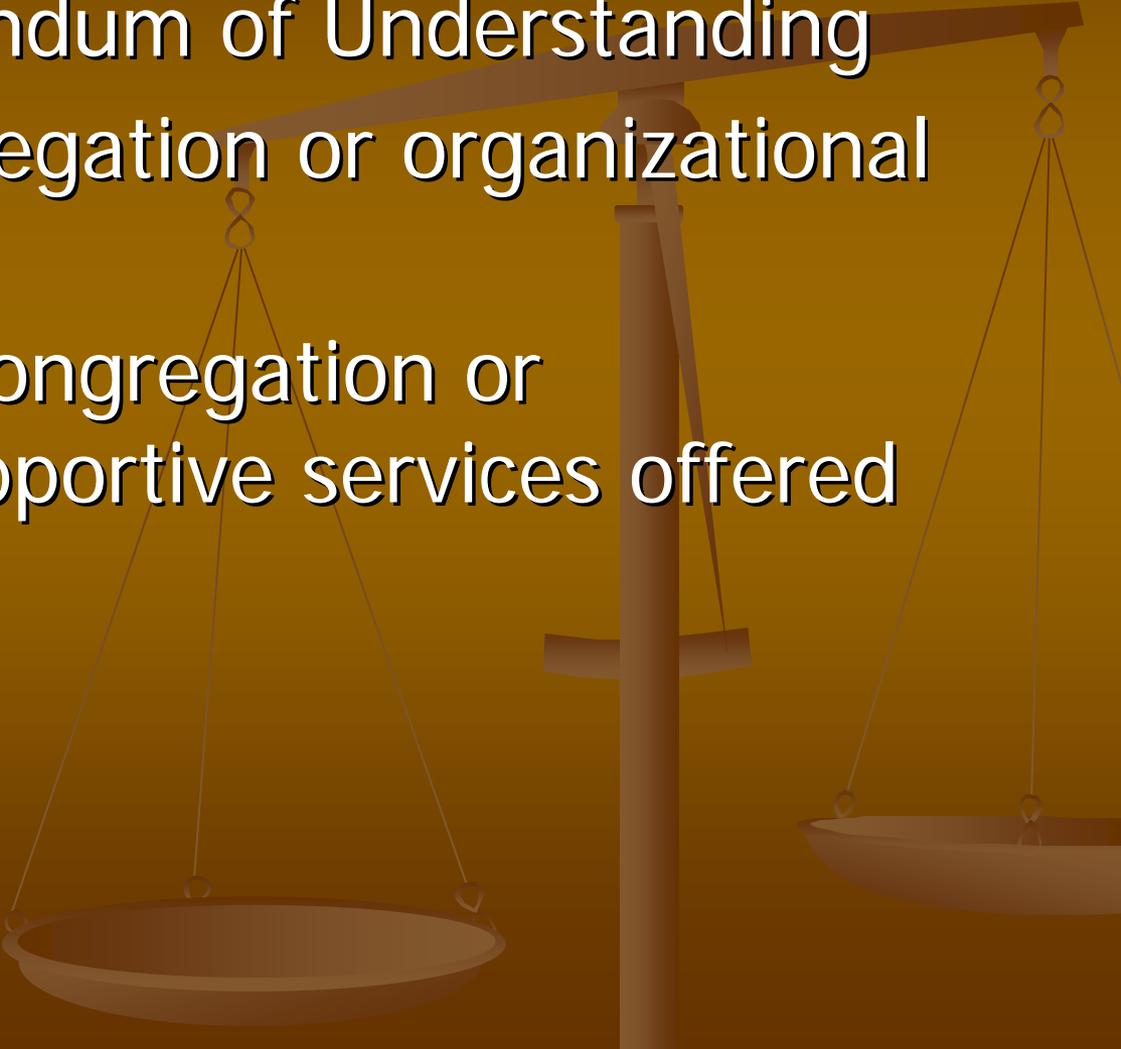
# KEY COMPONENTS

- Inter-faith in composition
- Voluntary
- Memorandum of Understanding required
- Support is provided free of charge
- Each according to their ability
- Assistance is offered equally to all referred regardless of religious affiliation

# PROCESS CONCERNS

- ✦ Referrals are made by UMT/RSTs, Units and Commanders, and Family Readiness personnel
- ✦ Referral documentation is submitted to and maintained by the JFHQ State Chaplain's Office
- ✦ All are encouraged to first access their own faith community

# “PARTNER” REQUIREMENTS

- Signed Memorandum of Understanding
  - Identified congregation or organizational Point of Contact
  - List of current congregation or organization supportive services offered
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# PRINT RESOURCES

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- Congregational Resource Manual
- Unit Ministry Team/ Religious Support Team Resource Manual
- Family Readiness Center Resource Manual
- Unit and Commander Resource Manual
- SOPs for each of the above

# SUPPORT TO “PARTNERS”

- Current list of UMT/RST contact information
- Location and contact information for Family Assistance Centers
- Comprehensive list of community referral agencies by county
- Periodic training opportunities

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- Citizen-soldiers from local communities across our State
- Warriors and families enduring the stress of sacrificial service in defense of State and Nation
- Local congregations can offer faith-based support to sustain citizen-soldiers and their families in war and peace