Life as a Deployed Military Chaplain

Paul tells Timothy "Suffer hardship with me, as a good soldier of Christ Jesus. No soldier in active service entangles himself in the affairs of everyday life, so that he may please the one who enlisted him as a soldier." (2 Timothy 2:3-4)

TMS grad (M.Div.'08) Captain Glen Thompson (Army Chaplain) writes, "Deployments are fruitful for Chaplains. As the saying goes 'There are no atheists in foxholes.' The axiom argues that in time of extreme stress or fear, such as war, people will turn to God. That was true for some while we were deployed to Afghanistan from November 2012 - June 2013. During our deployment we provided up to three worship services and two Bible studies a week. We baptized 4 individuals on Resurrection Sunday. I remember many times counseling soldiers with depression, anger, suicidal thoughts, and marriage issues. There's a lot that can be said about the Chaplaincy in the military, but the bottom line is this, soldiers need Christ. I like to think of the ministry in the military as, bringing soldiers to Christ and Christ to soldiers."

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