

Summary Report for Individual Task  
805D-203-6115  
Provide Religious Support to a Wounded or Dying Individual  
Status: Approved

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**Condition:** Given reports of casualties at a Battalion Aid Station (BAS) or tactical Casualty Collection Point (CCP), given medical gloves and eye protection, a chaplain assistant and chaplain's kit, Soldiers with ID tags who are casualties, copies of DD 1380 (Field Medical Card) or DA 7656 Tactical Combat Casualty Care (TC3) card, printed emergency prayers from a variety of religious traditions and secure digital or voice communication. This task should not be trained in MOPP 4.

**Standard:** Provide religious support to wounded or dying Soldiers during operations, ensure all required information on the SITREP is completed accurately, and submitted in a timely manner.

**Special Condition:** None

**Safety Risk:** Low

**MOPP 4:** Never

<b>Task Statements</b>
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**Cue:** Soldiers are cued to perform this action when given reports of casualties inbound or arriving at an aid station the UMT provides direct or area coverage for; visible signs of casualty activity at the UMT designated aid station; audible or visual signs of a direct or indirect fire attack on the local military facility.

<b>DANGER</b>
None

<b>WARNING</b>
None

<b>CAUTION</b>
All body fluids and body substances should be considered potentially infectious. Always observe body substance isolation (BSI) precautions by wearing medical gloves and eye protection as a minimal standard of protection.

**Remarks:** None

**Notes:** Religious support is never at the expense of medicine. UMT members should in no way compromise medical treatment by getting in the way of medical personnel. UMT members are strongly discouraged from performing religious support in the treatment area without prior coordination and rehearsal with medical personnel, particularly when medical personnel are performing lifesaving measures on patients. Conversely UMT members must be careful not to compromise religious support. As the situation allows, UMT members are encouraged to assist medical personnel as much as possible, but not at the expense of religious support or Unit Ministry Team integrity.

## Performance Steps

1. Inform the chaplain assistant that casualties are arriving.
2. Assess the tactical situation.
  - a. Determine with the chaplain assistant whether or not it is safe for the UMT to move to the casualty location.
  - b. Secure needed religious support items, take cover and prepare to move ICW chaplain assistant.
  - c. Observe if others are responding to the event. If Medical personnel and other responders are moving, it is appropriate for the UMT to move.
3. Proceed to Triage area of the Aid Station as tactical situation allows.
  - a. Move tactically as a buddy team with your Chaplain Assistant to the aid station when necessary.
  - b. If you are separated from your chaplain assistant, execute a pre-arranged plan for movement and rendezvous at the triage area.
4. Upon arrival at Triage, observe Body Substance Isolation (BSI) protocols by donning medical gloves and eye protection. Ensure other UMT members don gloves and eye pro.
5. Assess the situation and establish priorities for religious support.
  - a. Determine the religious support personnel assets available.
  - b. Plan and Coordinate execution of religious support with chaplain assistant, using available assets.
  - c. Prioritize religious support to casualties with the least chance of survival, generally as ordered in steps below.
    - (1) Expectant - casualties who are so badly injured that only complicated or prolonged treatment can improve life expectancy.
    - (2) Immediate - casualties whose conditions demand immediate treatment to save life. Life-saving resuscitative treatment is more critical now to immediate casualties than religious support. Religious support to these casualties is determined by the medical priority of each individual's medical condition and treatment plan, which may be before or after they receive medical care and are packaged for evaluation.
    - (3) Delayed – casualties who have less risk of loss of life or limb if treatment is delayed.
    - (4) Minimal - walking wounded; can be treated by self-aid or buddy aid.
  - d. Direct the chaplain assistant to survey the other triage areas to help you assess which area you should move to next.
  - e. Respond to changes in patient status in any triage category in case a patient's condition degrades, needing religious support sooner than anticipated.
  - f. Adjust quickly to brief opportunities for offer religious support after a patient is treated and before evacuation.
6. Provide religious support to casualties.
  - a. If the Soldier is conscious:

- (1) Identify yourself as a Chaplain.
- (2) Position yourself so that the patient does not have to strain to see you and out of the way of medical providers.
- (3) Provide a reassurance that they are being well cared for.
- (4) Determine the Soldier's religious preference by asking how you can help them.
- (5) Provide religious support as requested by the Soldier within the Soldier's faith tradition.
  - (a) Presence.
  - (b) Conversation and/or assurance.
  - (c) Prayer.
  - (d) Rites, sacraments, ordinances.
  - (e) Readings from scripture.
  - (f) Be prepared to offer religious support to diverse traditions such as reading a prayer from the Soldier's religion, different than your own.
- b. If the Soldier is unconscious:
  - (1) Determine Soldier's religious preference by reviewing their identification tags.
  - (2) Provide religious support for them according to the preference listed on their ID tags.
7. Obtain the services of another chaplain or qualified individual, if required.
8. Annotate the name(s) of responding UMT members, their faith groups, the date and time of the incident, and the nature of the religious support provided on the DD 1380 (FMC) or DA 7656 (TC3) in the event the casualty is deceased.
9. Update situational assessment as necessary and re-evaluate initial religious support plan ICW the chaplain assistant.
  - a. As the influx of new casualties subsides, shift religious support focus to less severe triage categories.
  - b. Shift religious support focus to immediate casualties as they leave the treatment area and are packaged and prioritized for evacuation.
10. Shift religious support focus to ministration of human remains with special attention to the requirements of their religious tradition and to caring for providers when the medical emergency is over.
11. Observe the medical providers to determine if any exhibit signs of distress.
  - a. Offer providers reassuring conversation and prayers as appropriate.
  - b. For religious support needs that exceed time available, the chaplain should refer the medical provider to their unit or hospital chaplain.
  - c. Coordinate with the unit or hospital UMT to request that they check on that medical provider who appears to be in need of further religious support.

12. Direct the chaplain assistant to compile initial SITREP for your review and send to supervisory Unit Ministry Team or chaplain section using secure communication. (In the absence of a chaplain assistant, compile, review and send a SITREP.)

a. Describe the number of casualties for whom religious support was performed. (This number is not to be confused with the official casualty reports submitted by S1.)

b. Alert the higher headquarters UMT or chaplain section of issues that could be addressed by UMTs at the higher echelon medical treatment facility such as special requests from low density faith groups.

c. Request additional UMT assets or resources if necessary.

(Asterisks indicates a leader performance step.)

**Evaluation Guidance:** Score the Soldier a GO if all performance steps are conducted and appropriate explanation is given for any steps omitted. Score the Soldier a NO GO if any step is failed. If the Soldier fails any step, retrain by showing and telling them what was done wrong and how to do it correctly.

**Evaluation Preparation:** Set-up: Replicate an aid station by having 3-4 Soldiers with ID tags simulate wounded Soldiers. At least one Soldier should be non-ambulatory and unresponsive. Another Soldier should be ambulatory and responsive. The rest may be non-ambulatory but responsive. Tell the Soldier: Demonstrate all performance steps or give appropriate explanation for any step omitted.

PERFORMANCE MEASURES	GO	NO-GO	N/A
1. Informed the chaplain assistant that casualties are arriving.			
2. Assessed the tactical situation.			
3. Proceeded to the triage area of the aid station as the tactical situation allowed.			
4. Upon arrival at Triage, observed BSI protocols by donning medical gloves and eye protection.			
5. Assessed the situation and established priorities for religious support.			
6. Provided religious support to casualties.			
7. Obtained the services of another chaplain or qualified individual, as required.			
8. Annotated the name(s) of responding UMT members, their faith groups, the date and time of the incident, and the nature of the religious support provided on the DD 1380 or DA 7656 in the event the casualty was deceased.			
9. Updated situational assessment as necessary and re-evaluated initial religious support plan.			
10. Shifted religious support focus to ministration of human remains with special attention to the requirements of their religious tradition and to caring for providers when the medical emergency is over.			
11. Observed the medical providers to determine if any exhibit signs of distress.			
12. Directed the chaplain assistant to compile initial SITREP, reviewed and sent to supervisory Unit Ministry Team or chaplain section using secure communication. (In the absence of an assistant, compiled, reviewed and sent SITREP.)			

**Supporting Reference(s):**

Step Number	Reference ID	Reference Name	Required	Primary
	ADP 5-0	The Operations Process	Yes	Yes
	AR 165-1	Army Chaplain Corps Activities	Yes	No
	ATP 1-05.01	RELIGIOUS SUPPORT AND THE OPERATIONS PROCESS <a href="http://armypubs.army.mil/doctrine/DR_pubs/dr_a/pdf/atp1_05x01.pdf">http://armypubs.army.mil/doctrine/DR_pubs/dr_a/pdf/atp1_05x01.pdf</a>	Yes	Yes
	ATP 4-02.3	ARMY HEALTH SYSTEM SUPPORT TO MANEUVER FORCES <a href="http://armypubs.army.mil/doctrine/DR_pubs/dr_a/pdf/atp4_02x3.pdf">http://armypubs.army.mil/doctrine/DR_pubs/dr_a/pdf/atp4_02x3.pdf</a>	Yes	Yes
	FM 1-05	Religious Support	Yes	Yes
	FM 6-22.5	COMBAT AND OPERATIONAL STRESS CONTROL MANUAL FOR LEADERS AND SOLDIERS	No	No
	JP 1-05	Religious Affairs in Joint Operations	No	No
	RSOS	Religious Support Operational Systems (RSOS) <a href="https://www.us.army.mil/suite/grouppage/55152">https://www.us.army.mil/suite/grouppage/55152</a>	No	No

**Environment:** Environmental protection is not just the law but the right thing to do. It is a continual process and starts with deliberate planning. Always be alert to ways to protect our environment during training and missions. In doing so, you will contribute to the sustainment of our training resources while protecting people and the environment from harmful effects. Refer to FM 3-34.5 Environmental Considerations and GTA 05-08-002 ENVIRONMENTAL-RELATED RISK ASSESSMENT. Environmental protection is a continual process. Always be alert to ways to protect our environment and reduce waste.

**Safety:** In a training environment, leaders must perform a risk assessment in accordance with ATP 5-19, Risk Management. Leaders will complete the current Deliberate Risk Assessment Worksheet in accordance with the TRADOC Safety Officer during the planning and completion of each task and sub-task by assessing mission, enemy, terrain and weather, troops and support available-time available and civil considerations, (METT-TC). Note: During MOPP training, leaders must ensure personnel are monitored for potential heat injury. Local policies and procedures must be followed during times of increased heat category in order to avoid heat related injury. Consider the MOPP work/rest cycles and water replacement guidelines IAW FM 3-11.4, Multiservice Tactics, Techniques, and Procedures for Nuclear, Biological, and Chemical (NBC) Protection, FM 3-11.5, Multiservice Tactics, Techniques, and Procedures for Chemical, Biological, Radiological, and Nuclear Decontamination. Everyone is responsible for safety. A thorough risk assessment must be completed prior to every mission or operation.

**Prerequisite Individual Tasks :** None

**Supporting Individual Tasks :** None

**Supported Individual Tasks :** None

**Supported Collective Tasks :** None