

Chaplain
INTERVIEW QUESTIONS

Rank MAJ Branch Chaplain Date: 24 Mar 04 Unit 1st BDE, IAD
Duty Position _____ How Long in Job 9 Mos
How Long in Current MOS _____ Interviewer _____
How long have you been in Country 9 Mos

1. Are Detainees allowed to practice their religion? Is there a chaplain available to minister to the detainees? Is the chaplain a Retained Personnel, US Forces chaplain, or a civilian? (1.1, 1.2, 2.1, 4.1)

Yes, Never have request Koran - In their
own to do their prayer Islam is a
less corporate faith & worship

N/A

2. What are your unit ministry team's responsibilities as part of the cadre for the detainees at this collection point / internment facility? (Looking for contraband the detainee might have hidden in their Koran?) (1.1, 1.2, 2.1, 4.1)

Perform religious spt to troops &
Counseling as necessary - Perform
regular church services

3. What are the procedures to bring local religious clergy members into the collection point or facility to help ministry to detainees?

None - CJTF-7 policy is
not to let them on premises to
ministers

4. Are you aware of your requirement to report abuse or suspected abuse of detainees? (1.1, 1.2, 4.1)

Yes

5. Has any service member spoken with you about abusing detainees or seeing detainees being abused? If yes, can you provide details without violating your privilege information / confidentially status between you and the service member? (We do not want names). (1.1, 1.2, 2.1, 4.1)

No

6. How many times have you heard about detainees being abused or mistreated? What did you hear? (1.1, 1.2, 2.1, 4.1)

None

7. Have you made the Chain of Command aware of these allegations of abuse and have you seen the Chain of Command do anything about correcting detainee abuse? (1.1, 1.2, 2.1, 4.1)

N/A

8. What is your feeling on how Detainees are being treated? **No standard.**
Personnel observations and feelings. (1.1, 1.2, 2.1, 4.1)

Fairly & humanely. They spend such little time here.

9. What do you perceive as the mission of your unit? Describe the importance of your role in that mission. (Insight to the Soldier's understanding and attitude concerning unit mission and their role).

Spt the troops

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10. Describe your working environment and living conditions since being in Theater. (Identify physical and psychological impact on Soldier's attitude). (1.2, 1.3, 1.4, 1.5, 1.6, 1.7)

Back end of tour - Improved significantly ... ~~Wish~~ Nothing to complain

11. Describe the unit command climate and Soldier morale. Has it changed or evolved since you have been in Theater? (Identifies Soldier's perception of the chain of command and Soldier attitude. Does the Soldier feel supported? Do Soldiers feel the Command cares? Are they getting clear guidance?)

Highly professional - hyper competent Mission focused. BDE Cdr was new - July came into his stride.

12. Are you aware of any incidences of detainee or other abuse in your unit

None

ADVISEMENT OF RIGHTS (For military personnel)

The text of Article 31 provides as follows a. No person subject to this chapter may compel any person to incriminate himself or to answer any questions the answer to which may tend to incriminate him. b. No person subject to this chapter may interrogate or request any statement from an accused or a person suspected of an offense without first informing him of the nature of the accusation and advising him that he does not have to make any statement regarding the offense of which he is accused or suspected, and that any statement made by him may be used as evidence against him in a trial by court-martial. c. No person subject to this chapter may compel any person to make a statement or produce evidence before any military tribunal if the statement or evidence is not material to the issue and may tend to degrade him. d. No statement obtained from any person in violation of this article, or through the use of coercion, unlawful influence, or unlawful inducement, may be received in evidence against him in a trial by court-martial. (1.2, 1.6)

I am _____ (grade, if any, and name), a member of the (DAIG). I am part of a team inspecting detainee operations, this is not a criminal investigation. I am reading you your rights because of a statement you made causes me to suspect that you may have committed _____. (specify offense, i.e. aggravated assault, assault, murder). Under Article 31, you have the right to remain silent, that is, say nothing at all. Any statement you make, oral or written, may be used as evidence against you in a trial by courts-martial or in other judicial or administrative proceedings. You have the right to consult a lawyer and to have a lawyer present during this interview. You have the right to military legal counsel free of charge. In addition to military counsel, you are entitled to civilian counsel of your own choosing, at your own expense. You may request a lawyer at any time during this interview. If you decide to answer questions, you may stop the questioning at any time. Do you understand your rights? Do you want a lawyer? (If the answer is yes, cease all questions at this point). Are you willing to answer questions?

13. Describe what you understand happened leading up to and during the incident(s) of abuse. (No applicable standard) _____

14. Describe Soldier morale, feelings and emotional state prior to and after these incidents? (Identifies unit and Soldier morale, atmosphere, mood, attitude, stress, retaliation, preemption, family crisis) _____

15. Was this incident reported to the chain of command? How, when & what was done? What would you have done? (Identifies compliance, procedure, timeliness, Soldier perception of action taken and effect on unit morale.) (1.2, 1.6) _____

16. How could the incident have been prevented? (Identifies root cause and perceived solution) (No applicable standard) _____

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17. Describe any unit training or other programs that you are aware of that teach leaders and Soldiers how to recognize and resolve combat stress.

Yes. Div Mental Health - Chaplain
(JMH) devised a program - designed for
mid-level leaders - BDE Cdr approved. Well
received - Opportunity in safe/Confidential environ
Striker - Wingman to talk stress &
have them validate & seek
If there are systems, encouraged to do more & seek more help

18. What measures are in place to boost morale or to relieve stress? (Identifies perceived solution.)

Internet, Telephone availability (both deplorable
in 1st 5 MOs, Freedom Rest - renovated hotel
for 5-day visit in the Green Zone - for the
entire Division, QATAR R&R, & 2 week leave
each unit has its own small portion.

19. What measures could the command enact to improve the morale and command climate of your unit? (Identifies perceived solution.)

Some way to provide a break from
the OPTEM PD. Surrounded by bad guys.
Int / AR / CAV is press, press, press -
Every Soldier gets a day off, Spartan
Mindset - Only the weak take a
knee. - B.S.

S2 works hard - main effort.