

## 7th Brigade Chaplain Recognized for Exceptional Pastoral Care

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Lt. Col. (Chaplain) Bren Bishop, Chaplain 7<sup>th</sup> Brigade, 100<sup>th</sup> Division, was presented the Army Commendation Medal (ARCOM) by Col. (Chaplain) Paul Howe, Fort Knox Staff Chaplain during ceremonies conducted 12 August, 2002 at Fort Knox. The impact ARCOM was presented to Chaplain Bishop in recognition of the pastoral care he provided during his recent annual training. While on annual training this past July, Chaplain Bishop served in several capacities. He assisted in providing support to the 2<sup>nd</sup> ROTC's Camp Challenge, served as the Hospital Chaplain at Ireland Army Community Hospital, and as the Chaplain for the 1/16<sup>th</sup> Armored Cavalry Squadron.

While serving as the Squadron Chaplain, Chaplain Bishop responded with immediate and appropriate pastoral care in the 1/16<sup>th</sup> Cavalry Squadron after a suicide on 13 July while the unit was without its assigned chaplain.

Chaplain Bishop conducted immediate and comforting critical incident stress debriefings with the leaders and soldiers of the 1/16<sup>th</sup> Cavalry Regiment. He also planned and conducted an excellent unit memorial service that remembered the deceased soldier's good qualities but underscored to each soldier that suicide was not the answer to the problem's of life. Chaplain Bishop explained how to reach out to the care in the unit and supporting community agencies in times of crisis.

Col. (Chaplain) Howe says, "Chaplain Bishop really lives the "one army" understanding. I know he is a very competent and dedicated chaplain in the 100<sup>th</sup> Division. He is also first to respond when I ask for help to honor a deceased soldier in the Louisville area, or the first to respond if we have a soldier or family member who is being cared for in a Louisville hospital and I need a quick update. "

Present to see Chaplain Bishop receive his award were, Maj. Gen. John Tindall, Commander 100<sup>th</sup> Division, Col. Alan Grice, Commander 7<sup>th</sup> Brigade, 100<sup>th</sup> Division, and Lt. Col. James Davidson, Brigade Executive Officer, 7<sup>th</sup> Brigade, 100<sup>th</sup> Division.



Chaplain Bishop proudly accepts his award from Col. (Chaplain) Paul Howe, Fort Knox Staff Chaplain and Maj. Gen. John Tindall, Commander 100<sup>th</sup> Division.



### **Lt. Col. (Chaplain) Bren Bishop Army Commendation Medal Citation**

**FOR EXCEPTIONAL MERITORIOUS SERVICE IN PASTORAL CARE TO THE 16TH CAVALRY REGIMENT WHILE SERVING ACTIVE DUTY DRILL TIME IN THE 100TH DIVISION. YOUR IMMEDIATE RESPONSE AND PASTORAL CARE TO THE SOLDIERS AND LEADERS AT A TIME OF DEATH PROVIDED GREAT COMFORT AND ENABLED THE UNIT TO MOURN AND RECOVER FOR CONTINUED MISSION ACCOMPLISHMENT. CHAPLAIN BISHOP'S OUTSTANDING PERFORMANCE OF DUTY REFLECTS GREAT CREDIT UPON HIM, THE CHAPLAIN CORPS AND THE ONE ARMY TRADITION AND MISSION. WELL DONE!**