



DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY
HEADQUARTERS, 311TH SUSTAINMENT COMMAND (EXPEDITIONARY)
KANDAHAR AIRFIELD, AFGHANISTAN
APO AE 09355

REPLY TO
ATTENTION OF:

AFRC-RCA-CCG

22 January 2013

MEMORANDUM FOR Chaplain (1LT) Christopher J. Antal, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 101st Expeditionary Signal Battalion, Kandahar Airfield, Afghanistan, APO AE 09355

SUBJECT: General Officer Memorandum of Reprimand

1. I reprimand you for violating the Joint Ethics Regulation, Army Regulation 360-1, Army Regulation 670-1, and deceiving your chain of command.
2. On 26 November 2012, you posted a politically inflammatory message on your online public blog that suggested the United States is condoning extrajudicial assassinations, abandoning its allies in Afghanistan, and intentionally killing civilians. You followed up your outrageous remarks by posting a picture of yourself in uniform and identifying yourself as an active-duty United States Army Chaplain. Your post was in clear violation of AR 670-1, para. 1-10(j), which prohibits wearing Army uniforms in connection with the furtherance of any political interest and when wearing the uniform would bring discredit upon the Army. Furthermore, you violated AR 360-1, para. 6-8(d), and the Joint Ethics Regulation, para. 2-207, by failing to use a disclaimer explaining that the views expressed were purely your own, and did not represent the Army or Department of Defense.
3. As a Chaplain, you are required to maintain the highest standards of conduct and discipline. Your egregious conduct demonstrates your disregard of the values you are expected to uphold, and has brought discredit upon yourself, the 101st ESB, the 311th ESC, and the United States Army. Such conduct will not be tolerated, and I have serious concerns as to whether you possess the qualities required for continued service as a commissioned officer.
4. This is an administrative reprimand imposed under AR 600-37 and not as punishment under Article 15 of the UCMJ. The information upon which this reprimand is based is enclosed. I intend to file this reprimand in your Official Military Personnel File. Alternatively, I may file it in your unit personnel file (MPRJ) for a period of up to three years. You have the right to submit a written statement and supporting evidence in rebuttal, explanation, or mitigation of the information contained in this memorandum within five days of notification. I will consider any materials you submit in making my filing decision. You will confirm receipt of this reprimand by signing the acknowledgment provided.

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SCOTTIE D. CARPENTER
Brigadier General, USA
Commanding

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1. I acknowledge receipt of this General Officer Memorandum of Reprimand and the enclosed attachments.
2. I have read and understand the unfavorable information presented against me.
3. I understand that this General Officer Memorandum of Reprimand may be filed permanently in my Official Military Personnel File, temporarily in my local Military Personnel Records Jacket, or rescinded and destroyed.
4. I understand that I am entitled to consult with an attorney from the Legal Assistance Office or Trial Defense Services before responding to this reprimand.
5. I understand that all responses must be submitted to the 311th ESC Office of the Staff Judge Advocate (OSJA) in the following manner:
 - a. Bring two (2) hard copies to Building 515A, Room 105, NLT 1700 AFT, on or before the suspense date; or
 - b. Submit a digital copy to 311ESCSJA@afghan.swa.army.mil, NLT 1700 AFT, on or before the suspense date. I understand that typing “////Original Signed////” will suffice for digital signature in the event I am unable to sign and scan or digitally sign my statement.
6. I make the following election (initial one):
 - a. CA I intend to submit a written statement on my behalf within five (5) days. Failure to adhere to this time deadline will result in my response not being considered.
 - b. _____ I elect not to submit a written statement on my behalf.


CHRISTOPHER ANTAL
1LT, CH

Date: 26 Jan 13