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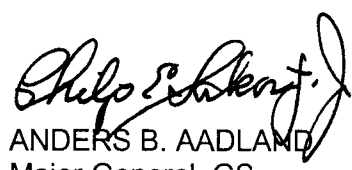
MEMORANDUM FOR RECORD

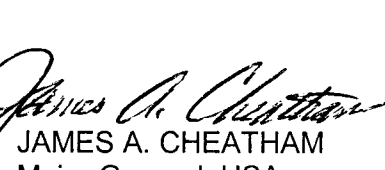
SUBJECT: The Army Standards for Chapels

1. The Army Standards for Chapels listed in the attached enclosures are approved. These standards are effective immediately and must be applied to all construction of new chapels (200 seat), chapel centers (400 seat), and chapel complexes (600 seat) on all Army installations. This committee must approve any planned deviation from these standards prior to the construction of new chapels.

2. The Army Standards for Chapels establishes three set chapel sizes, and specifies the requirements for worship and activity areas, classrooms, and other unique features and criteria. The Facility Design Team (FDT) for Chapels will issue Standard Designs that will incorporate these mandatory Army Standards and provide the recommended layout for the most efficient configuration of all the required elements. The FDT for Chapels Chair is Chaplain (LTC) Benjamin D. Richardson, DACH-IML POC, (703) 601-1122, ben.richardson@us.army.mil; the ACSIM member is Wendy Schmidt, OACSIM POC, DAIM-FDH, (703) 604-1449, wendy.schmidt@hqda.army.mil; and the USACE Center of Standardization for Chapels is Omaha District, represented by Albert Young, (202) 761-7099, albert.young@hq02.usace.army.mil.


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The Army Standard for Chapel Construction – January 2004

Item	Criteria
Worship Center Seating	Must have a Worship Center with fixed, padded pews with padded kneelers. Pew sections must be oriented in arc arrangement towards center of raised platform. Pew capacity: 200 persons in Chapel (200), 400 persons in Chapel (400), and 600 persons in Chapel (600).
Immersion Baptistry	Must have an Immersion Baptistry with separate male/female changing areas, located in the Worship Center.
Worship Center Religious Fixtures	Fixed, exposed-to-view distinctive religious symbols are not permitted.
Activity Center	Must have an Activity Center that is separated from the Worship Center by two accordion type partitions with sound transmission rating of 44 or better.
Activity Center Storage	Must have capability to store Activity Center tables and chairs under the stage.
Worship Center /Activity Center Audiovisual System	Must have audiovisual system with multimedia projection capability for simultaneous use in Worship Center and Activity Center by separate groups.
Administrative Offices	Must have two chaplain offices and one chaplain assistant work area.
Multi-purpose Rooms	Must have at least one Multi-purpose Room (710 SF minimum); Chapel (400) and Chapel (600) must have two Multi-purpose Rooms.
Classrooms	Must have the following minimum number of classrooms for each chapel size (using movable partitions): Chapel (200) (14 rooms; 2710 SF minimum total) Chapel (400) (16 rooms; 3055 SF minimum total) Chapel (600) (18 rooms; 4560 SF minimum total)
Sacristy Suite	Must have Sacristy Storage/Robing area.
Kitchen Suite	Must have kitchen with pantry and must use residential type appliances.
Resource Center	Must have a Resource Center (215 SF minimum).
Entrance Areas	Must have primary and secondary entry areas, each with covered porch and integrated access for persons with disabilities.
Coat Storage Room	Must have a minimum of one coat storage room located adjacent to primary entrance area.

Storage Rooms	Must have sufficient storage rooms to store tables and chairs from all classrooms and multipurpose room(s).
Storage Building	Must have a separate storage building (150 SF minimum size).
Exterior Appearance	Must have a steeple to identify it as religious facility.
Roofline	Flat roofs are not permitted. Minimum pitch is 3/12.
Exterior Windows	Must have windows with capability for light control in the Worship Center/ Activity Center and all exterior rooms. Skylights are not permitted in the Worship Center/Activity Center.
HVAC	Must have a minimum of 4 heating/cooling zones in HVAC system.

BACKGROUND

Applicability: These criteria apply immediately to all new MCA-funded chapels using one of the three new standard chapel designs (2004). The new standard chapel designs are as follows: 1) Chapel (200 seat), 2) Chapel Center (400 seat) and 3) Chapel Complex (600 seat).

General Design Philosophy: As The Army transforms to the future force, chapel facilities must also keep pace with the changing religious support needs of the warfighter and his/her family. These three new standard chapel designs support the changing needs for chapel facilities. They will enable us to support more congregations of widely varying sizes and faith groups; increased family participation; and the use of chapel facilities for installation community meetings. Additionally, the enhancements of these new chapel facilities will increase our ability to provide quality religious support.

GUIDANCE

Worship Center Seating. Pews will be padded, will have padded kneelers and will be attached to the floor. Padding on pews may be part of the actual pew or may be attached to unpadded pews.

Immersion Baptistery. Immersion Baptistery with separate male/female changing areas is a key element for Worship Center's use.

Worship Center Religious Fixtures. Worship center must have capability to be religiously neutral. Distinctive religious symbols must either be removable or completely coverable by design.

Activity Center. Partitions between Worship Center and Activity Center are an essential element to the functionality of the entire facility.

Activity Center Storage. Activity Center folding tables and stacking chairs must be stored under the stage in an easily accessible manner.

Worship Center /Activity Center Audiovisual System. Multi-use design of the chapel requires ability to support more than one meeting/service in the facility at the same time. Both the Worship Center and Activity Center must be able to be used by separate groups at the same time and must have audiovisual system that supports this requirement.

Administrative Offices. There will be two individual chaplain offices and one office area that accommodates two chaplain assistants.

Multipurpose Rooms. Multipurpose rooms enable small congregations and groups to meet concurrently while larger congregations meet in the Worship Center or Activity Center.

Classrooms. Classrooms are a key element for Religious Education program of the chapel and must be available.

Sacristy Suite. Sacristy suite is critical element for storage of ecclesiastical items as well as robing/preparation area for chaplains prior to worship center use.

Kitchen Suite. Kitchen with pantry area must be provided. Kitchen is designed for reheating of already prepared food and will not have industrial type kitchen appliances.

Resource Center. Resource center is critical space for storage and management of all resources that support the chapels function, including equipment, literature and supplies.

Entrance Areas. Due to the multi-use design, two entrance areas with outside canopies are required to support the movement of people in and out of the facility.

Coat Storage Room. Coat storage room must be provided adjacent to the primary entrance area.

Storage Rooms. Must have sufficient storage room capability to store all chairs and tables from all classrooms and multipurpose room(s).

Storage Building. A separate storage building is needed for lawn/landscaping equipment.

Exterior Appearance. Exterior design elements must identify the building as a chapel facility by use of steeple.

Roofline. Flat roofs are not allowed.

Exterior Windows. Exterior windows are an important element that provides daytime lighting to the overall chapel design. Due to the requirements for projection systems to be used in the worship center and the activity center, ability to control light is essential for functionality.

HVAC. Multiple zone HVAC will enable heating/cooling for parts of building that are in use.