



TREVOR CARPENTER



Persian Gulf

Openings for military chaplain positions go unfilled every year because not enough people are willing to apply. In 2015, Trevor Carpenter left his job as a pastor and stepped into his role as Navy chaplain assigned to a ship in the Persian Gulf.

Trevor said he spends most of his day sharing the Gospel, counseling and listening.

“I often joke that it is like Super Summer without the Thursday night cryfest, and that these guys have guns,” Trevor said.

Carpenter said he has experiences every day where he sees God’s work.

In the Middle East last year on a deployment, Trevor was talking with another officer. The officer shared that his troops had often thought that God had forgotten about them.

“They thought that God had turned their back until our conversations started while being deployed,” he recalled. “It was in the middle of a watch, that in our conversations, they realized that God had sent me out there to let them know He still loved them.”

It was powerful for Trevor to share that God did love those men and women enough to have him leave his family just to share that God hadn’t turned His back on them.

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