Continuing a commitment begun in World War I, Naval hospital corpsmen support the Marines in every corner of the world. Navy corpsmen are key elements of every Marine combat patrol or remote outpost. True “angels of mercy,” they treat and evacuate Marine casualties under fire and also minister to local villagers in people-to-people programs.

1. Who was the first member of the Hospital Corps to be awarded the Medal of Honor?
2. How many Corpsmen were awarded the Medal of Honor during WWII?
3. What was the Corpsman’s name who helped raise the flag at Iwo Jima?
4. What is the nickname given to Corpsman?
5. How many Corpsman died when the Marine Barracks in Beirut was bombed?

Answer Key:
1. Robert H. Stanley
2. 15
3. John Bradley
4. “Doc”
5. 7
For over 230 years, Navy Chaplains have provided for the Marines’ spiritual well-being. Leading religious services, advising on ethical issues, or simply lending a sympathetic ear, chaplains represent over a hundred different religions and denominations. On the field of battle, they’ll quickly turn a supply tent into a place of worship or make an altar out of an ammo crate.

Honoring our Chaplains

Chaplains come from a variety of different religious backgrounds. Can you help Chesty match these symbols with the correct faith?

1. _________ 2. _________
3. _________ 4. _________

A. Jewish  B. Buddhist  C. Christian  D. Muslim

One Navy Chaplain’s Story:

Father Vincent Capodanno
Catholic Priest Vincent Capodanno served as a ____________________________ for seven years in ____________________________ before volunteering to be a Navy Chaplain with the 1st Marine Division in Vietnam in 1965.

Chaplain Capodanno was awarded the ____________________________ posthumously after he was killed by enemy machine gun fire while ____________________________ in the Da Nang Province, located on the South China Sea coast, Vietnam.