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**CHAPLAIN IN THE UNITED STATES ARMED FORCES
INSTRUCTIONS FOR A SINGLE CEREMONY CERTIFICATE
OF PERMISSION TO PERFORM A MARRIAGE**

**PLEASE NOTE: IT IS UNLAWFUL TO SOLEMNIZE MARRIAGES
BEFORE YOU OBTAIN A CERTIFICATE OF PERMISSION**

The following documents are required when applying for authorization:

1. **Application for a Chaplain in the United States Armed Forces Certificate of Permission to Perform a Marriage in the State of Nevada** (Must be signed before a Notary Public or Deputy County Clerk)
2. **Proof of Military Status (such as a copy of military ID) and proof of current assignment as a military chaplain.** The assignment paperwork must clearly show the applicant will be serving as a military chaplain – not just the unit to which the applicant is assigned.
3. **Photo Identification** (i.e. Driver's License, Passport, etc.)
4. **Application Fee of \$25.00** (Payable to Nye County Clerk, cash, cashier's check or money order. This fee is non-refundable)

Please Note: All paperwork should be returned to this office at one of the addresses listed below. (Do NOT return the instruction sheet.) If everything is in order, the Certificate of Permission to Perform Marriages should be completed within 5 – 7 business days.

Mail to: Nye County Clerk
P.O. Box 1031
Tonopah, NV 89049

Or submit in person to our office in Pahrump or Tonopah:

Nye County Clerk
1520 East Basin Ave.
Pahrump, NV 89060

Nye County Clerk
101 Radar Road
Tonopah, NV 89049

If approved, the Certificate will be mailed to **the residence address listed on the application**, along with an Information Sheet for Officiant which provides information on completing the marriage certificate. If you would like to arrange to pick up the Certificate or to have it mailed to a different address, please include the instructions with the application paperwork. The Certificate cannot be sent via express mail unless a self-addressed, pre-paid express mail envelope is enclosed.

If the application is not approved, you will receive a letter explaining why it was not granted.

PLEASE ALLOW SUFFICIENT TIME FOR PROCESSING IF YOU ARE TO SOLEMNIZE A WEDDING IN THE NEAR FUTURE (sending paperwork 3 to 4 weeks in advance is recommended).

Paperwork must be filled out completely and properly signed and notarized. **DO NOT LEAVE BLANK SPACES. PAPERWORK THAT IS INCOMPLETE OR INCORRECT WILL DELAY THE PROCESS AND/OR MAY RESULT IN THE CERTIFICATE BEING DENIED.**

PER NRS 122.062.5 - A county clerk may grant authorization to perform a specific marriage to a person who submitted an application pursuant to subsection 4 if the county clerk is satisfied that the minister or other church or religious official authorized to solemnize a marriage, whether he or she is active or retired, is in good standing with his or her church or religious organization or, in the case of a notary public, if the notary public is in good standing with the Secretary of State. The authorization must be in writing and need not be filed with any other public officer. **A separate authorization is required for each marriage performed**. A person may not obtain more than **five authorizations** to perform a specific marriage pursuant to this section in any calendar year.

