

WAR DEPARTMENT REGULATIONS
on
SUNDAY CHURCH SERVICE ATTENDANCE

(Par. 238, Sect. 10, U.S. Code)

1. Chaplains are required by law to conduct appropriate religious services for the commands to which they are assigned. Commanders must give these activities due share of their attention and must insure the effectiveness of their performance by rendering every practicable aid to chaplains. In order that military personnel may be free to attend such services as they may desire, commanders will reduce military duty and labor on Sunday to the measure of strict necessity. Such duties as are required by the military situation and any athletic or recreational activities that may be held on Sunday will, if practicable, be so scheduled as not to interfere with attendance on services of worship.

2. In addition to services on the Sabbath, commanding officers are authorized to excuse from duty soldiers who desire to attend religious services on other days which in the liturgical churches carry the ecclesiastical obligations of Sunday, or on occasions recognized as of special religious importance in nonliturgical churches. Those desiring to attend such services, either on the post or in adjacent communities, may be absent for such period as will enable them to be at their place of worship as publicly announced, provided no serious interference with their military training or duty is occasioned thereby.

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