**SAMPLE**

**ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF FAITH-BASED COUNSELLING**

Welcome to the Chaplain’s office.

Please review and sign the following acknowledgement of faith-based counseling.

1. I am an ordained minister endorsed by CBAmerica (CBA) to serve as a Chaplain in the Armed Forces. I believe that the Bible is the inspired Word of God and I base my counseling and ministry on Biblical principles. The full statement of our beliefs is available at [*http://cbamerica.org/about-us/what-we-believe/*](http://cbamerica.org/about-us/what-we-believe/)*.* I am willing to discuss these beliefs at your request and may reference them throughout our counseling.
2. \* IAW AR 165-1, para. 16-2, you are assured of confidentially of a communication made (1) as a formal act of religion or as a matter of conscience (2) to me (or to the Chaplain’s assistant) in my capacity as a spiritual advisor and (3) intended to be confidential. A communication of this nature is also privileged under Military Rule of Evidence (MRE) 503. I will not and cannot disclose our conversations to anyone without your express permission. In order to better serve you I may discuss the general themes and issues of this counseling with my supervisory chaplain or Family Life Chaplain. I will not maintain records in any system of records that may be subject to the Freedom of Information Act, 5 U.S.C. 552.
3. As we walk together we will talk about many issues. My goal is to empower you to experience the healing, forgiveness and grace of God through Jesus Christ. I will encourage you to live out your faith even if it is not my own. While we may disagree I am committed to your well-being and will honor and respect your beliefs.
4. My door is always open. You are free to come and go as you need. If we meet once, or many times, you are always welcome. If I am not able to serve you I will do everything I can to link you to other Chaplains or service providers to ensure you have every opportunity to exercise your faith and meet your needs.

*I understand I will receive faith-based counseling from a CBA Chaplain as described above. This communication is confidential per AR 165-1, para. 16-2, and privileged under MRE 503.*

Print Name: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

\* On Active Duty Title 5 and Title 10 Status. National Guard on Title 32 or State Active Duty (SAD) should confer with respective state Staff Judge Advocate on applicable regulations.