

Appendix P: How Chaps got relieved of duty based on CO's false written statement

1. 7 Jul 04: Commanding Officer CAPT James M. Carr writes false written statement in letter of instruction to Chaplain (see Appendix F1 and D18) about survey results, stating: "more than 70% of respondents had negative or very negative comments about the [chaplain's] program."
2. 27 Jul 04: Three weeks later, CMEO survey administrator reports actual survey results, writing "Only 37% (80 of 215) of the personnel completing the survey provided valued comments [both positive and negative] for at least one of the 11 questions" (p. F20) proving the CO's earlier written statement is false. Likert scale average of all 9 survey questions demonstrates *75% of crew respondents actually rated chaplain and his programs positive or neutral*. Chaplain initially believes CO's earlier statement to be a non-punitive oversight, and doesn't quarrel about it.
3. 18 Feb 05: CO cites survey results punitively, downgrading Chaplain's fitness report.
4. 24 Feb 05: Chaplain checks with CMEO survey administrator, who re-verifies numerical survey data by email (see page F18), proving again CO's statement is false.
5. 2 Mar 05: Chaplain requests meeting with CO, in presence of XO, RP1, and CMEO survey administrator, to confront CO about his false written statement of 7 Jul 04, and request he change his statement. CO turns red, calls Chaplain 'delusional' and XO escorts Chaplain out of CO's stateroom.
6. 4 Mar 05: CO tells Chaplain he discussed survey results with his boss, CCSG12 RDML J.W. Stevenson Jr., who directed him to remove the Chaplain from the ship. CO directs TAD orders (below) be written to relieve Chaplain of duty and send him ashore. Chaplain protests these orders to both XO and CO, but is overruled by CO, citing direction by CCSG12, who didn't interview chaplain before ordering him removed. Ship goes underway without Chaplain. Relieved of duty, Chaplain stands on shore, while his church worships at sea on Sunday without him.
7. 11 Mar 05: Ship returns. Chaplain meets CO in stateroom with XO. CO briefs chaplain on negative recommendation for Chaplain's continuation on active duty (Appendix G) writing he'd prefer to never serve with the Chaplain again. CO, XO, and Chaplain agree the CO has lost confidence in the Chaplain, and his ministry can no longer be effective on the ship. Chaplain doesn't threaten lawsuit, but CO says he expects one.
8. 14 Mar 05: TAD orders are extended leaving Chaplain ashore permanently. Chaplain removes belongings from ship.
9. 1 Apr 05: Chaplain rotates from TAD orders ashore to permanent PCS orders ashore to the base chapel.

Conclusion: RDML J.W. Stevenson Jr. ordered Chaplain relieved of duty and transferred ashore, based on CAPT Carr's verbal defense of his written false written statement. Actions by both CAPT Carr and RDML Stevenson communicate to entire crew of the USS ANZIO that Chaplain was relieved for misconduct, discrediting Chaplain's character before his church and hundreds of Sailors among whom he'd served faithfully, building a reputation of Christian integrity for over two years.

ORDERS RELIEVING CHAPLAIN OF DUTY, FIRING HIM FROM USS ANZIO:

TEMPORARY ADDITIONAL DUTY (TEMADD) TRAVEL ORDERS								
1. FROM: COMMANDING OFFICER, USS ANZIO FPO AE 09564-1188						2. STANDARD DOCUMENT NO. 02165805TOXX050		
3. TO: O3 LT KLINGENSCHMIDT, GORDON J NON CARD HOLDER						4. TANGO NO. NO COST		
ORIGINAL						5. SSN/DESIGNATOR [REDACTED]		
						6. DATE 03/14/2005		
7. REF: (A) COMNAVSURFLANTINST 1320.1 (SERIES)						8. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> INDIVIDUAL TRAVEL <input type="checkbox"/> GROUP TRAVEL		
9. PROCEED ON OR ABOUT 03/03/2005		10. AUTHORIZED PROCEED ON OR ABOUT 03/03/2005		11. APPROXIMATE NUMBER OF DAYS 29		12. ESTIMATED DATE OF RETURN 03/31/2005		
13. ITINERARY (Activity/activities and Place/places indicated below) FROM: USS ANZIO CG-68, VA TO: RSO, NORFOLK, VA - (29) & Return						14. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> TEMADD <input type="checkbox"/> TEMADDCON <input type="checkbox"/> TEMADDINS		
						15. REASON FOR TRAVEL: MISSION ESSENTIAL TRNG/ATTND		
						16. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> AUTHORIZED VISIT SUCH ADDITIONAL PLACES AS MAY BE NECESSARY		
17. FISCAL DATA ACCOUNTING CLASSIFICATION								
APPROPRIATION SYMBOL AND SUB-HEAD (1)	OBJECT CLASS (2)	BU CONT NUMBER (3 SYM)	BU CONT NUMBER (4)	SUB-ALLOT NUMBER (5)	AUTHORIZED ACCTG ACTY (6)	TYPE (7)	PROPERTY ACCTG ACTY (8)	COST CODE (9)
(7SYM)	(4SYM)	(3 SYM)	(5 SYM)	(1 SYM)	(6 SYM)	(2 SYM)	(6 SYM)	(12 SYM)
THIS PERMISSIVE ORDER IS ISSUED WITH THE UNDERSTANDING THAT YOU WILL NOT BE ENTITLED TO REIMBURSEMENT FOR ANY TRAVEL, TRANSPORTATION, PERDIEM OR MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSES IN CONNECTION WITH ITS EXECUTION. IF YOU DO NOT DESIRE TO BEAR THESE EXPENSES PERSONALLY, YOU MAY CHOOSE NOT TO EXECUTE THIS AUTHORIZATION AND IT WILL BE CONSIDERED CANCELLED.								
18. ESTIMATED COST						19. CUSTOMER IDENTIFICATION CODE		
TRANSPORTATION	PER DIEM	MISC. EXP.	TOTAL	CASH ADVANCE				
\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00				
20. ITEM: (Use applicable item numbers as shown on attached sheet) 4								
Report to a Disbursing Officer within 10 days after completion of travel to settle your travel expenses.*								
21. ADDITIONAL COMMENTS AND INSTRUCTIONS: CBA LANTFLT 9162 RETAIN ALL GAS/LODGING RECEIPTS, ORDER MODIFICATIONS (IF APPLY) AND SUBMIT TRAVEL CLAIMS IN 5 WORKING DAYS TO SHIP'S OFFICE. SAFEGUARD THIS DOCUMENT/RETAIN ALL TRAVEL TICKET/RENTAL CAR ENDORSEMENTS. AUTHORIZED TO OMIT, REVISIT, OR VARY PLACES IN THE ITINERARY.						22. SECURITY CLEARANCE: IT IS CERTIFIED THAT YOU HOLD A <u>Not Applicable</u> BASED _____ COMPLETED _____ BY _____ (PLUS _____ YEARS SERVICE)		
ORIGINAL								
23. AUTHENTICATING SIGNATURE <i>Freddie D. Blair</i> PNC FREDDIE D. BLAIR								
24. TRANSPORTATION REQUEST/MAC TRANSPORTATION AUTHORIZATION FURNISHED:								
25. COPY TO: (Include Operating Budget/Fund Manager in all cases)								

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