









NAVAL CHAPLAINCY SCHOOL AND CENTER











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Cycle of Deployment

Lesson 9.6 PNC-BLC

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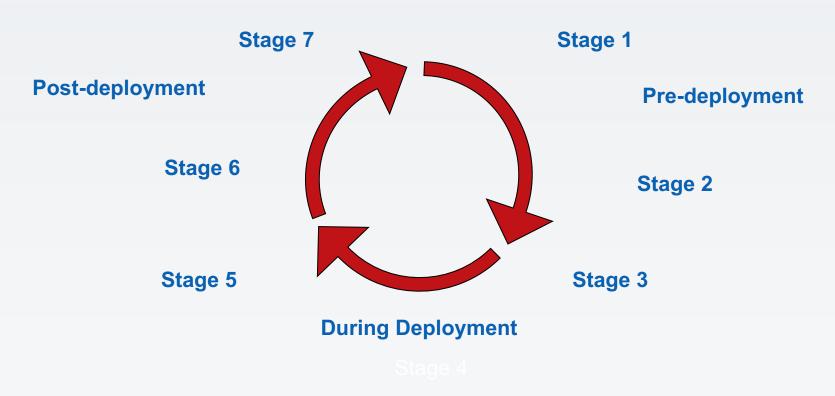


Ministry Moments

- PRE-DEPLOYMENT- Chaplains help commands prepare for deployments.
- MID-DEPLOYMENT- Chaplains help service and family members during deployments
- POST-DEPLOYMENT- Chaplains continue their ministry after deployments



Emotional Cycle of Deployment





The Emotional Cycle of Deployment

Success Vs. Survival

- The Key: Knowledge
- Understand the cycle!
- It's PREDICTABLE!

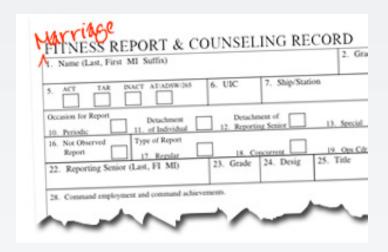




Stage 1

Anticipation of loss

- 4-6 weeks prior
- Spouses: denial pain
- Sailor / Marine: busyness
- Spouse: angry & resentful
- Sailor / Marine: guilty
 Singles & kids too





Stage 2

Detachment & withdrawal:

- Most difficult
- Life out of control.

Intimacy:

- Difficult
- Pre-deployment fight





Stage 3

Emotional Disorganization

- Shock
- Relief...And... Guilt
- The scenario
- Tougher on the stay at home spouse

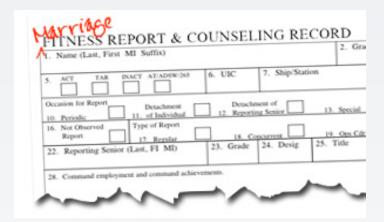




Stage 4

Recovery & stabilization

- Ok and surviving
- New patterns & routine
- Single but married
- Navy spouses
- More mature & independent

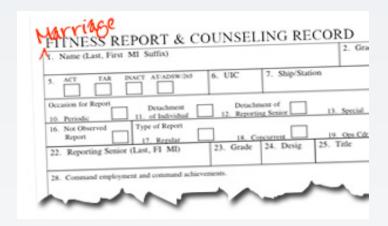




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Stage 5

- Homecoming anticipation
- 4-6 weeks before return
- Anticipation / Apprehension
- Marriage re-evaluation
- High divorce potential
- Teachable moment

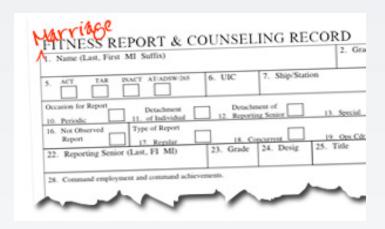




Stage 5 cont.

Post deployment seminars

- Have I changed too much?
- Does he / she need me?
- Moving beyond need
- Careful / care-filled reunion





Stage 6

Renegotiation

- Together physically but not yet emotionally
- From "single" to "couple"
- Loss of independence
- Burden of responsibilities

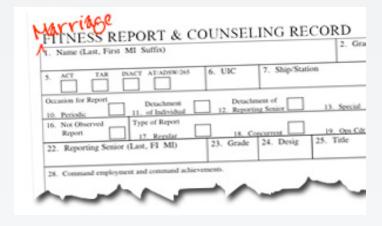




Stage 6 (cont.)

Renegotiation

- Changes must be accommodated
- A chance to re-evaluate
- Determine direction
- Renewed relationships

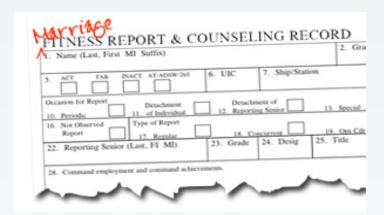




Stage 7

Reintegration & stabilization

- Within 4-6 weeks after homecoming
- From "my" to "ours"
- Comfortable





Coping

- Realistic, flexible goals
- Include children
- UNDERSTAND "emotional cycle of deployment
- Don't do it alone!
- Pre-deployment briefs
 - Support groups
 - ·Chaplain's brief





Post Deployment Briefs

- Initial euphoria
- Re-entry as an "honored" guest
 - Kids encounter a stranger
 - Doesn't insult stay-at-home spouse's "turf"
 - Expects & allows
 - Readjustment





Post Deployment Briefs

Anticipate:

- Both have changed
- Honor those changes
- Cautious honesty
- about feelings
- No sudden confessions





Reunion

- Readjustment from ship or field to home
- Accepting the stranger home
- Sexual intimacy issues
 - Men focus on physical
 - Women on the emotional
- Reunion with children
 - Bittersweet





Renegotiation

- Irreversibly changed people
- Chaplains can facilitate process
 - For difficult issues: counseling
 - For typical issues: enrichment
- Don't assume return to sop
 - Who pays bills, calls for repairs
 - Take the time it needs





Review

Pre-/post-deployment briefs:

Chaplaincy is involvement in critical life points

Deployments most difficult

Separate own issues

Use your own experience to help others

Find joy in ministry

