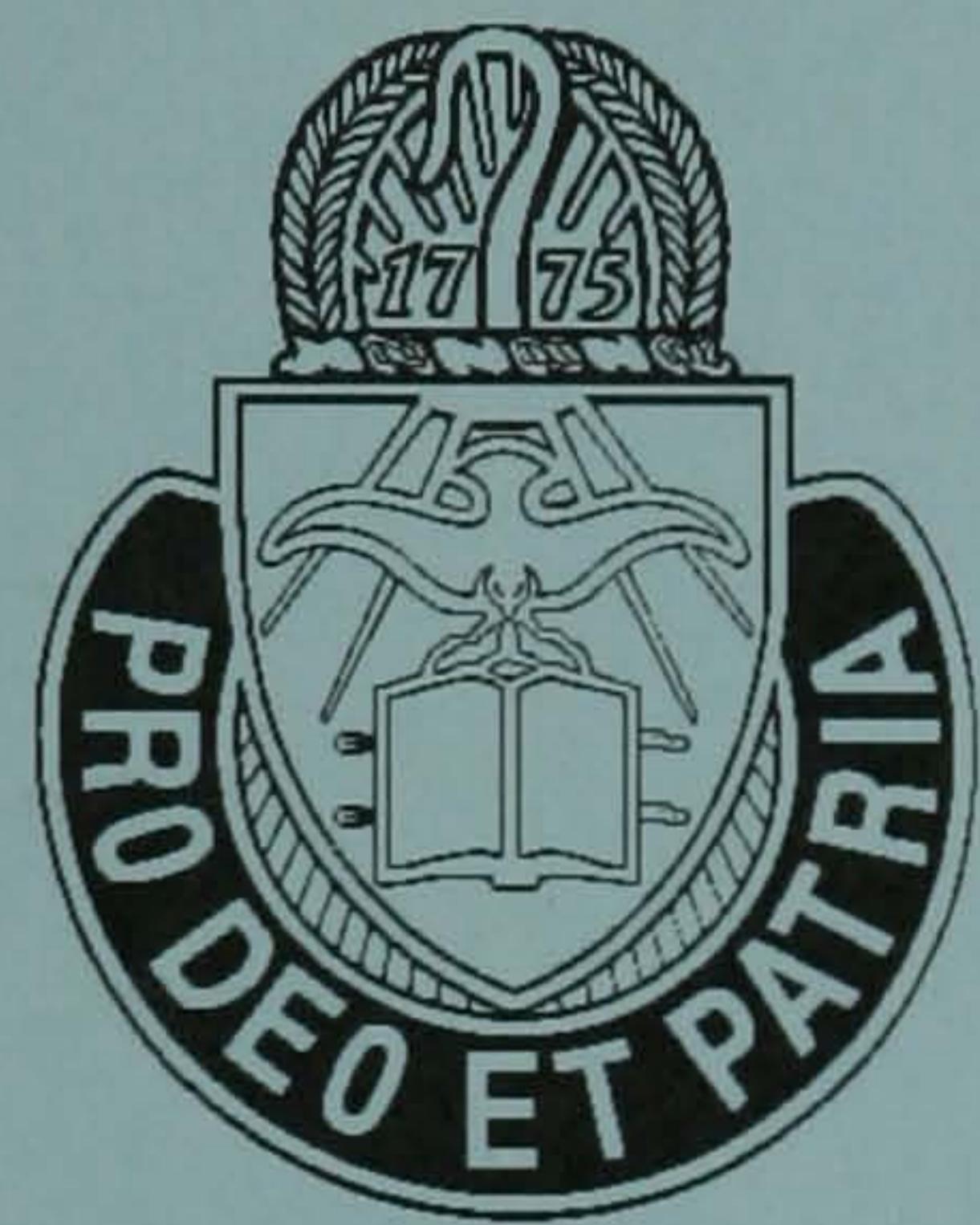


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FOREWORD

It was my privilege and honor to serve for four years with Chaplain (Major General) Gaylord T. Gunhus as his Deputy Chief of Chaplains. His influence on the U.S. Army Chaplain Corps has been professionally and spiritually monumental. When he became the Chief of Chaplains, no one could have foreseen the challenges the Army Chaplaincy would be summoned to meet. Yet we met all of them, and exceeded the requirements the changing times presented not only with excellence, but also with grace.



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During the years 1999-2003, under Chaplain Gunhus' tireless leadership, more innovative initiatives were attempted and accomplished than in any previous four-year period since the end of the Vietnam War. His vision of courageous and compassionate religious leadership for the Army, for the soldiers, family members, chaplains, chaplain assistants, retirees and Department of the Army civilians has set the model for ministry well into the 21st century.

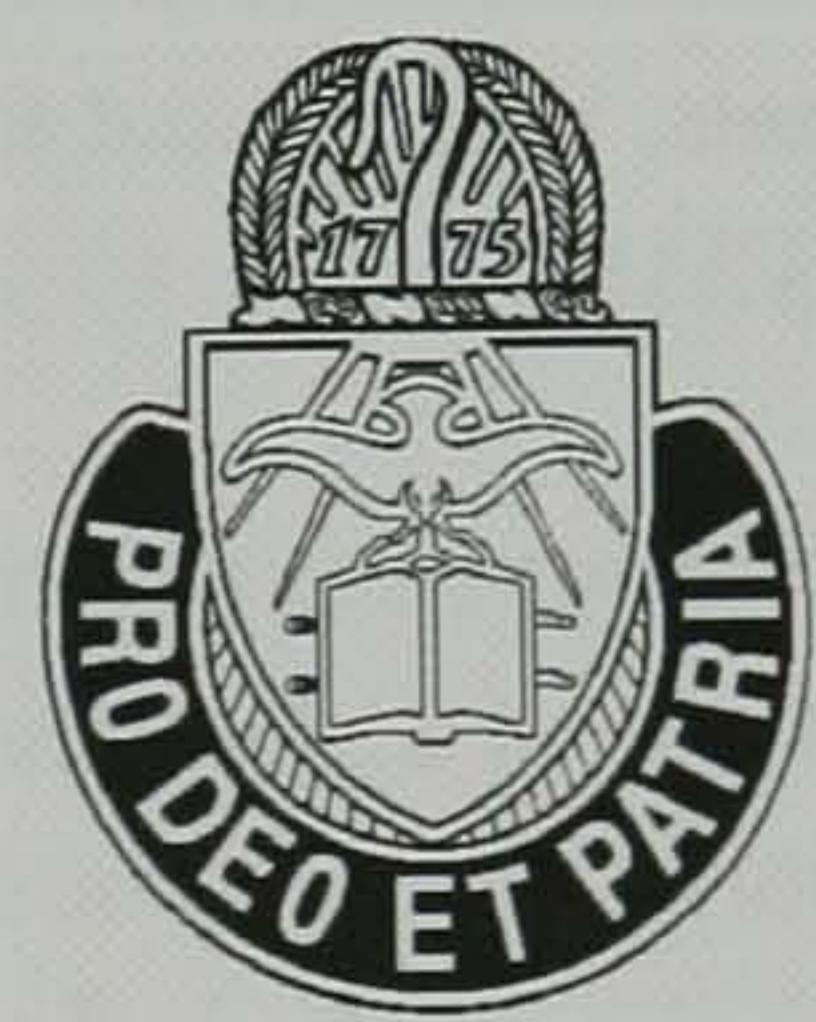
Chaplain Gunhus' tenure as Chief occurred at one of those axial periods in American history, bifurcated by the sudden and terrible terrorist attacks of 11 September 2001. The pace and direction of the Chaplaincy turned from business as usual to a world-wide war on terrorism, with all of the associated strains that war brings to those who are entrusted with the spiritual strength of the Army.

Yet bolstered by his faith and his courage, Chaplain Gunhus did not miss a beat. He increased his vision and rose, as at the Memorial Service of 11 October 2001, to bring words of comfort not only to the Pentagon community, but also to the nation.

Chaplain Gunhus' vision, energy, compassion and brilliance made him the epitome of a pastor — the model Biblical shepherd who gathers his flock and lovingly but firmly leads them in the direction they should go. In almost a decade in the Pentagon, Chaplain Gunhus has been transformed from a great chaplain to the Pastor for the Army, a Pastor for the Nation.

As I assume the position of the 21st Chief of Army Chaplains, may I humbly express the profound thanks of the whole Corps for the example and spiritual direction Chaplain Gunhus has set for all of us who seek to serve God and Country.

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Deputy Chief of Chaplains



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In the Gospel of John, Chapter 21, the disciple noted, "there are also many other things which Jesus did; were every one of them to be written, I suppose that the world itself could not contain the books that would be written."

Much of the same reflection could apply to the ministry of Chaplain (Maj. Gen.) Gaylord T. Gunhus and his senior staff chaplains who charted a course for spiritual leadership in the Army for the 21st century.

The writers, who are listed in the table of contents, lifted up some of the highlights of these total Chaplaincy ministries, which took place from 1999 to 2003. Their efforts were based on more than 60 interviews with chaplains, chaplain assistants and Department of the Army civilians, and a number of key documents from the Office of the Chief of Chaplains, the Center of Military History, and the New York Army National Guard.

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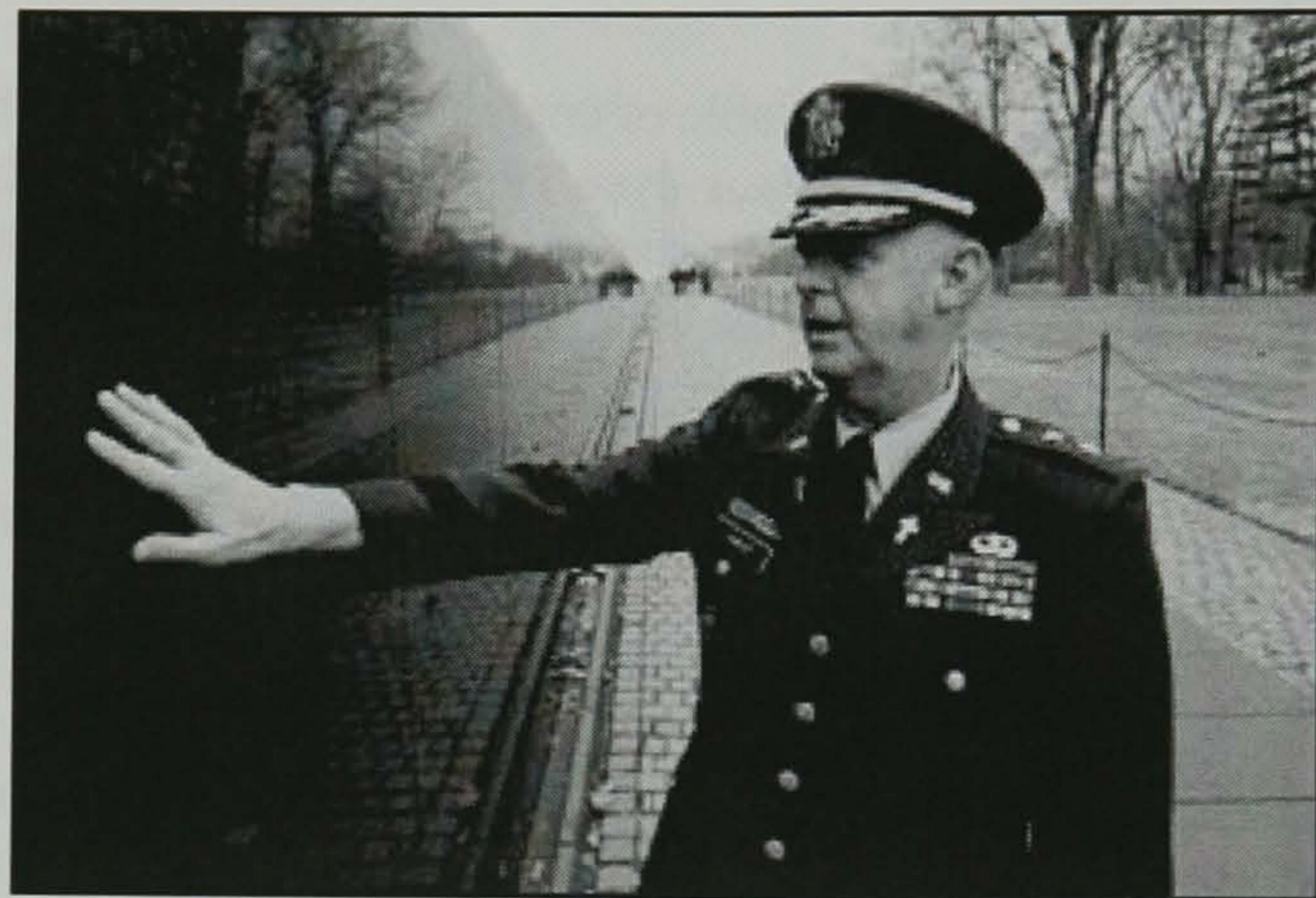
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