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**CHAPLAIN ALLIANCE FOR RELIGIOUS LIBERTY**  
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**[House Armed Services Subcommittee chairman  
to receive Chaplain Alliance Torchbearer Award](#)**

**WHAT:** Chaplain Alliance Torchbearer Award reception

**WHO:** Torchbearer Award Recipient Rep. J. Randy Forbes, R-Va., senior member of the House Armed Services Committee and chairman of the Seapower and Projection Forces Subcommittee

Special presentations by Lt. Gen. (Ret.) Jerry Boykin, executive vice president, Family Research Council; Rep. Doug Collins, R-Ga.; Rep. John Fleming, R-La.; Sen. James Lankford, R-Okla. Moderator: Todd Starnes, Fox News

**WHEN:** Tuesday, Jul. 12. Reception at 5 p.m. EDT; award presentation at 5:30 p.m. EDT

**WHERE:** Top of the Hill Club, 1 Constitution Ave., Washington

**WASHINGTON** — Chaplain Alliance for Religious Liberty will honor Rep. J. Randy Forbes, R-Va., senior member of the House Armed Services Committee and chairman of the Seapower and Projection Forces Subcommittee, with the Torchbearer Award for his work in protecting the religious liberties of all military personnel. Forbes is also founder and co-chairman of the Congressional Prayer Caucus, a bipartisan group of lawmakers dedicated to defending religious freedom.

“We are delighted to present our Torchbearer Award to Representative Forbes for his faithful stand to protect service members’ God-given, constitutionally protected religious liberties. No American, especially those who wear the uniform, should be denied their religious liberties,” said Chaplain (Col.) Ron Crews, USA Retired, executive director of Chaplain Alliance for Religious Liberty.

Chaplain Alliance awards the Torchbearer Award to individuals who have helped carry high the torch of religious liberty for all service members. Prior recipients of the Torchbearer Award are former Rep. Howard, “Buck” McKeon, R-Calif., who was chairman of the House Armed Services Committee, and Rep. John Fleming, R-La.

***The Chaplain Alliance for Religious Liberty is an organization of chaplain endorsers, the faith groups that provide chaplains for the U.S. military and other agencies needing chaplains. The endorsers in the Chaplain Alliance speak for more than 2,600 chaplains serving the Armed Forces.***

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