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"We are all one body, we have the same Spirit, and we have all been called to the same glorious future." Eph. 4:3,4 (NLT)

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General leads Family Congress

It was a weekend of breakthroughs. God-ordained moments that hold the promise of revival. So powerful were the messages, music and testimonies—so strong was the Spirit's presence—you could almost see it on the horizon. There is immeasurably more God wants to do.

"This is going to

be a victory congress," proclaimed General Linda Bond as she greeted delegates. Her rapport with Centralites was instantaneous.

More than 3,600 Salvationists gathered in St. Louis for the Family Congress which explored the International Vision Statement, "One Army, One Mission, One Message." They were joined for the weekend not only by the General but also by national leaders, Commissioners William A. and Nancy L. Roberts.

Delegates were ushered into the

historic Peabody Opera House for the keynote session *One Army* with dynamic praise by the Southeast Michigan Adult Rehabilitation Center (ARC) Singers and the Michigan Youth Choir. Joined by the Chicago Staff Band (CSB), a united ARC choir and junior soldier Mackenzie DePue for "There's Only One Flag for Me," there was no doubt this was going to be a great weekend.

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New Lieutenants ready to proclaim

Sunday morning brought an impact-filled message from General Linda Bond in the commissioning and ordination service for the "Proclaimers of the Resurrection" session.

Preliminary music by the Chicago

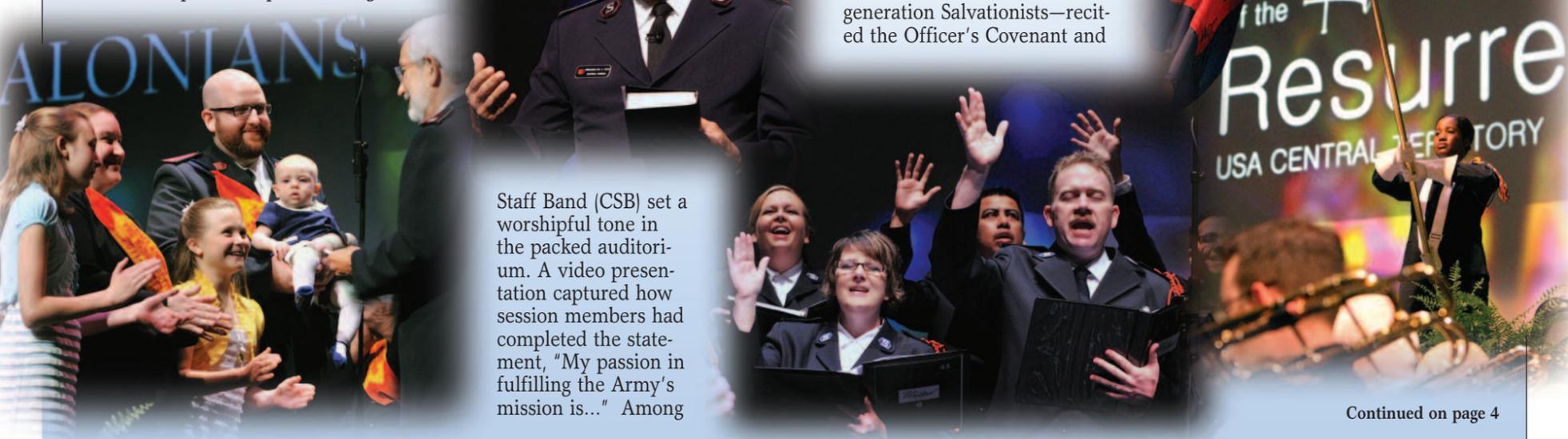
the phrases written on hand-held chalkboards was "to be Jesus to others until they find Him."

The 32 members of the Proclaimers of the Resurrection—almost half of whom are first-generation Salvationists—recited the Officer's Covenant and

Staff Band (CSB) set a worshipful tone in the packed auditorium. A video presentation captured how session members had completed the statement, "My passion in fulfilling the Army's mission is..." Among



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General Bond retires

Following a period of personal reflection and prayer, General Linda Bond decided that she should relinquish the Office of the General effective June 13, 2013. The General's decision to step down came after 44 years of ministry.

As is required by The Salvation Army constitution, contained in the Salvation Army Act 1980, Chief of the Staff Commissioner André Cox will perform the functions of the General pending the election of a new General.

The Chief of the Staff has summoned members of the High Council to meet on July 29, 2013, for the purpose of electing the 20th General of

The Salvation Army. All leaders who are commissioners on active service or who are territorial commanders or territorial presidents of women's ministries qualify for membership of the High Council.

This High Council will be the largest in the history of The Salvation Army. There will be 118 members—64 women and 54 men—with an average age of 59. Fifty-four will be attending a High Council for the first time. Twenty-six have appointments in the Americas and Caribbean Zone and 24 in the Africa Zone. The South Pacific and East Asia Zone supplies 21 members, Europe 18 and South Asia 15. Fourteen International



Headquarters commissioners complete the total of 118 members.

General Bond, who holds a Bachelor's degree in Religious Education and a Master's degree in Theological Studies, entered the training college in Canada as a cadet in 1967 and was commissioned as an officer two years later. She spent the following nine years in corps appointments, before being appointed first as a member of the training staff at the College for Officer Training in Toronto and then as Territorial Candidates Secretary. She returned to corps ministry, becoming Commanding Officer of the Kitchener Corps, before serving at the College

for Officer Training in St. John's, Newfoundland, as Assistant Training Principal, Divisional Secretary of the Maritime Division and Divisional Commander of the same division.

In 1995 she was appointed to International Headquarters in London as Under Secretary for Personnel. She remained in the United Kingdom, transferring to the UK Territory as Divisional Commander, Central North Division, in 1998. A return to Canada came just over a year later, when she was appointed as Chief Secretary, Canada and Bermuda Territory.

In July 2002 she was appointed to the USA Western Territory, where she served as Territorial Commander and Territorial President of Women's Ministries. She returned to International Headquarters in 2005, as Secretary for Spiritual Life Development and International External Relations.

In 2008 she became Territorial Commander of the Australia Eastern Territory. She was elected to The Salvation Army's most senior office in January 2011.

Simple choruses build your faith

by Colonel Dawn Heatwole
Territorial Secretary for Women's Ministries



My husband and I have the blessing of a grandson. He brings great joy to our hearts as he grows. He can now say our names and tell us great stories. As I watch him, I am reminded of when my children were young and we would sing Sunday school choruses together at the corps or in the car. As I think about those choruses, I realize they shouldn't just be for children. Maybe I need to be reminded of them as an adult as well.

Remember "Oh be careful little eyes what you see"? While singing it to my children, I thought it was cute. However, as an adult I need to be reminded of this simple truth over and over. We are inundated with visuals in our world today. The smart phone, tablet, computer and TV indiscriminately bring images into our homes. In privacy where nobody knows what's on these devices, it can be easy to begin to rationalize our viewing habits. Don't do it! We need to be careful what we are viewing and taking into our minds. Next time a temptation comes, sing to yourself, "Oh be careful little eyes what you see."

Remember "My God is so big, so

strong and so mighty, there's nothing my God cannot do"? It was a simple chorus to teach our children God was bigger than anything they'd face. But their biggest concerns were simple compared to what we face as adults. Sometimes I need to be reminded that my God is so big He can overcome my financial concerns, a health scare, relationship issues—anything that comes my way, my God can handle.

Lastly, remember "Read your Bible, pray every day and you'll grow, grow, grow"? Again, simple words to teach an important truth. Yet, as we get older somehow we think we can squeeze God into our timetables. We rationalize our busy schedules and trust God will understand. Soon our spirits begin to wilt and we wonder why. The gentle reminder is there to read the Bible and to pray every day, and our souls will be well watered.

So, what chorus do you need to be reminded of today as a grownup? Start humming one of those Sunday school choruses the next time you need guidance, strength or faith. Just don't sing "Father Abraham" to me.

Soapbox with the General

by Captain Rachel Stouder

If you had an opportunity to ask the General one burning question, do you think you could narrow it to *just one*? Me neither. Thankfully, I didn't have to.

On Saturday evening of the Family Congress, young adults gathered with General Linda Bond, inviting her to get on her soapbox, especially regarding the concepts of Salvationism we're most passionate about. The General spent nearly an hour answering questions in the same straightforward manner as her preaching.



Moderator Eric Himes interviews General Bond.



(l to r) Cadet Christopher White, Cadet Rachel Moe and Blake Fewell with the General

Most questions concerned Salvationist mission and ministry. Encouraging innovation, she said, "We don't have to throw the baby out with the bath water, you know? While doing something new, don't lose what's intrinsic to The Salvation Army, but don't get stuck in the past. We must keep in step with the

Spirit... We must regenerate our passion for God and His work!"

The General went on to describe the threads of consistency through the many expressions of Salvationism which she believes are crucial. She said we must be a joyous, worshiping community, a nurturing fellowship, behave as a holiness movement and keep our mission focus.

The General's message was clear. As Salvationists, we are called to a daring, risk-taking, passionately bowed-before-God ministry. We must engage soldiers in the mission to love the lost—no matter how much we disagree with or are made uncomfortable by their sin—and lead them to a saving relationship with Jesus Christ. "It's God's Army. His mission will be lived out by the power of the Holy Spirit," she said.

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General leads Family Congress

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diverse communities which compose the Central Territory were introduced through video highlights of each division, showcasing the scope of ministries that meet people at the crossroads of hope and despair. Leaders and representatives from the divisions, College for Officer Training and the ARC Command were joined by the young adult summer mission teams as a record \$8.1 million raised for World Services was revealed amid a burst of confetti.

"Aren't you proud to be a Salvationist?" exclaimed Commissioner Paul R. Seiler, territorial commander. He then welcomed home reinforcement personnel, dedicated the mission teams and presented the Certificate in Recognition of Exceptional Service to Bev Herivel for her lifelong support of missions.

"I love the way you celebrate giving your money away," the General joked in her response, bringing down the house. On a more serious note, she explained how vital the funds are to opening and sustaining the Army's work throughout the world. "The rest of the Salvation Army world is stronger because you give people and resources," she said.

Centering the audience again, an exquisite rendition of "Amazing

Grace" by vocalist Heidi Strand and the CSB set the stage for the message. The General extemporaneously shared that her vision for the Army dates back to childhood with a sister who was "so Army."

Though her sister's strict standards seemed harsh, she somehow got it wasn't about rules and regulations but Jesus.

"I love The Salvation Army because it's His," the General said, noting techniques and programs won't make up for a deficit of

God's Spirit. Relaying the experience of a Newfoundland corps, she cited one of the markers of revival will be a huge hunger for God and a soul-saving love as we've never experienced. Many sought a personal revival that night at the altar.

Highlighting our *One Mission*, the Saturday morning meeting celebrated God's transforming love and work in our lives, corps and territory. "I'm grateful to be

a part of pursuing mission, to be a part of a church that's not content to say a quick prayer and give a glance to those in need," said Commissioner Carol Seiler as she led the meeting.

After high energy praise led by The Singing Company, the meeting featured the enrollment of 160 senior soldiers by the General, who spoke on the significance of the flag under which they were being enrolled. Literally filling the stage, they stood in rapt attention as she charged them to keep their covenant, testify to Jesus, wear their uniforms, make prayer central and be stewards of their time and resources for the cause of Christ.

Compelling stories of transforming mission by Captain Brenda McCoy, Jesseica Lugo, Jan Nowak, and Kenneth Jones showed how God can use ordinary individuals in His redeeming work in the world. Though their journeys of faith and ministries are diverse, each has come to a place where the cause of Christ is consuming in their lives, which gave delegates pause to consider their own passion and priorities.

The General's message was again powerful and pointed, warning delegates of the danger of leaving God out of the equation, proclaiming we are not a humanitarian organization but the hands and feet of Christ.

"If we do not have the love of

Christ pressing us out into the world, we are not The Salvation Army," she said. At the very heart of the shield is the cross, she asserted, and we are to demonstrate the saving power of the gospel in word and deed.

Choked up, Commissioner Carol Seiler asked Salvationists to stand if they'd make a fuller commitment in God's Army. Not surprisingly, the entire audience rose to their feet.

Saturday evening's meeting, *One Message*, included an adorable massed singing company of nearly 200 children. Accompanied by the CSB, they sang their hearts out while marching and declaring they were "Battle Ready." Amid the thunderous standing ovation, the territorial commander referenced the territorial singing company initiative, saying, "The investment of teaching children to sing about Jesus is a good one, don't you think?" He then presented the Certificate in Recognition of Exceptional Service to Marian Smith for her decades' long ministry to youth in the Wisconsin and Upper Michigan Division.

William Booth's essay "In Heaven but not of Heaven" found new life in an original musical drama written by Joe Caddy that showcased the talents of the Bill Booth Theater Company and the Metropolitan and Eastern Michigan divisions. Featuring music, interpretative dance and special effects, the drama followed one modern-day Salvationist's vision of heaven and the burning conviction he needed to make his days count.

The General's preaching was a clear and unequivocal call to salvation. She said while we live in a challenging world of pluralism, secularism and humanism, Christ remains the answer. We must tell people about Jesus who can reconcile the alienated, adopt the outsider, justify the guilty, liberate those in bondage, and bring light to the darkness. Nothing else will do. The meeting ended once again with many kneeling at the mercy seat, claiming the good news.

Massed Singing Company

The adorable massed singing company that performed on Saturday night was composed of nearly 200 kids representing corps in every division, including:

Eastern Michigan	Dearborn Heights Citadel, Mich.
Heartland	Pekin, Ill.
Indiana	New Albany, Ind.
Kansas/Western Missouri	Kansas City Northland, Mo.
Metropolitan	East Chicago, Ind., Oakbrook Terrace and Waukegan, Ill.
Midland	Granite City, Ill., and St. Louis Temple, Mo.
Northern	Lakewood Temple, Minn.
Western	Divisional representatives
Western Michigan/Northern Indiana	Sturgis, Mich.
Wisconsin/Upper Michigan	Madison Genesis, Wis.

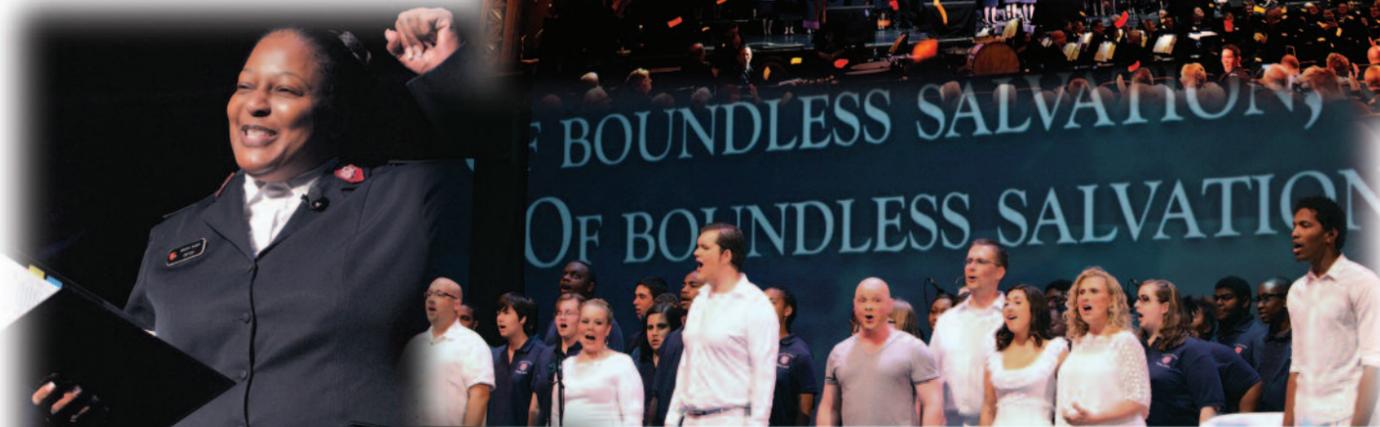


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Affirmation of Faith. Then the General, assisted by Training Principal Major Cherri Hobbins, addressed each cadet, sharing a Bible verse followed by the words of ordination as ministers and commissioning as officers.

In her prayer of dedication, Commissioner Carol Seiler, territorial president of women's ministries, asked God for their continued strength and fruitfulness.

The General's message began with an explanation of the admonition "peace to you" used by Christ with his disciples and Paul with believers. Culturally, the wishing of peace conveyed wholeness, healing and health. The General called it the best definition of holiness: God's ability to make one whole.

This healing at a deeper level is the answer to relational discord within the body of Christ, she continued, grieving for broken, hurting Christians with doubts, insecurities and bitterness.

She said, "We're not called to exist but to live life to the full. Christ said, 'I came that they might have life and might have it abundantly.'"

In response to her message, hundreds of people filled the front, aisles and sides of the auditorium. Then near the end of the meeting, a call to officership brought almost 130 people onto the stage.

The Sunday afternoon Service of Appointments, where the newly commissioned lieutenants learned where and how they'll first serve God as officers, was a rousing, blood-and-fire celebration fueled by the music of the CSB.

Major Cherri Hobbins presented the Proclaimers, introducing them as a mature group highly focused on the mission of the Army.

In her challenge to the new lieutenants, the General used the expression, "Stick to your knitting," meaning stay with the simple facts of the resurrection. "Trust the story; it's crucial to your ministry," she continued.

Believing mediocrity is a sin, she encouraged the lieutenants to be their best, adding, "You're only best when God's power surges through your veins."

Then Commissioner Paul Seiler had the pleasure of humorously interacting with the new lieutenants and their children as he presented their first appointments.



Photo by Jeff Curnow

Fun and fellowship abounds at Congress

The Family Congress in St. Louis held non-stop opportunities for fun and fellowship for delegates of all ages.

After the keynote session, more than 500 teens and young adults flocked to the City Museum for a fun-packed afterglow. The museum offered 10 stories of amazing exhibits and experiences, such as high spiral slides, a crawl-through shark tank and human hamster wheel. Youth also enjoyed munching on brick-oven pizza and homemade cookies. Simultaneously at the Resource Connection exhibit hall, hundreds more delegates enjoyed an ice cream social and some late night shopping.

Saturday dawned with 10 breakfast programs from prayer and fellowship to a National Seminar on Evangelism reunion and a Q&A with Commissioners Paul R. and Carol Seiler.

After the exhilarating morning meeting, Saturday afternoon



Photo by Carolyn Romin

They dotted the landscape of the St. Louis Zoo, as families wandered the paths through the animal exhibits.

For the sports or missions minded, a 5K run/walk benefiting World Services/Self-Denial attracted more than 200 participants at the St. Louis University track. In addition to a box lunch, runners received t-shirts and treat bags containing a \$5 coupon for Resource Connection's new line of athletic wear. The event raised approximately \$5,000.

For those delegates who preferred the great indoors there was the Resource Connection marketplace for lunch and shopping. Among the new products offered this year were gift items with a globe motif and bobble-head figurines of Army greats.

World missions held center court in the marketplace with an educational fundraising project to provide rain water collection tanks for corps in the Kenya East Territory, one of our partners in mission. Also on display were Sally Ann items from overseas.

A dozen vendors showcased musical instruments to recreational equipment, while the territorial social services department distributed information on the new Pathway of Hope initiative. The territorial historical museum mounted an eye-catching, educational display on the Midland Division and recent generals, along with a fun, interactive learning area for children.

After the meeting Saturday night, youth convened for a performance by "The Brilliance," while dedicated shoppers took off for Resource Connection's "late-night madness."

stretched out leisurely with a variety of options for family activities. With delegates sporting bright blue polo shirts with the red shield, there was no doubt the Army had invaded the city!



The Shield of Hope

This year the Cedar Rapids, Iowa, Corps is celebrating 125 years of service, and to commemorate the landmark it's holding various outreaches, activities and promotions.

"We think this is a great opportunity to remind people in our community about The Salvation Army and our mission," said Lt. Kristina Sjögren, who until recently was corps officer with her husband, Michael. "Our theme is 'The Shield of Hope for 125 Years: Onward!' Through it we're reflecting on our past but more importantly looking to the future."

The high point of the year so



Cedar Rapids Mayor Ron Corbet and Lt. Michael Sjögren

far has been the corps' celebration weekend, which kicked off on a Saturday afternoon with a traditional praise meeting and devotional given by Major Evie Diaz, Heartland divisional commander.

In the evening there was a community concert given by the Chicago Staff Band (CSB) and Eastern Iowa Brass Band. More than 400 people attended including Mayor Ron Corbet. The Cedar Rapids Timbrel Brigade played with the massed bands, and Chief Secretary Colonel Merle Heatwole gave a heartwarming devotional.

"During the intermission a woman came up to me," said Kristina. "She had tears running down her face, and she said, 'I asked God into my heart during the last selection!' She had been so moved by the staff band."

On Sunday morning Cedar Rapids youth began the service with a drama set to the song "Set Me Free" by Casting Crowns. When Colonel Dawn Heatwole, territorial secretary for women's ministries, stood to give the message, she was amazed. "I love how

A sweet fellowship

by Major Curtiss Hartley

What do you get when you gather a bunch of missionaries and former missionaries in a room? There's no punch line. It's just not what you might expect.

Saturday morning at Congress, more than four dozen folks who are currently serving or have served in overseas appointments gathered for a fellowship breakfast. While bow-tied servers poured coffee and delivered quiche, the missionaries chatted.

Officers serving in places like Canada, Sweden, Japan and Papua New Guinea sat with others who had served in Russia, South America and Germany. There were curious questions about adjustments to cultural differences, but beneath the friendly chatter was a knowing sense of a shared experience. Some things didn't have to be spoken because everyone understood the hardships of separation from family, challenges of diet and climate, and frustrations of living and working so far from home.

Conversations rarely delved into dramatic stories of exciting adventures. Instead, they revolved around children and grandchildren. They shared information about the needs abroad, and marveled at the generosity of those at home.

Above all was a sense of wonder at God's mercy and grace that He would choose to send us to serve in faraway lands. I've learned "missionary" means many different things. It's taking the gospel to people who may not have heard it. It's providing education to poor children, and medicine and health care to those who can't afford it. It's showing someone how to manage a crop or collect rainwater so their family can bathe and cook. It's also filing and paying bills and writing grants and proposals.

For those gathered for the Overseas Personnel and Alumni Breakfast, the idea was simply to respond to God's call to serve, wherever and whenever.



Pictured (l-r) are Lt. Colonel Richard Vander Weele, Major Evie Diaz, Lts. Kristina and Michael Sjögren and Colonels Dawn and Merle Heatwole.

the Holy Spirit works. I didn't know what skit the kids were going to do this morning, but the Holy Spirit knew they would fit together." The morning service was also supported by the CSB.

This summer the corps is part-

nering with their local AAA minor league baseball team for an outreach and auction, and this fall the local history museum plans to host a Salvation Army exhibit.

The corps is now led by Majors Paul and Barbara Logan.

Roberts' service extended



The General has extended the service of Commissioners William A. and Nancy L. Roberts, national leaders, for one year. Their retirement from active service will now be October 31, 2014. They will continue to serve in their present positions until that time. Please continue to keep them in your prayers.

World Services/Self-Denial Giving

For the first time ever, the territory has raised over \$8 million for World Services/Self-Denial.

Eastern Michigan	\$877,962
Heartland	\$345,823
Indiana	\$495,008
Kansas/Western Missouri	\$695,920
Metropolitan	\$1,130,961
Midland	\$824,237
Northern	\$655,822
Western	\$512,518
Western Michigan/Northern Indiana	\$500,000
Wisconsin/Upper Michigan	\$726,129
Adult Rehabilitation Centers Command	\$929,719
College for Officer Training	\$84,625
Territorial Headquarters	\$365,928
Grand Total	\$8,144,652





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Pray for these new lieutenants as they take up their first appointments and share Jesus' saving grace.



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Lieutenant Betsy Clark
Corps Officer—
Hammond-Munster, Ind.



Lieutenants Jared & Tonia Collins
Corps Officers—Sedalia, Mo.



Lieutenants Enrique & Christine Coreano
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Lieutenants Sean & Christina Wise
Assistant Corps Officers—Noble Worship Center, Minn.



Lieutenant Antoine Zachery
Corps Officer—East St. Louis, Ill.

Newly accepted candidates

Dalvius King

**Noble Worship Center, Minn., Corps
Northern Division**



Raised in church, I drifted from God until my 30s. In 1998 I moved back to my hometown from California and periodically started attending the Kansas City, Mo., Bellefontaine Corps. In 2006, under the leadership of Captains Dale and Rebecca

Simmons, I committed to the corps and became a senior soldier and Sunday school teacher, then a Bible study leader. A year later I accepted a music ministry position at the corps. Our Women of God singing group not only performed at the corps but in regional engagements! I knew God had called me to be a pastor, but the Simmons helped me realize my call was to officership. The territorial ministry discovery program gave me hands-on experience in Minnesota. Never wanting to be a pulpit-only pastor, I share the Army's view of ministry to the whole person. As an officer, I'll pastor communities!



Grant Holloway

**Green Bay Kroc Center, Wis., Corps
Wisconsin and Upper Michigan Division**

I spent many years learning about Jesus but lived a second life that had nothing to do with Him. It wasn't until my sophomore year of high school that I really understood what it meant to accept Christ as my personal savior from sin. My relationship with Jesus grew throughout the rest of high school. In my first year of college, especially during a mission trip to South Africa, I began to hear my call to service and ministry. I surrendered my dreams and desires and changed schools and majors so I could learn how to minister more effectively. During a missions class, I heard the call to officership even clearer and realized I could no longer ignore it. I've spent the last two years serving in Green Bay and living out my faith in pursuit of His call.

Grant's corps officers are Major Robin and Captain Ken Shiels and Major Louise and Lt. Karl Blessing.



A joy-filled journey

According to Majors John and Carol Wilkins, if they could pick an underlying theme for their ministry it would be joy. "So many people have touched our lives along our journey," Carol said. "We have found great joy in ministering to and being ministered to by those people with whom God has brought us in contact, and we've been blessed to serve the Lord as Army officers for nearly 38 years."

John and Carol met at the College for Officer Training and were commissioned with "The Evangelists" session in 1969. They were married in 1970 and served together 13 years as corps officers, 14 years as adult rehabilitation administrators and 10 years in different capacities at divisional and territorial headquarters.

"Ours has been a team ministry of sharing and caring for His people; in that we have found great joy. Truly all the glory belongs to Him," said John.

John and Carol have three adult children. Their youngest son, John, lives in Shanghai, China, with his wife, Tasha. Their oldest son, Len,



lives in Chicago, and their daughter and son-in-law, Mary and Brad Liggett, are in Beloit, Wis., where Brad is the fire chief. They have two grandchildren and one great-grandson.

The Wilkins have retired to Decatur, Ill., where they served for eight years.

"We look forward to traveling and spending time with our wonderful children, grandchildren and great grandson," said Carol, "as well as to see what God has for us in our continued ministry to Him!"

Celebration of Grace



Major Mary Hammerly is flanked by Colonels Susan and William Harfoot.

The retirement service of Major Mary Hammerly produced much laughter, and a few tears, as Mary, friends and family related tales from her life, appointments and too-brief 24 years of marriage to Major Timothy Hammerly, who was promoted to Glory in 1998.

Mary's retirement ceremony was officiated by Colonels William and Susan Harfoot, national chief secretary and national secretary for women's ministries. An especially touching moment came when Lt. Colonel Theodore Dalberg presented Mary with a special certificate recognizing her late husband's service.

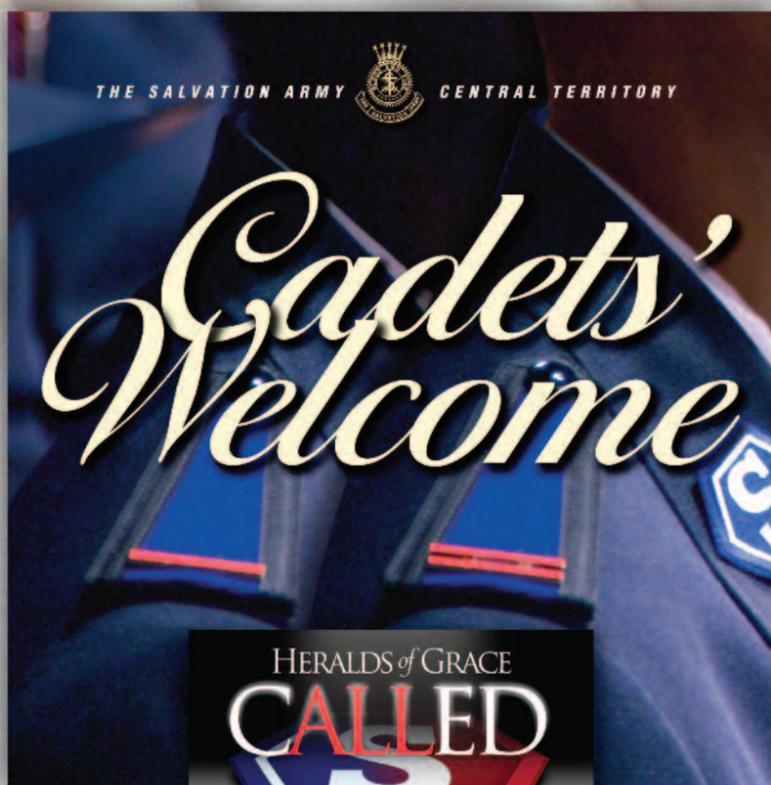
Tributes were made by Lt. Colonel Pamela Strickland, Major JoAnn Madrid, Major Butch Frost and Karen Young. Other highlights included a salute by Tim Hammerly

to his parents and Mary's recognition of Majors Charles and Florence Moffitt as her spiritual parents.

After Mary was commissioned in 1969, she spent the first seven years of her officership ministering at Booth homes and hospitals in Minnesota and Michigan. After marrying Timothy in 1974, they served together in two corps, three divisional appointments and at the College for Officer Training.

It was during their second year at the college that Tim was promoted to Glory. Mary continued to serve there for the next eight years until she was appointed in 2006 as the territorial multicultural ministries director, the position from which she retired.

Mary described her last appointment as an incredible journey of many blessings. "I'm thankful God included this appointment in my life."



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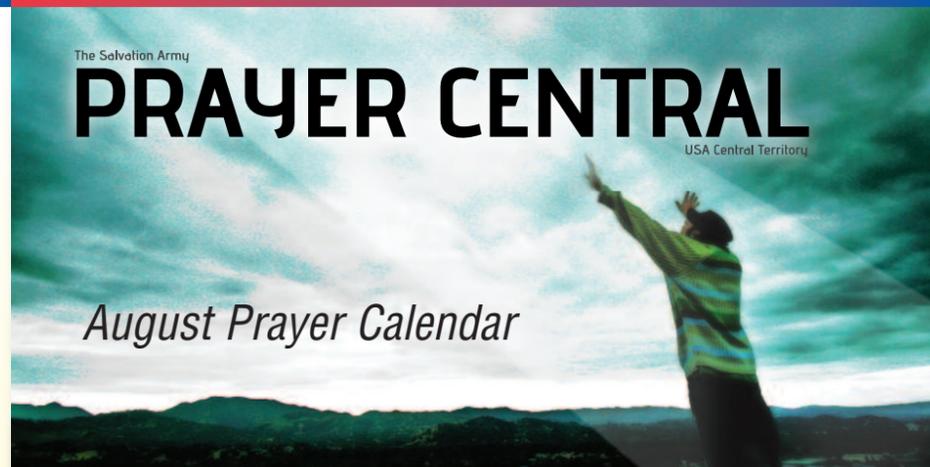
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Sjögrens appointed ambassadors of holiness

Lt. Colonels Daniel and Rebecca Sjögren have been appointed as territorial ambassador and associate territorial ambassador for holiness, respectively, effective June 26. Lt. Colonel Rebecca Sjögren's primary appointment will be assistant secretary for women's ministries; she also will hold the positions of secretary for women's auxiliaries and Fellowship of the Silver Star.

Pray for them as they take up these new responsibilities.



My Prayer List	Day	Bible Reading	Pray for The Salvation Army
	1 Thursday	Psalms 90-92	Vacation Bible Schools
	2 Friday	Proverbs 14-15	Des Moines Citadel, Iowa, Corps
	3 Saturday	Ezekiel 43-48	National Seminar on Evangelism
	4 Sunday	John 1-2	Cadillac, Mich., Corps
	5 Monday	1 Thessalonians 4-5	Green Bay, Wis., Corps
	6 Tuesday	Leviticus 25-27	Flint, Mich., ARC*
	7 Wednesday	1 Chronicles 1-4	Acres of Hope Campus, Detroit, Mich.
	8 Thursday	Psalms 93-95	Central Music Institute
	9 Friday	Proverbs 16	Clinton, Iowa, Corps
	10 Saturday	Daniel 1-6	Grandview Southland, Mo., Corps
	11 Sunday	John 3-4	Indiana DHQ**
	12 Monday	2 Thessalonians 1-3	Chicago Lawn, Ill., Corps
	13 Tuesday	Numbers 1-3	Carthage, Mo., Corps
	14 Wednesday	1 Chronicles 5-9	Duluth, Minn., Corps
	15 Thursday	Psalms 96-98	Mali Region PIM
	16 Friday	Proverbs 17-18	Des Moines Temple, Iowa, Corps
	17 Saturday	Daniel 7-12	Elkhart, Ind., Corps
	18 Sunday	John 5-6	"Heralds of Grace" Session of Cadets
	19 Monday	1 Timothy 1-3	Green Bay Kroc Center, Wis. Corps
	20 Tuesday	Numbers 4-6	Fort Wayne, Ind., ARC*
	21 Wednesday	1 Chronicles 10-14	Detroit Grandale, Mich., Corps
	22 Thursday	Psalms 99-101	Major Violet & Capt. Dr. Felix Ezeh (Trinidad) PIM
	23 Friday	Proverbs 19	Danville, Ill., Corps
	24 Saturday	Hosea 1-7	Evansville Fulton Ave., Ind., Corps
	25 Sunday	John 7-9	Hutchinson, Kan., Corps
	26 Monday	1 Timothy 4-6	"Disciples of the Cross" Session of Cadets
	27 Tuesday	Numbers 7-9	Chicago Mayfair Community Church, Ill., Corps
	28 Wednesday	1 Chronicles 15-19	Fairmont, Minn., Corps
	29 Thursday	Psalms 102-104	Fort Dodge, Iowa, Corps
	30 Friday	Proverbs 20-21	Goshen, Ind., Corps
	31 Saturday	Hosea 8-14	Hancock, Mich., Corps

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 If you follow the prayer calendar in the next year, you will have read through the Bible!
 * = Adult Rehabilitation Center
 ** = Divisional Headquarters
 PIM = Partners in Mission

Long Service Awards

We salute the following officers on their service milestones.



30 Years

- Major Mark Anderson
- Major Deborah De La Vergne
- Major Nelson De La Vergne
- Major Jack Holloway
- Major Nancy Holloway
- Major John Klammer
- Major Barbara Logan
- Major Lonneal Richardson
- Major Belinda Riggs
- Major Thomas Riggs
- Major Barbara Shiels
- Major Cindy Strickler
- Major Betty Vogler
- Major Charles Wright

25 Years

- Major Brian Burkett
- Major Lee Ann Burkett
- Major Michele Heaver
- Major Nathan Johnson
- Major Debra Pascoe
- Major Timothy Pascoe
- Major Arnel Ruppel
- Major Tracy Ruston
- Major Wayne Ruston
- Major John Turner
- Major Theresa Turner
- Major Jonathan Welch
- Major Kim Welch
- Major Keith Welch
- Major Sherrie Welch
- Major Katherine Wilson
- Major Timothy Wilson
- Major Marina Womack
- Major Stephen Yoder

45 Years

- Major Mary Hammerly

40 Years

- Major Colleen Michaud
- Major Susan Moore

35 Years

- Commissioner Barry C. Swanson
- Commissioner E. Sue Swanson
- Lt. Colonel Richard Amick
- Lt. Colonel Vicki Amick
- Major Elizabeth Beardsley
- Major James Beardsley
- Major Jacalyn Bowers
- Major Thomas Bowers
- Major Robert Fay
- Major Ruth Fay
- Major Jonathan Fjellman
- Major Linda Fjellman
- Major Robert Gauthier
- Major Wes Green
- Major Debra Hansen
- Major Ralph Hansen, Jr.
- Major Margaret Hill
- Major Daniel Hursh
- Major Ruth Hursh
- Major Donna Hutchings
- Major Rose Mason
- Major Andrew Miller, Jr.
- Major Cheryl Miller
- Major Mike Mills
- Major Charles Smith
- Major Sharon Smith
- Major Douglas Stearns
- Major Diann Tutewiler
- Major Edward Tutewiler

--Mustard Seeds--



Around the territory

CHICAGO, ILL.— The Metropolitan Division leapt into service this spring when the greater Chicagoland area was inundated with flooding. In the early morning hours of April 18, thousands of families across Chicago and its suburbs awoke to find their neighborhoods and homes flooded. Massive storms dumped up to 10 inches of rain throughout Illinois, causing rivers, streams and ponds to overflow their banks. All told, The Salvation Army provided 1,435 meals, 1,952 snacks and 2,483 beverages. It also assisted with sandbags in Aurora and Algonquin. During the following weeks, emergency disaster services distributed more than 4,000 clean-up kits to residents, in some cases going door to door to reach those who could not leave their homes. The Army will provide long-term recovery assistance to affected communities as needed.



Photo by Alex Arzola

DES PLAINES, ILL.—The Russian-speaking ministry of the corps celebrated its 10th anniversary and a new outreach in the nearby town of Wheeling with a special event. Captains David and Shannon Martinez, corps officers, report the ministry has been conducting weekly

worship services in a community center in Wheeling for the last six months to serve the large Russian-speaking population in Chicago's northern suburbs. Recently the Wheeling center granted permission for the ministry to expand programs and services. Pictured is the Hispanic Women's Dance Team. The Des Plaines Corps Band also participated.

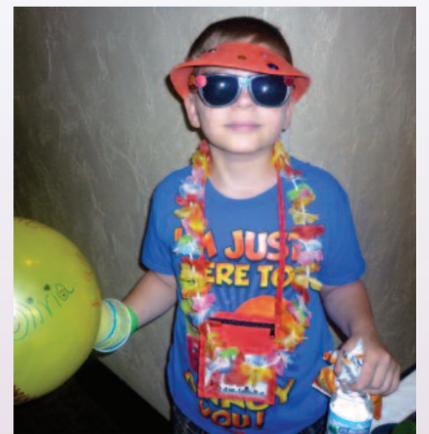


DETROIT, MICH.—During "Doing the Most Good Week," The Salvation Army invited the community to join them for lunch in Campus Martius Park. Hundreds of people enjoyed performances by a brass band and the Southeast Michigan Adult Rehabilitation Center Singers, a visit by the Detroit Tigers mascot PAWS, and free food thanks to generous vendors. The event culminated around the Do-Gooder Challenge where corporate executives and media celebrities participated in a friendly competition by sitting beneath a water-filled balloon while employees, fans and passersby threw balls at a target in attempts to douse them. More than \$3,500 was raised with the winner being Title Source President Jeff Eisenshtadt (pictured) who raised \$900 which his company matched. There were many other successful events during the week such as a Fund Run at Echo Grove Camp and a goods-in-kind donation drive at the GM Renaissance Center.

Kids party at Congress

Nearly 430 children had the time of their lives at this year's Family Congress. Corporate Kids Events (CKE), a professional childcare company, worked in tandem with the territorial youth department to bring fun and adventure to children up to age 11.

The adventure kicked off with a beach themed luau on Friday night complete with leis and sunglasses. Festivities continued on Saturday morning as children adorned themselves in masks, eye patches, hats and bandanas for a pirate-themed day and had their photos taken. Each child took home a framed photo. On Sunday the kids walked into the Wild West, decorating cowboy hats, neckerchiefs and playing a "quick draw" Pictionary® game. Each session also included a devotional time led by one of this year's summer missions teams.



"The kids had such a great time that they didn't want to leave," said Major Charlene Polsley, territorial assistant to the youth secretary. "Each child received a lot of personal attention and the CKE staff was excellent at being flexible and fun. Overall everyone—parents included—was very happy!"

Promoted to Glory

Mrs. Major Pearl Chase

Mrs. Major Pearl Chase was promoted to Glory on April 29, 2013. She was 98.

Pearl was born in Aberdeen, S.D., the second of three children to Captains Olaf and Christine Williamson. When Pearl was just about to enter into her teenage years, her mother passed away.

After several moves, her family ended up in Minnesota attending the Minneapolis Citadel Corps, where she met a handsome bandman named Leslie Chase. They were married in 1936, and their marriage was blessed with three children.

Pearl and Leslie were commissioned with the "Steadfast" session in 1942. They served as corps officers across the territory from Hibbing, Minn., to Kankakee, Ill.

Leslie passed away when Pearl was in her early 60s. In the years to follow, she lived her life surrounded by family and traveling the world, taking residence in places as far as England and Hawaii.

Pearl also was preceded in death by two sons Major Howard (Lt. Colonel Marlene) and Reverend Norman (Romanye). She is survived by her daughter Alice (Thomas) Atkins, eight grandchildren and 15 great-grandchildren.



On the move

Effective June 26, 2013, unless otherwise noted.

Adult Rehabilitation Centers Command

Majors David & Bonnie Clark, Command Auditors; **Major Linda Mitchell**, Asst. Adm. Women's Programs, Southeast, MI; **Captain Dennis & A/Captain Adriana Earnhart**, Admins., Minneapolis, MN; **Captains Elmer & Michele Gamble**, II, Admins. in Training, Waukegan, IL; **Captain Brendon Robertson** (transfer from Australia Southern Terr.), Adm. in Training, Fort Wayne, IN; **Captain Robin & Lt. William Rutledge**, Admins. in Training, Springfield, IL; **Lts. Chris & April Rutledge-Clarke, Sr.**, Trainees, Omaha, NE; **Envoy James Bracey, Jr.**, Chaplain, Chicago Central, IL.

College for Officer Training

Major Jesse Collins, Campus Chaplain; **Major Lee, Bong-kyu** (transfer from Korea Terr.), Instructor/Academic Specialist; **Captain Karen Salisbury**, Dir. of Campus Spiritual Life; **Captain Scott Salisbury**, Asst. Dir. of Business.

Eastern Michigan Division

Major Jan Sjögren, Div. Secretary for Vision/Strategic Planning, DHQ; **Major Russ Sjögren**, Div. Secretary for Business, DHQ; **Major Mary Wilson**, Community Care Min. Secretary, Add'l Appt.: Older Adult Min. Dir., DHQ; **Captains Michael & Tina Cripe**, COs, Hillsdale, MI; **Captains Peter & Catherine Mount**, COs, Royal Oak, MI; **Captains Brian & Heidi Reed**, COs, Wyandotte Downriver, MI; **Lt. Lorna (Nelson) Cossey**, CO, Detroit Grandale, MI; **Envoys Terry & Margaret Gaster**, Corps Admins., Harbor Light, Detroit, MI; **Envoys Artee & Esther Lewis**, Corps Admins., Detroit Temple, MI.

Heartland Division

Major Mark Litherland, CO, Keokuk, IA; **Majors Paul & Barbara Logan**, COs, Cedar Rapids, IA; **Majors Steven & Jennifer Woodard**, COs, Springfield, IL; **Captain Valerie Carr**, Add'l Appt.: Moral & Ethical Issues Secretary, DHQ; **Captains Allen & Pam Otto**, COs, Macomb, IL.

Indiana Division

Captains Alex & Aimee Norton, COs, Richmond, IN; **Captain Aaron Ortman**, Div. Youth Secretary, DHQ; **Captain Jennifer Ortman**, Div. Youth Secretary, Add'l Appt.: Div. Candidates' Secretary, DHQ; ; **Lt. Elizabeth (Wright) DeLacy**, CO, Shelbyville, IN.

Kansas and Western Missouri Division

Majors Brian & Lee Ann Burkett, COs, Topeka Citadel, KS; **Majors Daniel & Mary Burris**, COs, Salina, KS; **Captains Joaquin & Gabriela Rangel**, COs, Kansas City Westport Temple, MO, Add'l Appt.: Div. Hispanic Min. Dirs., DHQ; **Lt. Jeremy Fingar** (change in desig.), Assoc. CO, Kansas City Citadel, KS; **Lt. Julie Tamayo** (change in desig.), Assoc. CO, Hutchinson, KS.

Metropolitan Division

Major Vicky Horton, Booth Chaplain; **Majors Steven & Christine Merritt**, COs, Rockford Temple, IL, Add'l Appt. (Steven): Winnebago County Coordinator, Rockford, IL; **Major Jonathan Miller**, Add'l Appt.: Fox Valley Coordinator, St. Charles, IL; **Major Seo, Eun-sill** (transfer from Korea Territory), Assoc. CO, Chicago Mayfair Comm. Church, IL; **Captain Brenda McCoy**, Kroc Center Officer for Congregational Life, Chicago, IL; **Captain Dale Simmons, Sr.**, CO, Gary-Merrillville, IN; **Captain Rebecca Simmons**, Lake County Coordinator, Hammond-Munster, IN; **Lt. Nikki Hughes**, CO, Chicago Englewood, IL; **Lt. Kristina Sjogren**, Div. Youth Secretary, DHQ; **Lt. Michael Sjogren**, Div. Youth Secretary, Add'l Appt.: Div. Candidates' Secretary, DHQ.

Midland Division

Major Gail Aho, Div. Secretary for Program, DHQ; **Major Phillip Aho**, General Secretary, DHQ; **Majors Robert & Linda Meyer**, Special Services (pro tem until Aug. 1 retirement), DHQ; **Captain James Scott**, Social Services Chaplain, Greater St. Louis, MO; **Lts. Ronald & Bridgette Amick**, COs, Cape Girardeau, MO; **Lt. Katie Harris-Smith**, CO, Columbia, MO; **Lt. Amy McMahan**, CO, Jefferson City, MO (June 29); **Lt. Aubrey (Robbins) Mantyla DeBaar**, CO, Branson, MO.

Northern Division

Majors Byron & Elaine Medlock, COs, Fargo, ND; **Major Debra Richardson**, Div. Statistician, Add'l Appt.: Corps Growth Secretary, DHQ; **Major Sue Welsh**, Add'l Appt.: Community Care Min. Secretary, DHQ; **Captains Alex & Chris Lim**, Officers in Charge, Twin Cities Korean Outpost, MN; **Captain Fred Mead, Jr.**, Disaster Services Secretary, Add'l Appt.: Men's Min. Secretary, DHQ; **Captain Nancy Mead**, CO, Noble Worship Center, MN, Add'l Appt.: Multicultural Min. Coordinator, DHQ.

Western Division

Major Kathleen Hellstrom, Women's Min. Secretary, Add'l Appts.: Community Care Min. Secretary, Moral and Ethical Issues Secretary, DHQ; **Major Randall Hellstrom**, Div. Secretary, Add'l Appt.: Men's Min. Secretary, DHQ; **Majors Ben & Beth Stillwell**, COs, Marshalltown, IA; **Major Judith Tekautz**, CO, Council Bluffs, IA; **Captain Ruth Gibbons**, CO, Ottumwa, IA; **Captains Oliver & Tabitha Knuth**, COs, Boone, IA; **Captains Trevor & Rochelle McClintock**, COs, Omaha Citadel, NE; **Captains William & Ann Mealy**, COs, Grand Island, NE; **Lts. Anthony & Brianne Bowers**, COs, North Platte, NE; **Lts. Brad & Cassandra Burkett**, COs, Kearney, NE; **Lt. Melissa Heatwole**, CO, Watertown, SD (July 27).

Western Michigan/Northern Indiana Division

Major Michael Gates, Div. Secretary for Business, DHQ; **Major Rebecca Gates**, Women's Min. Secretary, Add'l Appt.: Older Adult Min. Dir., DHQ; ; **Major Kimberly Hellstrom**, Add'l Appt.: CO, Lansing South, MI; **Captain Daniel Faundez**, Kroc Center Officer for Congregational Life, Grand Rapids, MI; **Captain Wendy Faundez**, Kroc Center Officer for Youth Development, Grand Rapids, MI; **Captains Nicholas & Jodi Montgomery**, COs, Elkhart, IN; **Captain Jason Poff**, Div. Youth Secretary, DHQ; **Captain Mary Poff**, Div. Youth Secretary, Add'l Appt.: Div. Candidates' Secretary, DHQ; **Captains Owen & Susan Thompson, Jr.**, COs, Mt. Pleasant, MI.

Wisconsin and Upper Michigan Division

Majors Jerry & Loreen Henderson, Special Services (pro tem until August 1 retirement), DHQ; **Majors Cornell & Candace Voeller**, COs, Oak Creek Centennial, WI; **Captains Joel & Ramona Arthur**, COs, Racine, WI; **Captain Shannon Benner**, CO, Superior, WI; **Captains Marion & Rhonda Moore**, COs, Marquette, MI; **Lts. Jasen & Kimberly Elcombe**, COs, Kenosha, WI.

Territorial Headquarters

Lt. Colonel Richard Vander Weele, Add'l Appt.: Community Relations & Development Dept. Secretary (pro tem); **Major Brenda Rhoads Herivel**, Veterans' Services Dir., Add'l Appt.: National Veterans Adm. Volunteer Services Deputy Representative; **Major Richard Herivel**, Asst. Secretary for Program, Add'l Appt.: Men's Min. Secretary; **Major Debra Pascoe**, Asst. Candidates' Secretary; **Major Timothy Pascoe**, Asst. Secretary, Audit Dept.; **Major Angela Wandling**, Asst. Youth Secretary; **Major Monty Wandling**, Youth Secretary; **Major Carol Wurtz**, Corps Mission and Adult Min. Secretary, Add'l Appts.: Community Care Min. Secretary, Older Adult Min. Dir.; **Captain Enrique Azuaje**, Multicultural Min. Secretary; **Captain Nancy Azuaje**, Hispanic Women's Programs Dir.; **Captain Joyce Shiels**, Secretary, Audit Dept.

Retirements

July 1: **Majors James & Diana Amick**; **Major Mary Hammerly**; **Majors Mark & Sue Haslett**; **Majors Dale & Sharon Hale**; **Majors John & Carol Wilkins**.

August 1: **Majors Jerry & Loreen Henderson**; **Majors Robert & Linda Meyer**.

September 1: **Majors Roger & Joy Ross**.

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