A new vision for SATERN

by Major Michele Heaver, KC8NAI

SATERN (Salvation Army Team Emergency Radio Network) is building on its extraordinary history of service, modernizing, expanding, and integrating its members more fully into The Salvation Army’s mission. Since being founded in 1988 by Central Territory officer Major Pat McPherson, SATERN has recruited and trained personnel skilled in emergency communications and message handling to support Salvation Army operations in local, regional and international disasters. It has played a key role in communications in many major disaster responses throughout the world from the F5 tornado that wiped out Plainfield, Ill.; to fierce hurricanes like Katrina, Michael and Florence; the historic flooding in Grand Forks, N.D.; the devastating 7.4 magnitude 1999 earthquake in Turkey; and the horrifying terrorist attacks on 9/11. Its mode of communication has been the utilization of a mobile handheld unit to a sophisticated station consisting of VHF/UHF, HF, Morse code, digital and computer digital modes of communication.

New Central Territory SATERN Coordinator Bob Langsfeld wants to see SATERN keeping up with modern technology and becoming part of a strategic technological reserve. His goal is for SATERN to expand beyond two-way communications to include digital messaging, voice over internet, computer networking and satellite linking.

When SATERN teams are deployed in a disaster, the objective will be for members to include phone, video, imaging and satellite. As a result, SATERN’s efficiency will be increased greatly through team types based on Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) compliance (see page 10). The different credentialing levels of amateur radio operators participating with SATERN in a disaster response are based on the Army’s national incident command system, which is modeled on FEMA incident training,” explained Bob.

Additional training beyond basic requirements for emergency disaster services (EDS) credentials will be required for all SATERN members. Long term, it is hoped SATERN members will be cross-trained in other areas of EDS so they are fully engaged on the disaster scene.

“Emergency communication is very critical in a well-functioning incident management team and developing the SATERN program is a key priority in 2019,” said Kevin Ellers, Central territorial disaster services coordinator.

A new SATERN application packet is now available. This October SATERN members and teams will gather to share their skills and learn new modes of operation at a Territorial SATERN and Heartland Divisional Emergency Disaster Services Training Summit.

For more information or to receive an application packet, contact us/disaster_services@us.salvationarmy.org

Do Not Be Afraid

by General Brian Peddle

What causes you to be afraid? Is it the dark? Spiders? Illness, heights, confined spaces, money problems or the future? A myriad of things are understandable causes of fear, and often that fear is accompanied by anxiety. There is a recurring theme throughout Scripture where God tells us not to be afraid.

At Christmas we noted the words from the angel Gabriel to Mary as she was told she would be the mother of Jesus: “Do not be afraid” (Luke 1:30). Remember that according to the Bible, angels are not quite the same as the helpless, beatiﬁc, tinsel-adorned young girls and boys who portray them in nativity plays—Psalm 103:20 describes them as “mighty.” The shepherds were comforted by the same phrase with the appearance of an angelic host [Luke 2:10]. In Matthew’s account of the Resurrection morning, the ﬁrst words of the angel at the tomb are: “Do not be afraid” (28:5).

Just a few verses later, the women meet Jesus and his ﬁrst words are: “Do not be afraid” (v 10). The Old Testament addresses the same issue as Joshua is about to succeed Moses. We read Moses’ encouraging words in Deuteronomy 31:8: “The Lord himself goes before you and will be with you; he will never leave you nor forsake you. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged.” There is also the promise from God in Isaiah 41:3: “Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have summoned you by name; you are mine.” And at the end of the New Testament, as John sees Jesus in his vision and falls at his feet, Jesus again says: “Do not be afraid” (Revelation 1:17).

So we see that throughout Scripture God says to us: “Do not be afraid.” In the life of Christ, even from the foretelling of his birth, to the announcement of the same, to that first Easter morning, we hear those same words: “Do not be afraid.” (Revel 1:17).

For those who know God and share life with him, there is no need to be afraid because God has overcome the world (John 16:33), defeated sin on the cross and conquered death—as revealed by the empty tomb! We need to remember this when fear takes hold of us.

God is not a distant, powerful deity; he is an ever-present God who seeks to live with and in his people. We need to couple the instruction of “Do not be afraid” with the recurring promise we read before: “I will never leave you nor forsake you.” When fear takes hold, we should remember not only the omnipotence—all-powerfulness—of God; we should remember that he is right with us, beside us and in us. God’s perfect love “dries up fear” (1 John 4:18).

What is happening in your world and in your life this Easter?

Anyone who is struggling with sin and recurring cycles of behavior that they feel unable to break can choose not to be afraid, but to trust in the God who broke the power of sin on the Cross. Anyone who is facing significant challenges in life within the family, at work or with health, for example, can choose not to be afraid, but to trust in the God for whom nothing is impossible. Anyone who is experiencing grief and loss can choose not to be afraid, but to trust in the God who conquered death and promises eternal life.

So, this Easteride, do not be afraid. Remember—God is with you. Do not be afraid. Remember—God is bigger than the situation you are facing. Do not be afraid. Our God is victorious, and he invites us to share in his victory!

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News and Views from the Midwest

“We are all one body, we have the same Spirit, and we have all been called to the same glorious future.” (Gal. 3:28)
It’s all about trust
by Lt. Colonel Deslea Maxwell
Assistant Territorial Secretary for Program

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit. Romans 15:13, NIV

ave you ever had your trust shattered? I’m not a huge Facebook fan. However, from time to time I love reading the memories that come up on my wall.

Recently one reminded me of when my husband and I were serving in the Papua New Guinea Territory where we journeyed to one of the remote villages to conduct weekend services. During our afternoons we have discussions with some of the corps personnel, I was ushered toward a white plastic chair. The moment I sat down, it gave way and I ended up, unclad-like, on the ground. Once I got up, dusted myself off and the flushed color in my face disappeared, I realized perhaps I wasn’t the first person to end up on the ground when sitting in that particular chair for it was tied together with sewing thread. To this day, I tentatively—after quick examination—sit on plastic chairs. It’s a trust thing.

When I read Romans 15:13, I have to ask myself if this verse describes me. Do I “overflow with hope” as I put my trust in the Lord daily? Despite what is happening in my life, is this hope within me welling up and influencing those around me? Is my life filled with all joy and peace as I trust in Christ?

This description of the believer comes from knowing God. The more I put my trust in Him and walk with Him daily, the more this hope will overflow from my life to the lives of those around me. This hope is not only a future in Heaven but a present reality through faith in the Lord Jesus Christ.

But how do we obtain the kind of faith that helps us overflow with hope, even in the midst of trials? There are perhaps a lot of things melded together that bring about this overflowing hope, but one essential way is to know God and His ways through His Word. God’s Word shows Him to be faithful to His people in all kinds of trials. He is completely trustworthy. And it is the Holy Spirit’s power within the life of the believer that produces His holiness in us as we trust in Him in our daily spiritual walk. And so, Paul says here, it’s the power of the Holy Spirit who produces in us His fruit of joy and peace as we “trust in Him” and experience Him by faith so we “overflow with hope”.

You see it’s all about trust.

In your everyday living do you trust God to see you through every situation? Do the words “joy, peace and hope” describe you? I pray, despite the difficulties we sometimes encounter, that you have sensed the settling presence of God in your life as you’ve placed your trust in Him.

In our everyday living God has called us each to share His joy and peace with those around us. My prayer for you is that the God of hope will fill you with all joy, peace and hope as you trust in Him.

Getting relationships right
by Lt. Colonel James Nauta

2010 The Salvation Army launched a National Youth Asset Development Initiative (YADI), in partnership with the Search Institute, in Kroc Centers throughout the country.

YADI embodies Joan Kroes’ emphasis on tapping youths’ potential by providing opportunities for them to nurture the gifts God has given them for the betterment of others as well as themselves. YADI is grounded in Search Institute’s framework of Developmental Assets which identifies key relationships, opportunities and personal strengths youth from all backgrounds need in order to thrive. The Developmental Assets approach is being used in more than 60 countries around the world to strengthen positive youth development.

Embedded within the Developmental Assets approach are two important shifts in thinking about and working with youth. First there is a shift from focusing on youths’ problems to promoting young people’s strengths. The second shift is about moving beyond a focus on programs to an emphasis on relationships youth experience in and beyond those programs.

That doesn’t mean programs aren’t important. Rather, it highlights the fact that relationships youth build within programs can help make sure kids get all they can out of the program. This shift also recognizes that some of the most important asset building happens outside of programs in the everyday interactions among youth and adults as they enter the building, move through the hallways or grab something to drink in the Kroc cafe.

In partnership with the Search Institute, the Central Territorial Kroc Department hosted training in March. The “Getting Relationships Right” conference introduced participants to the Search Institute’s developmental relationship framework. This framework includes five key elements in establishing relationships with youth: expressing care, challenging growth, providing support, sharing power and expanding possibilities.

The Central Territory’s Ray and Joan Kroc Corps Community Centers have received YADI funding to support hiring a lead coordinator who attended this training and, in turn, will train staff in their centers. Two Kroc YADI leaders—Jill Harmon from Omaha and Kayla Welch from Grand Rapids—have helped to design a Territorial YADI Train the Trainer Initiative.

It is hoped the training will result in more intentional and inclusive building of developmental relationships with and among young people, beginning in Kroc Centers but eventually including The Salvation Army’s wider youth ministries.
The Salvation Army in the Twin Cities spent seven days serving hundreds of federal employees who were experiencing financial hardship due to the government shutdown this winter. During the weekdays from January 25–February 4, Salvation Army staff and volunteers at two makeshift service centers provided the workers with food shelf services and financial assistance for housing, gas and utilities. The workers were grateful.

"It’s been special to see that people have our back—just like we have their back with what we do," said a female security officer at the Minneapolis/St. Paul International Airport, where The Salvation Army set up a service booth.

Another female security officer came to the booth to apply for mortgage assistance. "I just bought my home, and already I have depleted a lot of my savings," she said. "The hardest part is the fear of the unknown. How long will my money last? I have been praying that [the shutdown] would end."

The Salvation Army opened a second service center in an unoccupied office space near Mall of America, where a steady stream of federal employees arrived to fill their grocery bags with food.

One federal employee was especially thankful for the food because he and his family were running dangerously low on money. He had been working without pay for four weeks.

"We had planned for [the shutdown], but a month is still a long time," he said. "We haven’t been making any non-essential purchases. I never thought I’d have to ask for help. But I sure do appreciate this."

Captain Katherine Clausell, social services director for the Northern Division, was stationed at the airport service center with several caseworkers.

"There has been a tremendous sense of elation that The Salvation Army and our supporters have responded in this way," the captain said. "There has been nothing but smiles, thanks and gratitude."

The services were made possible through a coordinated effort between The Salvation Army, the Transportation Security Administration and the federal government.

Editor’s note: Service also was given by the Metropolitan Division at O’Hare and Midway airports.

Captain Bersabe Yera serves at food shelf.

Captain Katherine Clausell cheerfully greets a person seeking assistance.

"Our Christ-centered education and The Salvation Army’s Christ-centered service have teamed up to empower servants on the frontlines of ministry," said Dr. Dave Holden, Greenville University dean of adult and graduate studies, of the collaborative agreement established between the university and the Indianapolis, Ind., Harbor Light Center.

Dr. Holden spoke at a certificate presentation ceremony held at the center to honor the 45 staff members who completed professional development training classes for which they also earned continuing education units (CEU).

Major K. Kendall Mathews, Harbor Light Center executive director, initiated the partnership with Greenville University to design a program with CEU credit hours for the center’s staff. In turn, the university’s faculty and students gain advanced insights on what is required to serve beneficiaries and their families. The collaboration also facilitates internship positions for students and opportunities for staff to earn graduate degrees or complete undergraduate studies.

"[We] see the value in working together to proclaim the gospel of Jesus Christ," said Dr. Holden. "It’s not just for personal development but for spiritual service to those in need of salvation and release from substance abuse."

Recognizing the importance of continuing education, Major Kendall has established other collaborative relationships with educational institutions in previous appointments. He concluded, "This new partnership has blessed our staff in a very practical way and shows all things are possible through Christ."
Commissioning Weekend
June 7-9, 2019 Milwaukee Theatre

Schedule of Events

Friday, June 7
9:30 am Commencement Ceremony
Oak Creek Centennial, Wis., Corps
Noon Retired Officers’ Luncheon+
1:00-6:30 pm Trade Central and Museum Exhibits
2:00-6:30 pm Registration
5K Run for the World Registration/Packet Distribution
4:00 pm Candidate Meet and Greet+
5:00 pm Long Service Recognition Dinner+
7:00-8:00 pm Registration
7:00-10:00 pm Childcare drop off for preregistered children ages 11 and under** (Photos taken at this time of all adults who will be authorized to drop off and pick up children during the weekend)
7:30 pm Compassion, My World*
10:00 pm Teen and Young Adult Afterglow for ages 12-29**

Saturday, June 8
6:30 am 5K Run for the World with the Territorial Commander**
7:30 am College for Officer Training Summer Assignment Orientation Breakfast+
8:00 am Sacred Conversations
8:30 am-noon Registration
8:30 am-noon Childcare for children ages 11 and under**
9:00 am Compassion, My Mission*
11:00 am Compassion, My Territory*
Noon-3:30 pm Trade Central and Museum Exhibits
5:00 pm Fellowship of Silver Star Dinner+
7:00-8:00 pm Registration
7:00-10:00 pm Childcare for children ages 11 and under**
7:30 pm Compassion, My Life*

Sunday, June 9
8:30-11:30 am Registration
8:30-11:30 am Childcare for children ages 11 and under**
9:00 am Compassion, My Future
Commissioning and Ordination of the Messengers of Compassion Session
12:30-1:00 pm Registration
1:00 pm Compassion, My Future*
Service of Appointments*
3:00 pm Reception for New Lieutenants and Unit Commanders+

Schedule is Subject to Change
+ By invitation only
* Delegate badge required
** Available with preregistration only

Spanish, Laotian and Korean translation will be provided for general sessions.
Get more information and register at salarmycentral.org/commissioning

Worship leaders called to battle

by Josh Turner

The first North American Salvation Army Worship Leaders Conference (SAWLC) was held in Atlanta, Ga., bringing together 75 worship leaders from around the United States and Canada. The conference was planned and led by the five North American territorial contemporary music specialists including Doug Berry (East), Simon Gough (Cananda and Bermuda), Josh Powell (South), Jude St. Aime (West) and myself (Central) which gave a wider representation and vision of worship leaders in our Army.

During the five united sessions, a contemporary specialist and Randy Bonfield led delegates in worship. From gospel to pop/rock, each session saw an inclusivity of musical styles and featured a lineup of excellent guests, including Captain Nesan Kistan, Courtney Rose, Randy Bonfield, Captain Marion Platt and Lt. Colonel Allan Hofer, who spoke with authority on the importance of worship, worship leaders and their spiritual health.

In addition to meaningful corporate worship and teaching, the conference was filled with practical workshops and “creative corner” times giving delegates opportunities to gain extra training in understanding spiritual formation, planning, songwriting, arranging, mentoring, working with worship committees and leading praise teams.

Sprinkled throughout the conference were various technique and resource highlights. Memorable technique talks, from keeping sound simple to using apps in worship, gave practical and immediate application of ideas. Resource highlights gave recommendations for training, planning and spiritual development of worship leaders and their teams.

There was a great sense of humility as delegates of different ethnicities, cultures and lifestyles embraced one another with love, encouragement and a focus on worshiping God. The highlight for me was the intentionality of pouring encouragement into corps worship leaders, letting them know they matter and are on the frontlines of spiritual warfare.

2 Chronicles 20 records when King Jehoshaphat heard about an impending attack, he immediately fasted, prayed and sought God’s guidance. Then he appointed worship leaders to go out ahead of the army to sing praise and thanking to God. As soon as they started praising God, He gave them the victory.

I pray that King Jehoshaphat’s example will be applied in each of our corps. We need to practice spiritual disciplines like fasting, asking God for guidance, and commissioned lay worship leaders to lead congregations into spiritual battle. As we gather each week, worship leaders have a high calling to reorient our congregation’s focus on Christ to whom we bring glory as we worship our great God.

Resources and a link to the recently created SA worship leaders magazine are highlighted on the conference website SAWorshipLeaders.com

Central Territory delegates to the North American Salvation Army Worship Leaders Conference.
A message without borders

by Heidi Hurula

Earlier this year the Bill Booth Theater Company (BBTC) had the amazing opportunity to serve on the staff for the Instituto Territorial de Musica y Artes Creativas (ITM) for the South America West Territory.

The camp, which took place at a Salvation Army facility just outside of Santiago, Chile, brought together nearly 250 students from Bolivia, Chile, Ecuador and Peru to become more effective ministers in areas such as music, dance, timbrels and theater.

In addition to performing choreodramas in the plenary sessions and teaching drama classes together, BBTC members shared their unique skills through a variety of roles on the faculty. Joe Caddy, Lt. Amanda Keene and I led vocal technique classes for praise band, while media specialist Matt Erikson shared his expertise with aspiring sound engineers in the audiovisual elective class. Guest BBTC members Greg Hurula and Richard Thalman, who ably filled in for a couple of fulltime members who couldn’t make the trip, put their brass skills to work by assisting with one of the camp’s three brass bands.

“I don’t know that I will ever be able to express all that happened,” said BBTC veteran Courtney Smith who worked with the advanced timbrel group. “But I can say that I have been stretched and challenged and changed. It was my privilege to work with each one of them.”

Our primary performance opportunity consisted of a 30-minute Jesus Theater presentation titled “The Way” or “El Camino” in Spanish. For this performance BBTC was directed by our friend and collaborator Sandy Cabrera who had also translated the script into Spanish for use last summer in South America with CAST (creative arts services young adult summer mission team). The narrations were re-recorded, and the music was adapted to incorporate lyrics in Spanish.

As with many Jesus Theater presentations, “The Way” relies on recorded narration and carefully choreographed movement set to music but contains very little speaking on the part of the actor. This was a perfect opportunity for those of us in the group who were not as comfortable with Spanish to speak from our hearts. After the performance, many delegates responded at the altar call, and we could sense the Holy Spirit was moving among this group of young people and their leaders. We knew God used us powerfully in spite of the language barrier.

Throughout our time in Chile, we were received as family and were constantly reminded God’s Kingdom has no borders. We were blessed greatly by the people we met and experiences we shared with them during the music institute. God is clearly at work in the South America West Territory, and we are thankful to have been given the opportunity to witness it firsthand.

We are the “re” generation

by Chaslyn Shiel

Like many other delegates of Regeneration 2019, I came to Wonderland Camp with a heavy heart. I wasn’t prepared for an authentic meeting with God, but that’s what I had.

The band Urban Doxology helped open the doors of our hearts so the Holy Spirit could fill the space. We felt the awesome and overwhelming presence of our Most High God. Songs like “Purge me” and “Shalom” spoke of truth and their testimony found in Isaiah 58.

God also moved in our hearts through the testimonies of other delegates and messages by Dr. Brenda Salter McNeil who shared throughout the weekend from the book of Esther. She focused on the fact that sometimes we are called to be leaders in places we never thought we would go. She said she believes God is raising up an Army from our generation and that we are the “re” generation. We are to take every word beginning with “re” (ie revival and restoration) and put it to use in our broken world. With God’s help, we will be able to stand up for others in love. Delegates talked about this throughout the weekend as they participated in various events.

In addition to powerful united sessions, Regeneration featured many fun activities like a silent disco, a Netflix and pizza banquet, a hot chocolate and build your own trail mix fellowship, a pop-up thrift store, a take-off on the baking show “Nailed It,” and games like 9 Square.

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The new four-week worship series combines last year’s commissioning weekend theme of welcoming others to our table and the book I am a Church Member by Thom S. Rainer which was given to each delegate and highlighted in Central Connection. The series is intended to help people discover the purpose, joy and privilege of corps membership and for members to make commitments to become active, effective and inclusive.

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“Come to the Table” and worship

by Peggy Thomas

This month a new worship series called “Come to the Table” is being released. It is going to help us think about what it means to be a church member and, more specifically, a member of our corps. For instance, are you a joyful, active and fulfilled member? Do you consider it a privilege to gather with others to worship the Lord? Do you portion others?

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How can the Central Territory best serve the long-term spiritual, emotional and physical needs of the men and women who enter our adult rehabilitation centers (ARC)? What about the families of ARC beneficiaries? How can we encourage the development of transformational relationships through connecting ARC beneficiaries and their families to other Salvation Army ministries?

An amazing cross-section of nearly 100 delegates representing ARCs, corps, divisional headquarters (DHQ) and territorial headquarters (THQ) gathered for a Mission Integration Summit at the invitation of Territorial Commander Commissioner Brad Bailey and Adult Rehabilitation Centers Commander Major Randall Polsley. The purpose was to advance The Salvation Army’s mission by strengthening partnerships between ARCs and the corps in close proximity to them.

In his welcome video, Commissioner Bailey pointed to the Apostle Paul’s exhortation to unity in Ephesians 4:4 as the basis for “sharing God’s message in a way that breaks through the stereotypes of ‘us and them’ and embraces an inclusive message without discrimination.” The territorial commander challenged delegates to open their hearts, minds and spirits to how Jesus is leading them to share His love and grace to everyone who comes into their sphere of influence.

Serving as Senior Territorial Vision and Mission Advisor with his wife, Commissioner Sue Swanson, Commissioner Barry C. Swanson described the mission integration the territory is working toward and praying for in very practical terms. “It is one Army, with one mission, taking the message to one person at a time,” he said.

“Something in our system is broken, fractured, and needs to be reset before healing can occur,” Commissioner Swanson said. “That break is sin, individual and corporate. We must confess, repent, and forgive.” Drawing from his experience with the Southern Africa racial reconciliation efforts, he explained, “In order for reconciliation to take place, the two parties need to come to a third place.” The Mission Integration Summit provided fertile ground for that process to take root.

Prior to beginning their work as collaborative teams, short informational presentations prepared delegates for fleshing out how mission integration will work in their contexts. Corps and divisional representatives received an ARC 101 which explained the ARC program and requirements.

Delegates also were reminded of the challenges in trying to change organizational culture and were asked to prayerfully consider and identify what might need to be sacrificed in order to
remove barriers for successful mission integration to take place.

The final preparatory step was a refresher on strategic planning tools, including a SWOT analysis (strengths, weaknesses, opportunities, threats) and SMART goals (specific, measurable, attainable, relevant, timely).

A significant amount of time was devoted to identifying the challenges facing mission integration and setting goals to overcome them. To foster conversation, connection and teamwork, delegations sat in clusters of corps officers, ARC administrators and beneficiaries from the same cities, regions or divisions. As they got to know each other and work as community teams, they found they had more in common than different, and their joint passion and commitment to the Army’s mission was affirmed.

‘In short order, groups that seemed at first to be reluctant to delve into the work suddenly proclaimed with excitement long lists of goals and action steps, and most had already scheduled working groups and joint meetings to continue the work once they had returned home,’ said Major Curtiss Hartley, Kansas and Western Missouri divisional program secretary.

‘I see great potential,’ said Captain Holly Ehler, business administrator at the Waukegan, Ill., ARC. ‘We are getting some fantastic conversations started that I believe are going to give birth to action, and we’re going to see positive change.’

Each ARC/corps team developed specific localized action plans which they will work together to implement. Divisional headquarters and the Adult Rehabilitation Centers Command will support and provide accountability through regular updates, monitoring agreed-on outcomes and helping to keep teams moving forward with flexibility in their strategies as they work together as ‘one Army with one mission taking the message to one person at a time.’

‘The focus on mission integration is creating a wonderful relationship between the corps and our center. The collaboration has already been phenomenal,’ said Major Catherine Thielke, business administrator at the St. Louis, Mo., ARC.

Vincent Cusack, a Kansas City ARC graduate and newly enrolled soldier at the Kansas City Eastside, Mo., Corps, could hardly contain his enthusiasm. ‘We’re already planning ways to start recovery groups at our corps to help others and to bring people in to hear about God’s love for them,’ he said. ‘I want to help other soldiers understand how important the work at the ARC is and how they can get involved.’

The true value of the “third place” afforded by the summit only will be experienced as plans are turned into action, resulting in more people coming to accept Jesus as their Savior, nurtured to mature in their faith and then recruited, trained and empowered to serve in Jesus’ name.

‘There will be opportunities to build soldiership because of our relationship with the ARC. The connection and relationship between the corps and the ARC is already making a difference in our ministry,’ said Captain Sanhy Thammavongsa, Milwaukee West, Wis., corps officer.

Commissioner Bailey’s prayer sums up the desire of those who attended: ‘May this gathering be the beginning of a long-anticipated spiritual revival across the USA Central Territory that will result in true and lasting transformation in the name of Jesus and the inclusion of more people, more like Jesus into the ranks of The Salvation Army.’
IsthisyouryearforNSE?

According to the major, just spending time away from everyday life gives delegates the rare opportunity to focus on the skills they’re learning, as well as on their own spiritual growth as they spend time in God’s Word, praising Him each day and fellowshipping with other believers.

"NSE can be a life-changing experience," Major Toni concluded. "Armed with relational-skills training and foundational salvation scriptural underpinnings, anyone can share their faith."

Soldiers Martin and Joy Hernandez from the Elgin, Ill., Corps attended NSE with their corps officer, Captain Heather Montenegro, and Corps Sergeant-Major Mark Bender, who also serves on the NSE staff.

"My husband, Xavier, and I attended NSE as young adults. We were blessed by the experience and saw the impact it can have on personal evangelism," said Captain Heather. "Now as corps officers, we have the opportunity to equip and disciple our soldiers through NSE as we look for continued corps growth and development."

She said the biggest blessing she received during NSE 2018 was watching Martin and Joy grow. For the first time, Martin was able to give his testimony publicly. "I didn’t think I would ever be able to stand up and share my story, but I did it!" he exclaimed. Martin returned to the corps on fire to share his faith and has dedicated himself to finding ways to engage the neighborhood.

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Central delegates to NSE in 2018

Sheehan recognized the value the approaches taught in the seminar, Major Toni and Michael Morrissey practice evangelism skills. Western Missouri divisional general secretary, attended NSE with four other soldiers from her corps, Kansas City Westport Temple, Mo., which is led by Captains Joaquim and Gabriela Rangel. Captain Joaquim served on the NSE staff leading the Spanish-language track and providing translation services.

Using the approaches taught in the week-long seminar, Major Toni saw how easy it was to strike up conversations and begin friendships. "We spent time with people discovering their stories and sharing our own. Those encounters usually gave opportunity to talk about how my relationship with Jesus is changing my life,” she said.

"There are reasons why we have been around so long—it’s effective. Soldiers and officers spend a week in the glorious mountains of Colorado and then return to their corps not only deepened in their faith but with tools and techniques—and an urgency—to share the message of the gospel. Read on to learn the difference NSE made last summer in the lives of a few Central Territory delegates and consider if this is your year to attend.

For the first time in her officer-ship, Major Toni Dorrell, Kansas and Missouri Corps, came to NSE as young adults. We were heirs to their heritage. Indeed, the quintessential NSE week-long seminar, Major Toni saw how easy it was to strike up conversations and begin friendships. "We spent time with people discovering their stories and sharing our own. Those encounters usually gave opportunity to talk about how my relationship with Jesus is changing my life,” she said.

More than 45 years ago, Gale [Butch] Sheehan came to The Salvation Army in Quincy, Ill., to play on the corps’ softball team with then-Captain William Norris. Butch found the Lord, and he and his wife, Jeannie, have been an important part of the ministry of the Quincy Corps ever since. In fact, Butch has served as the corps sergeant-major [CSM] for more than four decades, and he and Jeannie have played an important role in the lives of soldiers and officers.

Recently when Butch retired from being CSM, the Quincy Kroc Corps publically thanked him for being a strong, faithful and loyal soldier and excellent corps sergeant-major—the backbone of every corps—and surprised him by making him corps sergeant-major emeritus (CSME). He received a pin inscribed "Corps Sgt. Major Emeritus Butch Sheehan" as well as a book replete with letters from former corps officers, ministry staff and soldiers which expressed appreciation for his consistency, dependability and life-changing influence.

"You have helped the band to keep rhythm on the bass drum, and you have helped many officers keep rhythm over the years by being a good mentor and an example of Christlikeness...The Army has never had a more loyal CSM," wrote Lt. Colonels Dan and Dorene Jennings, former Quincy corps officers who now lead the Midland Division.

Many soldiers cited the Sheehans’ significant influence on their lives. For instance, Laura Gregory Feltes wrote, "They took me under their wings and helped me become the person I am today.”

In his typical manner, Butch responded that the best thing people could do is support Quincy’s new CSM, Karen Boots, who was installed that day along with five other new local officers. Butch remains an active member of the corps council.
Newly accepted candidates

Simon and Sarah Micula
Oakbrook Terrace, Ill., Corps Metropolitan Division

Education/training
Sarah: BA from Columbia College
Chicago
Simon: Trade school

Career/work
Sarah: Program specialist in the territorial women’s ministries department
Simon: Intern at corps, purchasing agent, warehouse manager

Salvation experience
Simon: Raised in a Christian home, I accepted Christ at age 13 at a youth retreat.
Sarah: I was raised in a Christian home and accepted Christ at sunbeam camp.

First Salvation Army encounter
Sarah: My dad attended the Army as a child and wanted us raised in the Army, too.

Simon: Mandated by the courts to find a drug rehabilitation center, I searched online for free centers in Chicago; the North Side Adult Rehabilitation Center was listed first. When I learned it was a Christian program, I knew it was from the Lord and decided to enter that day (April 2010).

Your calling to officership
Simon: A year ago I started making plans to further my career in construction, but the more I went through the process the more I felt I was meant to do something else. The Lord put ministry on my heart, and when I asked Sarah what she thought about officership she replied she’d been praying we’d serve the Lord together.
Sarah: After my dad died in 2017, I felt God lead me to step down from my role as corps women’s ministries secretary, be still and reflect on my grief. During that time I missed ministry so much and thought if I didn’t have a job I could be at the corps all the time doing what I love. I felt God say, “Then make that your work and become an officer.”

Little known fact about you:
Simon: I’m fluent in Romanian. As a teenager, I was a graffiti artist in Chicago.
Sarah: I can drive a stick-shift and studied in London during college.

Simon and Sarah’s corps officers are Captains Caleb and Stephanie Senn.

Seizing the day in Spain and Portugal

by Lt. Colonel Sheila Davison

A year has passed rather quickly, it seems, since we came to lead the Spain and Portugal Command. We have adjusted well living in Lisbon, Portugal, and spending up to a third of each month in Spain. It has been a steep learning curve, yet an amazing adventure and blessing. We have visited all corps and institutions in Spain and Portugal, each of which are expressions of The Salvation Army.

Salvationists here are the spirit of the Army and are eager to grow and engage in mission opportunities. For example, we were privileged to be present for the enrollment of 25 new soldiers in one corps and several other enrollments across the command this year.

We see the local leaders with their corps officers engaging in ministries in their communities and responding to God’s call to serve in missions.

Simon: I was called to officership by Lt. Colonel Sheila Davison

By faith, we pray for new leaders to arise and celebrate with even more soldiers along with cadets! We have active plans starting this year for a summer-long intensive discipleship program and announcements of a new field-based, flexible training program, followed by the possibility of new corps plants in 2020. Through it all we remember the advice given by one of our own training officers to learn to breathe underwater!

International College for Officers

by Lt. Blake Fewell

On a cloudy and breezy Sunday afternoon, 29 Central Territory officers arrived at the Keystone Camp and Conference Center in Starke, Fla. The Florida Division camp was host to the Southern Territory’s Single Officers’ Spiritual Retreat which the Central Territory was invited to join.

The theme of the four-day retreat, “Thrive,” was based on the book Thrive: The Single Life as God Intended by the event’s speaker Dr. Lina AbuJamra. Lina is a pediatric ER doctor and founder of Living with Power Ministries.

During the retreat, officers gathered for worship, biblical teaching and specialized workshops. Dr. AbuJamra’s teaching focused on the book of Genesis and how to thrive in the way God intends for life.

“The life that thrives starts when you hear the Word of God and say, ‘Yes!’” she said. “Thriving started when Christ first came in my heart.”

Dr. AbuJamra also spoke on the topic of living in times of famine, the times when people feel alone and isolated. “The most important truth to recognize is that everyone will face a season of famine,” she explained.

“Famine is where we can display our faith in times of testing.”

Delegates had the opportunity to attend workshops on a variety of topics including loneliness and isolation, avoiding burnout and leading from a healthy soul. Many of these workshops focused on the necessity of self-care for officers in order to minister effectively in their appointments.

Major Normaene Daniels, Kearney, Neb., corps officer, reflected on the retreat: “I arrived spiritually and emotionally exhausted, and, as always, God showed up. We sometimes think as single officers that our appointment or situations are unique, but God showed me that I am not the only person who has that unique appointment or situation He has called me to.”

Through this time of rest, solitude, fellowship and worship, officers returned encouraged, blessed and ready to serve in their appointments as people thriving in the Lord.
Fire department donates radio gear for disasters

by Craig Dirkes

The St. Paul Fire Department has donated thousands of dollars’ worth of radio equipment to The Salvation Army, including ham radios and a 50-foot antenna.

The gear will allow emergency disaster services teams to communicate with one another and with disaster officials regardless of distance or electricity supply.

"Often after a disaster, cell towers are down, emergency power is out, and communication is needed," said Jim Daly, a longtime Salvation Army disaster volunteer. "If there’s no cell service, there’s really no way to communicate."

Daly helps oversee disaster responses in the Northern Division and is often deployed to serve at high-profile disasters around the country. He and others are excited about the new radio equipment because it will allow The Salvation Army to create a mobile command center that can be taken virtually anywhere.

"We have a 17-foot trailer that we will be outfitting with a good portion of the new radio equipment," said Major Rae Dobler, Northern disaster services secretary.

He was humbled yet proud to accept the SATERN leadership torch from Bill Shillington, who received the torch from the visionary Major Pat McPherson, who founded SATERN in 1988 with only three radio operators. Today, that number is in the thousands.

"We are thankful for this donation and the new opportunities it gives us to help people," said the major.

SATERN, in good hands

Bob Langsfeld (r) accepts the SATERN territorial coordinator reins from Bill Shillington.

"Having this mobile command center will not only help us at the point of disaster, but at training events we participate in with the government and military."

Other pieces of the equipment will be installed in the emergency operations center at the Northern Divisional Headquarters and in mobile kitchens that provide food, water, flood kits and other supplies for disaster survivors and first responders.

The City of St. Paul originally bought the radio equipment to prepare for Y2K but hadn’t used it for many years.

New SATERN Team Typing

New organization and types of teams will greatly enhance SATERN’s (Salvation Army Team Radio Network) efficiency and effectiveness.

Non-credentialed SATERN members—Any licensed ham radio operator is welcome to participate in open SATERN nets. They are encouraged to check in, pass radio traffic and become trained in message handling and net operations. Volunteers must be credentialed to deploy to an incident.

Type 1—A SATERN ham radio operator equipped with a mobile station capable of long-range communications. This resource normally would be requested to relay an essential person in support of an incident.

Type 2—Two SATERN ham radio operators equipped with a mobile station capable of intermediate range local communications. This resource normally would be deployed in a vehicle such as a camper or service vehicle.

Type 3—Two SATERN ham radio operators equipped with one radio capable of operating as a base station, mobile station or portable station, in addition to two handheld radios. This resource would have antennas necessary for each situation and a power source for the radio equipment. The station would have intermediate range and provide local communications. A Type 3 resource could be deployed at a shelter, point of distribution, field kitchen and command post or as a liaison to another organization.

Type 4—A SATERN ham radio operator equipped with a mobile radio station capable of short-range local communications. This resource normally would be requested to supply an essential person in support of an incident.

Type 5—A SATERN ham radio operator equipped with a handheld radio capable of long-range communications. This resource normally would be used to relay digital messages and can send health and welfare messages out of the disaster area.

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Type 1—A SATERN ham radio team equipped with one Type 2 team and four Type 3 teams in addition to a communications leader and technician. This team would be ordered for a large-scale incident and supplemented with additional resources such as additional Type 3, 4 or 5 teams as required.
A
fter retiring in 2013, Majors Roger and Joy Ross continued working in their Wisconsin and Upper Michigan Division appointments before becoming Floridians a year later. It soon became clear, however, the Rosses’ retirement was in name only.

In addition to getting involved in their new corps, the couple worked full-time, first as AIDS counselors, then as executive director of a county-wide food bank for Roger and a job with Catholic Charities for Joy.

In 2017, the Florida Division asked the Rosses if they would consider using their experience to lead a 20-year-old corps where a new 27,000-square-foot corps building had been dedicated a year earlier. The Rosses accepted the challenge to set the stage for the corps to have a greater impact on its community and to increase its attendance.

Members of the many service clubs and organizations that meet in the building also have become involved in the Army’s mission; the corps now has more than 300 volunteers. Worship attendance has grown with up to 80 attendees on Sunday mornings, and soldier enrollments are on the rise. Programming was expanded throughout the corps to the point where there’s a waiting list for youth to get involved in the corps’ extensive youth programming, and the corps’ social services is highlighted by Pathway of Hope and three separate feeding programs.

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PIMA=Partners in Mission
Major Nancy Powers encourages the homeless to come to the Freedom Center.