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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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## 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 to a disaster, the objective will be for members to include phone, video, imaging and satellite. As a result, SATERN's efficiency will be enhanced 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 [uscdisaster\\_services@usc.salvationarmy.org](mailto:uscdisaster_services@usc.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 43:1: "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 announce-



ment of the same, to that first Easter morning, we hear those same words: "Do not be afraid". It seems clear to me that God is inviting us to move from a place of fear to a position where we implicitly trust this "immeasurably more" God who never fails.

These words from God are not just trite advice.

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 "drives out 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 Eastertide, 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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# 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*

**H**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 afternoon 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, unladylike, 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 com-

pletely 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.



**N**o counting, no points, no reporting—just resources and encouragement for women to connect with God, other women and their communities. That's the purpose of *Kindred Collective*, a new email-based tool developed by the territorial women's ministries department which replaces their traditional promotion this year.

"We want women to grow in their faith individually and together," said Sarah Micula, program specialist. "*Kindred Collective* provides tools and meaningful resources for them

to do those things confidently."

Open to all women, *Kindred Collective* is intended to connect and unite those interested in developing their faith. Materials are shared three times a week to provide inspiration, empowerment and opportunities for growth.

Members receive a short email on Monday, Wednesday and Friday with resources that can be used, individually or in groups, as is or tailored to meet the specific needs of a corps.

Mondays are dedicated to connecting women with God as individuals. Readers are led through a practice of the Daily Examen, a prayer technique developed more than 400 years ago by Saint Ignatius Loyola, with reflection questions to provide guidance.

Wednesdays feature a devotional thought or spiritual formation practice for personal reflection or small group discussion, and Fridays are focused on celebrating and sharing women's ministries outreach or program ideas from corps around the territory.

"Corps are encouraged to continue sharing their women's ministries ideas with us," concluded Sarah. "We want to celebrate their victories and share those ideas."

*Kindred Collective* will run through 2019.

Visit [uscwomensministries.com](http://uscwomensministries.com)

## Getting relationships right

by Lt. Colonel James Nauta

**I**n 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 Kroc's 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 fixing young people's 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



Kayla Welch (r) and Jill Harmon (photo below) have designed a Territorial YADI Train the Trainer Initiative.

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 café.

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.



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# We've got their backs

by Craig Dirkes

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."



Captain Katherine Clausell cheerfully greets a person seeking assistance.

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 Vera serves at food shelf.

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## Empowering partnership

"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."





# Compassion HAS AN Army!

COMMISSIONING & ORDINATION 2019

## 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/Package 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-5:30 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](http://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 (Canada 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 Bonifield led delegates in worship. From gospel to pop/rock, each session saw an inclusivity of musical

ence 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 worshipping 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 thanksgiving 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](http://SAWorshipLeaders.com)



styles and featured a lineup of excellent guests, including Captain Nesan Kistan, Courtney Rose, Randy Bonifield, 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 confer-



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 choreo-dramas 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."



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.



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 also had translated the



## We are the "re" generation

by Chaslyn Shiels

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.



Dr. Brenda Salter McNeil

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.

At Regeneration 2019, many hearts were healed, and chains were broken. We left with a new, intense fire burning in our hearts. God has called us "for such a time as this," and we are ready to answer His call. We are the "re" generation.

## "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 invite others?

As part of the Body of Christ—a member of your corps—you're uniquely qualified in hospitality and service. The natural outgrowth of God's love at work in our hearts is love for His people. Love changes our attitudes, renews our outlook and removes our prejudices.

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.

Each Sunday worship service contains:

- Song Resources
- Call to Worship, Scripture and Responsive Readings
- Sermon Outlines
- Video Interviews from the "Welcome Home" commissioning weekend
- Dramas
- Pledge Cards

See your corps officer for more information.





# Coming to a third place

*Mission Integration Summit strengthens corps and adult rehabilitation center collaborations*

by Lt. Colonel Paul Smith  
Assistant Chief Secretary

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, measureable, 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, delegates sat in clusters of corps officers, ARC

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.

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.

Vincent Cusack, a Kansas City ARC graduate and newly enrolled soldier at the Kansas City Eastside, Mo., Corps, could hardly contain



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

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 soldier-ship 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 Sanhty 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-awaited 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."



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# Is this your year for NSE?

This year the National Seminar on Evangelism (NSE) celebrates 50 years. There's a reason it has 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



Major Toni Dorrell 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.



Martin Hernandez, Elgin Corps, with Captain Srikant Bhatnagar, Washington D.C. Sherman Ave. Corps

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 fellowshiping with other believers.

"NSE can be a life-changing experience," Major Toni concluded. "Armed with relational-skills training and foundational salvation scriptures, 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.



Central delegates to NSE in 2018

Reserved, Joy felt uneasy when it was announced on the first day delegates would have to sit with people they didn't know during meals and classes and on teams that would practice sharing their faith. But by the end of NSE, Joy had developed confidence and now makes it her mission to sit with visitors to the corps. At NSE she and Martin gained not only tools for growing into confident evangelists but life-long friends.



Elgin, Ill., Corps Officer Captain Heather Montenegro, soldiers Martin and Joy Hernandez and Corps Sergeant-Major and NSE staff Mark Bender

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## Sheehan recognized

by Major Andrew Miller

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.*

## Single officers learn to thrive

by Lt. Blake Fewell

**O**n 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 Normalene 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.



Retreat guest speaker Dr. Lina AbuJamra

Photos by Major Cheri Hobbins



## Seizing the day in Spain and Portugal

by Lt. Colonel Sheila Davisson

**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 beautiful 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.



The Davissons with officers being promoted to the rank of major in Spain and Portugal

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.

There is such great potential for even more. Of course, we continue to face the challenges of how to move forward with diminishing international funds although our charity shop initiatives are proving worthwhile.

In just two years Spain and Portugal will celebrate 50 years of Salvation Army work at a combined Congress in 2021 with the General.

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 dis-

cipleship 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



Major Donna Leedom, Territorial Secretary for Adult Mission Advancement Department, has been selected to attend the 241st session of the International College for Officers in London, England, April 10-May 20, 2019.



Lt. Colonels Phil and Sheila Davisson with Captains Franklin and Esthela Sanchez, Alicante, Spain, corps officers.



Lisbon, Portugal, Corps youth with Lt. Colonel Sheila Davisson



# 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 antennae.

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 Doliber, Northern disaster services secretary.



"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."

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

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.



## SATERN, in good hands



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

As the new territorial coordinator of SATERN (Salvation Army Team Emergency Radio Network), Bob Langsfeld brings his longtime passion for and skills in amateur radio operations and emergency disaster management to this increasingly vital segment of Salvation Army emergency disaster services (EDS).

Having been involved in SATERN since 1990, Bob welcomes this opportunity to expand its impact through the acquisition of cutting-edge technologies; increased recruitment, certification and training of SATERN members; and expanded network training sessions held regularly to benefit the thousands of domestic and international amateur radio operators who assist SATERN in emergencies.

Until retiring last fall Bob's career was designing electronic systems for medical nuclear imaging devices.

He began volunteering for civil defense emergency services while still in college. In the ensuing years, Bob became a key figure in leading emergency management operations for two large Chicago suburbs. Later

as head of an emergency management team, 10 more suburbs were added.

Although Bob had been interested in ham radio as a youngster, he never pursued it until he attended a civic disaster services class that surprisingly was about amateur radio operations. Bob was hooked and soon was licensed by the FCC as "WB9TZC" on air and achieved the top FCC classification for operators.

He first met Salvation Army EDS and SATERN personnel in 1990 at the major tornado disaster response in Plainfield, Ill. Already familiar with SATERN through local and national ham radio conferences, Bob and six other "hams" were on standby. When they got the call to relieve the hams who'd been onsite for two days, Bob got hooked by SATERN's operations.

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.

## 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 member**—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 5**—A SATERN ham radio operator equipped with a handheld radio capable of short-range local communications. This resource normally would be requested to shadow an essential person in support of an incident.

**Type 4**—A SATERN ham radio operator equipped with a mobile radio station capable of intermediate range local communications. This resource normally would be deployed in a vehicle such as a can-teen in support of an incident.

**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 2**—Two SATERN radio operators equipped with one radio capable of long-range voice and digital communications. Additionally antennas and a power source are deployed with this type of resource. This is intended for fixed base or portable operations and would be deployed as a long-range communication asset and used as a way to contact divisional headquarters, territorial headquarters or international stations. It has the capacity to send digital messages and can send health and welfare messages out of a disaster area.

**Type 1**—A SATERN 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.





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Lunch and Learn

After 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 fulltime, first as AIDS counselors, then as executive director of a county-wide food bank for Roger and a job with Catholic Charities for Joy.



new members who are community leaders with great influence and expertise to make The Salvation Army a larger presence in the area."

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.

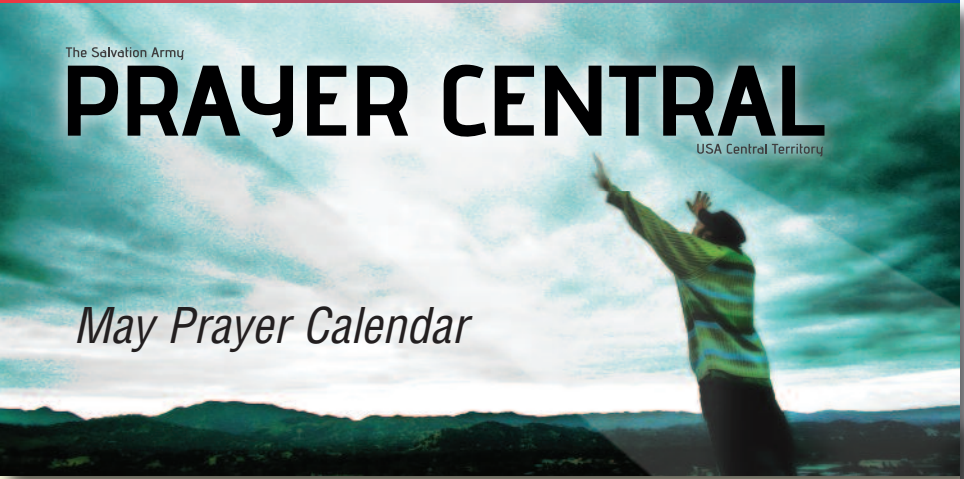


Major Joy Ross with corps members

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.

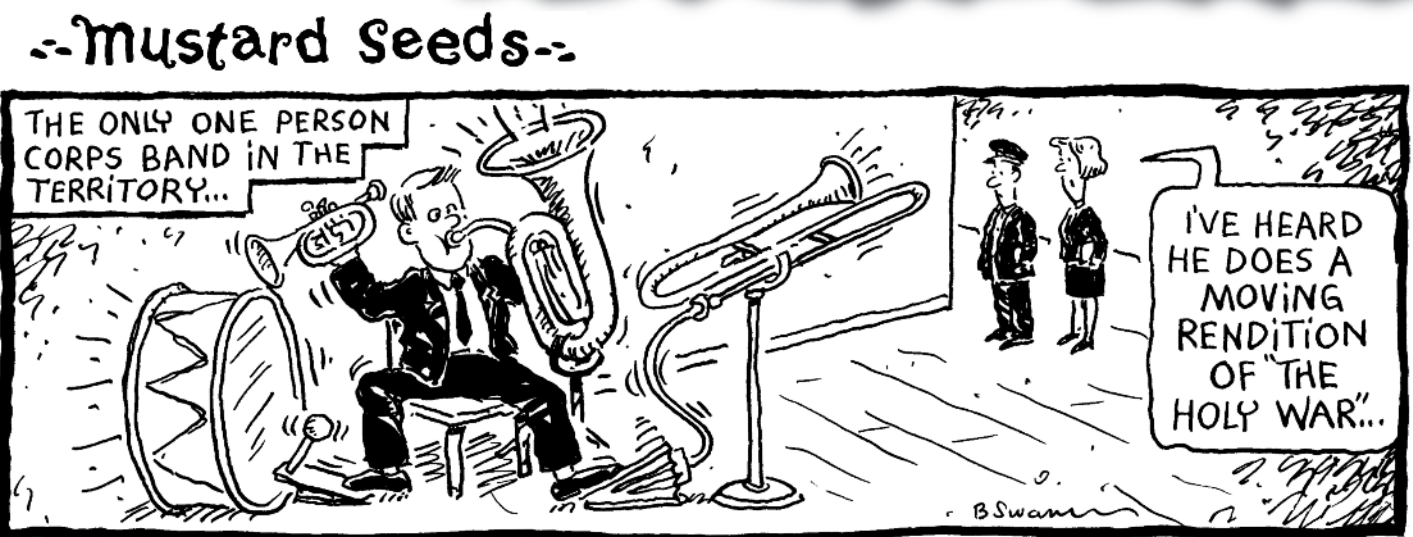
To attract new advisory board members and train existing ones, the majors initiated "Lunch and Learn." Held twice a year, these sessions provided a platform for Majors Roger and Joy to share the Army's story, talk about its impact on lives (including their own) and examine the basics of advisory board membership.

"We speak plainly about the duties and obligations of board membership and what we expect from them," said Major Roger. "This approach has been successful in recruiting eight



My Prayer List	Day	Bible Reading	Pray for The Salvation Army
	1 Wednesday	2 Samuel 5-9	Wayne/Westland, Mich., Corps
	2 Thursday	Psalms 51-53	National Day of Prayer
	3 Friday	Job 35-36	Shelbyville, Ind., Corps
	4 Saturday	Jeremiah 27-31	Rockford Temple, Ill., Corps
	5 Sunday	Mark 15-16	St. Paul Eastside, Minn., Corps
	6 Monday	2 Corinthians 4-5	Sioux City, Iowa, Corps
	7 Tuesday	Exodus 21-24	Sault Ste. Marie, Mich., Corps
	8 Wednesday	2 Samuel 10-14	Superior, Wis., Corps
	9 Thursday	Psalms 54-56	Sturgis, Mich., Corps
	10 Friday	Job 37-38	Wyandotte Downriver, Mich., Corps
	11 Saturday	Jeremiah 32-36	Terre Haute, Ind., Corps
	12 Sunday	Luke 1-2	St. Charles Tri-City, Ill., Corps
	13 Monday	2 Corinthians 6-8	Springfield, Mo., Corps
	14 Tuesday	Exodus 25-28	Virginia, Minn., Corps
	15 Wednesday	2 Samuel 15-19	Caribbean Territory <sup>PIM</sup>
	16 Thursday	Psalms 57-59	Sioux Falls, S.D., Corps
	17 Friday	Job 39-40	Chicago Staff Band touring USA West and Canada
	18 Saturday	Jeremiah 37-41	South Bend Kroc Center, Ind., Corps
	19 Sunday	Luke 3-4	Waukesha, Wis., Corps
	20 Monday	2 Corinthians 9-10	Ypsilanti, Mich., Corps
	21 Tuesday	Exodus 29-32	Vincennes, Ind., Corps
	22 Wednesday	2 Samuel 20-24	Waukegan, Ill., Corps
	23 Thursday	Psalms 60-62	St. Louis Midtown, Mo., Corps
	24 Friday	Job 41-42	Williston, N.D., Corps
	25 Saturday	Jeremiah 42-46	Watertown, S.D., Corps
	26 Sunday	Luke 5-6	Wausau, Wis., Corps
	27 Monday	2 Corinthians 11-13	Detroit, Mich., Harbor Light Center
	28 Tuesday	Exodus 33-36	Warsaw, Ind., Corps
	29 Wednesday	1 Kings 1-4	Chicago, Ill., Harbor Light Center
	30 Thursday	Psalms 63-65	Willmar, Minn., Corps
	31 Friday	Proverbs 1	Traverse City, Mich., Corps

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## Surviving the polar vortex

As a polar vortex put a strangle hold on the Midwest in late January, Salvation Army corps, institutions and service units across the territory provided life-saving and sustaining service to their communities. Whether in major cities or smaller rural communities, they not only opened their doors but took to the streets during the record-breaking freeze. We salute their sacrificial service with this representative short summary about Chicago which was not only impressive but garnered national and international news.

The Salvation Army in Chicago ramped up its outreach efforts to the city's most vulnerable population, the homeless, as the city faced -25 degrees with wind chills dipping as low as -56! The mobile feeding and homeless outreach units, which typically make 31 stops, added more visits to homeless encampments to check on people, provide food and

cold weather gear and offer to take them to shelters, substance abuse treatment centers and the Freedom Center which became an emergency warming center for 48 continuous hours.

Major Nancy Powers, program development officer for the Freedom Center, reported that more than 80 homeless people daily sought refuge at the center and another dozen wanted to be taken to detox facilities first.

"Some people wouldn't come in from the deadly cold so we gave them blankets, hats, scarves, mittens, a hot meal and contact information in case they changed their minds," said Major Nancy.

The Salvation Army also partnered with the City of Chicago to perform well-being checks for those calling 311 and requesting assistance. Caseworkers visited homes and transported people to warming centers, shelters or medical facilities as needed.

In addition, the Army provided meal service for the City of Chicago's emergency warming centers and food and warm beverages for the CTA warming busses. Emergency disaster services supplied pallets of materials and food for the City of Chicago's emergency shelters and warming center.

Across the metropolitan area, many corps community centers opened their doors to serve as unofficial warming centers for families and individuals who were encouraged to visit them to stay warm and learn about the ongoing programs and services offered.



Major Nancy Powers encourages the homeless to come to the Freedom Center.

# 730... AND BEYOND



6,503 days and counting

by Major Nancy Powers

I see miracles every day. This is why I love being a Salvation Army officer.

A man, who has struggled with drug addiction and alcoholism for 40 years marks off one week as clean and sober, then one month, then one year and is still going strong. A family is reunited 30 years after the father walked away.

A mother sheds tears of joy when her twenty-something son calls and says he is in treatment.

Another person gets a legal job for the first time and shows off their first paycheck.

A mother comes to us for food and leaves not only with groceries but a handmade quilt for her baby and a coat for herself.

When people come to The Salvation Army in need, they find the assistance they seek but, just as importantly, they find love, acceptance and prayer.

As an officer, I have the opportunity to share God's love which changes people's lives, and the privilege of leading a team of staff, soldiers and volunteers to do the same. Teaching others to play their part in the body of Christ and seeing them be fruitful in a ministry brings me joy.

For instance, one day when I was away from the building, a woman in distress came to the Freedom Center. The only staff person available at that moment was an administrative aide who spent time praying with her. And that's all the woman wanted—someone to listen and pray. Though it wasn't in that staff person's job description and it took her



out of her comfort zone, she told me later, "I just did what you do." What a privilege I have as an officer to model Christ's love and to teach my staff.

Regularly men in our treatment program volunteer to go with me on prayer walks through our neighborhood. Drug dealers are on nearly every corner, and addicts and prostitutes line the streets. Armed with warm, chocolate chip cookies, we offer to pray with them, and most people allow it. Often one or two people will return with us to the center for treatment. This brings me joy but the greatest reward for me is when the men who went with me realize they are no longer the addict on the street but they have been set free. They are a miracle of God.

As an officer I witness the awesome power of God and the miracles He works every day, and I have the opportunity to be used by Him in whatever way He chooses. I wouldn't want to spend my days—or my life—any other way.

## Promoted to Glory

Major Donald Hickey

Major Donald Hickey, 83, was promoted to Glory on January 18, 2019. Dedicated to his calling, Donald loved to share the gospel and served joyfully.



Donald attended the Richmond, Ind., Corps from infancy. He accepted Christ during a holiness meeting as a child and was a junior and senior soldier, graduating corps cadets and attending youth events in the division.

In 1954, Donald married his high school sweetheart, Hallie. They started a family before entering training in 1959. They were commissioned in 1960 with the "Great Hearts" session.

The Hickeys served in corps, at the Booth Manor Residence in Minneapolis, Minn., and at territorial headquarters, where Donald was director of the conference center. They retired from leading the Canton, Ill., Corps in 1999.

In retirement, Donald conducted the junior and senior bands and led the weekly senior program at the Leesburg, Fla., Corps for nearly 20 years.

He is survived by his children, Donald, Les and Kimberly Hickey-Eyler; seven grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren.

Major Darlene Strayer

Major Darlene Strayer, 94, was promoted to Glory on January 5, 2019. Sure and steadfast in all she did, Darlene lived to serve the Lord. She loved children, knitting and crocheting, and was an avid Chicago Cubs fan.



Saved as a young person in the Council Bluffs, Iowa, Corps, she was a junior and senior soldier, graduated corps cadets and played trombone in the brass band. After completing high school, Darlene accepted God's call to fulltime ministry. She entered training in 1944 and was commissioned in 1945 with the "Fearless" session, taking her first appointment as assistant corps officer at the Omaha #4, Neb., Corps.

Throughout her officership, Darlene served in corps in South Dakota and Nebraska and in the Western Division finance department. She retired in 1989 from her final appointment as assistant finance secretary and nurses' fellowship secretary.

She is survived by many nieces, nephews, great-nieces and great-nephews, all of whom she loved and cherished.

## The power of pie

Harnessing the "Power of Pie," the Grand Traverse Pie Company partnered with The Salvation Army this winter to help heat people's homes throughout Michigan as thousands of individuals and families struggled to pay their heating bills. The unique fundraising effort benefited the Eastern Michigan and Western Michigan and Northern Indiana (WMNI) divisions. Beginning on National Pie Day, all 15 Grand Traverse Pie shops displayed the iconic Salvation Army countertop red kettles for three days to collect donations, which the company pledged to match up to \$10,000.

