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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 celebration of faith and mission

For the 1,121 delegates who gathered in Milwaukee, Wis., for the first in-person Commissioning weekend in three years, there could be no doubt that God is still using The Salvation Army to accomplish His mission in America's Midwest and each of them has a part to play.

Their joy in fellowship seemed to be heralded in the keynote session with the exhilarating opening *Marching Onward* featuring the Chicago Staff Band (CSB), Central Territorial Staff Songsters (CTSS) and College for Officer Training



Photos by Andrew Grey and Gretchen Schneider

timbrels that culminated in a shower of confetti which rained down on delegates. Anticipation of the blessings God would pour out was palpable. Their hope was not misplaced.

the jubilant *Salvation's Song*, it was with immense joy that Salvationists watched the number of people who sought Christ during the pandemic in each division, the adult rehabilitation centers and through the correctional services Bible correspondence program flash before their eyes, totaling an astounding 56,406!

In speaking about God's great love, rich mercy and grace shown through Jesus Christ, the Chief of the Staff shared his own life-transforming salvation experience as a young person, the hunger that developed to know more of God and an eagerness to tell others.

"It's still absolutely true that the most powerful tool that we have in the church for bringing people into an encounter and experience with

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Time and again God's Spirit moved in hearts especially through the ministry of the Chief of the Staff Commissioner Lyndon Buckingham and Commissioner Bronwyn Buckingham, World Secretary for Spiritual Life Development. With an engaging style, they conveyed God's Word in a down-to-earth, relatable and compelling way that resonated with delegates.

"Advancing our Evangelistic Mission" was the focus for Friday evening, an upbeat program which captured the greatest purpose of our lives—sharing the gospel in word and deed so others might come to know Jesus. While the CSB played



Messengers of Reconciliation commissioned and appointed

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Lts. John and Kristi Dalberg, with their children, learn they are going to lead the Moline Heritage Temple, Ill., Corps

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Going the distance together

by Colonel Steven Howard
Chief Secretary

Perhaps you have heard the African proverb that says "If you want to go fast, go alone. If you want to go far, go together." This is especially true as we move forward in our Christian life.

There is strength in numbers if you plan to go a long distance, and as the Body of Christ we are in this for the long haul—for eternity. As we go together, there is the opportunity to support one another. Going together allows us to learn from each other and to encourage one another. Going together allows us to pick up the one who has stumbled. The fact

is we need each other. We are in this together.

Ecclesiastes 4:9-12 (NIV) says, "Two are better than one, because they have a good return for their labor: if either of them falls down, one can help the other up. But pity anyone who falls and has no one to help them up. Also, if two lie down together, they will keep warm. But how can one keep warm alone? Though one may be overpowered, two can defend themselves. A cord of three strands is not quickly broken."

In commenting on these verses, the Talmud records, "A man without companions is like the left hand without the right." Think for a moment what you do that takes both hands to accomplish like putting on



your socks, washing your hands or cooking. If we don't work together as the Body of Christ, our work and ministry will be more difficult or even impossible to accomplish.

We need everyone to step up and do their part. We need every soldier, adherent and officer to use their God-given spiritual gifts to advance the Kingdom of God. We need the dedication and passion of every employee and volunteer as they work to fulfill the Army's mission. We are in this together.

As we move into the first months of the full implementation of Project Advance, this continues to be true. Many people from across the Central Territory have worked on the planning and implementation of this effort and much work is still ahead of us. As of July 1, 2022, some officers and employees have taken up new roles in new places and in new divisions. This means new relationships to be developed. New bonds will be established.

It is more important than ever that we understand we are in this together. We must work to strengthen the bonds of relationship so that as the Army we are like that cord of three strands. We are in this together and when we work together we will have a good return for our labor to the glory of God.

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Christ is our own story, our own testimony, our own reality of the living presence of Christ dwelling deeply within our hearts. Our own joy, our own enthusiasm, our own confidence in the gospel," he proclaimed. People responded to the Lord as Territorial Commander Commissioner Brad Bailey led a time of reflection.

Other meeting highlights included a powerful Spoken Word by Tito Rapley, a drama about an evangelism app by the Bill Booth Theater Company (BBTC), two soldier testimonies, a spotlight on the Topeka, Kan., Corps which recently enrolled 20 junior soldiers, and wholehearted praise by the Territorial Worship Collective (TWC). The session ended on a glorious note with territorial leaders Commissioners Brad and Heidi Bailey leading "O Boundless Salvation."

Focusing on "Advancing our Disciple-Making Mission," Saturday morning's meeting matched the en-



ergizing tone and pace of the previous evening. Replete with music from the CSB and TWC, it featured a dramatic call to holiness by the BBTC, a beautiful dance routine, a spotlight on disciple-making through music and creative arts at the Decatur, Ill., Corps, and an interview with members of the Royal Oak, Mich., Corps and testimony by Aniya O'Neal, both of which drove home the role small groups play in discipleship.



A new Territorial Soldiers' Forum was introduced by Territorial Sergeant-Major Rochelle Holman and Assistant Territorial Sergeant-Major Hewitt Gage, who shared about their lives and service and expressed a commitment to represent soldiers' ideas and concerns to territorial leadership.

Acknowledging the negative connotations "remain" might have after staying in place during the pandemic, Commissioner Bronwyn Buckingham encouraged Salvationists to retain positive aspects like a slower pace and quiet spaces which allowed for a reevaluation of priorities and a clarity of mission. Speaking winsomely from the fifteenth chapter of John, she asked them to remain in Christ so they would have overflowing joy, fruitfulness in ministry and the ability to hold firm when challenges come.

"As to His first disciples," she said,



"the message of Jesus remains abundantly clear today that we are to make the cultivating of our inner life the priority for strength, energy and wisdom to engage in any outward mission that He leads us to."

A ceremony honoring tradition and celebrating new beginnings was led by Commissioners Brad and Heidi Bailey who recognized with gratefulness the difference God has made through the Eastern Michigan, Heartland, Metropolitan and Western Michigan/Northern Indiana divisions which conclude with the territory's reorganization. Without skipping a beat, they inaugurated the North & Central Illinois Division and Great Lakes Division which together will incorporate 85 corps, 5,300 soldiers, and 190 officers.

"We have been intentional to look at what changes might be needed to position our territory to advance into the future with greater effectiveness and more targeted deployment of all the resources that God has entrusted to us. That process has brought us to this important day and this important milestone as we honor our tradition and celebrate new beginnings," said the territorial commander.

On Saturday afternoon the exhibit hall was lively as delegates visited Trade Central and the Central Territorial Museum's launch of its Oral History Project and newest exhibit "Perspectives." Outside the hotel, the Adult Rehabilitation Center (ARC) Thrift Express bus, which transports affordable and high-quality items to communities across the territory, made its debut. Many delegates also chose to attend an early evening concert by the Territorial Staff Songsters in the theater's rotunda. That morning, the 5K Run for the World took place in nearby Juneau Park with approximately three dozen participants who enjoyed fellowship and temperate weather while raising funds for World Services/Self-Denial.

Saturday evening's session powerfully captured the real-life difference and hope Salvationists provide by serving suffering humanity. It featured a stunning World Service Ingathering of more than \$10.2 million and the prayerful dedication by Commissioner Heidi Bailey of

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Global Mission Team partners with Spain

by Viki Payton

It was a joy to return to partnering globally for the sake of the gospel with our Global Mission Team to Dénia, Spain. During training we looked at the "Twelve Insights" in the Short-Term Missions Workbook by Time Dearborn; here is how we saw some of them in action.

God goes before you

Welcomed by a vibrant, growing multinational and multigenerational corps congregation, we were impressed with the lively worship, full participation and service by its friendly members and volunteers. Many took part in worship, and A/Captain Josh Polanco joined with the praise team, learning their style and encouraging them. Nearly everyone stayed after church to volunteer for the community feeding program, cooking and serving the meal, talking to guests, finding them clothes from the community closet, and cleaning and disinfecting the corps at the meal's conclusion. As the missions workbook suggested, we were just catching up on a conversation God already was having there.

Short-term missions is a treasure hunt

Every day was a treasure hunt. We were awed by beautiful views of the coast from atop castle ruins. We enjoyed a wide variety of delicious food



from Spain (including regional specialties from Valencia), Bolivia and Mexico thanks to our corps officer hosts and members of the multinational congregation who cooked for us. We discovered the corps is a haven for foreigners since many members are immigrants. Our favorite treasures were the people who became like family. In each one, we saw the image and character of God.

Love is the universal language

Although half our team members were bilingual, all of us relied on the universal language of love to communicate. It was not uncommon to see Major Nancy Mead connecting with women who would hold whole conversations with her while she smiled and nodded. On our final Sunday, goodbyes were long and difficult. We had forged strong bonds. We knew we were loved by our new family, and they knew they were loved by us.

People are more alike than their cultures

Though our cultures differ, we saw how similar we are. For instance, Major Catherine Mount, who is an officer mom of young boys, instinctively knew what our host officer mom of a young boy needed. She took care of the son, playing and holding him, in essence becoming an extra parent that week. Our team members who are recovering addicts connected with some of the corps' young men who also are recovering addicts. They became friends and encouraged each other in their faith by sharing testimonies of God's faithfulness.

In cross-cultural encounters we meet long-lost, distant relatives

From day one we knew we were family with the Dénia congregation. Envoy Scott Hurula commented that one of the greatest lessons from this week was the beauty of the Body of Christ, meeting such lovely people who felt like family.

Our privilege is to lift Jesus up in word and deed

While leading women's ministries, prayer stations, kid's club, teen time, two Sunday worship services, street outreach and in our personal conversations, we had the opportunity to lift up Jesus. We also lifted Jesus up



in our actions, working hard every day, building relationships and caring for each other and those we met. Donald Cooper said feeling God's presence so strongly has spurred him to action back home.

He is not alone. Captain Milly Lopez said she wants to recruit others to apply for a Global Mission Team, and already a member of her corps is planning to apply for the fall. Matthew Manley is excited to share his testimony of experiencing Jesus' love in new ways through the people of Dénia.

If you would like to serve, learn and grow with our global partners, apply for the Global Mission Team to Chile, South America, in October. Visit www.centralmissions.org/GMT



McKee serves in Ukraine relief

Major Mike McKee, Indiana divisional emergency disaster services (EDS) director, was deployed this spring to serve for six weeks in the Salvation Army's large-scale response to the Ukraine-Russia crisis.

With more than three decades of experience responding to natural disasters and humanitarian crises around the globe, he joined other seasoned professionals and the local Salvation Army team in Romania to address the needs of Ukrainian refugees who poured into the country. The team handed out vouchers to families (one per child). The families served were predominately women and children, according to the major. The vouchers were redeemable at nearly all stores in Romania and were meant to provide for children's needs that weren't being met by the ongoing distributions of food and clothing. Pregnant women also received vouchers. During his deployment in Romania, the team distributed well over 10,000 vouchers, each by hand, to Ukrainian families fleeing their war-torn country.

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Additionally, the team provided vital information about the risks of human trafficking to keep this vulnerable population from falling prey to trafficking rings that plague the continent. The Salvation Army has been actively fighting against human trafficking in Europe for decades.

In reflecting on his service, Major Mike said, "While the vouchers and the anti-human trafficking information were very well received, especially appreciated was our 'ministry of presence,' which provided the assurance that the refugees were being recognized as individuals and that they were cared for and being brought before the throne of God in prayer."

Centralite Captain Matthew Beatty, who is currently stationed at International Headquarters as international emergency services program officer, also was deployed to Poland this spring and continues to assist in relief efforts.



Riding for hope

Professional fundraising cyclist Paul Lelli is riding this summer to raise money to aid the Salvation Army's Ukraine relief efforts. With cycling

campaigns for Hope Water Project and multiple sclerosis under his belt, Paul was moved when he saw on television what The Salvation Army has done to aid Ukraine during the conflict.

"Before I ride for someone, I look into what they do and how they do it. I realized what a wonderful organization The Salvation Army is. I love their mission and their values," said Paul.

On September 1, 2022, Paul will ride 100 miles in one day, using Macomb Orchard Trail in southeast Michigan as his route. He hopes to make a tremendous impact in Ukraine with a fundraising goal of \$100,000.

"We have no idea how devastated the people are over there. We've got to do something," said Paul. "The Salvation Army is giving us a way to help."

To support Paul's fundraising effort to help people in the Ukraine, visit: Give.salvationarmyusa.org/paul-elli-ukraine



Joyfully commissioned and appointed

A spirit of reverent joy filled the auditorium on Sunday as cadets of the "Messengers of Reconciliation," were ordained and commissioned as lieutenants, and four auxiliary captions were commissioned and confirmed.

It represented the culmination of nearly two years of classes and field training at the College for Officer Training (CFOT) or five years on the field engaged in distance learning while leading units under the unusual and challenging circumstances presented by the pandemic. Anticipation was evident on each face.

Expressions of worship infused Sunday's services as music, dance, testimonies, scripture and prayer were offered to the Lord. Especially moving was Lt. Amanda Hines' testimony of God's healing, grace and restoration that allowed her to overcome discouragement with the church and mental and physical brokenness following military service as

a combat nurse in order to serve Him. Despite these challenges, "But God," she proclaimed. "God can take your difficulties and use them for your good and His glory."



One by one, the cadets were affirmed in their calling and accepted into the ranks of officers by Commissioners Brad and Heidi Bailey. In sacred and often emotional moments surrounding their ordination and commissioning, each was given a

scripture verse chosen by their officer mentor who guided and supported them through the CFOT or distance learning experience. Joining the commissioners to stand before the session, members of the Territorial



Cabinet offered a heartfelt prayer of dedication, and a blessing was given over them by Lt. Donna Gooden along with Territorial Sergeant-Major Rochelle Holman.

Completing a series of excellent messages during the weekend, Chief of the Staff Commissioner Lyndon Buckingham encouraged the newly commissioned officers and fellow Salvationists to be creative and innovative and to persevere in order to move people closer to an encounter with Jesus.

Referencing the gospel story of the four men who carried a paralytic on a mat and lowered him through a roof to get him close to Jesus, the commissioner said, "I want to be part of a movement that are mat carriers for Jesus. Men and women who are absolutely convinced that the best thing we can do is help people have encounters with the living King."

As the meeting drew to a close, the aisles and stage were lined with those making public their willingness to follow God's calling as officers or local leaders.

Contrasting the morning meeting, the Service of Appointments held a tangible sense of



Officers advance through academic achievement

Celebrating the Commencement and Recognition of Academic Achievement at the Oak Creek Centennial, Wis., Corps was an exciting way to begin the commissioning weekend. Nearly 200 people gathered to honor the "Messengers of Reconciliation" session for their academic accomplishments—including three cadets who completed their master's degrees—and to recognize 44 officers who had earned advanced certificates and degrees.

During the service all cadets were recommended to receive a commission in The Salvation Army and their Certificate of Completion of Salvation Army Training. Two cadets graduated with honors, three graduated with high honors, and five received the distinction of highest honors. Cadet Adam Hines was rec-

ognized as valedictorian, while Cadet Rachel Gantner and Cadet Amanda Hines were tied as salutatorian.

Award recipients included Cadets Justin and Shannon Bluer (Colonel Albert G. Pepper Servant Leadership Award), Cadet Amanda Hines (Commissioner Samuel Logan Brengle Preaching Award), Cadet Mario Bledsoe (Commissioner Andrew Miller Evangelism Award) and Cadet Melissa Christiansen (Lt. Colonel Kathleen Zehm World Mission Award).

The recognition of officers included those who earned degrees or certificates since summer 2019 because this event and many school commencements had not been held the last two years due to the pandemic. It proved a great time of encouragement that celebrated the determination of these officers who persevered during a challenging time.

We thank God for advancing His Kingdom through officers as they invest in their personal and missional development.



Cadet Adam Hines is recognized as valedictorian for the session.



excitement as the newly commissioned officers enthusiastically danced across the stage before taking their seats.

In her charge, Commissioner Bronwyn Buckingham implored the new lieutenants and captains to guard their hearts. "Don't get distracted or sidetracked with the unimportant or dangerous where you will be tempted into unsafe places," she said. "Guard your hearts and determine to follow the example of Jesus by making this your ministry priority."

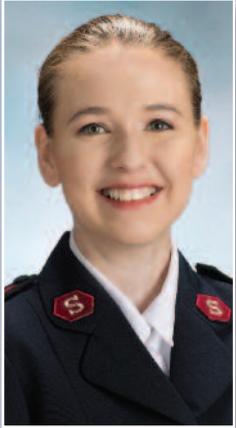
The new lieutenants and their families were then given their appointments by Commissioners Brad and Heidi Bailey with Google Earth

visuals of their appointments.

An impassioned address was given by Session Speaker Lt. Mario Bledsoe in which he eloquently expressed thankfulness for those who have gone before, challenged Salvationists to live in reconciliation with God and one another, and encouraged the next group of leaders to come to the table in faith believing God will equip them.



Pray for the new lieutenants as they step into their first appointments as officers and share the message of hope found in God's grace.



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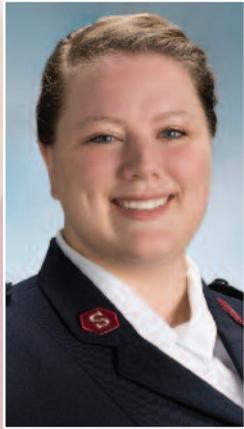
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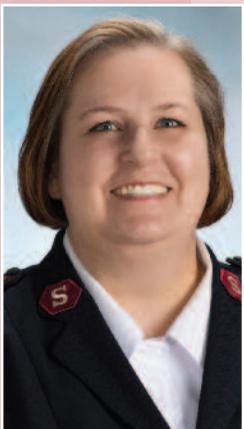
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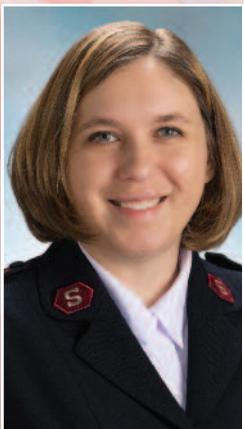
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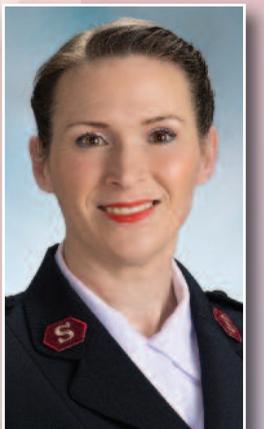
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Lts. Adam Ernest and Amanda Beth Hines
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New life found in reconciliation

Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has passed away, behold, the new has come. All this is from God, who through Christ reconciled us to himself and gave us the ministry of reconciliation. 2 Corinthians 5:17-18, ESV

Finding freedom in Christ

by Lt. Justin Bluer*

While my family didn't attend church when I was growing up, my mom told me about Jesus and at age 9 I accepted Him as my Savior. However, I suffered with fear and anxiety, including panic attacks. At 11 I began drinking with my two older brothers and found alcohol eased these feelings. This led to years of self-medication, first with alcohol and then with drugs. My troubled behavior landed me in jail. Eventually, I tired of this lifestyle, and with my parents' help I quit drinking and using drugs.

I began to go to church sporadically and listened to the Bible on an audible app at work and found my life changing. In time, I surrendered to God and sought to live a holy lifestyle. My wife, Shannon, and I began serving a Friday night community meal at the Petosky, Mich., Corps where we fell in love with the people and opportunities to minister. We became soldiers and served as lay leaders.



Through reconciliation with God, I have found freedom from my struggle with anxiety, addiction and destructive sinful attitudes and behaviors. In their place I have peace and joy. I have a better marriage because I am a better man, husband and father. It is the power of God's love working in me. I look forward to serving as an officer and helping people know this life-changing love for themselves.

*Written by Major Christine Poff

Letting go of the past

by Lt. Victoria Alip

My journey of reconciliation hasn't been easy but necessary for my healing. At age 5, I entered the foster care system, and eventually I was placed in an orphanage. Separated from my family, I felt lost and was abused by foster families who used me as a means to a paycheck. By the time I was adopted at age 12, I'd locked up my heart tightly so no one else could hurt me. Though I tried not to care, when I entered college I had to come to terms with my childhood and what I believed to be true about God.

To walk forward in the freedom God was offering me, I had to decide to lay down the bitterness, anger and unforgiveness I held toward people in my past. It required genuine repentance and forgiveness. But when I chose to forgive those who hurt me the most, I found healing, restoration and freedom in Christ. I now understand that we were

created for God and to be in deep long-lasting relationships with others.

As I grow in holiness, I am growing in a spirit of reconciliation that models God who is quick to forgive, loving, gracious and merciful. He is the ultimate reconciler.



Breaking the generational curse

by Lt. LaToya Surratt*

I grew up not knowing my parents and living with extended family members and in foster homes. Life was hard. I suffered physical and mental abuse. In the last foster home, I learned to get high, sell drugs and steal. Four kids later, my lifestyle landed me in jail, then prison. Upon release, I longed for a better life and moved to a different state to find it. Instead, it eluded my grasp as I experienced homelessness.

Eventually, I had a place to live and began to attend worship at the Minneapolis Parkview, Minn., Corps. Hearing God's Word preached, I became aware of who God is. I attended family camp, then women's ministries and Bible study. Step-by-step I drew closer to God until I was living

committed to Him. I was enrolled as a soldier and became involved in ministry.

I finally found the better life for which I'd been longing by being reconciled to God. The generational curse in my family has been broken. I no longer crave alcohol, drugs or all the material things I had desperately wanted earlier in life. I no longer worry about what others think about me but am comfortable with who I am, knowing I am enough in Him and that He has my back. As an officer, I want to help others find a better life, and eternal life, which comes from being made right with God through Christ Jesus.

*Written by Major Christine Poff



Taking a leap of faith

by Lt. Megan McClintock

I was fortunate to be raised in a wonderful Christian home. Growing up, I attended the Omaha Citadel, Neb., Corps where my leaders poured their knowledge, energy and heart into my spiritual development.

Looking back, I can see how my reconciliation with Christ changed my life for the better and brought clear direction to my steps. It is in following Him that I received my call to be a Salvation Army officer, as did my husband, Landon. Trusting in the Lord has opened doors and led to relationships with people we never thought we would have.

To me, being reconciled with God also means being reconciled with my brothers and sisters in Christ. God has shown me what that truly means by living in such a close community at the College for Officer Training these last two years.

I can see God's faithfulness to us even when we doubted what His plans for our life would be. Coming to training during the pandemic was a huge leap of faith and had many obstacles along the way, but it's one I am so glad we trusted God to take.



Coming to terms



by Lt. Lucas Gantner

Reconciliation is challenging for me because it implies someone has done wrong and needs to apologize to make the relationship right again. I didn't feel like that with God.

I grew up with both my parents in the military. We moved a lot—talk about foreshadowing—and in every location we tried out a different church, but we never could get into it. Early on, I knew I wanted to help people in the medical field and join the military like my parents. I attended community college with plans to transfer to a Physician Assistant program at a state university and join the Reserve Officers' Training Corps (ROTC) in preparation for being an officer in the U.S. Army. I

was a good person and generally was accepted by everyone. I did not feel I needed to apologize to God.

As I completed the last semester for my associate's degree, my Uncle John asked me to assist him and Aunt Tracy in their first "Red Kettle Campaign" at the Omaha Kroc Center. I found myself helping people not only physically but spiritually. I moved to Omaha soon after that and went to worship every Sunday. God laid on my heart that despite how good I thought I was I did not meet His standard. I reconciled myself to that realization and gave my life to Christ, then quickly became a soldier. In an irony orchestrated by God, I didn't join the U.S. Army but am in the (Salvation) Army now.

Filling the vacuum

by Lt. Johnathan Harvy*

I was brought up in Jamaica by my grandmother who impressed on me the importance of Christ, and at 13 I accepted Jesus as my Savior. Soon after that I went to live with my mother and stepfather in Kingston. They didn't share the same Christian values or attend church, so gradually my focus turned from God to getting an education. As the first person in my family to get an education, my role was to lift us out of poverty. As doubts crept in and challenges with my stepfather increased, I grew into an angry, aggressive young man.

After my education, I joined the Jamaican Defense Force. Yet, despite all I'd accomplished, something was still missing. I sought counsel from the military chaplain and began attending church on base, but nothing changed. Thinking the military was the problem, I earned a degree from the Jamaican Theological Seminary and worked as a church counselor. Still, the sadness and feeling something was missing persisted.

Plans fell through when I moved to the U.S. and suddenly I found myself with no place to live, no money and unable to work. An advisor suggested volunteering with The



Salvation Army Feed the Kids program in Milwaukee. Immediately I felt I was where I should be. Attending worship at the Milwaukee Citadel Corps, I asked God for forgiveness. This reconciliation has brought purpose and meaning to my life. I've learned that even if things don't work out as I'd like, I can trust God and His purpose for my life.

*Written by Major Christine Poff

Territory expands options for officer development

by Lt. Colonel Darlene Harvey
Officer Resource and Development Secretary

For more than four decades, the Salvation Army Continuing Education Program (SACEP) has provided a positive educational experience for officers. Today SACEP is stronger than ever with expanded course offerings, more flexibility and the ability to tailor curriculum—yielding better equipped officers and enhanced ministry.

relevant for officers, and 57 percent prefer online options.

Captain Ken Alip, who completed his SACEP classes in June, indicated the course in Leadership and Management helped him understand the structures of business and how to be more efficient in managing time and projects.

"The class was very useful in understanding how The Salvation Army hierarchical structure fits into today's business standards and in what areas adjustments may need to be made," he said. "It also helped me to understand how I can help facilitate those changes in my own leadership practices within the corps."

Some course options offered in recent years at ONU lead to credentialing certificates such as the Life Coaching Certificate program, which is open to all officers, and the Caseworker Certificate program, which is not only a SACEP option but required for all

social service caseworkers in the territory.

The Life Coaching program reignited Captain Robyn Hubbard's passion to help people reach their potential. She and her husband, Lt. Joshua, have found the group coaching tools most useful in their ministry. Each month they offer a small parenting group that brings together people from all walks of life and cultures. The coaching materials provide a mutual starting point and allow them to share their goals and support each other. The certificate specialization in Family and Marriage emphasizes "The Blessing" and empowers families to give blessings throughout generations. The Hubbards pair this idea with Pathway of Hope as they not only want to end the cycle of intergenerational poverty but want to encourage families to live and share in the blessings of the Lord. They have seen when this is accomplished, generational legacies change.

Through the Caseworker Certification Program, Captain Corey Wheeler shared she has learned how to better engage with clients by building trust, utilizing their strengths, giving hope and treating them with dignity. "One of my greatest joys is seeing clients realize they can set goals and accomplish them," she reflected.

Growing Spanish-speaking offerings

While the ORD Department has had an educational partnership with Nazarene Bible College (NBC) for years, NBC recently has become the primary partner for SACEP courses offered in Spanish. Lt. Gunther Briceno, who took a course through NBC that focused on evangelism, says he and his wife, Lt. Yami, now incorporate friendship evangelism in their corps ministry. Empha-



Lt. Gunther Briceno extends hospitality to a family.



Captain Ken Alip

sizing hospitality, the lieutenants open their home for meals and visit people where they live. This has led to discipleship where the Bricenos have seen people grow in their relationships with Jesus, as well as corps growth..

Expanding opportunities

In January, Indiana Wesleyan University (IWU) was added as a SACEP partner that offers almost two dozen new courses. These classes can be applied toward a degree and include topics in social work, counseling, trauma-informed approaches, leadership, management, youth, family, and criminal justice—just to

name a few. In addition to the Kroc Leadership Certificate offered through IWU, an Adult Rehabilitation Center Leadership Certificate and a Certificate in Equity Leadership soon will be available.

Lt. Shanell Johnson shares that the Kroc Leadership Certification, which she completed through Booth University College, was an incredible educational opportunity that allowed her to advance her business knowledge in a way that makes sense for Ray and Joan Kroc Corps Community Centers. She explored finances, human resources, programs, operations, team leadership, and strategy.

"The Operations and Programs for Kroc Centers course was my favorite...I gained greater insight about the operational side of the Kroc Centers, looking at facility maintenance, finances, marketing, guest services, and the sustainability matrix," she concluded.

Clearly, the investment in continuing education pays off in better equipped officers to serve their congregations and communities and fulfill the Army's mission. With this in mind, ORD will continue to look for ways to expand offerings and provide new options to benefit their personal development and enhance their ministries.



Captain Corey Wheeler, then a lieutenant, works with a client.

An ongoing partnership

When the Central Territory began its partnership with Olivet Nazarene University (ONU) in the 1980s, the goal was to provide more opportunities for education and development of officers during their first five years of service. Traditionally officers had the opportunity to attend SACEP classes twice a year on the Olivet campus, and in the 1990s a Practical Ministries degree became possible with additional course work.

Building on that success and in keeping with the trends of higher learning, SACEP began incorporating online curriculum with ONU in 2019 which brought officers the freedom to study throughout the year at their own pace without having to leave their appointments. According to Major Cheri Hobbins, who led the Officer Resource and Development Department (ORD) at that time and implemented the change, it also opened the possibility for many more courses to be offered, the ability for officers to basically design their own programs based on interests or needs and set them up to more readily obtain a variety of degrees. Although no one knew it then, the timing of this change would allow officer development to continue during the pandemic.

Last fall, ORD conducted a survey to evaluate the new SACEP format. Responses showed 83 percent of participants think SACEP classes are



Lt. Shanell Johnson with ladies at the Chicago, Ill., Ray and Joan Kroc Corps Community Center



Captain Robyn Hubbard and a member of the parenting group with her children

A powerful point of connection

by Lt. Colonel Darlene Harvey

When the Salvation Army Continuing Education Program (SACEP) moved online a few years ago, the decision was made to incorporate an annual retreat so officers in their first five years could come together to build community and resiliency. While the first retreat took place at Camp Mihaska in May 2019, the pandemic cancelled retreats in 2020 and 2021. Being able to come together again this year proved a powerfully restorative and affirming experience.

For the first time, the retreat included auxiliary captains. Since they participate in Distance Learning instead of SACEP, a name change was needed, and officers were invited to give suggestions. The retreat's new name "Connection" represents its purpose of strengthening our connection to God, ourselves and others.



Majors Joseph and Lois Wheeler affirm Captain Kendra Hixenbaugh.

Major Lauren Hodgson from the spiritual life department in the Eastern Territory led participants in spiritual disciplines to renew their spirits. Pastoral care officers (mostly retired) were part of the ministry team and led connection groups where officers shared their experiences, based on Major Lauren's teaching, and received encouragement and affirmation from each other. In essence, they became a community sharing burdens and losses and celebrating joys in their personal lives and ministries.

Officers also were able to take part in a great range of soul care learning opportunities and experiences based on the

results of their own spiritual vitality survey taken in preparation for the event. The learning opportunities incorporated subjects like keeping the Sabbath, balancing ministry and family, maintaining friendships, praying for our children, issues men face, freedom from the performance trap, financial freedom and healthy living using Weight Watchers or the Daniel Plan. Soul care experiences ranged from hobbies like Cricut crafter with scrapbooking to journaling with the prayer of Examen, hiking and worship workouts.

When officers were asked to describe the retreat in one word, responses included healing, uplifting, trusting, reconnecting, recharging, renewing, unity, liberating, anointed, family, friendship, needed and revival.

Beautiful worship filled the meetings and occurred spontaneously by the fire in the Rock Pavilion in the



Relaxing at the retreat are Lts. Donna Gooden, Shannon Cabrera, Macy Gantner and Yami Ramos with Major Alberto Rapley.



Captain Mylie Hadden greets Captain Lily Reinier

evenings. The retreat concluded with a handwashing service where blessings were said by pastoral care officers, Major Hodgson and myself over each officer, affirming them and providing an active commitment of continued support.

"Thank you for your diligence in listening to the Holy Spirit as you and your team prepared," said Lt. Jenny Moffitt. "The retreat was exactly what my heart, mind, and spirit needed."



Major Lauren Hodgson teaches about spiritual life with A/C Marcarius Coakley, Lt. Shawn Sutter, Lt. Simon Micula and Major Gay Ann Fulton.



Lts. Rachel and Aaron Johnson (front) enjoy fellowship with Lts. Sarah and Simon Micula.

Congratulations!

We salute these officers who have achieved degrees and certificates, enriching their lives and ministries.

Major Troy Barker
Executive Leadership Program
Certificate

Arrow Leadership Institute

Captain Kerry Bartsch
Master of Social Work
Indiana Wesleyan University

Captain Jason Bigelow
Certificate in Kroc Center Leadership
Booth University College

Lt. Pamela Boateng
Certificate in Life Coaching
(Marriage & Family)

Parrott Institute at ONU

Captain Tony Bowers
Emerging Leadership Program
Certificate

Arrow Leadership Institute

Captain Janelle Cleaveland
Inclusive Leadership Course
International Headquarters

Captain Jonathan Cooper
Inclusive Leadership Course
International Headquarters

Captain Lorna Cossey
Inclusive Leadership Course
International Headquarters

Major AmyJo Ferguson
Inclusive Leadership Course
International Headquarters

Major Michelle Graham
Master of Business Administration
Regent University

Lt. Johnathan Harvy
M.A. Pastoral Leadership
Olivet Nazarene University

Lt. Adam Hines
Master of Divinity
Regent University

Lt. Amanda Hines
M.A. Human Services
Regent University

Captain Grant Holloway
Inclusive Leadership Course
International Headquarters

Lt. Rachel Johnson
Certificate in Life Coaching
(Marriage & Family)
Parrott Institute at ONU

Lt. Shanell Johnson
Certificate in Kroc Center Leadership
Booth University College

Captain Brandon Lewis
Inclusive Leadership Course
International Headquarters

Major Catherine Mount
Emerging Leadership Program
Certificate
Arrow Leadership Institute

Major Timothy Pascoe
Inclusive Leadership Course
International Headquarters

Major Jason Poff
Inclusive Leadership Course
International Headquarters

Captain Denesia Polusca
Emerging Leadership Program
Certificate

Arrow Leadership Institute

Captain Daniel Simmons
Emerging Leadership Program
Certificate

Arrow Leadership Institute

Lt. Sonya Smith
B.A. Christian Ministry
Trevecca Nazarene University

Captain Steve Stanart
B.S. Christian Leadership &
Communication
Great Lakes Christian College

Captain Kory Strand
Certificate in Kroc Center
Leadership

Booth University College

Major Rachel Stouder
Emerging Leadership Program
Certificate

Arrow Leadership Institute

Major Randall Summit
B.A. Organizational Leadership
Mid-America Nazarene University

Captain Melinda Tripp
Inclusive Leadership Course
International Headquarters

Captain Karissa Zumwalt
Inclusive Leadership Course
International Headquarters

Captain Zachary Zumwalt
Certificate in Life Coaching
(Marriage & Family)
Parrott Institute at ONU

M.A. = Master of Arts

B.A. = Bachelor of Arts

B.S. = Bachelor of Science

Defenders of JUSTICE

2022-2024

Newly accepted candidates



Donald Cooper

First-generation Salvationist

Fort Wayne, Ind., Corps ♦ Indiana Division
Captains Kenyon and Melissa Sivels, corps officers

Spiritual Gifts

Discernment ♦ Leadership ♦ Serving

Ministry Passion or Experience

Social Services ♦ Missions

Spiritual Mentors

Major Nathan and Captain Michelle Johnson



Amy DeLonis

First-generation Salvationist

**South Bend, Ind., Ray and Joan Kroc Corps Community Center
Indiana Division**

Captains John and Tracy Gantner, corps officers

Spiritual Gifts

Leadership ♦ Serving ♦ Giving

Ministry Passion or Experience

Preaching/Teaching ♦ Women's and Men's Ministries

Spiritual Mentors

Kim Van Sandt, Cindy Brewer Vandusan



Bailey Sawka

Multi-generational Salvationist

Rapid City, S.D., Corps ♦ Western Division
Majors Jerry and Vangie O'Neil, corps officers

Spiritual Gifts

Discernment ♦ Teaching

Ministry Passion or Experience

Missions ♦ Preaching/Teaching

Spiritual Mentors

Major Rachel Stouder, Taylor Brutto

730... AND BEYOND

THE
SALVATION
ARMY

6,588 days and counting

by Major Jenny Ortman

I knew there were things about officership I would enjoy and other things that perhaps I wouldn't.

For instance, I knew I would enjoy camp, youth programs and interacting with people, but looking back I might have been hoping for something like vacation Bible school every day. While there have been days like that, there definitely have been times when this was not the case. However, I have been surprised more often than not by the things I didn't think I would enjoy becoming real sources of joy in my ministry.

Driving a van to pick up and drop off people was definitely a task I thought I would delegate. I do not particularly enjoy driving, and the logistics are a lot for my directionally-challenged nature. Yet, driving the van turned out to be one of my most cherished sources of ministry.

I recall much singing, laughing and fun, especially when I got lost! I also remember just listening a lot—really hearing—what the people in my corps were facing at home or in school. It gave me plenty to pray about.

I will never forget the day I brought a girl home after camp to discover that during her week away her family had completely fallen apart. Her dad was moving out, and her older siblings were taking sides in their parents' arguments. Through the next year my van route kept following her from place to place whenever she was evicted, couch



surfing with friends or sometimes staying with her mom and sometimes with her dad at more addresses than I can count.

I will never forget talking with the mom in the driveway one night after dropping the daughter off. She ached with feeling like a failure. I started to purposefully drop her daughter off last, and these conversations became more frequent. The mom came to worship on Sundays occasionally but was working too much to come regularly. Our conversations at drop-off became her church, and I was blessed to be her pastor.

I am in a different kind of appointment now. I rarely drive anywhere because my apartment is only three floors away from my office at the College for Officer Training. But I am still very involved in getting people started on their journey, now day one of their 730 days as a cadet until I drop them off on day one of their officership. I am enjoying these days, now 6,588 beyond my own 730 experience.



Maximiliano Franchetti and Cecilia Dinardi

Multi-generational Salvationists

Indianapolis Eagle Creek, Ind., Corps ♦ Indiana Division

Captains David and Shannon Martinez, corps officers
Captain Robyn and Lt. Joshua Hubbard, former corps officers

Spiritual Gifts

Maximiliano: Administration ♦ Serving ♦ Teaching

Cecilia: Discernment ♦ Evangelism ♦ Serving

Ministry Passion or Experience

Maximiliano: Children/Youth ♦ Preaching/Teaching

Cecilia: Children/Youth ♦ Preaching/Teaching

Spiritual mentors

Lt. Colonel Carlos Bemby (South America East Territory)

Lt. Colonels Elder and Roxana Dinardi (South America East Territory)

A celebration of faith and mission

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Summer Mission Teams which will minister throughout the territory and in Panama.

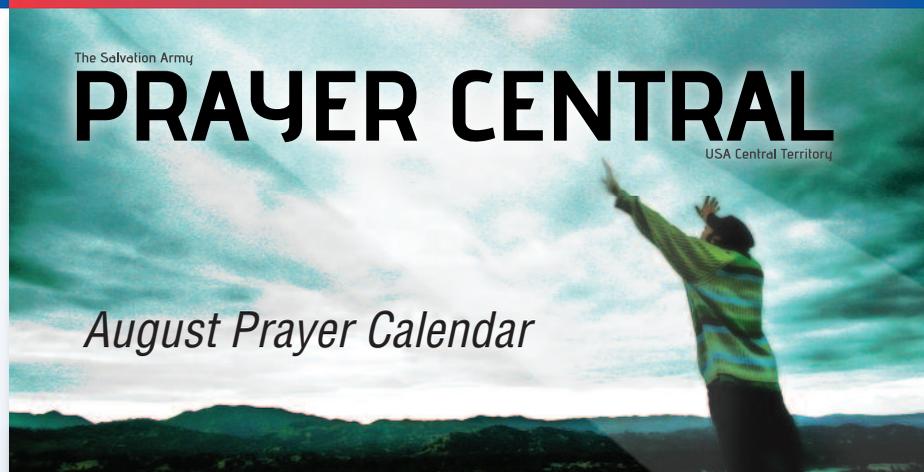
Lt. Colonels Jonathan and Barbara Rich, territorial program secretary and assistant program secretary, thanked Dr. Maribeth Swanson for her leadership in Pathway of Hope (POH) which celebrates its 10th anniversary this year and now is in 1,000 locations across the U.S., Canada, Bermuda, Spain, Portugal, Norway, Romania and Argentina. The difference POH has made for 10,000 families was personified by the Curreras who shared their touching journey from challenging circumstances, including homelessness and losing custody of their children, to stability with employment, housing and happy reunion through courage, hard work and the support of Beth and Gary Stamper and members of the Henry County, Ind., Service Center.

"Katherine and I often wonder what our lives would be like without our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ and The Salvation Army," said Austin Currera, who was joined on stage by his family and the Stampers in warm embraces and received an enthusiastic ovation. So did Accepted Candidate Donald Cooper who shared his miraculous journey from addiction to new life in Christ through the ARC.

Straightforward and clear,



the Chief of the Staff expounded on God's great love expressed to us and proposed that we demonstrate our love for God by serving others. He urged Salvationists to be agents of God's grace and consider in their heart opportunities to show God their love through service. Though a time of formal response was not planned, the Spirit of God moved in hearts so greatly that a spontaneous and steady stream of delegates made their way to the altar, transforming the auditorium for an extended time into a sacred place. At the meeting's conclusion, their sweet victories of renewed faith, direction and commitment to advance the mission rang out with joy and determination as they sang, "Christ for the World."



My Prayer List	Day	Bible Reading	Pray for The Salvation Army
	1 Monday	Psalms 90-92	Des Moines Citadel, Iowa, Corps
	2 Tuesday	Proverbs 14-15	Cadillac, Mich., Corps
	3 Wednesday	Ezekiel 43-48	Green Bay, Wis., Corps
	4 Thursday	John 1-2	Mexico Territory
	5 Friday	1 Thessalonians 4-5	Flint, Mich., ARC*
	6 Saturday	Leviticus 25-27	Bay City, Mich., Corps
	7 Sunday	1 Chronicles 1-4	Evansville, Ind., Corps
	8 Monday	Psalms 93-95	Wisconsin & Upper Michigan Division
	9 Tuesday	Proverbs 16	Chicago Lawn, Ill., Corps
	10 Wednesday	Daniel 1-6	School Age Children
	11 Thursday	John 3-4	Duluth, Minn., Corps
	12 Friday	2 Thessalonians	Des Moines Temple, Iowa, Corps
	13 Saturday	Numbers 1-3	Germany, Lithuania, and Poland Territory
	14 Sunday	1 Chronicles 5-9	Lansing, Mich., Corps
	15 Monday	Psalms 96-98	Elkhart, Ind., Corps
	16 Tuesday	Proverbs 17-18	Henry County, Ind., Corps
	17 Wednesday	Daniel 7-12	Kansas City Northland, Mo., Corps
	18 Thursday	John 5-6	Fort Wayne, Ind., ARC*
	19 Friday	1 Timothy 1-3	Milwaukee West, Wis., Corps
	20 Saturday	Numbers 4-6	Danville, Ill., Corps
	21 Sunday	1 Chronicles 10-14	India South Eastern Territory
	22 Monday	Psalms 99-101	Hutchinson, Kan., Corps
	23 Tuesday	Proverbs 19	Chicago Mayfair Community Church, Ill., Corps
	24 Wednesday	Hosea 1-7	Petoskey, Mich., Corps
	25 Thursday	John 7-9	Rock County, Wis., Corps
	26 Friday	1 Timothy 4-6	St. Joseph, Mo., Corps
	27 Saturday	Numbers 7-9	Goshen, Ind., Corps
	28 Sunday	1 Chronicles 15-19	South Bend, Ind., Kroc Center
	29 Monday	Psalms 102-104	Korea Territory
	30 Tuesday	Proverbs 20-21	Grand Haven, Mich., Corps
	31 Wednesday	Hosea 8-14	Vincennes, Ind., Corps

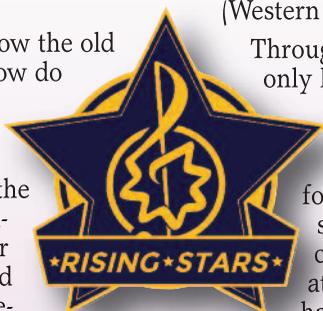
The September territorial prayer calendar is reflected in the weekly prayer guides sent to your corps. See your officer for a copy.

Go to www.salarmycentral.org
If you follow the prayer calendar during the year, you will have read through the Bible!

Rising Stars biggest yet

by Tom Hanton

We all know the old joke. How do you get to Carnegie Hall? You practice! Since 2020, the Rising Stars Solo Festival has been a way for artists, both young and old, to practice and develop their skills. All the artforms offered can be showcased in a worship service at corps and provide encouragement to each participant. This virtual solo festival encourages artists to submit entries in different levels of brass, voice, piano, spoken word, drama, dance, ukulele, guitar, percussion, woodwinds, songwriting, vocal arranging and brass composition.



(Western Territory). Through Rising Stars artists not only have been able to sharpen their skills but have had the opportunity to prepare successful solos for summer camps and worship performances at their corps. In addition, the creative arts performances have been used as audition videos for the territory's new Resonate Worship Arts Conservatory this summer.

"Rising Stars has been a vital ministerial tool," said Peter Kim. "Not only can people refine and advance their skills but realizing that it can be an offering of their talents at the Sunday worship is valuable."

This spring 53 participants, representing all divisions, submitted a performance video of material with guidelines outlined by the territorial music and creative arts ministries department. Decatur and Peoria, Ill., and Flint Citadel, Mich., had the most entries.

Two experts in each category shared written feedback with each participant. Artists gleaned valuable tips from our staff at Territorial Headquarters, as well as Kathryn Higgins, Kellyn Mylechreest and Doug Berry (Eastern Territory); Josh Powell, Dr. Adely Charles and Nick Simmons-Smith (Southern Territory); and Neil Smith and Kevin Larsson

--Mustard Seeds--



On the move

Effective Wednesday, June 29, 2022, unless otherwise indicated

All officers retain their additional appointment of Assistant Candidates' Secretary unless appointed Candidates' Secretary

Adults Rehabilitation Centers Command

Major Linda Barker, Admin. for Program, Chicago, IL; **Major Troy Barker**, Admin. for Business, Chicago, IL; **Captain Gregory Ehler**, Admin. for Program, Indianapolis, IN; **Captain Holly Ehler**, Admin. for Business, Indianapolis, IN; **Envoy Rick Garcia**, Admin. in Training, Waukegan, IL; **Envoys Bob & Jacquelyn Idzior**, Admins., Southeast, MI.

College for Officer Training

Major Andrea Racelis Baigorria, Spanish Training Director, Add'l Appt: Instructor (Transfer from South America East Territory); **Major Eduardo Baigorria**, Field Training Director, Add'l Appt: Instructor (Transfer from South America East Territory); **Major Chris Lim**, Spiritual Life Officer; **Captain Lennard Cossey**, Business Officer; **Captain Lorna Cossey**, Field Training Officer, Add'l Appt: Intercultural Ministries Coord.; **Captain Grant Holloway**, Special Events Coord., Add'l Appt: Fine Arts Director; **Captain Jaclyn Holloway**, Personnel Officer, Add'l Appt: Health Officer; **Captain Mary Kim**, Assistant Director of Curriculum.

Great Lakes Division

Lt. Colonel Theresa Turner, Divisional Leader for Officer Development, DHQ; **Majors Jeff & Valerie Carr**, COs, Dearborn Heights (Citadel), MI; **Major Maureen Duskin**, CO, Grand Rapids (Fulton Heights Citadel), MI, Add'l Appt: Kent County Social Services Chaplain; **Major R.C. Duskin**, CO, Grand Rapids (Fulton Heights Citadel), MI; **Majors Matt & Patricia Grindle**, COs, Jackson, MI; **Major Randall Hellstrom**, Divisional Sec. for Mid Michigan Area Command; **Major Patricia Irvine**, Capital Area Program Officer, Lansing, MI; **Major Timothy Meyer**, Divisional Sec. for Grand Valley Area Command; **Majors David & Shanda Minks**, COs, Warren, MI; **Majors Marion & Rhonda Moore**, COs, Alma, MI; **Major Lisa Mueller**, General Sec., DHQ; **Major Robert Mueller**, Divisional Sec. for Metro Detroit Area Command; **Captain Sarah Eddy**, Area Command Program Officer, Grand Valley Area Command; **Captains Curtis & Laura Lunnam**, COs, Adrian, MI, Add'l Appts: Admins., Hillsdale, MI; **Captains Grace and Mika Roinila**, COs, Battle Creek, MI; **Captain Jonathan Tamayo**, Associate CO, Flint (Citadel), MI; **Captains Donna & Vathana Thamavongsa**, COs, Farmington Hills, MI; **Captains Jacob & Melinda Tripp**, Asst. COs, Dearborn Heights (Citadel), MI; **Lts. Greg & Liz Bock**, COs, Cadillac, MI; **Lt. Samantha Tamayo**, CO for Mission Integration, Flint (Citadel), MI; **Envoy Jackie Ellingson**, Corps Admin., Detroit (Grandale), MI.

Indiana Division

Major Charlotte Hall, General Sec., DHQ; **Majors Curtiss & Sandy Hartley**, COs, Muncie, IN, Add'l Appts: Admins., Richmond, IN; **Major Rachel**

Stouder, Divisional Sec. for Indianapolis Area Command; **Majors Mary & Michael Thomas**, COs, Indianapolis (Fountain Square), IN; **Captain Janelle Cleaveland**, CO, Madison, IN; **Captain Robyn & Lt. Joshua Hubbard**, COs, Elkhart, IN; **Captains Brenna & Vinal Lee**, COs, Bloomington, IN, Add'l Appts: Admins., Brown County, IN; **Captains David & Shannon Martinez**, COs, Indianapolis (Eagle Creek), IN, Add'l Appts: Service Coords., Indianapolis (Eagle Creek), IN; **Captain Gloria Pelayo**, CO for Congregational Life, East Chicago, IN; **Captain Crystal Sherack**, CO for Administration, East Chicago, IN; **Captain Bersabe Vera-Hernandez**, Divisional Sec. for Northwest Indiana Area Command; **Auxiliary Captain Jim Prichard**, CO, Porter County, IN (Effective June 8, 2022).

Kansas and Western Missouri Division

Major Toni Dorrell, Add'l Appt: Kansas City Area Command; **Major Merrill Powers**, Divisional Sec. for South Central Area Command; **Major Nancy Powers**, Associate Area Commander, South Central Area Command; **Captains Chuck & Dana Cook**, Special Services, DHQ (pro tem until retirement November 1, 2022); **Captain Heather Montenegro**, Divisional Sec. for Program, Add'l Appt: Divisional Women's Ministries Sec., DHQ; **Captain Xavier Montenegro**, Divisional Sec., Add'l Appts: Divisional Hispanic Ministries Director and Intercultural Ministries Coord., DHQ; **Lts. Gunther Briceno & Francis Ramos**, COs, Kansas City (Blue Valley), MO; **Lts. Makayla & Scott Parnell**, COs, Wichita (Citadel), KS; **Auxiliary Captains Angelica & Greg Hartley**, COs, Kansas City (Westport Temple), MO.

Midland Division

Lt. Colonel Collette Webster, Divisional Leader for Officer Development, DHQ; **Major Rochelle McClintock**, Divisional Sec. for Quincy Area Command, Add'l Appt: Senior Kroc Center Officer, Quincy (Kroc Center), IL; **Major Trevor McClintock**, Associate Area Commander, Quincy Area Command, Add'l Appt: Senior Kroc Center Officer, Quincy (Kroc Center), IL; **Major Fred Mead**, Divisional Emergency Disaster Services Emotional & Spiritual Care Coord., Add'l Appts: Divisional DOT Coord. and Associate Men's Ministries Sec., DHQ; **Major Nancy Mead**, Divisional Women's Ministries Sec., DHQ; **Captain Shannon Forney**, Associate CO, St. Louis (Gateway Citadel), MO; **Captains Brandon & Megan Lewis**, Kroc Center Officers for Congregational Life, Quincy (Kroc Center), IL; **Captain Sharyn Tennyson**, Divisional Sec., DHQ; **Lt. Breanna James**, Add'l Appt: Divisional Urban Ministries Sec.; **Lt. Kenneth Jones**, Add'l Appt: Mission Integration Sec.; **Envoy Rosetta Hodges**, Corps Admin., St. Louis (Temple), MO.

North and Central Illinois Division

Lt. Colonel Patty Richardson, Divisional Leader for Officer Development, DHQ; **Major Cynthia Brockway**, Chaplain, Booth Manor, Add'l Appt: Chaplain, Evangeline Booth Lodge; **Majors Daniel & Wendy Faundez**, COs, Waukegan, IL; **Major Margaret Hill**, Special Services, DHQ (pro tem until re-

irement November 1, 2022); **Major Katrina Mathews**, Associate Admin., Chicago (Kroc Center), IL; **Major Kim Kendall Mathews**, Senior Kroc Center Officer, Chicago (Kroc Center), IL; **Major Joanna Rose**, Divisional Women's Ministries Sec., DHQ; **Major Anita Sells**, Associate Area Commander, Peoria Area Command; **Major Heath Sells**, Divisional Sec. for Peoria Area Command; **Major Caleb Senn**, General Secretary, DHQ, Add'l Appt: Area Commander, Chicago Area Command; **Major Stephanie Senn**, Divisional Sec. for Program, DHQ; **Major Cristina Stasiuc**, Change in Designation, CO for English Ministries, Des Plaines, IL; **Major Victor Stasiuc**, Change in Designation, CO for Business, Des Plaines, IL; **Majors Betty & Charles Yockey**, COs, Sterling-Rock Falls, IL; **Captain Natalie Austin**, CO, Evanston, IL; **Captain Elizabeth Ayala**, CO for Hispanic Ministries, Des Plaines, IL; **Captains LeOtis and LaTonya Brooks**, Pastoral Care Officers, Peoria Area Command; **Captain Jennifer Clanton**, Associate CO, Chicago (Harbor Light), IL; **Captains Christine & Enrique Coreano**, COs, Oakbrook Terrace, IL; **Captain Nikki Hughes**, CO, Chicago (Harbor Light), IL; **Captain Jessica Martinez**, Divisional Sec., DHQ; **Captain Betsy & Lt. Michael Raes**, COs, Peoria (Citadel), IL; **Captain Claudia Simmons**, Divisional Candidates' Sec., Add'l Appt: Divisional Youth Sec., DHQ; **Captain Daniel Simmons**, Divisional Youth Sec., Add'l Appt: Divisional Candidates' Sec., DHQ; **Lts. April & Joseph Alvarez**, COs, DeKalb, IL; **Lt. Shannon Cabrera**, CO for English Ministries, Chicago (Mayfair Community Church), IL; **Lt. Yanet Cabrera**, Asst. CO, Aurora, IL (Transfer from South America West Territory); **Lts. Heather Han & Derek Jung**, Asst. COs, Oakbrook Terrace, IL; **Lts. Jean Rene Kiangbeni & Merveille Mabondo**, Asst. COs, Springfield (Clear Lake), IL; **Lt. Wayne Strayer**, CO, Ottawa, IL; **Envoys Alberto & Florinelvi Giraldo**, Corps Admins., Chicago (Lawn), IL.

Northern Division

Major Janelle Gonzalez, Divisional Women's Ministries Sec., DHQ; **Major Jose Gonzalez**, Divisional Sec., DHQ; **Major Scott Shelbourn**, Add'l Appt: Area Commander, Twin Cities Area Command; **Major Melissa Viquez**, Add'l Appt: Intercultural Ministries Coord.; **Major Candace Voeller**, CO, Rochester, MN; **Major Cornell Voeller**, CO for Business, Rochester, MN; **Captain Ross Anderson**, Add'l Appt: Men's Ministries Sec.; **Captain Teri Ellison**, Iron Range Area Coord., Duluth, MN; **Auxiliary Captain Marie Lewis**, Associate CO, Albert Lea, MN; **Envoy Laura Ann Bloom Moore**, Asst. Corps Admin., Minneapolis (Parkview), MN.

Western Division

Major Lisa Frost, Capital Area Coord. for Program Development, Des Moines, IA; **Major Mark Litherland**, CO, Boone, IA; **Major Adam Moore**, General Sec., DHQ, Add'l Appt: Area Commander, Omaha Area Command; **Captains David & Laura Amick**, COs, Dubuque, IA; **Captains Peggy & Tim North**, COs, Newton, IA; **Lts. Katy & Wayne Benedict**, COs, Grand Island, NE; **Lts. Abigail &**

Christopher Nicolai, COs, Marshalltown, IA (Effective June 8, 2022); **Envoys Joel & Ramona Arthur**, Corps Admins., Aberdeen, SD.

Wisconsin and Upper Michigan Division

Major Barbara Logan, Special Services, DHQ (pro tem until retirement October 1, 2022); **Majors Dawn & Jeffery Russell**, COs, Fox Cities (Appleton/Menasha), WI; **Majors David & Marina Womack**, COs, Wausau, WI; **Major Steven Woodard**, Add'l Appt: Area Commander, Milwaukee Area Command; **Captain Matthew & Lt. Kaylie Darrow**, COs, Marquette County, MI; **Captains Justin & Stephanie Hartley**, Kroc Center Officers for Congregational Life, Green Bay (Kroc Center), WI, Add'l Appt: Kroc Center Officers for Mission Integration, Green Bay (Kroc Center), WI; **Captains Ting & Vong Luangkhamdeng**, Add'l Appts: Dane County Social Services Chaplains; **Captain Edward Williams**, CO, Racine, WI; **Captain Telinda Wilson**, Divisional Sec. for Program, DHQ.

Territorial Headquarters

Major Enrique Azauej, Pastoral Care Officer, Officer Support Dept.; **Major Cherri Hobbins**, Sec. for Spiritual Life Development.

Appointments to be Announced at Commissioning

Captain Kenneth Alip; **Captain Christina Champlin**; **Captain Dalvius King-Harvy**; **Lt. Macy Gantner**.

Special Leave

Major Nancy Azauej; **Major Lori Meyer**.

Officers Transferring out of Territory

Majors Lex & Patricia Giron, Returning to home territory of USA Western Territory; **Majors Julio & Karen Vasquez**, Returning to home territory of USA Western Territory; **Lt. Sara Ray**, Returning to home territory of USA Western Territory.

Retirements

February 1: **Majors Candy & James Curl**.

April 1: **Majors Betty & Bruce Keobounhom**.

July 1: **Lt. Colonel Dorene Jennings**; **Majors James & Lynnea Brickson**; **Majors Gary & Vickie Cole**; **Majors Antonia & Dennis Marak**; **Major Timothy Parker** (will continue as Territorial Audit Sec. in retirement); **Majors Annette & Jose Tamayo**; **Captain Karl Blessing**; **Captains Milly & Pedro Pagan**.

August 1: **Major Cindy & Captain Gordon Hoag**; **Majors Carolyn & Kirk Schuetz**; **Majors Christie & Kevin Van Zee**; **Majors Jonathan & Kim Welch**.

September 1: **Majors Carole & Glen Caddy**; **Majors Jay & Sally Davis**.

October 1: **Major Barbara Logan**; **Major Patricia Welch**.

November 1: **Major Margaret Hill**; **Captains Chuck & Dana Cook**.

Promoted to Glory

Major James Robbins

Major James Robbins, 80, was promoted to glory on April 23, 2022, surrounded by family and friends. He was known for his big heart and desire to share God's unconditional love which he shared with everyone he met.



Born in Springfield, Ill., on June 2, 1941, to John and Minnie Robbins, James grew up extremely close with his brothers. His life's course was charted when his older brother died from cancer during James' sophomore year of high school. To honor his brother's legacy, James joined the Chicago Staff Band as a B-flat bass player and eventually felt called to be an officer.

During training as a member of the "Servants of Christ" session, he met and fell in love with Lt. Patricia Smith, who was on the staff of the School for Officers' Training. After marrying, they served together in corps appointments throughout Michigan, Minnesota and Missouri and after a break in service in three appointments in the Southern Terri-

tory before retiring in 2001. Committed to ministry, however, they accepted many postretirement appointments.

James was preceded in death by his brothers, John and Robert, and the love of his life, Patricia. He is survived by his children: Major John (Michelle), James (Celeste), Major Joy, Captain Jan (Frankie) Zuniga and Jeff (Emily); 16 grandchildren and two great grandchildren.

Captain Michael Cripe

Captain Michael Cripe was promoted to Glory on April 8, 2022. Mike loved preaching and teaching the Word of God and enjoyed building relationships with people as he ministered to them.



He was born on August 4, 1957, in South Bend, Ind., to Ronald and Joyce Cripe. He accepted Christ at age 9 and soon after that felt the call to ministry. He connected with The Salvation Army as a young adult.

On June 26, 1982, Mike married Tina Baker. He earned a degree as a registered nurse in 1989 and worked in the medical field for several years

but didn't find fulfillment. He earned an associate's degree in computer technology in 1999.

In 2002, Mike and Tina accepted God's call to officership during a Mission and Purpose conference. They entered officer training in 2004 and were commissioned in 2006 members of the "Visionaries" session.

Together Mike and Tina led corps in Fremont, Neb., Aberdeen, S.D., and Wyandotte and Hillsdale, Mich. When Mike's health declined severely, they were granted medical leave before retiring in 2016.

Mike was preceded in death by his father. He is survived by his wife; children, Katie, Eva, Hannah and Michael II; five grandchildren; his mother, Joyce; sisters Sharon Smith, Rhonda Myers, Christine Eddy and Dawn Cripe; and his brother, David.

Major James Amick

Major James Amick was promoted to Glory on May 7, 2022. Jim had a giving heart and loved to make others laugh. He enjoyed singing and playing the



piano and guitar. In his later years, he distributed music recordings he made to spread the joy of his Savior, Jesus Christ.

Jim was born February 23, 1949, in Independence, Kan., to David and Flossie Amick. After graduating from high school, Jim married Diana Schultz on January 31, 1969, and entered the Air Force, serving from 1969 to 1973 as a chaplain assistant. He was honorably discharged as a staff sergeant and awarded with the National Defense Service medal and Air Force Good Conduct medal.

In 1973, Jim and Diana entered the School for Officers' Training. They were commissioned in 1975 as members of the "Soldiers of The Cross" session and served in corps appointments throughout the Midwest for 39 years until they retired in 2013.

Jim could often be found enjoying nature, antique shopping or woodworking. He loved spending time with his family and dogs.

He was preceded in death by his parents and brother David, Jr. He is survived by his wife; children Garrett, Chanin (John) Ladson, Jaycie (Rich) Tallon and Kristy (David) Riggs; seven grandchildren; sister, Debbie (Roland) McCluer, brother, Sam (Chris) Amick and sister-in-law, Sharon Amick.