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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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Living in the Spirit

Commissioning calls Salvationists to be firmly rooted, grow in godliness and bear fruit

Imagine what God can do. Here. In this moment. In this territory. His Spirit flowing freely through us as Resurrection and Pentecost people, yielding fruitful lives and ministries. Nearly 900 delegates pondered and prayed about these things during the commissioning weekend, June 8-9, in Milwaukee. The theme of the Fruit of the Spirit ran through the meetings like a stream from music to messages, carrying delegates from one item to the next and nourishing them along the way.

During the first session, heartfelt praise was led by the Territorial Worship Collective. An adorable United Singing Company gave a staccato proclamation of the fruits, following a flawless recitation of Galatians 5:22-25 by 14-year-old Noah Smith. A Bill Booth Theater Company sketch inconspicuously got to the heart of the theme.

The Central Territorial Staff Songsters captivated delegates with "O Worship the King" and "Far Above All," accompanied by the Chicago Staff Band, which also played rous-



ness during her health journey, before diving into a rich and inspiring two-part message.

"We are called to be free! I love the hope and opportunity that is offered to us in those words," Commissioner Evie Diaz said, speaking from Galatians Chapter 5. "How can we be free? The way is clear...Freedom comes not from doing our own thing, but in being filled, being led, being guided and directed by the Holy Spirit in us...no longer being controlled by selfish desires and sinful nature."

Toward the conclusion of her message, she proclaimed, "So here it is Central Territory, I believe that God wants to do this new thing now! I believe that Jesus wants to use us, this Salvation Army, to bring His word of hope, to live out and preach this message of new life to our world."

She continued, "I believe this is a vision of what our territory can be: a people and

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ing marches during the Parade of Session Flags and gave excellent support to the whole weekend.

A captivating World Services Ingathering video showed how the \$10.9 million given by the Central Territory is being used around the globe, and Summer Mission Teams were joyfully dedicated in prayer. Throughout the weekend delegates had the opportunity to contribute to a roof project for the Kenya East Territory. More than \$5,000 was given!

Salvationists Ricardo Cardenas and Jesse Links each gave a powerful testimony to the reality of a Spirit-filled life.

Ricardo talked of his transformation as he walked in the Spirit and how it revolutionized his priorities and marriage.

Jesse, who'd battled addiction, cried out to God when possibly facing a life sentence in jail. A merciful judge gave him the chance to get the help he desperately needed, and Jesse checked himself into the Harbor Light's detox program, then the Indianapolis Adult Rehabilitation Center where he found Christ.

"Being a new person in Christ changed everything for me," Jesse said choking up with emotion.

Delegates also were moved. And they were touched to see their territorial commander, who thanked Salvationists for their prayer support, encouragement and faithful-



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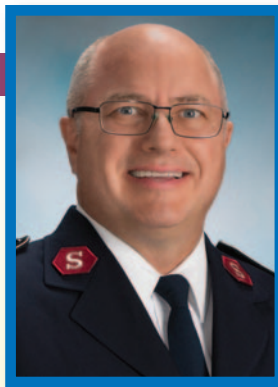
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The power of “Hello”

by Lt. Colonel David Harvey
Territorial Secretary for Business Administration

The room was crowded, full of people getting their assignments to take blankets to homebound seniors. The officer coordinating the event went over to one young volunteer and said, “Hello.” In just a few sentences, she found out that he worked in Milwaukee, had a wife and son, and their family had known The Salvation Army many years ago. Through that short conversation, the officer made a friendly connection and invited his family to the Oak Creek Centennial, Wis., Corps which would be having worship services the next day.

The following Monday was visitation night for the corps. My wife, Darlene, and I were taking cookies, a corps schedule and a *War Cry* to new people who had attended worship the previous day and had filled out a visitor card. The blanket volunteer was one of them. Since he wasn't home, we left the cookies with a note. The next Sunday that young man, his wife and son came again to the corps. It was then I was able to go over and say, “Hello.” In just a few sentences, we connected over our love of sports. During the coming months, I saw our congregation continue to say “Hello” to the



family, and in a short time, they connected with Jesus.

We live in a society that is electronic and polarized. Most people are just looking for a kind face and someone to say “Hello.” From the person you meet on the street to the one standing next to you in the grocery store checkout line, it only takes 30 seconds to say “Hello” and with a few questions, get to know

someone's background and interests. And when you connect one piece of their story to yours, you can invite them to check out an event at your corps. It doesn't have to be the Sunday worship service at first. Many people just want to be seen and invited to connect with something that is not on a screen.

In Luke 19, we read the story of Zacchaeus, a tax collector who was rejected by many people. But when Jesus said “Hello” to Zacchaeus, who was in a tree, he was seen and saved that day.

Summer is a great time to get to know our communities. Let's pray for moments to say “Hello” and see where the Lord can lead our new friends.

“Bienvenidos”



Sharing food and hope with migrants

by Lt. Donald Cooper

When we arrived as cadets at the College for Officer Training (CFOT) campus in August 2022, we heard about the refugees being housed at the Chicago Harbor Light. Then we saw moms, dads and children sleeping outside the police station near the CFOT. We asked why they were sleeping outside and learned they were being shipped to the police stations by the government.

One day, we saw a woman get off a bus with her daughter. She had left her son in Venezuela. We developed a connection as we began talking about Jesus. She could quote scripture better than I could! We advocated with

the city to move her to a shelter for her daughter's sake. Eventually, she received help to move into an apartment. We sourced everything she needed for her home and found her work as a cleaning lady. The greatest privilege we had was to pick her up on Sunday mornings and take her to a corps for worship.

Every single cadet helped to care for the refugees in some way. For instance, we made a muffin brigade. Cadets would bake muffins, and we would load them up in a wagon with yogurt and oranges. Whoever had five minutes to spare that morning would walk the food to the police station for distribution. We also distributed close to 1,000 coats collected from across the territory.

I was able to raise awareness simply by introducing people to these families. Often when we hear about migrants on the news, it's just another story, but when we have conversations with them, we're more likely to help. When I asked the refugees about their motivation for coming to America, safety was their number one concern. Trekking through jungles, crossing borders, hitching rides on trains—the places they came from were so terrible they would do all of that in pursuit of safety.

In America, there is so much divisiveness over refugees, even in the church. I believe as Salvationists, we should welcome our brothers and sisters into a place of safety, a home in the church. And the most profound thing we can say is, “Bienvenidos”—you are welcome here.

Cooking & Conversations

Conversation, laughter and the smell of delicious food permeated the South Central Kansas Area Command as cadets from the College for Officer Training (CFOT) joined with Pathway of Hope (POH) families for a day of learning, connecting and cooking.

Club Pathway, part of the POH initiative in the command, brings families together to engage in activities designed to build community while they develop life skills through educational opportunities, hands-on activities and fellowship. It's a place where the practical and spiritual combine as families find genuine love and support while learning new skills that help them meet their goals.



Lt. Amy DeLonis (then a cadet) and team present their completed dish at the Club Pathway event.

menu was an assortment of meals, each offering a unique flavor and learning experience.

Cadets opened the Club Pathway activity with a devotional on God's faithful presence, wisdom and love even in the hardest times which resonated with the group. As they split into teams and began preparing recipes, cadets and families



PATHWAY OF HOPE

For this event, a brigade of six cadets from the “Defenders of Justice” and “Champions of the Mission” sessions on spring campaigns crafted an activity focused on feeding a family on a budget. The goal was for each cadet-family team to create a nutritious meal for a family of four spending only \$10. On the

shared their stories with one another, and the cadets learned firsthand the incredible impact the POH initiative has made in the lives of participants.

One single mom of four shared about how she turned to The Salvation Army for assistance after losing her job last year. Through POH, she was able to overcome many challenges as she connected with a support system that helped her meet her goals. In turn, the cadets shared their past struggles and encouraged participants to continue moving forward.

Once the cooking was done, everyone came together to sample the dishes, enjoying a smorgasbord. Each family then received a cookbook of the recipes, a shopping guide for each meal, event photos, family photos and more. They also left with an assortment of groceries the cadets packed for them from the food pantry and a gift card to use at the grocery store.



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communities with an abundance of fruit, restored spaces, people needing and receiving the living water of Jesus, people knowing His healing and provision in their lives, and communities transformed as lives are changed."

Delegates then shared what they would take home and prayed with each other.



Earlier, Saturday held opportunities for fellowship and service that ranged from the Silver Star brunch to Trade Central, a concert by the CTSS, and informal get-togethers with friends and session mates.

Delegates could join in a variety of service projects around Milwaukee. An ice cream social was on the menu at the Emergency Lodge, and a neighborhood outreach at the Milwaukee West Corps distributed 150 sack lunches with information about corps programs and an invitation to Sunday worship.

The Sunday morning ordination and commissioning service continued the theme of fruitful lives. Training Principal Major John Pook shared the "Defenders of Justice" session had "far surpassed what we ever thought they could do at CFOT." He recounted their compassionate service



to migrants in Chicago.

"God is going to do a great work through them," Major John said.

Session speaker Cadet Julie Reed concurred, telling her session mates, "You are already a people of action, and each corps that is receiving you is so lucky. They are in good hands."

The territorial commander addressed the session, saying that with the gifts and abilities God had given them they could be considered superheroes of sorts. "But beware, you don't go from here in your own strength or even your own superpower," she said. "You are not enough on your own...You go because of His amazing power over and in you."

Each session member was ordained and commissioned. Then a beautiful rendition of "Rock of Ages" by Captain Grant Holloway brought many of them—as well as audience members—to tears.

Chief Secretary Colonel Steven Howard spoke from 1 Thessalonians 1:2-10. Using the hook of good versus excellent chocolate, he maintained that when we do things in our own power or for our own recognition, it's a cheap imitation. The Fruit of the Spirit—love, joy, patience, kindness, self-control—comes not because of our works but because the Holy Spirit is working in us.

"We must allow God's Holy Spirit to work in us to change us," he said before a time of response where many people came to the altar and gathered in prayer.

The mood turned celebratory as the "Defenders of Justice" returned to the stage with their families as Major Johanna Pook enthusiastically read where each would serve. The crowd roared after each announcement, and the new lieutenants and captains were joyfully greeted and congratulated by their new divisional leaders. Lts. Ashley Tellez and Kasleen Velasquez from the Latin America North Territory were warmly embraced by their territorial leaders Commissioners Merle and Dawn Heatwole, who earlier had ordained and commissioned them.

The weekend concluded with Major John Pook giving a benediction from Ephesians: "Now to Him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to His power that is at work within us, to Him be the glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever. Amen."



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Appointed by prayer, for a purpose and with a plan

by Captain Blake Fewell

In a first for the Central Territory, cadets of the "Defenders of Justice" session received their appointments before their commissioning. Though the change came as a surprise, many cadets welcomed the opportunity to better prepare their hearts for service to a new community, and those with children were thankful to get a jump start on school and childcare arrangements.

The private appointment service, held on the College for Officer Training (CFOT) campus in Chicago, was attended by the two cadet sessions, CFOT officers, Territorial Commander Commissioner Evie Diaz and members of the Territorial Cabinet. Commissioners Dawn and Merle Heatwole, Latin America North (LAN) territorial leaders, also were in attendance to give the two cadets from LAN, who had completed their training in the Central, their appointments back to their home territory.

"Today, the Defenders of Justice take the next step in their spiritual journey as servants of God," said Major John Pook, training principal. He emphasized that the same God who has called people throughout scripture and history has called them to lead their new communities.

Commissioner Diaz charged the



Cadets Ashley Tellez and Kassleen Velasquez from the Latin America North Territory who completed their training in the Central Territory

session: "You have been chosen and appointed as one who serves Jesus and as God's messenger to bear fruit. You are appointed by prayer, appointed for a purpose and appointed with a plan. The promise is that He is with you, and He will give you all the amazing blessings of serving Him as an officer in this appointment."

As the cadets received their appointments, those watching cheered and celebrated their accomplishments and the communities they would serve. Several cadets expressed it was significant to share this moment with their campus family.



Defenders of Justice Session expressing joy in living in the Spirit and serving the Lord

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"I felt that the service of appointments was incredibly intimate," said Cadet Bailey Sawka.

The celebration concluded with a choreographed dance to "Joyful, Joyful" by cadets as an expression of their delight in serving the Lord.



Cadet Naomi Kate Jobson salutes

After the service, the new format allowed an afternoon for cadets to pray, inform their families and begin researching their new communities.

"We prayed as a family for this new chapter of our lives, the corps and our future congregation and community," said Cadets Cecilia Dinardi and Maximiliano Franchetti.

Cadet Aurelia Pettit spent the afternoon preparing to share the news with her daughter: "My daughter



Cadet Maria Medina receives her first appointment from Commissioner Evie Diaz.

was nervous about moving, but having our appointments given to us earlier allowed for us to see what is nearby, research schools and find doctors. I believe the change that has happened will overall be beneficial for cadet kids and set them up for success."



Cadets Cecilia Dinardi and Maximiliano Franchetti

London is calling

by Captain Blake Fewell

Nearly eight years ago, when I stood on a stage in front of a crowd to receive my first appointment as a Salvation Army officer, I had no idea where that journey would take me. That moment was the start of an adventure in ministry. I've led a small corps in rural Indiana, served in team ministry at a multicultural corps in Minneapolis, and taught cadets at the College for Officer Training (CFOT).

Each appointment has had a special place in my heart. Each has challenged me, helping me to become a better officer. There certainly have been times of joy and sorrow, successes and failures, accomplishments and mistakes, but through it all God has demonstrated why I was appointed there for that time. My officership journey has continued to surprise me at each step.

Now, my journey takes another step in a new direction. In September, I will leave for a new adventure in London, England, and will serve as assistant undersecretary for the Americas and Caribbean Zone at International Headquarters (IHQ).

The zonal departments at IHQ are the main administrative link with territories. The Americas and Caribbean Zone helps coordinate The Salvation



Army's work in 11 territories. What excites me the most about this appointment is seeing God's work in the global Salvation Army, supporting territories in their missional effectiveness, and learning from diverse cultures and experiences.

Each change of appointment is challenging. It means saying goodbye to what is known to move into the unknown, leaving behind friends to build new relationships, and setting aside one ministry to pick up another. I undoubtedly will have difficulty saying goodbye to the cadets, officers, and employees of the CFOT. I have cherished being a CFOT officer and distance learning instructor.

When I began my ministry as an officer 2,880 days ago and received my first appointment, I trusted the Lord's faithfulness and guidance. Today, I trust Him even more.

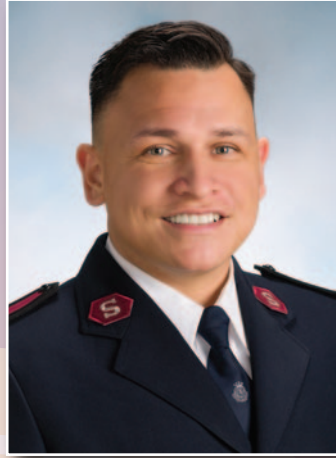
Pray for the Defenders of Justice as they share the gospel and serve people in Christ's name.



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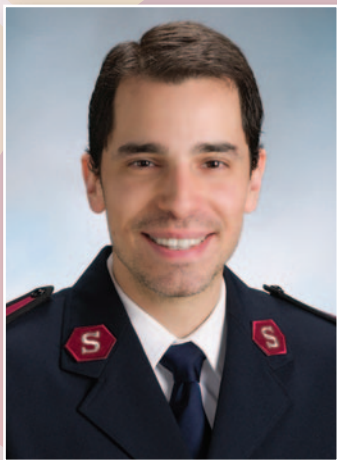
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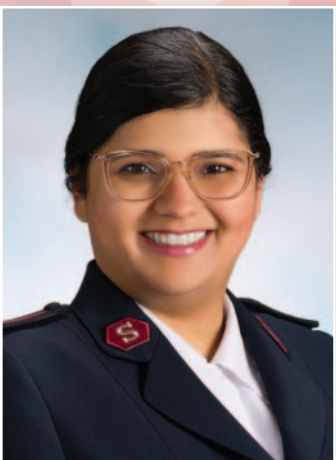
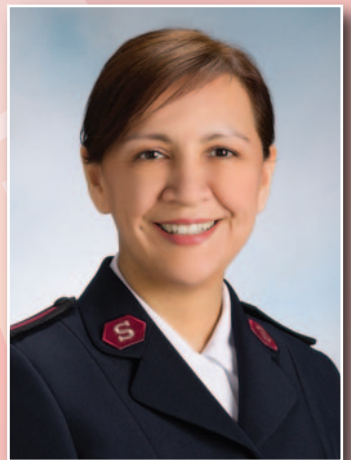
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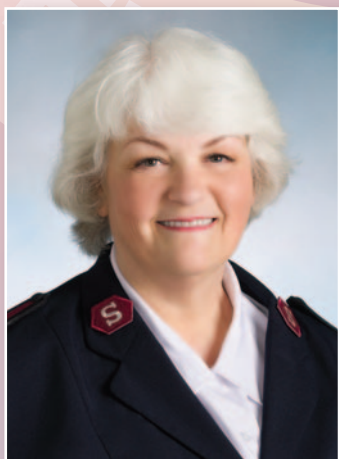
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Finding Joy in service

When making major decisions in life, Joy Caro always consults God.

"I am quiet, and I listen for God to guide me," she said. "And He speaks to me through a sense of peace, or when the same message gets repeated. Then I know."

Joy, the new divisional sergeant-major (DSM) for the North & Central Illinois Division and one of its representatives on the Territorial Soldiers' Forum, asked God if she should take the position.

"I prayed. Then a song came on the radio about being a leader. And I spoke with Mark Bender [NCI assistant divisional sergeant-major], and he thought I would be a good DSM. Hearing those affirmations is how God spoke to me," Joy recalled.

Studying God's Word is also an im-



portant part of Joy's life.

"For me, reading God's Word is important to my faith because it is how I learn who God is," she said. "I learn and I review His promises for my life, and I am reminded of His faithfulness."

Joy brings a lifelong commitment and decades of service to this appointment.

She grew up in a family of 10 children. They attended the Aurora, Ill., Corps where Joy took part in sunbeams and accepted Jesus as her Savior when she was a junior soldier.

As she grew up, attending divisional and territorial camps became a passion for Joy.

"Camp was a place where I felt worry-free," she said. "I was in a mental space to start focusing on God."

Joy and her husband Adan have three sons, Jonathan, Adrian and Benjamin, who all attend the Aurora Corps where Joy now serves as the young people's sergeant-major. She helps plan and oversee youth programming, leads



Joy with her husband Adan, and sons Jonathan, Adrian and Benjamin

some youth groups and helps youth get to and from camp in the summer. She spends a few weeks every summer volunteering at Wonderland Camp.

Joy uses her faith every day as a special-education teacher at an elementary school. She teaches students who have severe developmental delays, concentrating on academics, along with teaching social, functional and language skills.

"My faith gives me the power to love the children," Joy said. "It helps me with patience too."

She said that being very social and being able to speak Spanish are assets in her role with the Soldiers' Forum.

"I have a background in communications. And I know enough Spanish to have conversations with people," Joy said. "That will help me in being able to listen to what soldiers in the division have to say and to bring those concerns to the forum."

And just as she looked to God for help in deciding to take on this role, Joy says she'll look to Him for guidance as she serves.

"I am excited to see what God does through me in this division," she said. "I am excited to get to know more people in my division and help in any way I can."

To learn more about the forum, visit salarmycentral.org or scan



With Major Joaquin Rangel and children at vacation Bible school



Joy Caro (center) with other Central Territory delegates at the National Seminar on Holiness last summer

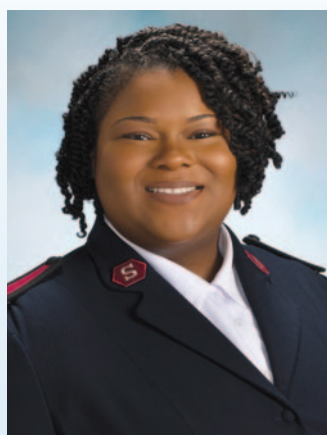
In the right place

by Lt. Melissa Bledsoe

I never would have guessed I'd be in the position I am today. Having the blessing of overseeing a corps which houses many social services is an answered prayer. I always have loved helping those who need a hand up. Our ministry here in Benton Harbor, Mich., has allowed me the opportunity to minister to those who do not have a home and those who need food. I've walked alongside children whose parents battle addictions and other things that have broken their homes. I've served people from all walks of life who are looking for help to make it through another day.

As someone who was a recipient of the social services The Salvation Army provides, I see God's hand working in my life as now I am in the position to help. It reminds me of the love God has for me and how my life has always had a plan. The mercy and love of God has covered me for many days. As I get ready to enter my next year of officership, I am in awe of the way God has moved in my life. I have been stretched, pruned and shaped to be more like Christ.

Walking alongside people who are searching for God's love in their everyday living provides me with an opportunity to share the message of reconciliation with our Heavenly Fa-



ther who loves them. While this ministry has brought many challenges, I can confidently say I am exactly where I am supposed to be. Being an officer provides me with the opportunity to mourn with people, rejoice and celebrate with others, and to be the hands and feet of Christ, helping to win the world for Jesus. As an officer, my one goal will always be the same: to love God and to love others.



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New weekend focuses on the call to serve



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The Spirit of Leadership Weekend

by Captain Kelly Hanton

We are excited to announce the expansion of the 730 Weekend with the addition of a leadership development track and a new name, "Ignite the Spirit of Leadership Weekend."

This change aims to enhance the event's value and impact by recruiting candidates for officership and developing lay leadership. Traditionally, The Salvation Army has used the word "calling" primarily in relation to officership, but, with the addition of a leadership development track, we are focusing on a broader definition that includes all Christian believers who desire to serve God through The Salvation Army.

This initiative addresses the need for formal leadership training and development of lay leaders who may not have access to such opportunities at their corps. Investing in the development of lay leaders is essential for building solid and thriving corps, which could potentially increase candidate recruitment.

We believe bringing the two tracks together in united sessions and fellowship will facilitate meaningful discussions, mutual learning and unity.

By expanding the focus beyond candidate recruitment to include the development of lay leaders, we can create a more inclusive, comprehensive and impactful weekend.

Omaha philanthropists receive Evangeline Booth Award

by Daisy Hutzell-Rodman

Twenty-five years ago David and Peggy Sokol started what's become one of the premier annual social events in Omaha, Neb.—and it directly benefits The Salvation Army. They were looking for a way to memorialize their son, D.J., who courageously fought cancer throughout his teenage years but lost the battle in the summer of 1999.

To honor D.J., who was a friend to many, a scholar, an athlete and young man of faith, the Sokols established an event that embodied his values of leadership and service. They became the driving force behind transforming the Be A Hero luncheon that hosted

about 200 people each year into the D.J.'s Hero Awards, a scholarship program and luncheon honoring the achievements of Nebraska high school seniors who overcome adversity and show outstanding leadership in their communities. In recent years, the event has attracted more than 1,000 attendees annually.

The 25th Anniversary D.J.'s Hero Awards Luncheon this spring was attended by 1,100 people at CHI Health Center-Omaha. Major Scott Shelbourn, Western divisional commander, opened the event with remarks saluting the scholarship winners, donors and attendees. He then joined other dignitaries in presenting scholarships to 16 deserving high school seniors, whose com-

PELLING stories range from refugees from war-torn countries who have become honors students to teenagers who, like D.J., have shown resilience and positivity in the face of life-threatening medical conditions.

Over the lifetime of the event, The Salvation Army in Omaha has—thanks to the Sokols' largesse—awarded 222 scholarships to heroic young people who have gone on to attend college and have successful careers.

At the 25th anniversary event, David Sokol interviewed six "Hero Alumni," past scholarship winners who are leading extraordinary lives: Stanford University graduate Veronica Alonso, Google employee Jay Beermann, founding member of the organization "Schuyler is Home" Viridiana Duran, business owner Rosio Granados, lawyer and author Janae Pounds-Hofer, and award-win-

National Commander Commissioner Kenneth G. Hodder presents David and Peggy Sokol with the prestigious Evangeline Booth Award. Majors Scott and Jolinda Shelbourn, Western divisional leaders, right

ning photographer Nia Karmann.

Since its inception, the D.J.'s Hero Awards Luncheon has raised more than \$4.4 million for Omaha-area Salvation Army youth programs; that's in addition to more than \$2.2 million in scholarship support! To thank and honor the couple who started it all, National Commander Commissioner Kenneth G. Hodder presented the Sokols with the organization's prestigious Evangeline Booth Award. It honors exceptional individuals, corporations and organizations who "reflect the spirit, commitment and innovative vision of Evangeline Booth."

In his remarks, Commissioner Hodder aptly summarized the enormous gift the Sokols have bestowed on The Salvation Army, saying, "You have made a permanent impression. You have transformed futures. You have changed communities. You have strengthened families. What you have done will always be honored. And we thank you from the bottom of our hearts."



The 2024 class of D.J.'s Heroes with (back row, center, l-r) Omaha Advisory Board member Mike Cassling, David and Peggy Sokol, honorary chairs Lori and David Scott, and Omaha Advisory Board member Fred Hunzeker.

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Educating the head—and heart

The Miller High Life Theatre was filled with cheers as “Defenders of Justice” and officers received certificates and degrees.

“This is a great night of celebration—awesome and incredible,” Major John Pook, College for Officer (CFOT) training principal, said in his welcoming remarks. “We all benefit from the time they have put into their studies and education. They will be better spiritual leaders, better officers.”

The Territorial Worship Collective then had the crowd on its feet and joining in rousing renditions of “Glorious Day,” “You Have Made Me Glad,” and “I Thank You.”

Following a prayer and scripture reading, the CFOT United Chorus performed the Defenders’ session song, “In The Army.” Some cadets had tears in their eyes as they sang, “Where Jesus leads, I’ll follow on; I’ll stand, I’ll stand for Christ alone.”

Commissioner Merle Heatwole gave the commencement address based in Proverbs 4:23 which prioritizes guarding of our hearts.

“Yes, our educational studies are important,” he said. “They will help us in our ministries in the future, but all of that can be lost if we are not careful to guard our hearts.”



Major John Pook



Cadet Donald Cooper receives the Lt. Colonel Kathleen Zehm World Mission Award

their hearts for the sacred service for which God has called them.”

He urged preparation must begin with the study of God’s Word, noting that it sustains us, provides rest for our souls, and serves as a guidebook.

Major Arnel Ruppel, assistant principal for administration and curriculum, and Major Johanna Pook, assistant principal for personnel, announced awards for cadets that were presented by Territorial Commander Commissioner Evie Diaz.

Cadet Julie Reed received the Commissioner Samuel Logan Brengle Preaching Award; Cadets Cecilia Dinardi and Maximiliano Hernan Franchetti each received the Colonel Albert Pepper Servant

Leadership Award; Cadet Amy DeLonis received the Commissioner Andrew Miller Evangelism Award; and Donald Cooper received the Kathleen Zehm World Mission Award. Salutatorian Cadet Bailey Sawka and Valedictorian Cadet Cecilia Dinardi also were recognized.

“We have the privilege of joining a line of men and women who have dedicated their lives to the service of others,” Cadet Cecilia said in her speech. “As we embark on this sacred mission, we are encouraged to embrace the core principles that have guided The Salvation Army. Let love be our guiding light. Compassion, our constant companion. And humility our hallmark.”

“This mission is not one we undertake alone. First, we are part of a global Movement, united by our shared commitment to serve others and advance the Kingdom of God. And second, God is always—always—walking alongside us,” she proclaimed. “We live in a world that encounters many, many challenges: poverty, homelessness, addiction, injustice. But it’s also filled with opportunities to make a difference.”



Valedictorian Cadet Cecilia Dinardi

The announcement of training certificates by Captain Mary Kim, CFOT director of curriculum, was followed by recognition of ad-



Captain Mary Kim, Chief Secretary Colonel Steven Howard, Territorial Commander Commissioner Evie Diaz and Salutatorian Cadet Bailey Sawka.

vanced certificates and degrees that were achieved by officers by Lt. Colonel Darlene Harvey, officer resource and development (ORD) secretary, and Dr. Rob DeGeorge, ORD department manager.

The meeting concluded with prayer by Lt. Colonel Dan Jennings, territorial secretary for personnel, who expressed thankfulness for those who’ve nurtured the gifts of intellect, wisdom and understanding and asked God to bless them for the sake of the mission.



Commissioner Merle Heatwole

He continued, “We are celebrating those who have trained themselves through their educational pursuits to prepare themselves for service in The Salvation Army....and yet, again, in spite of all these achievements, they will be meaningless unless they also prepare and guard



Officers who have achieved bachelor’s and master’s degrees with Colonels Janice and Steven Howard and Commissioner Evie Diaz

Honoring the Howards, Richardsons and Websters

Love God. Love people. Love life. It’s that simple. Yet, it encompasses everything. That’s what **Colonels Janice and Steven Howard** will tell you about their life and service.

The Howards’ exceptional 41-year journey as officers has taken them from the streets of Brooklyn, N.Y., to the coast of Maine, the highlands of Kenya, cosmopolitan London and the plains of the Midwest.

While their officership has included ubiquitous appointments like being corps officers, it’s also been sprinkled with unique ones like serving on the staff of the International College for Officers and being Chief Secretary and Territorial Leader for Women’s Ministries in Kenya East. After helping to lead the USA Eastern Territory, they landed in the Central Territory seven

years ago for their final appointments; they retire from the positions of Chief Secretary and Territorial Leader for Leader Development.

Wherever they’ve served, their authentic faith has stood out. And while their hard work and humor have been appreciated, their effort to connect with and minister to people has been cherished. Their ministry has remained personal. At the office, many people had tea with the Chief, and at their home Bible studies and barbecues were hosted. They’ve even been known to go to a baseball game or two with employees. (Go Cubs!)

“Colonel Janice is a woman of deep compassion who genuinely values people and relationships,” said Lt. Colonel Renea Smith. “Her desire to see people grow deeper in their relationships with Christ, experiencing

the fullness of spiritual life through the indwelling of the Holy Spirit, has impacted all of us.”

Among the many significant ways the Howards have had a lasting influence on the territory are a focused plan for the development of future leaders that includes 360° evaluations for Territorial Executive Council members including mentorships and executive coaching, the start of a Hispanic Training Program at the College for Officer Training, and a comprehensive employee engagement effort to change the culture and to increase morale and involvement in mission.

“Colonel Steven Howard’s even temper, analytical mind, and personal loyalty to Jesus as a spiritual leader made him an invaluable team member,” said Commissioner Barry Swanson, who’s known the Chief for 14 years and

served with him in three appointments. “The phrase that comes to mind as I look back on what I know of his officer career is ‘conscientious integrity,’ that is deliberately choosing to do the right thing in every situation, no matter the cost. Whether dealing with matters of personnel, business, finance or mission/program, he could be depended upon to respectfully speak his conscience.

“Now, for the past seven years we have been friends and fellow soldiers at the Norridge Corps. Despite a heavy workload and extensive travel schedule, I have watched Steve volunteer at Christmas, participate in discipleship training, and faithfully attend Sunday services whenever possible. As he and Janice relocate in retirement, they will be missed by the Central Territory,

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Honoring Continued

the Norridge Corps, and by me.”

Over the course of more than 40 years, Lt. Colonels Lonneal and Patty Richardson have served in more than half the territory's divisions, leading corps, city commands and three of its largest divisions. From their earliest appointments, they considered it a privilege to serve in urban areas, recognizing that because of The Salvation Army's uniqueness it could address problems that plague communities. They've wanted to be used by God not only to help redeem people but broken systems. Among their notable achievements is the Ferguson Community Empowerment Center, an unprecedented partnership between The Salvation Army and the Urban League of Metropolitan St. Louis.

In 2020 the Richardsons were appointed as the first Racial Diversity and Inclusion Secretaries for the Central Territory—and the nation. This



Lt. Colonels Patty and Lonneal Richardson, Colonels Janice and Steven Howard, Lt. Colonels Collette and Bob Webster, Commissioner Evie Diaz

groundbreaking appointment also made them the first African-American members of the Central's Territorial Cabinet. They retire from their current roles of Assistant Chief Secretary (Lt. Colonel Lonneal) and Territorial Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Secretaries.

“Your gift of advocacy and support, especially for the marginalized, are

not only a hallmark of how God made you but have been an absolute inspiration to those of us who have had the privilege of walking, sometimes marching, alongside you on behalf of others,” said Commissioner Brad Bailey to Lt. Colonel Lonneal at their retirement ceremony.

He continued, “You have demon-

strated spiritual courage and tenacity by allowing the Holy Spirit to move you deeply and use you to transform ordinary moments into extraordinary opportunities for men and women to know Jesus as their Lord and Savior.”

Commissioner Heidi Bailey com-

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Photo by Charles Rex Arbogast

Congratulations!

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

CERTIFICATES

Arrow Leadership Institute • Emerging Stream

Captain Natalie Austin, Captain Dana Bigelow

Talent Ladder at Indiana Wesleyan Certificate in Kroc Center Leadership

Captain Justin Hartley, Captain Brandon Lewis,
Major Rochelle McClintock, Captain Carolina Almendras-Yanez

Talent Ladder at Indiana Wesleyan Certificate in ARC Leadership

Major Kevin Cedervall, Captain Amy Cedervall,
Captain Holly Ehler, Captain Greg Ehler, Major Alan Hellstrom,
Captain Michelle Johnson, Captain Abraham Marin,
Captain David Meyers, Captain Wendy Meyers-Bautista,
Captain Anthony Nordan, Major Catherine Thielke

Parrott Institute at Olivet Nazarene University Certificate in Life Coaching (Executive Coaching)

Major Greg Voeller

Parrott Institute at Olivet Nazarene University Certificate in Life Coaching (Marriage and Family)

Captain Elizabeth Bock, Lt. Kenesa Debela,
Lt. Samantha Tamayo, Major Amy Voss

Honeyrock Center for Leadership Development at Wheaton College Certificate in Emerging Leadership

Captain Matthew DeGonia, Captain Christopher White

Transformational Leadership Certificate

Captain Chelsea Barnes, Major April Clarke,
Captain Chrissie Coreano, Major Melody Hamelund,
Lt. Colonel Darlene Harvey, Captain Amanda Hoscheit,
Major Dan Hull, Envoy Jacquelyn Idzior, Captain Kristen Key,
Major Ron Key, Lt. Rodney Morin, Major Barbara Owen,
Captain Will Richardson, Envoy Lisa Roberson,
Major Stephanie Sawka, Major Anita Sells, Major Dale Simmons,
Major Rhegan Stansbury, Major Cristina Stasiuc,
Captain Martha Valladares, Captain Bersabe Vera,
Captain Andy Wheeler, Captain Edward Williams III,
Captain Alex Yanez, Major Jennifer Woodard

BACHELOR'S DEGREES

B.A. in Ministry (Counseling for Christian Ministries)

Captain Cristian Lopez-Azompa, Captain Jessica Martinez Regalado

B.A. in Ministry (Leadership and Ethics)

Captain Jeremy Fingar, Captain Megan Lewis,
Captain Daniel Simmons

B.A. in Ministry (Hispanic Pastoral Ministry)

Major Janelle Gonzalez

B.A.S. in Human Service Leadership

Captain Virginia DeGonia

B.A.S. in Multi-Disciplinary Studies

Captain Denesia Polusca

B.S. in Interdisciplinary Studies

Major Joel Harmon

MASTER'S DEGREES

Master of Business Administration

Major Karen Pitter-Holness

Master of Ministry

Captain Justin Steckbauer

Master of Organizational Leadership

Major Malinda O'Neil

Master of Organizational Leadership (Non-Profit Management)

Major Jason Poff

M.A. in Ministry (Leadership)

Captain Sarah Eddy, Lt. Matthew Winters

M.A. in Intercultural Studies (International Development & Urban Studies)

Captain Jaclyn Holloway

M.A. in Humanitarian & Disaster Leadership

Captain Enrique Coreano

M.A. in Leadership

Major Amos Shiels

M.S. in Psychology (Industrial-Organizational Psychology)

Captain Joshua Hubbard

Trusting God's timing

Though he immigrated to the U.S. nearly 20 years ago, Lt. Ramon Cebrian still holds his native country of Cuba close to his heart. So, when he returned for a visit in 2018 and saw the deterioration of Salvation Army properties and the great need, he was devastated.

"When I saw the condition of the corps and adult rehabilitation center (ARC) in Camaguey, my heart was broken," he said. "After being in the U.S. and seeing the great blessings and resources we have here, it was shocking. I wanted to do something."



Computers donated by the Rotary Club benefit youth education programs.

Lt. Ramon and his wife, Lt. Ely Sanchez, began praying diligently about the situation. He also crafted project proposals, but none of them gained traction. God seemed to be silent. In truth, He was orchestrating a plan they never could have imagined.

Then in 2022 at a Brooklyn Park, Minn., Rotary Club meeting, Steve Laible approached Captain Josh Polanco about the possibility of their chapter partnering with The Salvation Army for a project in Cuba. The captain immediately thought of Lt. Ramon, who was stationed in the

Twin Cities, as a resource, although he was unaware of the lieutenant's concerns and prayers.

"God's hand was involved in all of it," said Captain Josh. "It all started with his desire to do something, and then God answering years later through this. It's a story of perseverance by believing and prayer."

Wheels were set in motion for a trip that would encompass improvement projects by Rotary members, friends and Lt. Ramon and give them a taste of The Salvation Army's ministry.

Despite the extended process of securing the religious visas and the transferring of project money through official Salvation Army channels, God's hand was evident throughout the planning and trip.

"One of the lessons I learned is that God's timing is always perfect," said Lt. Ramon. "We have desires, and God answers in His time."

During the trip the group visited the corps in Santa Clara and toured the city on motorbike taxis. Later, they rode a horse and buggy to Camaguey.

"There was a joyful crowd at the



On the way to Camaguey via horse and buggy.

mission [ARC] and the program included music and a special worship service," said Steve. "Afterward, we were shown the substantial improvements that had been accomplished with the funding provided by Rotary and concluded with a community meal."

With the generous sponsorship and on-site help of the Rotary Club to complete the finishing touches, the ARC's interior was refreshed with paint, repairs and improvements to the kitchen. The group also brought gifts, including health and hygiene products which were distributed to 50 women and girls from the community and computers to be used in education programs for the children.

"I witnessed with my own eyes the immediate impact the project had on the community," said Lt. Ramon who is grateful to Rotary and gives glory to God.

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mended Lt. Colonel Patty, "You have been a faithful officer through trials and joys and have quietly but passionately helped trailblaze justice and inclusion within The Salvation Army, while living the challenges of those realities daily...Your search for perfection, your musical giftedness, your out-of-the-box thinking and love for Jesus have consistently been evident in your ministry, and, consequently, have formed you into a grounded, focused, committed spiritual leader."

Lt. Colonels Bob and Collette Webster are well known throughout the territory. For good reason—they've been corps officers, divisional and territorial youth secretaries, divisional leaders and retire from the position of Territorial Program Secretaries. Two of their substantial contributions during 34 years of service include opening and leading the South Bend, Ind., Ray and Joan Kroc Corps Community Center and Colonel Bob ministering after 9/11 at Ground Zero. In any appointment and circumstance, their ministry has been relational.

Lt. Colonel Bob knows first-hand the difference personal outreach can make. He was saved by a youth pastor playing basketball on the streets. That relationship changed the trajectory of his life, setting him on a course to love and serve God full-time. He has poured his big heart into ministry and, naturally, has been exceptionally passionate about community centers and camps, but also emergency disaster services.

"Bob makes friends easily and naturally. I'd say his 'I've never known a stranger' ability is one of his best gifts," said Colonel Jeff Smith. "He builds on those friendships to influence people for Christ, to influence



people to give to support Christ's work through the Army, and by his kindness and thoughtfulness to enrich their lives along the way."

Complementing Bob's visionary style has been Lt. Collette's eagle eye for detail and drive for excellence, not only in her work but in helping people reach the next level in how they serve the Lord. Her sincere desire to see people love Christ and grow in Him has been seen in her love of Bible studies and small groups.

"I have witnessed Collette's love for God and how that has extended to her love for people. In her appointments through the years, she has made deep and long-lasting relationships because of her response to personal/family/social needs," said Lt. Colonel Christine Merritt who's known her for 31 years.

She continued, "Collette is very discerning regarding what concerns a person the most. She is always available to celebrate with anyone the triumphs and expressions of God's goodness. If I can apply one word to Collette's ministry, it is 'steadfast,' as found in 1 Corinthians 15:58. This is how she practices her relationship with Jesus as her firm foundation regardless of circumstances and how she perceives her faithful God."



AUDITION NOTICE

"BELONGINGS"

Written by Stephanie Lamplough and Paul Sharman

Adapted by Joe Caddy

CASTING INFORMATION

The Music & Creative Arts Ministries Department is seeking actors and singers for the American premiere of **"BELONGINGS"**, a new musical adaptation that will debut in **June 2025**.

The thirteen available roles range in age from 15 to 65+. Some roles may require minimal dancing, and all are speaking roles. Rehearsals will take place monthly beginning in November 2024.

REQUIREMENTS

- All applicants must be 16 or older by June 1, 2025
- To be cast in the show, applicants must exhibit:
 - Ongoing discipleship to Jesus Christ.
 - Active service and involvement in their corps.
 - Musical and theatrical skills through two rounds of auditions.
- All applicants must be able to commit to monthly **BELONGINGS** rehearsal obligations and secure approval by corps and divisional leadership to participate as members of the cast, crew, or pit ensemble.

Visit SAMusicCentral.org/Belongings for more information and to sign up for an audition.

Auditions will be accepted until September 15, 2024.

The Salvation Army

PRAYER CENTRAL

USA Central Territory

August Prayer Calendar

*A column on holiness
by Dr. Bill and
Rev. Diane Ury*

The Big Picture

by Dr. Bill Ury
National Ambassador for Holiness

I remember the day I stepped back and tried to get the "big picture" of Scripture.

The Holy One in Israel

It was the Holy Spirit who hovered over creation (Gen.1:2). From the ground of a garden the in-breathed Spirit makes true human life possible (Gen. 2:7). A perfect creation of shared love culminates in a day made holy (Gen. 2:3). Sin made everything unholy and unloving. So, God began again from the desert dirt around a fire-filled bush to define His holy nature (Ex. 3:5). The entire purpose of Israel's existence was that they come to know, "I am holy and you are to be holy" (Lev. 11:44).



of our Holy God's intention all along (Acts 2:3,33). It is not a light thing that the most common term for those early Christians was "holy ones" (61 times, RSV). Every structure of the church and their communal life was climaxed in holiness at the heart level which always affected the outward influence of Spirit-filled people (I Peter 1:15). It became possible that normal persons could walk as Christ did, forgive as He forgave, live with His purity, and love as He loved. God's original intention was possible in everyday life.

Every structure of the life of the people of God pointed them to the holy nature of God and what He created them and redeemed them to be.

Every structure of the life of the people of God pointed them to the holy nature of God and what He created them and redeemed them to be. The center of their worship was on a holy mount where once a year a sanctified high priest entered the holy of holies that they might receive what God desired—the clean and sinless life He offered (Lev. 16). Very few ever truly understood what the Holy One desired and was able to do in their hearts and lives.

The Holy One in Flesh

Gabriel told Mary that the Holy Spirit would "hover" over her and that the result would be a Holy One (Luke 1:28). Only the devils recognized who Jesus really was, "the Holy One of God" (Mark 1:24). Peter, in resignation as thousands fled from the hard words of his Rabbi said, "You are the Holy One of God" (John 6:69). As our Great High Priest, and through His own flesh, entered into the Holy of Holies to provide His own blood for one purpose: to make us holy (Heb. 13:12). As Jesus, the Holy Son of God ascended to the right hand of the Father enfleshed forever, He pointed to the goal of God, the promised blessing—the Holy Spirit—of the Father (Luke 24:49). He compared the Spirit-filled life to an overflowing river pouring out of us who love Him (John 7:39).

The Holy One in His Body

But the cleansing and empowering of the Holy Spirit who "rested" (hovered) upon each of the believers in the Upper Room at Pentecost was the fulfillment

Holiness is not a secondary issue.

The Holy One and Eternity

At the end of human history, the Holy Spirit and the Bride join in an invitation to come and drink of the Living Water (Rev. 22:19). The Lord commands that all that is holy be holy still and what is unholy be unholy forever (Rev 22:11). The holy city descends, and the recreation of all things begins. In that city is a garden-like reality with a flowing river of healing, fruitfulness, intimacy; everything as the Holy One has always intended (Rev. 22:2-5).

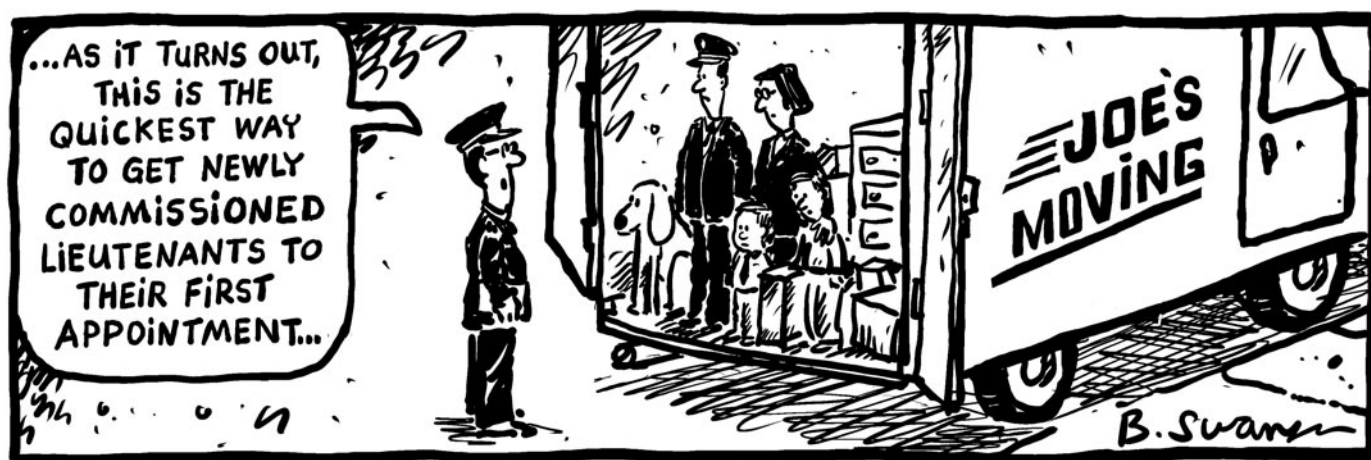
Holiness is not a secondary issue. It is at the center of all that is. It is the focus of the heart of God. Does your life align with what the Holy One desires and enables?

| <i>My Prayer List</i> | <i>Day</i> | <i>Bible Reading</i> | <i>Pray for The Salvation Army</i> |
|-----------------------|---------------------|----------------------------|--|
| | 1 Thursday | <i>Psalms 90-92</i> | <i>Des Moines Citadel, Iowa, Corps</i> |
| | 2 Friday | <i>Proverbs 14-15</i> | <i>Cadillac, Mich., Corps</i> |
| | 3 Saturday | <i>Ezekiel 43-48</i> | <i>Latin America North Territory</i> |
| | 4 Sunday | <i>John 1-2</i> | <i>Lincoln, Ill., 360 Life Center</i> |
| | 5 Monday | <i>1 Thessalonians 4-5</i> | <i>Flint, Mich., ARC</i> |
| | 6 Tuesday | <i>Leviticus 25-27</i> | <i>Evansville, Ind., Corps</i> |
| | 7 Wednesday | <i>1 Chronicles 1-4</i> | <i>Bay City, Mich., Corps</i> |
| | 8 Thursday | <i>Psalms 93-95</i> | <i>Central Territory Staff Songsters</i> |
| | 9 Friday | <i>Proverbs 16</i> | <i>Chicago Lawn, Ill., Corps</i> |
| | 10 Saturday | <i>Daniel 1-6</i> | <i>School Age Children</i> |
| | 11 Sunday | <i>John 3-4</i> | <i>Des Moines, Iowa, Capital Area Command</i> |
| | 12 Monday | <i>2 Thessalonians</i> | <i>Des Moines Temple, Iowa, Corps</i> |
| | 13 Tuesday | <i>Numbers 1-3</i> | <i>Eastern Europe Territory</i> |
| | 14 Wednesday | <i>1 Chronicles 5-9</i> | <i>Hibbing, Minn., Iron Range Area Coordinator</i> |
| | 15 Thursday | <i>Psalms 96-98</i> | <i>Excelsior Springs, Mo., Red Shield Center</i> |
| | 16 Friday | <i>Proverbs 17-18</i> | <i>Green Bay, Wis., Area Coordinator</i> |
| | 17 Saturday | <i>Daniel 7-12</i> | <i>Hannibal, Mo., Family Services</i> |
| | 18 Sunday | <i>John 5-6</i> | <i>Fort Wayne, Ind., ARC</i> |
| | 19 Monday | <i>1 Timothy 1-3</i> | <i>Milwaukee West, Wis., Corps</i> |
| | 20 Tuesday | <i>Numbers 4-6</i> | <i>Indianapolis, Ind., Booth Manor Apartments</i> |
| | 21 Wednesday | <i>1 Chronicles 10-14</i> | <i>India South Eastern Territory</i> |
| | 22 Thursday | <i>Psalms 99-101</i> | <i>Hutchinson, Kan., Corps</i> |
| | 23 Friday | <i>Proverbs 19</i> | <i>Jamestown, N.D., 360 Life Center</i> |
| | 24 Saturday | <i>Hosea 1-7</i> | <i>Petoskey, Mich., Corps</i> |
| | 25 Sunday | <i>John 7-9</i> | <i>Rock County, Wis., Corps</i> |
| | 26 Monday | <i>1 Timothy 4-6</i> | <i>St. Joseph, Mo., Corps</i> |
| | 27 Tuesday | <i>Numbers 7-9</i> | <i>Keepers of The Covenant Session</i> |
| | 28 Wednesday | <i>1 Chronicles 15-19</i> | <i>South Bend, Ind., Kroc Center</i> |
| | 29 Thursday | <i>Psalms 102-104</i> | <i>Korea Territory</i> |
| | 30 Friday | <i>Proverbs 20-21</i> | <i>Grand Haven, Mich., Corps</i> |
| | 31 Saturday | <i>Hosea 8-14</i> | <i>Vincennes, Ind., Corps</i> |

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If you follow the prayer calendar during the year, you will have read through the Bible!

--Mustard Seeds--



Promoted to Glory

Major Linda Ibbs

Major Linda Ibbs was promoted to Glory on April 25, 2024. Linda possessed an unwavering dedication to helping those in need and leaves a legacy of compassion and service.



Born on January 9, 1949, in Detroit, Mich., Linda was the beloved daughter of Bill and Jessie Ibbs. She spent her formative years in Detroit. After graduating from high school, she attended Vennard College and earned a bachelor's degree.

In 1970, she entered the School for Officers' Training and was commissioned in 1972. Linda's first several years of service were spent at the St. Paul, Minn., Booth Memorial Residence and the Detroit, Mich., Booth Memorial Hospital. She then held a series of divisional and territorial appointments in finance and business and three corps appointments. She retired from being the Metropolitan divisional community care ministries and moral and ethical issues secretary in 2015 after 44 years of service.

Linda found joy in various crafts, including knitting, crocheting, ceramics, scrapbooking, and quilting. She was a member of a quilting guild. She loved learning new things.

Linda is survived by her brother, Cliff; nephew, John; and niece, Noelle.

Lt. Colonel Vivian Heatwole

Lt. Colonel Vivian Heatwole was promoted to Glory on April 27, 2024. Vivian was sociable and welcoming toward others, going out of her



way to get to know people and share the hope she'd found in Christ. She had a giving spirit and would help anyone in need.

Vivian Lucile Lyman was born to Benjamin and Frances Lyman on May 30, 1940, in El Dorado, Kan. Growing up she attended the corps and was active in programs.

She met her future husband, Merle L. Heatwole, during a corps cadet exchange. They were married on June 14, 1958. The Heatwoles entered the School for Officers' Training in 1961 and were commissioned in 1963 as members of the "Servants of Christ" session.

After leading several corps, the Heatwoles served in divisional and territorial appointments where her appointments ranged from youth work to community care. They retired in 2003 from Territorial Headquarters (THQ), where Vivian had served as the retired officers' secretary for many years.

In retirement, she continued to work in the THQ personnel department. She also provided support to retired officers in her area and was an enthusiastic greeter at the Rockford Temple, Ill., Corps. She took joy in serving her fellow retired officers and spent numerous hours visiting

others at the hospital, assisted living facilities, and nursing homes.

Vivian was preceded in death by her husband. She is survived by her son, Commissioner Merle (Dawn) Heatwole; two daughters, Vivian (Donna Struck) Heatwole and Renee (Brad) Boyle; eight grandchildren and eighteen great-grandchildren.

Major Cai Evert Rubin

Major Cai Evert Rubin was promoted to Glory on Friday, April 19, 2024. Known for his kindness and encouragement, Cai was lighthearted and approachable, sharing the love of Christ freely with those around him.



Cai was born on April 16, 1936, in Malmo, Sweden. He immigrated to the U.S. in 1955 on the ship "Stockholm" and settled in Rockford, Ill., where he was active at the corps.

Entering officer training in 1957, Cai met his future wife, sessionmate Irene Wyatt. They were commissioned in 1958 and married in 1961. Early in their officership, the Rubins served in corps in the Scandinavian Division, followed by divisional, city coordinator and additional corps appointments for more than 40 years. They retired in 2000 as corps officers of the Jackson, Mich., Corps.

Cai was a member of the Swedish-American Heritage Society of West Michigan, where he used his talent playing the accordion at events. He also was the creator and former host of the Scandinavian Gospel Hour on a Chicago radio station.

He was preceded in death by his wife of 53 years, Irene. Cai will be dearly missed by his children, Kent (Kelli) Rubin and Cairena (Brian) Huttenga; five grandchildren; great-grandson; and nephew.

Major Susan Moore

Major Susan Moore was promoted to Glory on May 21, 2024. She was an accomplished musician and was known for her kindness, gentle spirit and love for others.



Born on October 29, 1949, to Clifford and Vernetta Oberg, Sue was a fourth-generation Salvationist and attended the St. Paul #2 Corps in the Scandinavian Division where she accepted Christ as her Savior. She participated in many corps programs but excelled in music.

Sue entered the School for Officers' Training as part of the "Undaunted" session in 1968 and was commissioned in 1970. With her then-husband, Captain David Dalberg, she served 12 years in various corps appointments and at the Tom Seay Center in Chicago, Ill. They had two sons.

In 1982, Sue stepped away from officership and worked as a Salvation Army employee for five years in the Chicago area. In 1984, she

On the move

Effective Wednesday, June 26, 2024, unless otherwise indicated

Adult Rehabilitation Centers Command

Captain Aubrey DeBaar, Change in Designation, Admin. for Program, Fort Wayne, IN; **Captain Shawn Mantyla DeBaar**, Change in Designation, Admin. for Business, Fort Wayne, IN; **Captain Elizabeth Raes**, Change in Designation, Admin. for Business, Des Moines, IA; **Lt. Michael D. Raes**, Change in Designation, Admin. for Program, Des Moines, IA; **Captain Martha Valladares**, Change in Designation, Admin. for Program, Davenport (River Valley), IA; **Captain Tomas Valladares, Jr.**, Change in Designation, Admin. for Business, Davenport (River Valley), IA; **Envoy Jesse Links**, Admin. for Business in Training, St. Louis, MO; **Envoy Samantha Links**, Admin. for Program in Training, St. Louis, MO.

College for Officer Training

Major Eduardo Baigorria, Personnel Officer, Add'l Appt: Field Training Officer; **Major Janelle Gonzalez**, Field Training Director; **Captain Elizabeth Ayala**, Asst. Field Training Director, Add'l Appt: Asst. Spanish Training Director; **Captain Jenny Moffitt**, Asst. Director of Curriculum, Add'l Appt: Field Training Officer.

Great Lakes Division

Major Charlotte Hall, General Sec., Add'l Appt: Area Commander, Metro Detroit Area Command, DHQ; **Major Andrew Shiels**, Associate General Sec., DHQ; **Majors James & Penny Mungai**, COs, Grand Haven, MI; **Majors Jennifer & Steven Woodard**, COs, Royal Oak, MI; **Captain Cassandra Moffitt**, CO, Grand Rapids (Fulton Heights Citadel), MI, Add'l Appt: Kent County Social Services Chaplain; **Captain Thomas Moffitt**, CO, Grand Rapids (Fulton Heights Citadel), MI; **Captains Jacob & Melinda Tripp**, COs, Saginaw, MI; **Lt. Breanna James**, CO, Acres of Hope Campus, Harbor Light; **Envoy Marcarius Coakley**, Corps Asst., Warren, MI.

Indiana Division

Major Marlys Anderson, CO, Lafayette, IN, Add'l Appt: Admin., Logansport 360 Life Center; **Majors Teri & Timothy Nauta**, COs, Elkhart, IN; **Major Malinda O'Neil**, General Sec., Add'l Appts: Divisional Sec. for Central Indiana Area Command, Moral and Ethical Issues Sec., DHQ; **Major Matthew O'Neil**, Divisional Sec. for Business, DHQ; **Captains Joseph & Pamela Gates**, COs, Vincennes, IN; **Captains Joseph & Kendra Hixenbaugh**, COs, Kokomo, IN; **Captains Aaron & Rachel Johnson**, COs, Indianapolis (Eagle Creek), IN, Add'l Appt: Service Coords. Booth Manor Apartments; **Captain Justin Steckbauer**, CO, Gary-Merrillville, IN; **Captains Heidi & Kory Strand**, COs, New Albany, IN; **Mr. Ray Daniels**, Corps Admin., Marion, IN.

Kansas and Western Missouri Division

Major Brenda Pittman, CO, Pittsburg, KS; **Major Curtis & Auxiliary Captain Dawn Windham**, COs, Kansas City (Northland), MO; **Captain Patricia Salas-Jiménez**, Add'l Appt: Intercultural Field Advisor.

Midland Division

Majors Michele & Nathan Harms, COs, Kirksville, MO; **Major Geraldine Moore**, Add'l Appts: Divisional Women's Ministries Sec., Older Adult Ministries Sec., Community Care Ministries Sec., DHQ; **Major James Scott**, CO, St. Louis (Euclid Ave.), MO, Add'l Appts: Divisional Urban Missions Sec., Intercultural Field Advisor; **Captain Justian Corliss**, Add'l Appt: CO, St. Charles, MO; **Captain Samantha Nolan Jones**, Add'l Appt: Intercultural Ministries Coord.; **Captain Karla Salisbury**, City Chaplain, St. Louis Metropolitan Area Command.

North & Central Illinois Division

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Community Church), IL (Transfer from USA Eastern Territory); **Major Jose Rangel**, Add'l Appt: Intercultural Ministries Coord.; **Captain Jennifer Clanton**, Add'l Appt: Intercultural Field Advisor; **Captain Ronald Felt**, CO, Macomb, IL; **Captain Jessica Martinez-Regalado**, Divisional Sec. for Hispanic Ministries, DHQ; **Captain Melissa Sivels**, Add'l Appt: Intercultural Field Advisor; **Captains Norman & Denesia Polusca**, COs, Norridge (Citadel), IL; **Lts. April & Joseph Alvarez**, COs, St. Charles (Tri-City), IL; **Lt. Michaela Lentz**, CO, Chicago (Temple), IL; **Mr. & Mrs. James & Jennifer Spencer**, Corps Admins., DeKalb, IL.

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Wisconsin and Upper Michigan Division

Major Catherine Fitzgerald, Greater Green Bay Area Coord., Green Bay, WI; **Major Jonathan Fitzgerald**, Senior Kroc Center Officer, Green Bay (Kroc Center), WI; **Major Kristina Sjogren**, Change in Designation, Dane County Area Coord. for Program, Madison, WI; **Major Michael Sjogren**, Change in Designation, Dane County Area Coord. for Business, Madison, WI; **Majors Cristina & Victor Stasiuc**, COs, Waukesha, WI; **Major Jeremiah Stouder**, Divisional Sec. for Strategy and Operations, DHQ, Add'l Appt: Camp Admin., Army Lake Camp; **Major Rachel Stouder**, General Sec., DHQ, Add'l Appt: Divisional Spiritual Life Development Sec.; **Captains Kaylie & Matthew Darrow**, COs, Superior, WI; **Captain Jonathan & Lt. Samantha Tamayo**, COs, Manitowoc, WI; **Captain Telinda Wilson**, Add'l Appt: Divisional Women's Ministries Sec.; **Lt. Donna Gooden**, CO for Business, Milwaukee (Citadel), WI; **Envoy Bill Brutto**, Corps Admin., Marquette County, MI.

Territorial Headquarters

Major Gary Felton, Program Officer, Program Dept.; **Major Latdavanh Kounthapanya**, Personnel Officer, Personnel Dept.; **Major Steve Kounthapanya**, Secretary, Intercultural Ministries Department; **Captain Lorna Cossey**, Add'l Appt: Territorial Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Sec.

Officers and Lay Personnel Out of the Territory

Captain Blake Fewell, Asst. Under Secretary, Americas & Caribbean Zone, IHQ (Effective: September 2, 2024).

Special Leave

Majors Mark & Valerie Nance; **Captain Karen Felton**

Retirements

July 1: **Colonels Janice & Steven Howard**, Lt. **Colonels Lonneal & Patty Richardson**, Lt. **Colonels Collette & Robert Webster**, **Majors Dale & Sandra Brandenburg**, **Majors Rae & Robert Doliber**, **Majors Butch Jr. & Lisa Frost**, **Majors Heather & William Holman**, **Majors Eric & Patricia Johnson**, **Majors James & Valerie McDowell**, **Majors Allen & Pam Otto**, **Majors Cindy & Jeffrey Strickler**, **Captain Linda Faye Jones**, **Envoy Tyrone Stagers**.

August 1: **Major Tricia Taube**

December 1: **Major Edwin Velez**

married Paul Moore, a widowed officer, adopted his three children, and four years later had a daughter. Paul and Susan were reaccepted as officers and served in corps appointments until retiring in 2015.

Sue is survived by her husband Paul of 39 years, children, Jay, Jody, Sally, Peter, Andrew and Adina; nine grandchildren; her sister Sharon Oberg; two uncles and many cousins.