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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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## Ascending the Summit

*Salvationists gather to focus on spiritual life*

In Christian circles, we often talk about mountaintop experiences, times in God's presence so powerful that they serve as mile markers in our lives. The Spiritual Life Summit was just such an



occasion for the Central Territory. Nearly 1,900 Salvationists gathered with guests Commissioners William and Marilyn Francis in June at the Radisson Star Plaza in Merrillville, Ind., to focus on what matters most.

It began with the **Call to Relevant Worship**. Citing the importance of this event, Commissioner Paul R. Seiler, territorial commander, said that, come Monday morning, the outcome should be more Spirit-led lives and a real difference in corps.

An intriguing drama of a small group Bible study by

Photos by Rick Vogeney, Andrew Grey, Jim Strobel

## Chicago Kroc Center opens!

Full report  
next month!



Illinois Governor Pat Quinn (center) celebrates with Joan Kroc's granddaughter, Amanda (to right of governor) and her family and Adrienne Finley of the Sierra del Mar Division at the grand opening of The Salvation Army Ray and Joan Kroc Corps Community Center in Chicago on June 16, 2012.

the Bill Booth Theater Company (BBTC) piqued delegates' interest and often filled the theater with laughter. Smiles continued as the young adult Summer Mission Teams joyfully danced unto the Lord. In introducing the Francis, Commissioner Carol Seiler, territorial president of women's ministries, said, "They don't meet strangers but people who are on the journey with them."

Following a stirring presentation of the hymn of praise, "Paeon," by the Chicago Staff Band (CSB), led by Bandmaster William Himes, Commissioner William Francis

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# Uplift Consistently

by Lt. Colonel Vicki Amick  
Assistant Territorial Secretary for Program

While growing up, I often heard my mother say, "If you don't have anything nice to say, don't say anything at all." Perhaps you've heard that expression or used it yourself.

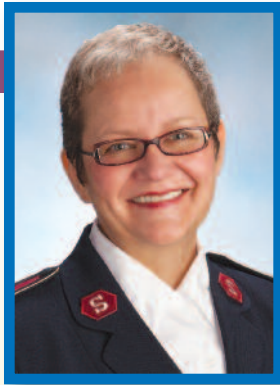
Although I like and agree with it, it isn't always the easiest thing to do.

The Bible has this to say about the power of our tongue, "The tongue has the power of life and death..." Proverbs 18:21 (NIV). Amazing!

That being said, I wonder how often we think about the power we possess. We can use our tongues to praise the Lord or curse Him. And we can choose to encourage or hurt others through our speech.

Our society is full of destructive messages like: You're not smart enough. You're not thin enough. You're not good enough. These words hurt and stunt growth. May none of us use words to tear others down.

Instead, let's build them up. In fact, we find this very instruction in



God's Word. "...Encourage one another and build each other up..." 1 Thessalonians 5:11 (NIV).

We have countless opportunities every day to make a difference in other people's lives. Offer a word of encouragement, a helping hand or listening ear. Don't allow the pressure of the great "to do list" to steal the joy of caring for others. Speak blessings into people's lives. The next time a co-worker mentions a burden, ask if you can pray with him or her. If someone is moving, offer an hour of muscle. When

someone does a good deed, thank them.

When was the last time you said the following to someone, or someone said it to you?

- You matter to me.
- You did a great job.
- Thank you.
- God loves you, and so do I.

The choice is yours. Use your tongue to praise God and encourage others, or curse God and others. It is a choice you make.

I hope you choose to CONSISTENTLY UPLIFT those around you. It costs so little and provides a multitude of blessings in return.

## The Salvation Army Central Territory 2013 Biblical Education Tour

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March 11-23, 2013



- Explore the regions and cities Paul visited on his missionary journeys.
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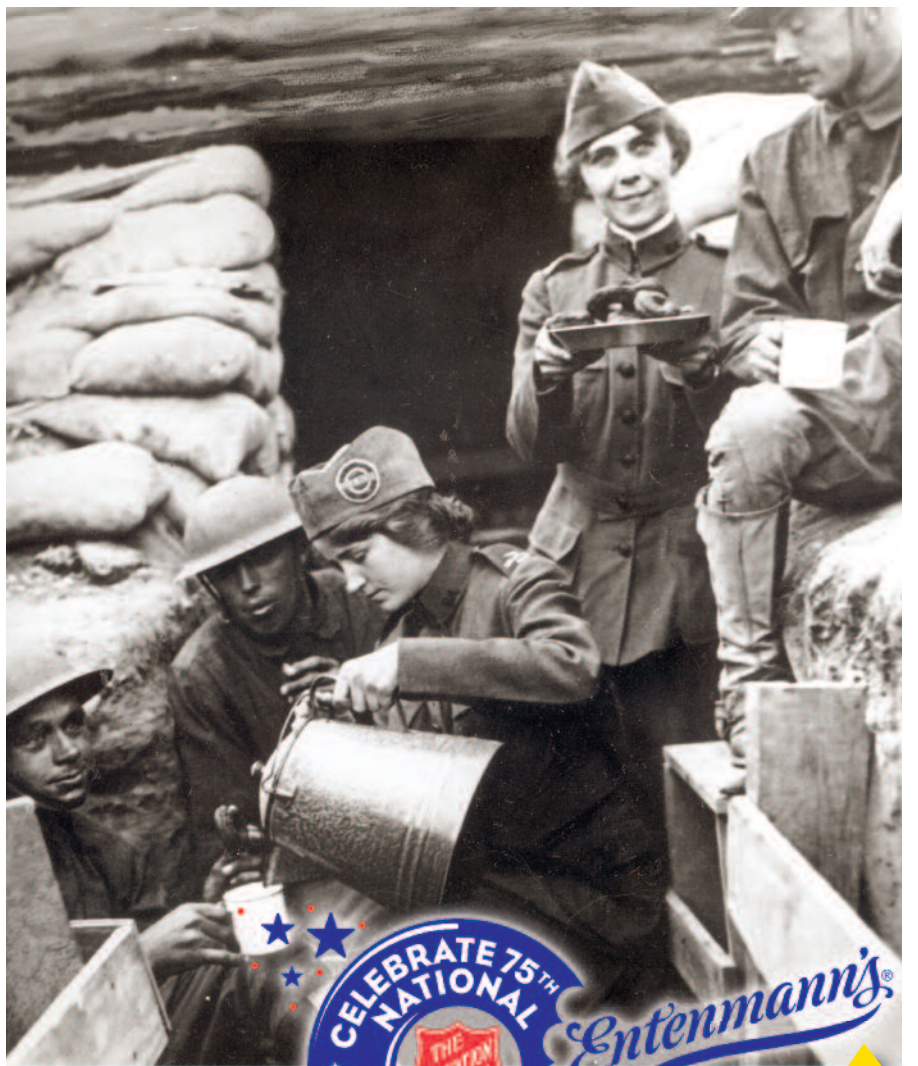
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## Donut Day hits 75 years



A Facebook donation campaign sponsored by Entenmann's Bakery marked the 75th anniversary of National Donut Day last month. For the second year in a row, Entenmann's partnered with the Army for this annual event held on the first Friday of each June.

Donut Day was first celebrated in Chicago in 1938 to help raise needed funds during the Great Depression and to commemorate the work of the Army's "donut lassies" who served during World War I, often on the frontlines. The donut has become a long-standing symbol of the selfless service provided by the Army to those who've fallen on hard times, and Donut Day provides a way for people to support their local communities.



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Spiritual Life Summit poem by Major Jennifer Woodard

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More about the Fellowship of the Silver Star  
Fun facts about Donut Day

Youth Volunteer of the Year Ben Campbell shares what motivates him





# Spiritual life summit

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spoke from his heart with passion regarding our spiritual lives and mission.

"We're not here to listen to people or ideas, but to listen to God!" he said. "God is doing a new and great thing in the Central Territory, and you're here by divine design."

Comparing the 1st Century and 21st Century Churches, he called Salvationists back to the key principles of knowing our purpose is to make disciples; knowing the plan is that we do this together; and knowing the power is from the Holy Spirit as we give our all to God. His conversational style, plethora of anecdotes and clear biblical teaching resonated with delegates, some of whom knelt at the altar seeking a fuller commitment.

In closing, the BBTC cleverly covered in song all 124 countries where the Army flag flies as a preview to the next day.

A heart for the world gave shape to Saturday, beginning with a 5K run/walk for World Services where 170 joined the territorial commander in beating the pavement.

However, most delegates greeted the day with the **Call to Missional Fellowship**. This meeting recognized Central Territory reinforcement officers, Lt. Colonels Brad and Heidi Bailey and Majors Robert and Rae Doliber, who were home for the Summit; the Summer Mission Teams headed to the Caribbean, Kenya East, Hungary and the Ukraine; and Majors Curtiss and Sandy Hartley and Majors Phil and Shelia Davisson, who are going to serve in Papua New Guinea and Canada, respectively.

In response to a dynamic World Services/Self-Denial ingathering video revealing a record \$7.8 million, Commissioner Marilyn Francis danced onto the stage, caught up in the spirit. "I'm just awestruck!" she exclaimed. "What love, what love you have." Her impassioned response, including breaking into the song, "Thank you for giving to the Lord," was captivating.

Continuing the missional theme, Commissioner Carol Seiler interviewed Accepted Candidates Rachel Moe and Jonathan Tamayo about their spiritual mentors and disciplines, favorite scripture, and calling. Showing the difference great officers can make, Commissioner Paul Seiler presented the Certificate in Recognition of Exceptional

Service to Major Eugene Anderson, citing his revolutionary preaching ministry, progressive empowerment of local officers and example of holy living. The audience stood in ovation.

Saturday morning concluded with the **Call to Spiritual Transformation** featuring worship led by The Singing Company, the territorial worship band; a testimonial by two members of the new small group venture Orchard in the Northern Division; and an inspiring heart-to-heart with Pastor Steve DeNeff, author of *SoulShift*.

"Spiritual formation is the most important thing I do!" said DeNeff. He expounded on the concepts of turning (toward Christ) and being transformed



stood as he called out the seven points as a testimony to the work God is doing in their lives—a truly inspiring sight. Many delegates chose to attend a seminar by DeNeff in the Resource Connection exhibit hall that afternoon.

Saturday evening delegates received the **Call to the Word** beginning with praise led by The Singing Company and a BBTC drama. Chief Secretary Colonel Merle Heatwole presented the Certificate in Recognition of Exceptional Service to Earl Mott for more than 40 years of servant leadership at the Omaha Citadel, Neb., Corps.

The Francis then joined together in a vocal and piano duet, "Moment by moment," as their testimony, which was followed by the CSB's moving rendition of the major work, "Fusion."

Commissioner William Francis gave a clear and compelling message from Acts, where Paul speaks on Mars Hill, to help delegates see they are called to be radical in lifestyle, calling and faith.

Following a beautifully moving vocal solo, "God so loved the world," by Heidi Strand with the CSB, delegates were invited by the Seilers to sign a spiritual life covenant. Families, groups of friends, officers and soldiers of all ages knelt in prayer.

Indeed, a mountaintop experience.

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(becoming like Him). "When they work together, people get genuinely converted." He put forward that transformation requires going beyond changing belief systems and behaviors; there must be a soul shift.

DeNeff masterfully outlined seven soul shifts, foundational changes, that have to occur: for instance, Me to You (forsaking selfishness), and Ask to Listen (silently listening to God more). Salvationists



## Quincy Kroc an asset to schools

by Kent Embree

As one of only 12 initiator sites in the U.S. for the Youth Asset Development Initiative (YADI), the Quincy, Ill., Ray and Joan Kroc Corps Community Center is using

the 40 developmental assets as a framework for its programs. One of the center's largest YADI components is partnering with elementary schools to give children new experiences and to create developmental assets at an early age. The Quincy Kroc Center has "adopted" Berrian Elementary School as a first step toward building assets in at-risk youth.

Approximately 91 percent of students at Berrian School are eligible for

the state's free lunch program, which provides added benefit in Kroc Center asset-building efforts. The partnership began in December with a Christmas party for the school hosted by the Kroc Center and continued through the spring with free Kroc Center field trips which included swimming, rock wall climbing, fitness classes, and special "name-games" with sidewalk chalk to help the students remember the names of trusted adults at the center. As a grand finale to the school year, all classes at Berrian were treated to an end-of-the-year "Fun Day" field trip to the Kroc Center.

"Sometimes it is as simple as knowing a child's name and letting them know yours," said Lt. Rich Forney, officer for youth development. "Having three or more caring adults is one asset that staff at the Kroc Center can easily build."

Lynne Scholz, Berrian School prevention education counselor, said of the partnership, "All of our students, families and staff at Berrian

have truly been blessed this past year. We are so fortunate to be the pilot school benefitting from this ongoing partnership...The Salvation Army, their initiatives and the amazing Kroc Center have already and forever impacted and enriched the lives of our students, and this is only the beginning!"

Quincy Kroc Center's plans with Berrian for the coming year include additional fitness, ministry, arts and education outreach; they are also looking at "adoption" of another qualifying elementary school.

"The partnership with Berrian School has proved itself so worthwhile that we want to extend this effort to as many youth as possible," said Lt. Forney. "Helping these kids build self-esteem, use time constructively and develop values is a win-win for them and us."



## Conference a touchdown

by Faithe Colas

"Francis Green, in her article, 'Ten Things Nonprofits must do in the 21st Century,' places as the two top items on her list: 1. Become a Learning Organization, and 2. Become an Organization of Transformational Leadership. Your presence today shows that you are all life-long learners and transformational leaders," said Majors Robert and Nancy Thomson, Wisconsin and Upper Michigan (WUM) divisional leaders, to the 120 delegates at the WUM Divisional Advisory Organizations Conference.

Featured speakers Green Bay Packer legend LeRoy Butler and popular Milwaukee news anchor Charles Benson inspired the crowd, and each was honored for his outstanding community service and support of The Salvation Army.

Charismatically, LeRoy Butler began, "I just tweeted to my fans I'm having lunch with the commissioner of The Salvation Army," to which the crowd gave rousing applause.

He connected by relaying that he received his first pair of new shoes as a young boy from The Salvation Army. Born so pigeon-toed that doc-



Retired Green Bay Packer LeRoy Butler is pictured with Wisconsin and Upper Michigan divisional leaders Majors Robert and Nancy Thomson, and Central Territorial Commander Commissioner Paul R. Seiler.

tors had to break his legs at eight months old to correct his disability, LeRoy wore leg braces and was in a wheelchair much of his youth. However, when his sister accidentally knocked him out of his wheelchair and broke his leg braces, he found he could not only walk but run and did so out the door to a nearby neighborhood ball game. He went on eventually to play in the National Football League.

Charles Benson, a respected Wisconsin journalist, shared how his family, work and God are the three teams that have powerfully impacted his life. He effectively drove his message home by showing a YouTube video of Team Hoyt, the true inspirational story of a father's sacrificial love for his son.

Friday and Saturday breakout sessions included a star-studded line-up of local and national presenters covering a wide variety of topics.

In closing remarks, Commissioner Paul R. Seiler, territorial commander, thanked those present for their commitment to The Salvation Army and said they were "the army behind The Army."



Charles Benson with Majors Nancy and Robert Thomson and Commissioner Paul R. Seiler.

## Youth extravaganza success

This year the Iowa City, Iowa, Corps held its first annual Youth Extravaganza. Themed *What if*, the event, which featured performances by the teen and children's bands, dance teams and choirs, had a goal of bringing more awareness to the corps' youth programs.

"The idea was to showcase the work we're doing with our kids," said Captain Terry Smith, then corps officer.

Ticket sales benefitted the children's programs. For an additional cost, guests could join a special "meet and greet" before the program with the evening's special guests University of Iowa Hawkeye greats and National Football League (NFL) stars Tim Dwight, Brian Ferentz and LeVar Woods. All three have taken a special interest in the corps, particularly Tim Dwight,

who also appeared on television to promote The Salvation Army.

In addition to the performances, the corps offered a silent auction to raise additional funds. Altogether the event was a success with more than 230 guests and more than \$3,000 raised.

Commissioners Paul R. and Carol Seiler, territorial leaders, participated in the VIP meet and greet, and Commissioner Paul played in one of the bands.

The impetus for the program stems back to last fall when a feasibility study concluded the commu-

nity knew far more about The Salvation Army's social services and disaster relief programs than the youth programs.

The new corps officers are Lts. William and Larisha Richardson.





# Lieutenants commissioned with joyful hearts

As the Chicago Staff Band played an arrangement of "I dedicate myself to Thee," the Friends of Christ, the largest session in the territory in nearly a decade, solemnly took their place on the platform.

Cadet Lorna Nelson seized the audience's attention from the start with her testimony displaying the life-changing power of God. The congregation chuckled in response to her winsome personality, confidence and humor especially when she declared, "I used to be painfully shy."

It was a particularly emotional Commissioning and Ordination ceremony as the cadets responded to scripture individually chosen for them. Many held back tears—and some shed them—as they shook Territorial Commander Commissioner Paul R. Seiler's hand and were ordained and commissioned.

Commissioner Marilyn Francis led the congregation in song with her hallmark charisma, and Commissioner William Francis shared a message from Matthew 16, captivating the congregation with humor and wisdom

as he outlined the importance of believers to deny themselves, take up their cross and follow Christ.

"God loves your passions, gifts and dreams, and He wants to bend them to His plan," said Commissioner William Francis. "He wants to use you. Pray that He will!"

With emotion in his voice, Chief Secretary Colonel Merle Heatwole, whose own daughter was commissioned, brought the service to a close as he shared a cadet's testimony. Afterward people poured onto the stage for a time of commitment and 55 stood in declaration of their calling to officership.

## Service of appointments

"They sent the quietest member of the cabinet to tell you it's time to yell and scream," said Colonel Dawn Heatwole, territorial candidates' secretary, as she opened the Service of Appointments. The congregation responded with foghorns, whistles and even tambourines.

After a heartfelt tribute given by first-year Cadet Tim Perkins to the Friends of Christ, session speaker Lt. Pamela Kasten asked the ques-

tion on everyone's mind, "Commissioner, where are we going?"

In his challenge Commissioner William Francis encouraged, "It doesn't matter where you're going, as long as you know Who is going with you." Commissioner Marilyn reminded the cadets to seek perfect peace in their officership by keeping purpose, passion and God's promises.

In his usual way, the territorial commander had some fun as he handed out the appointments, getting reactions from the children and joking with the new lieutenants. Two, for "matters of the heart," are appointed closer to the College for Officer Training, and Cadets Jeff and Terri Olson will serve as cadets in charge of Manitowoc, Wis.

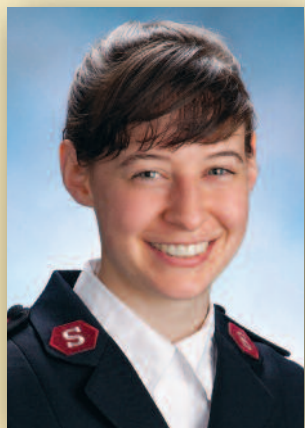
From Kirksville, Mo., to Muncie, Ind., the 34 lieutenants were appointed in an impressive array across eight states. Six will be assisting at larger corps, 25 will lead corps, and three will head to Ray and Joan Kroc Corps Community Centers.





# Friends of Christ *2010 - 2012*

*Pray for our new lieutenants as they take up their first appointments around the territory. Ask God to equip and use them to serve people and share God's love as they exemplify what it means to be a Friend of Christ.*



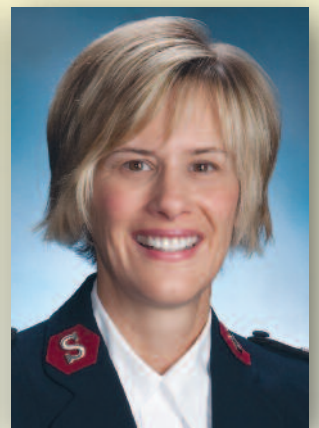
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Corps Officer—  
Manhattan, Kan.



**Lieutenants Johnny & Kerry Bartsch**  
Corps Officers—Wichita West Orchard, Kan.



**Lieutenant Karl & Major Louise Blessing**  
Officer for Congregational Life; Officer for  
Education, Services and Spiritual Development—  
Green Bay, Wis., Kroc Center



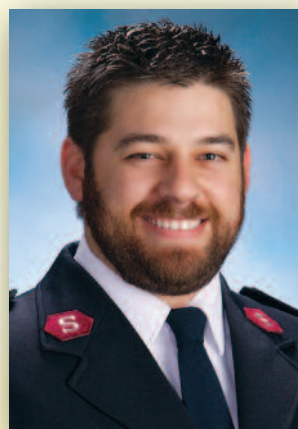
**Lieutenants Brian & Melissa Bump**  
Corps Officers—Kirkville, Mo.



**Lieutenants Jasen & Kimberly Elcombe**  
Assistant Corps Officers—Pontiac, Mich.



**Lieutenants Bryan & Teri Ellison**  
Corps Officers—Alton, Ill.



**Lieutenants John & Judith Fetzer**  
Officer for Congregational Life; Officer for Youth  
Development—Omaha, Neb., Kroc Center



**Lieutenant Melissa Heatwole**  
Assistant Corps Officer—  
Bloomington, Ind.



**Lieutenants Shane & Jeanette Jensen**  
Corps Officers—Clinton, Iowa



**Lieutenant Pamela Kasten**  
Corps Officer—  
Omaha North Side, Neb.



# FRIENDS OF CHRIST

JOHN 15:12-14



**Lieutenant Karissa Loos**  
Assistant Corps Officer—  
Independence, Mo.



**Lieutenants Daryl & Cherie Mangeri**  
Corps Officers—Sheboygan, Wis.



**Lieutenants Matthew & Marisa McCluer**  
Corps Officers—Lawrence, Kan.



**Lieutenant Lorna Nelson**  
Assistant Corps Officer—  
Blue Island, Ill.



**Lieutenants Esteban & Karen Pommier**  
Corps Officers—Warsaw, Ind.



**Lieutenants William & Larisha Richardson**  
Corps Officers—Iowa City, Iowa



**Lieutenants Kevin & Mary Robbins**  
Corps Officers—Muncie, Ind.



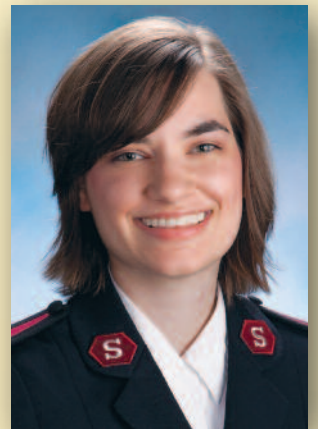
**Lieutenant Sharyn Tennyson**  
Corps Officer—Bloomington, Ind.



**Lieutenants Jacob & Melinda Tripp**  
Corps Officers—Wausau, Wis.



**Lieutenants Tomas & Martha Valladares**  
Corps Officers—Belvidere, Ill.



**Lieutenant Elizabeth Wright**  
Assistant Corps Officer—  
Decatur, Ill.



# Great is God's faithfulness

by Commissioner E. Sue Swanson

*The LORD'S lovingkindnesses indeed never cease, For His compassions never fail, they are new every morning; Great is Your faithfulness. Lamentations 3:22-23, NASB*

It has been two years since my husband, Chief of the Staff Commissioner Barry Swanson, and I left the Central Territory to take up our appointments here at International Headquarters (IHQ). It was a very surprising call to serve a wider Army and a call to adventure. When one becomes a believer, a soldier and an officer, it appears that "adventure" is a healthy perspective to have.

So where has the spirit of adventure taken me? I now find myself serving as world president of women's ministries. The world! Who can even grasp the concept? But God has blessed me in so many ways. He continues to teach me as I learn about Him through men and women around the globe.

Let me share some of my learning-experience blessings this past year.

The women of Kenya East showed me strength. I was able to see the powerful effect of ministry to young women. Junior home league members performed a recitation that challenged those present to fight against trafficking.



Young women have been embraced with the love of God. They have a place of safety and dignity at The Salvation Army.

The women of Australia East showed me the power of going the extra mile to bring the gospel to women. Two women's Bible conferences are held annually. Women come ready to hear the Word of God. Yes, they have divisional events, but this is the "more" that tells the women how valuable they are. It was a great experience to see groups of women coming from each corps. So many corps brought unsaved women so they could hear about Jesus. Women came to faith. Women grew deeper.

At the All Africa Women's Leaders conference I witnessed the depth of loving leadership as 17 African territories joined to pray, work and plan for the future. The women represented vast culture and language diversity.



They taught me about faith, courage and service. I must say, they taught me to dance with abandon!

One treat for me was to share with Salvationists in Belfast, Ireland. My great-grandmother emigrated from this city of strife and contrast. How wonderful to experience a little of my heritage and to

be welcomed "home."

We continue to enjoy London. Please join me in celebrating that Barry passed the driver's test! It was harder than the honor junior soldier exam.

When you're in London, come see us. You are welcome at IHQ. We will treat you to tea.

## At Winters' end

by Damon Winters

In February 2011, with two feet of snow on the ground, I packed up my life in Chicago and moved to Haiti to begin working with The Salvation Army's Haiti Recovery and Development Office. I was tasked with helping reconstruction after the devastating earthquake of 2010.

I have worked as a technical advisor, which means developing and writing project plans and budgets, and have visited sites to report on the progress. It's an ideal mix of work, despite never getting tan. In the last year we've started building state-of-the-art facilities, expanding community outreach activities and setting the groundwork for nationwide consolidations of all Army health and social services in Haiti.

Although the progress has been exciting, ultimately I've been blessed to serve alongside and support the Haitian staff and officers who change tens of thousands of lives every year. Their ability to do so much with so little continually amazes and convicts me.

In Haiti you have to adjust pretty quickly to some things or you won't



Damon Winters takes his boss, Major Carol Busroe, on a motorcycle ride.

last. There is a constant pressure to survive. The ability and freedom to plan ahead is a luxury; it means you know where your children will eat tonight, have a safe place to sleep and enough money for tomorrow.

One thing I'll miss about Haiti is riding my motorcycle and stopping for as much delicious, roadside, char-grilled Haitian food as I dare to eat. What I will miss the most though is the home I've made. I'm so happy to have spent a year and a half in this beautiful country with its incredible people and an amazing, working God.

I return to the United States at the end of this month, and in September I'll start a master's program in international relations at the University of Chicago. I believe my Haiti experiences have prepared me for this next step.



Visiting orphans at a children's home in Haiti

## World Services/Self-Denial Giving

*This year our territory raised a record \$7.89 million for World Services/Self-Denial! To God be the glory!*

Eastern Michigan	\$852,390
Heartland	\$335,750
Indiana	\$480,590
Kansas/Western Missouri	\$675,650
Metropolitan	\$1,098,020
Midland	\$800,230
Northern	\$636,720
Western	\$497,590
Western Michigan/Northern Indiana	\$470,310
Wisconsin/Upper Michigan	\$704,980
Adult Rehabilitation Centers Command	\$902,640
College for Officer Training	\$82,160
Territorial Headquarters	\$355,270
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>\$7,892,300</b>





# 2012 Territorial Volunteer of the Year Awards

## **Rose Mary Hulse** **Life Service Volunteer** **Heartland Division**



Rose Mary Hulse accepts her award from Heartland Divisional Commander Major Evie Diaz.

Rose Mary Hulse has supported the Peoria Citadel, Ill., Corps as a Sunday school teacher and divisional and corps volunteer for more than 45 years. In her 80s, she's still a go-getter, quick to help and always gives God glory.

Her volunteer repertoire ranges from tutoring children to visiting hospitals to answering phones at divisional headquarters and wrapping gifts at Christmas. She continues to serve the corps by sewing aprons for the staff and blankets for the nursery.

Rose Mary is well loved and has been described by her Corps Officer, Major Julie McDowell, as a true blessing. "She inspires hard work, faithfulness, joy and love in those she works with by having these qualities in herself," said Julie.

## **Elmer Stoddard** **Adult Volunteer** **Western Division**

Elmer is an energetic, adept and well-respected volunteer leader for the emergency disaster services team in the Western Division. During the floods of 2011, he was the driving force behind much of the disaster clean-up, working 12-hour days in nearly 100 degree heat continuously for 93 days.

His corps officer reported that Elmer left his home each morning at 5:15 a.m., met with other emergency personnel leadership and determined the needs for the day. He'd listen as discouraged residents shared their concerns and encourage National Guard soldiers. When asked about his energy to handle the physical and emotional strain of the work, he responded, "God gives me the energy. He provides for me, so we can provide for those who need us."

Elmer is a skilled carpenter and has done extensive renovations and repair work at his corps in Sioux City, Iowa, the thrift store and officers' quarters. He's also managed the corps' Christmas kettle operation for almost 20 years.

## **Ben Campbell** **Youth Volunteer** **Midland Division**



Ben Campbell leads a corps cadet class

Ben is a Sunday school teacher, a corps cadet leader and mentor to younger children at the Jefferson City, Mo., Corps. He's involved in almost every activity the corps has to offer from band camp to Bible study. In both word and action, he's an excellent Christian example.

He diligently serves in his corps' social service ministries as well. Last Christmas Ben's high school dismissed him early so he could serve underprivileged families at the corps' toy shop. He came to school and the toy shop in uniform to be a witness.

Ben's also a member of his high school wrestling team, often a featured soloist in school music programs and works part-time at a pizza restaurant. One day he hopes to be an officer.



The Lucas family receives a framed print commemorating their service.

## **The Lucas Family** **Family Volunteers** **Northern Division**

In 1998 the Lucas family, owners of an agricultural equipment manufacturing business, began chairing their local Salvation Army's red kettle campaign. Since then donations have quadrupled. In addition to assisting with volunteer work, they regularly use their business to match kettle donations, often placing a kettle out front that says, "I will match your donation. Make me pay!"

The Lucas family readily meets local needs. When a kettle breaks, they fix it; when the Army needs something hauled, they lend a truck. Their management staff is available to help the service extension unit in Southeast, Minn., seven days a week.

In addition to the Army, the family works with and supports Teens Encountering Christ, Feed My Starving Children and the Breaking Free Organization.

## **Dearborn High, Fordson High and John F. Kennedy High Key Clubs sponsored under Kiwanis Club**

### **Organization Volunteer** **Eastern Michigan Division**

Three area key clubs from Dearborn High, Fordson High and John F. Kennedy High, all sponsored under one local Kiwanis Club, have served The Salvation Army in Dearborn Heights, Mich., for more than 12 years. They've raised thousands of dollars manning kettles, packaged hundreds of boxes of food, and inventoried countless toys for the Christmas toy shop.

Some of the noteworthy service they've given includes making blankets for local shelter residents, dancing with seniors at adult-care facilities and distributing food to needy families.

They're a dedicated group of teenagers who consistently approach The Salvation Army to see how they can help.



Elmer Stoddard at a disaster site.



Some students from the Dearborn High School Key Club man kettles at Christmas.



## Newly accepted candidates

**Amanda Keene**  
Blue Island, Ill., Corps  
Metropolitan Division



I have been part of The Salvation Army for five years. I knew right away that the Lord was guiding me toward lifelong service within it.

Since I was saved five years ago, God has given me a heart for

spreading the gospel, speaking the truth in love, engaging in spiritual warfare, and walking in community

with fellow believers.

Despite fears and doubts that Satan throws my way, I am excited to embark on the adventure of officership. I know God is up to something amazing within our Army that will lead to restoration and revival through our obedience. I'm pumped to be part of that! Though a flawed follower of Christ, I'm a warrior ready to fight the good fight because of His immense grace and love.

*Amanda's corps officers are Majors Alberto and Felicia Rapley.*



## Silver Star shines brightly

During the Spiritual Life Summit and Commissioning weekend's Fellowship of the Silver Star recognition luncheon, Lt. Kevin Robbins chose his daughter, Lt. Aubrey Robbins, Minneapolis Central, Minn., associate corps officer, as his inductee. Traditionally, the Silver Star has been given to parents of cadets and in more recent years also mentors. This is the first time in our territory a cadet has given it to their child.

"Aubrey is more than I ever could have expected," said Kevin. "I knew when she became an officer God was at work. She's an inspiration to me and our whole family, and we love her deeply."

Seeing his eldest daughter commissioned in 2009, Kevin realized anew he was called to officership. It was the pinnacle of a journey that started many years earlier but diverged due to family illness and other life circumstances. With renewed passion after Aubrey's commissioning, Kevin and his wife, Mary, entered the College for Officer Training in the fall of 2010 with their three younger children.

While Aubrey was in training she called her parents nearly every day and often reminded them of the calling they felt years earlier to

become officers. She was a big part of why they were commissioned last month.

The Fellowship of the Silver Star was inaugurated in 1930 by General Evangeline Booth as a way to recognize, honor and link the fellowship of parents of officers. It's also been an expression of gratitude from the Army to parents for shaping the life of their officer child.

Over time the recognition evolved. "As our society moves and changes and circumstances in the cadets' lives change, we recognize that, in many instances, there is someone other than a parent who has been influential in the life of the cadet," said Major Carol Wurtz, territorial secretary for the Fellowship of the Silver Star.



## Daughter of regiment

The retirement of this self-described "daughter of the regiment" (officers' child) was filled with joy as family and friends of Major Kathleen Hovelman gathered to celebrate her 33 years of service. National leaders Commissioners William A. and Nancy L. Roberts conducted the retirement ceremony during Kathy's celebration service at the Oakbrook Terrace, Ill., Corps. Themed "God is Forever Faithful," the service featured spoken and musical tributes, plus an interpretive dance by Kathy's granddaughter, Mikayla!

Commissioned in 1978 with the "Disciples of Jesus" session, Kathy served 11 years as a corps officer at five locations and seven years in the overseas personnel and sponsorship bureau (the last 14 months as its director). During this time she inaugurated the territory's first global mission team project to Jamaica.

Kathy then spent eight years as the divisional women's ministries



Major Kathy Hovelman (c) is flanked by Commissioners William A. and Nancy L. Roberts.

secretary in the Wisconsin and Upper Michigan and Eastern Michigan divisions. And, at the College for Officer Training, she spent four years earlier in her career as the family care center director and the last four years as the assistant personnel director, the position from which she retired.

Kathy observed this last appointment went "too quickly" as she praised God for the "opportunity to teach, advise and influence future officers."

The proud mother of three sons—Craig, Michael and Robert—and grandmother of five, Kathy will enjoy her retirement years in Clearwater, Fla.

## Teacher at heart



Pictured (l-r) are Major Lesa Davis, Lt. Colonel Jeffrey Smith, Major Gloria Stepke, Lt. Colonel Dorothy Smith, Major Roger Ross and Major Mary Kay Hearne.

Major Gloria Stepke's retirement was truly a "Celebration of God's Blessing and Grace." Held at territorial headquarters, the ceremony was conducted by Lt. Colonels Jeffrey and Dorothy Smith, territorial secretary for personnel and officer resource and development secretary. The meeting featured music by Majors Roger and Cecilia Senn and tributes from Gloria's nephew Victor, Major Shirley Younts and Anne Urban.

A natural teacher, Gloria brought people into deeper understandings of God's truths, often utilizing unforgettable illustrations.

"During a Sunday school lesson on Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego, Gloria struck a match, immediately blew it out, then had the children sniff the strong smoky scent on her fingertips. She'd then say, 'According to the Bible, the three men didn't even smell smoky after being in the fiery furnace all that time!'" said Anne.

From a young age Gloria attend-

ed the Milwaukee South, Wis., Corps with her mother and siblings; she accepted Christ at age 10 at camp. As a teen she wanted to be a beautician, but God called her to officership. She was commissioned with the Messengers of the Faith session in 1968.

After serving in corps, Gloria spent seven years on the College for Officer Training (CFOT) staff. After more corps appointments, she became administrator of the Omaha, Neb., Booth Residence, then assistant youth secretary in the Wisconsin and Upper Michigan Division. Two corps appointments preceded a return to the CFOT in 1991. She attended the International College for Officers in 1992.

In 1998, she became director of the territorial overseas personnel and sponsorship bureau, leading global mission teams in constructing corps in Haiti and St. Maarten. In 2004, she became director of the territorial historical museum, the position from which she retired.

## Cadets' Welcome

**Friday, September 7, 2012**  
**7:30 p.m.**

**Speaker:**

**Commissioner Paul R. Seiler**  
Territorial Commander

**The Salvation Army**  
**Chicago Mayfair**  
**Community Church (Corps)**  
**5020 N. Pulaski Road**  
**Chicago, Illinois**





# Baileys to serve in South



Centralites Lt. Colonels Brad and Heidi Bailey, who've been serving at International Headquarters since 2010, have been appointed as Chief Secretary and Women's Ministries Secretary, respectively, for the USA Southern Territory. When they take up their new appointments on September 1,

2012, they will be promoted to the rank of colonel. "We are humbled by this new opportunity to serve the Lord as Salvation Army officers, and delighted to be joining the USA Southern territorial family!" they said. "We anticipate a great time of blessing as we join hearts and hands in ministry and service, with new colleagues and friends."

# Long Service Awards

We salute the following officers on their milestones of service.



### 45 Years

- Major Robert Scott
- Major Gloria Stepke
- Major Craig Stoker

### 40 Years

- Lt. Colonel Rebecca Sjögren
- Major David Corliss
- Major Mary Corliss
- Major Douglas Rowland
- Major Janet Rowland
- Major Cynthia Shellenberger

### 35 Years

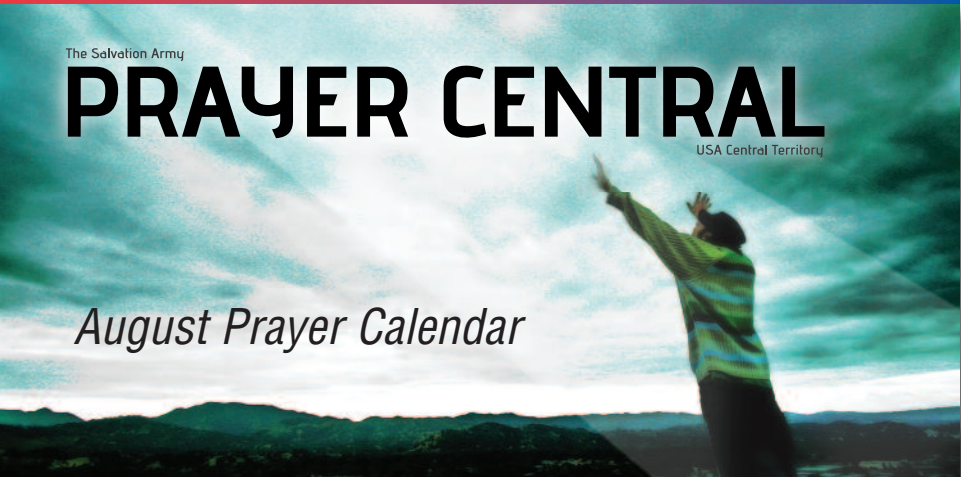
- Colonel Susan Harfoot
- Colonel William Harfoot
- Lt. Colonel Richard Vander Weele
- Major Bonnie Clark
- Major David Clark
- Major James Frye
- Major Paulette Frye
- Major Betty Grindle
- Major Maxim Grindle
- Major Barbara MacLean
- Major Donna Miller
- Major Judy Mills
- Major Jan Sjögren
- Major Jimmy Wilson
- Major Mary Wilson

### 30 Years

- Lt. Colonel F. Bradford Bailey
- Major Elsie Cline
- Major Vickie Cole
- Major Rae Doliber
- Major Toni Dorrell
- Major Karen Felton
- Major Cherri Hobbins
- Major Linda Jones
- Major Paul Logan
- Major Emmanuel Michaud
- Major Paul Moore
- Major Shirley Myers
- Major Annette Tamayo
- Major Jose Tamayo

### 25 Years

- Major Roseann Eagle
- Major Thomas Eagle
- Major Patricia Johnson
- Major Janice Love



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

Go to [www.prayercentralusa.org](http://www.prayercentralusa.org) for prayer updates.  
If you follow the prayer calendar in the next year, you will have read through the Bible!

\* = Adult Rehabilitation Center  
\*\* = Divisional Headquarters  
PIM = Partners in Mission

## --Mustard Seeds--





# Around the Territory

DES MOINES, IOWA—Olympic hurdler Lolo Jones visited the Citadel Corps to be interviewed by Kevin Tibbles for NBC Nightly News and was reunited with her lifetime friend, Della Miller, then corps secretary. Della and her husband knew Lolo when she was a girl and her family worshiped at the corps and actually lived there during a time of homelessness. Lolo was in Des Moines to compete in the Drake Relays.



CHICAGO, ILL.—During the NATO (North Atlantic Treaty Organization) Summit in Chicago in May, The Salvation Army served as the sole agency designated by the City of Chicago to provide hot meals, box lunches, hydration and snacks for nearly 7,500 law enforcement officers and emergency

responders. Coordinated by The Salvation Army's Metropolitan Division, the mass feeding operation was a combined effort involving 372 officers and volunteers from Central, Eastern and Southern territories. "The Salvation Army has been a Godsend," said William Schatz, deputy director of Critical Incident Review, Chicago Office of Emergency Management and Communications. "Their professional, continual support has been incredible."

DETROIT, MICH.—Eastern Michigan Division's character-building troop rally attendance records were shattered when 1,055 kids and leaders descended on the Detroit Zoo for the latest rally day. According to Jill Johnson, character-building ministries director, youth chose from 10 adventure activity routes, enjoyed lunch and participated in a pep rally. At each station they got their safari passports stamped and learned biblical truths.



GRAND RAPIDS, MICH.—The Salvation Army Ray and Joan Kroc Corps Community Center is partnering with Spectrum Health's Helen DeVos Children's Hospital, First Steps and other community organizations on the FitKids360 initiative to educate children and their families about healthier living.



BISMARCK, N.D.—Four senior soldiers and one adherent were enrolled earlier this year by then corps officers Majors Lee and Melody Morrison. Though their path to this commitment varies, they all began coming to the corps through interaction and invitations from soldiers, employees and the officers. Congratulations to new soldiers Stephanie Ereth, Tony Rubia, Susie Halsey and Corrine Mitchell and to adherent Lee Mitchell, who's pictured with Major Morrison.



## On the move

Effective June 27, 2012, unless otherwise noted.

### Adult Rehabilitation Centers Command

**Majors Kendall & Katrina Mathews**, Admins. in Training, St. Louis, MO; **Majors Michael & Mary Thomas**, Admins. in Training, Flint, MI; **Major Michael Vogler**, Chaplain, Chicago North Side, IL; **Captains Gerhard & Cornelia Scheler**, Admins., Milwaukee, WI; **Lt. Jane Polcyn**, Chaplain, Romulus, MI.

### College for Officer Training

**Major Jesse Collins**, Dir. of Campus Spiritual Life; **Major Kelly Collins**, Asst. Principal, Add'l Appt.: Territorial Moral & Ethical Issues Secretary; **Major Janice Love**, Asst. Dir. of Personnel; **Major Judy Mills**, Campus Services Officer; **Major Mike Mills**, Personnel Officer; **Lt. Catherine Fitzgerald**, Family Care Center Dir.; **Lt. Jonathan Fitzgerald**, Asst. Dir. of Curriculum.

### Eastern Michigan Division

**Majors Keith & Colette Bailey**, COs, Plymouth, MI; **Majors Mark & Sandra Turner**, COs, Port Huron, MI; **Major Jimmy Wilson**, Men's Min. Secretary, DHQ; **Major Mary Wilson**, Admin., Denby Campus, Detroit, MI; **Captains Brian & Katrina Goodwill**, COs, Midland, MI; **Captain Deborah Jolly**, Pastoral Care Chaplain, Harbor Light, Monroe, MI; **Captain Jennifer Smith**, Youth Secretary, Add'l Appt.: Candidates' Secretary, DHQ; **Captain Terry Smith**, Youth Secretary, DHQ; **Captains Robert & Tammy Whitney**, COs, Monroe, MI; **Lts. Sean & Cassandra Grey**, COs, Owosso, MI; **Envoy Clara Green**, Associate Corps Administrator, Detroit Harding, MI.

### Heartland Division

**Major Donna Miller**, Add'l Appt.: Older Adult Min. Dir., DHQ; **Majors Timothy & Susan Parker**, COs, Champaign, IL; **Majors Jose & Annette Tamayo**, COs, Waterloo-Cedar Falls, IA; **Captain Jeffrey Carr**, Divisional Secretary for Business, DHQ; **Captain Valerie Carr**, Corps Growth Officer, Add'l Appt.: Volunteer Services Dir., DHQ; **Captain Katherine Clausell**, Social Services Dir. Designate, DHQ; **Captains Wesley & Susan Dalberg**, COs, Decatur, IL; **Captain Pamela Otto**, Community Care Min. Secretary, DHQ; **Captain Jeremiah Stouder**, Youth Secretary, WSHQ, Add'l Appt.: Admin., Eagle Crest Camp, Washburn, IN; **Captain Rachel Stouder**, Youth Secretary, Add'l Appt.: Candidates' Secretary, DHQ; **Lt. Jennifer Clanton**, CO, Canton, IL.

### Indiana Division

**Major Jeffery Horn**, Men's Min. Secretary, Add'l Appts.: Worship Resources Consultant, Soldier Development Dir., DHQ; **Major Daniel Hull, Jr.**, Divisional Secretary for Business, DHQ; **Major Jolene Hull**, Women's Min. Secretary, Add'l Appts.: Community Care Min. Secretary, Moral & Ethical Issues Secretary, DHQ; **Major Barbara MacLean**, Divisional Secretary, DHQ; **Majors Douglas & Sandra Rick**, Special Services, pro tem (until Dec. 1, 2012, retirement), DHQ; **Captains Thomas & Cynthia Brockway**, COs, Peru, IN; **Captains Dennis & Antonia Marak**, COs, Anderson, IN; **Captain Barbara McCauley**, CO, Huntington, IN; **Captains Daniel & LaMae Ortman**, Special Services, pro tem (until Sept. 1, 2012, retirement), DHQ.

### Kansas & Western Missouri Division

**Major Phyllis Blinks**, Special Services, pro tem, DHQ; **Majors Daniel & Mary Burris**, COs, Topeka, KS; **Majors Steven & Melody Koehler**,

COs, Grandview Southland, MO; **Major John Mowers**, Dir. of Hispanic Min., DHQ; **Major Nancy Mowers**, Community Care Min. Secretary, Add'l Appt.: Older Adult Min. Dir., DHQ; **Majors James & Penny Mungai**, COs, Hutchinson, KS.

### Metropolitan Division

**Major Joyce Gauthier**, Asst. Secretary for Program, DHQ; **Major Robert Gauthier**, Secretary for Program, Add'l Appt.: Men's Min. Secretary, DHQ; **Majors Garry & Nancy Lowder**, COs, Crystal Lake, IL; **Captain Brian & Major Lesa Davis**, COs, Norridge, IL; **Lt. Etta Johnson**, Program Officer, Harbor Light Center, Chicago, IL; **Lt. Joel Johnson**, Chaplain, Harbor Light Center, Chicago, IL; **Lt. Bersabe Vera**, CO, Blue Island, IL.

### Midland Division

**Major Beverly Gates**, Div. Secretary for Business, DHQ; **Major Nancy Holloway**, Add'l Appt.: Moral & Ethical Issues Secretary, DHQ; **Majors Dale & Mary Hunt**, COs, Granite City, IL; **Major Beth Trimmell**, Columbia/Jefferson City Dir. of Special Services, Columbia, MO; **Major Richard Trimmell**, Columbia/Jefferson City Regional Coordinator, Columbia, MO; **Captains Patrick & Karen Holness**, COs, St. Louis Euclid Ave., MO (Sept. 5, 2012); **Captain Malinda O'Neil**, Youth Secretary, Add'l Appt.: Candidates' Secretary, DHQ; **Captain Matthew O'Neil**, Youth Secretary, DHQ.

### Northern Division

**Majors Dale & JoAnn Hixenbaugh**, COs, Fairmont, MN; **Major Elaine Medlock**, Audit & Candidate Support, Finance Dept., DHQ; **Majors Lee & Melody Morrison**, COs, St. Cloud, MN; **Major Brenda Pittman**, Admin., Booth Manor Residence; **Major Debra Richardson**, Community Care Min. Secretary, Add'l Appt.: Older Adult Min. Dir., DHQ; **Major Jeffery Richardson**, Div. Secretary for Business, DHQ; **Majors Douglas & Linda Yeck**, Special Services, pro tem (until Sept. 1, 2012, retirement), DHQ; **Captains Timothy & Teri Nauta**, COs, Minot, ND; **Captains Tim & Sally Sell**, COs, Bismarck, ND; **Envoys Michael & Kris Fuqua**, Corps Admins., Willmar, MN.

### Western Division

**Major Mary Corliss**, Area Program Dir., City Coordinator's Office, Des Moines, IA; **Major Vicki Steinsland**, Add'l Appt.: Multicultural Min. Coordinator, DHQ; **Major Catherine Thielke**, Kroc Center Officer for Program Development, Omaha, NE; **Captains Jeffrey & Michael Carter**, COs, Newton, IA; **Captains James & Melissa Frye**, COs, Sioux Falls, SD; **Captains Nathan & Michele Harms**, COs, Rapid City, SD; **Captain Jolinda Shelbourn**, Add'l Appt.: Candidates' Secretary, DHQ; **Captains Charles & Betty Yockey**, COs, Des Moines, IA.

### Western Michigan & Northern Indiana Division

**Majors Paul & Mary Duskin**, COs, Holland, MI; **Majors Alan & Kimberly Hellstrom**, COs, Lansing, MI, Add'l Appt.: Capital Area Coordinator, Lansing, MI; **Majors Keith & Sherrie Welch**, COs, Kalamazoo, MI; **Captain Robert Mueller**, Add'l Appt.: Men's Min. Secretary, DHQ; **Captains Daren & Roxanne Spencer**, COs, Traverse City, MI.

### Wisconsin & Upper Michigan Division

**Majors Donald & Jane Kincaid**, COs, Green Bay Union Ct., WI; **Major Morag Yoder**, Secretary for Program, Add'l Appts.: Older Adult Min. Dir., Community Care Min. Secretary, DHQ; **Major Stephen Yoder**, Divisional Secretary, DHQ; **Captains Randy & Melinda Tooley**, COs, Menasha, WI; **Envoy Thom McMahan**, Add'l Appt.: Men's Min. Secretary.

### Territorial Headquarters

**Lt. Colonel Vicki Amick**, Retired Officers' Bureau Dir. Designate (Aug. 1, 2012); **Major Linda Mitchell**, Asst. Territorial Secretary for Program; **Major Phillip Aho**, Add'l Appt.: Men's Min. Secretary; **Major Jo-ann Price**, Historical Museum Dir.; **Major John Price II**, Historical Museum Asst. Dir.

### Out of Territory

July 1, 2012: **Major Philip Davisson**, Assoc. Dean, Extended Learning, Booth Univ. College, Winnipeg, MB (Canada & Bermuda Territory); **Major Sheila Davisson**, Spiritual Life Coordinator, Booth Univ. College, Winnipeg, MB (Canada & Bermuda Territory); **Major Curtiss Hartley**, Territorial Dir. of Support Services (Papua New Guinea Territory); **Major Sandra Hartley**, Territorial Financial Secretary (Papua New Guinea Territory).

Sept. 1, 2012: **Lt. Colonel Bradford Bailey**, Chief Secretary (USA Southern Territory, with pro-

motion to rank of Colonel); **Lt. Colonel Heidi Bailey**, Territorial Secretary for Women's Min. (USA Southern Territory, with promotion to rank of Colonel).

### Returning to Home Territory

**Majors Bruce & Mildred Jennings**, Canada and Bermuda Territory.

### Retirements

July 1, 2012: **Major Kathleen Hovelman**, **Major Gloria Stepke**.

Aug. 1, 2012: **Majors John & Margaret Crampton**, **Majors Richard & Judy Forney**, **Majors Maxim & Betty Grindle**, **Majors James & Mary Hoskin**.

Sept. 1, 2012: **Majors Daniel & Martha Hudson**, **Majors Douglas & Linda Yeck**, **Captains Daniel & LaMae Ortman**.

CO/COs = Corps Officer(s)

DHQ = Divisional Headquarters

## Promoted to Glory

### Major Robert Geddis

Major Robert Geddis was promoted to Glory on May 8, 2012. He was 84 years old.



Robert was born to Julius and Bessie in Detroit, Mich. He joined the United States Marines at age 17 and after discharge searched for fulfillment through worldly means before finding peace in faith at the Royal Oak, Mich., Corps.

He became a soldier and then held several local officer positions. After a distinct calling, he entered officer training and was commissioned in 1958. He met Betty Hoskins when he served as the corps officer at the Highland Park, Mich., Corps.

After Betty's commissioning they were married. Robert, Betty and her three children became a family. Later they were blessed with another child. In 1984 they were transferred to an adult rehabilitation center (ARC) in Chicago. They served at one other ARC and corps before retiring from the Chicago

Heights, Ill., Corps in 1993.

Majors Geddis continued in post-retirement service at five different places throughout the territory. Eventually they retired a "second" time to Marshalltown, Iowa, where they spent their final days together.

Robert was an enthusiastic Salvationist who loved the Lord and winning souls for the Kingdom.

Robert was preceded in death by one son, Frank. He's survived by his beloved wife, children Bonnie Sue (Gordon) Reed, David (Linda) and Jeremy (Alicia); seven grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

## Reader's Forum

The family of Major Joyce Baer would like to express their heartfelt thanks for all of the kind words, generous gifts, shared memories, notes of encouragement, telephone calls and emails at her recent promotion to Glory. While we grieve the loss of a great example of godly character, we rejoice that she is in the presence of our Lord, kicking up her heels! She has left a tremendous legacy of faith.