

Pursue mission for the long haul

by **Colonei Jeffrey Smith**
Chief Secretary

It wasn't too long ago many Salvationists and friends of the Army listened as Dr. Leith Anderson spoke at the National Advisory Organizations Conference.

In his message he repeated the phrase, "It takes a long time," several times to emphasize the long-term requirements of the ministry in which the Army engages.

In order to be successful in our mission, long-term commitment to the work is essential.



This is not a new concept. One of the earliest Bible stories any of us learned as children is the story of Noah, who began to build an ark long before he ever experienced rain. No one knows for sure how long Noah worked on that ark, but estimates vary from as long as 120 years to as short as 50. My point is that it took a long time for Noah to complete the task God gave him to do, and he faithfully kept at it.

I don't think it's accidental Jesus mentions Noah's name in Matthew 24 as He is issuing warnings to His disciples about the danger of complacency and the need for God's people to remain diligent in their work. Jesus says, "Therefore keep watch, because you do

not know on what day your Lord will come." (Matthew 24:42, NIV)

Jesus also tells the story of a master who goes away for a long time, leaving his servants to manage his household. The long absence of the master lulls the servants into complacency, but Jesus issues a commendation. "It will be good for that servant whose master finds him doing so (what he is supposed to do) when he returns." (Matthew 24:46)

In this same section of Matthew, Jesus tells the parable of the 10 virgins (Matthew 25:1-13). In it he describes the risk, "The bridegroom was a long time in coming, and they all became drowsy and fell asleep."

Fulfillment of our mission as Salvationists requires long-term commitment. Keep at it! Don't get discouraged and give up. Jesus warned us, provided examples and promised rewards to those who are faithful through the long-term, all the way to the end.

Creating possibilities

by **Lt. Brandon Lewis**

Soon after arriving at the Indianapolis Fountain Square, Ind., Corps last July, my wife Megan and I realized the rhythms of traditional character-building programs might not produce the outcomes needed at our corps.

The community we serve specifically desires non-traditional, youth-focused opportunities. We had to rethink what we were doing, starting by asking, "Why do we do what we do?"

The result was a brand-new way of looking at our corps' internal youth programming, founded on an ongoing initiative to connect together our family-targeted opportunities and embracing the 40 Developmental Assets.

For instance, every summer our corps serves more than 500 families with backpacks and school supplies in one day. A family enters and leaves our building in just 10 minutes. We wondered what would happen if we took parents on a virtual guided tour of our youth opportunities and then signed up every child



possible for our club-based weekly youth programs?

The results of initiatives such as this have been fruitful.

We also have a growing number of school-age children excited to learn to play the bass guitar in our "Create in Me" creative arts studio or learn to cook from a local chef in our Tuesday night youth club.

We've been able to answer why we do what we do. So, though exhausted at the end of some days, we look forward to the next, knowing it holds another opportunity to change a child's life with the love of Jesus.

We couldn't be more excited about what God is doing!



Par excellence



Three Minneapolis Temple, Minn., Corps teenagers were presented with the President's Volunteer Service Award. Christina Trejo (left), 17, received the bronze-level award; Abel Villagomez, Jr., 13, received the bronze-level award and Ashley Bracamontes, 16, received the silver-level award. Northern Divisional Character-Building Director Betzie Parker presented the awards to the youth who completed over 250 combined hours of volunteer work at summer day camp. "They are all hard workers and invaluable leaders at our corps," said Captain Kelli Trejo, corps officer.

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by Major Pat Irvine



Repairing lives, relationships

Once again this summer Discovery Camp—a safe environment where youth and law enforcement can build relationships and trust—will be held by the Midland Division at Camp Mihaska. The camp has become even more crucial for participants in the wake of the elevated racial tensions and civil unrest sparked by the August 2014 shooting of an unarmed teenager in Ferguson, Mo.

The success of the camp last year and subsequent efforts in the division to keep the lines of communication open between police and youth, particularly in urban areas, have led to progress. Youth showed measurable improvements in areas such as knowing more about being able to talk about their

problems, resolving conflicts in a positive manner, being safe in their neighborhoods and having more pos-



itive feelings about law enforcement, including some youth considering public service careers.

"We also held a Christmas party as another point of contact for nearly 100 campers along with several camp counselors who volunteered at the party," said Captain Malinda O'Neil, Midland divisional youth and candidates' secretary.

Discovery Camp seeks to provide youth with tools to counteract risk factors in their lives so they can reach their full potential. It's designed to provide new learning experiences and a strong foundation for youth facing emotional, economic, social and other factors.

The four-day experience is open to

youth ages 9-16 and only costs \$20 per camper to make it as affordable as possible. Each day is packed with indoor and outdoor activities, interactive sessions, devotionals and exploration activities, as well as free time in the afternoons at the aquatic center!

Introduced in 2010, Discovery Camp evolved from the PAL (Positive Attitude for Living) camps previously sponsored by the divisional corrections department for at-risk youth.



Discovery Camp helps build relationships between youth and law enforcement.



PATHWAY OF HOPE

Christine Snyder found herself a newly single mom of six children under the age of 14 after a move to Redford, Mich., nearly three years ago. She didn't have a job or support from family or friends.

"I felt hopeless. Like we were stuck in a hole," said Christine. "More and more was piling on top of me, and the weight was so great I could physically feel it on my shoulders and back. I was completely overwhelmed."

Her daughter's preschool intake coordinator, listening to Christine's plight, recommended she call Colleen Dahl, Dearborn Heights Citadel, Mich., Corps social worker. Colleen talked with Christine at length and suggested she enroll in the Pathway of Hope (POH).

"She asked me to think about it. I didn't have to think. I knew it was for us, and we signed up immediately," Christine recalled. "I was really frantic during our first meetings, but Colleen showed me a path—one I couldn't see for myself. She helped to break it down."

With Colleen's help, Christine set goals to establish a monthly budget, register for utility aid programs, and enroll in community college. Christine already had 60 credit hours and after taking career assessments

found an aptitude for the medical profession. Her goal is to start classes in sonography this fall.

Christine also agreed to a spiritual assessment and meeting with Corps Officer Major Pat Irvine.

"My past with God was so broken, I didn't know how to find it," Christine said.

Not only did she start meeting with Major Pat twice weekly, Christine was invited by Colleen to attend Sunday services, which she did with her six children.

"When we walked in everyone said hello to us! They wanted to meet us and get to know us," said Christine. "My kids said, 'Everyone wants to know us here!' and we all left with the biggest smiles on our faces."

It wasn't long before the family was very involved in activities and interested in soldiery. Over the next couple of months, the spiritual transformation in Christine's life was unmistakable.

"She has restored hope in God," said Major Pat. "She has the trust that gives her the confidence in how to navigate difficult circumstances."

On Easter Sunday Christine was enrolled as a senior soldier and four of her children were enrolled as junior soldiers.

"Now we feel like The Salvation Army is another home. We've found family, and I don't feel so alone anymore," said Christine. "I not only found my pathway to hope at The Salvation Army, I found my pathway to God."



Christine Snyder and her children (front left and moving clockwise) Becca, Hayden, JC, Tori, Chase and Ella



Stalwart in South Dakota

The Salvation Army in Rapid City, S.D., has recognized Advisory Board member Ben Treadwell with the prestigious Life Membership Award. Ben has served on the board faithfully for more than 20 years, with several stints as chairman, enabling the organization to make a tremendous difference in the lives of people in the southwest corner of South Dakota.

"Since I arrived in my appointment last July, I've found Ben to be active as a board member not only in meeting attendance but in hands-on contribution to the advancements we are making," said Major Nathan Johnson, Black Hills, S.D., area coordinator.

Among the many accomplishments cited for the award was Ben's role in helping the Army acquire a new thrift store. Ben, along with other key leaders in the community, supported The Salvation Army when it decided to invest in land and a new 20,000-square-foot building. He not only was involved in the purchase and construction but was instrumental in helping to acquire funding which made it possible. Today, the store is a vital part of the Army's ministry.

When the local government proved resistant to the Army making improvements to the Black Hills Camp, Ben helped lead the charge with a compelling presentation to the County Commission to gain the nec-

essary approvals. Subsequently, the camp was extended to offer electrical hook-ups and a wider range of camping options. As Advisory Board chairman, Ben was a positive force in expanding the Army's Rapid City Corps command to include a Black Hills Area coordinator's office to oversee services to all six counties that comprise the area.

In addition to his service with The Salvation Army, Ben has served as president of Big Brothers, Big Sisters, as chairman of the Sentinel Federal Credit Union and as an elder at his church. He was a charter member of the faith-based Young Life program in Rapid City. Ben is a retired Air Force major and served during the Vietnam era. He and his wife, Lynn, have been married for more than 35 years.

"I have been on the board for over 20 years now and have loved every minute of it!" said Ben.



Twenty New Corps on the horizon

The Central Territory is embarking on an exciting new initiative this month called Twenty New Corps. Its goal is two-fold: to assist territories around the world in constructing or renovating corps buildings to carry out the gospel mission and to increase sacrificial giving by Central Salvationists.

Twenty New Corps represents an opportunity to unite with our brothers and sisters across the globe to achieve significant projects. In some places this will

mean constructing a new corps, while in others it might entail a major remodel of a building for functionality or an addition for increased ministry. Cost for each project will average \$75,000—making many virtually impossible without our territory's support.

To raise awareness of this initiative and to promote general World Services giving at the local level, every division, the Adult Rehabilitation Centers Command, the College for Officer Training and Central Territorial Headquarters are each being matched with a location. These will include our



current Partners in Mission but also other locations like Tanzania, Mexico, Venezuela and Russia.

It is hoped that territorial global mission teams will be sent to assist some of the 20 corps projects and that divisional and corps teams will be considered. Corps are encouraged to work in clusters toward this end and to promote more awareness and giving to World Services among their congregations.

Resources to highlight Twenty New Corps are being introduced this summer by the World Missions department which will include tools like a special website, an IBM Connections forum, family kits and conference

calls to share best practices.

"My hope and prayer is that this initiative will build great excitement throughout the territory as we see our World Services giving bring life-changing mission impact to our fellow Salvationists around the globe!" said Commissioner Paul R. Seiler, territorial commander.

A celebration of the progress and completion of the Twenty New Corps projects will be held during the Congress with General André and Commissioner Silvia Cox next summer.

Watch subsequent issues of *Central Connection* for more details and updates!

Stouder's hop across the pond

This month Captains Jeremy and Rachel Stouder and their three children Eli, 14, Josiah, 12, and Rebekah, 9, will embark on their greatest adventure yet: a move to Peterborough, England.

Commanding the Peterborough Citadel, the captains' new appointment won't be too different from leading a corps in the states. They'll oversee community center activities, the meal program and lead weekly holiness meetings which average 190 people. They'll also be responsible for two charity shops (thrift stores).

"It's a large corps even by U.S.

standards," said Captain Rachel. "My sense is it will be a stretching appointment for us. We're very humbled and excited to get back into corps work."

Commissioned with the "Crossbearers" session in 2002, the Stouder's have been open to overseas ministry for a long time but felt it might be better to wait until their kids were older. However, during the 2005 commissioning weekend, God made it clear to Captain Jeremy they were to trust Him and go overseas sooner.

Although doors didn't open immediately, God was preparing them through experiences, educational opportunities and fellowship with officers who had served overseas.

"It was clear how He opened the doors and confirmed we were on the right path," said Captain Rachel. "Throughout this process I've been overwhelmed by God's goodness and reminded time and again how well He knows us, even better than we know ourselves."



Captains Jeremy and Rachel Stouder and their children Eli, Rebekah and Josiah wave goodbye during an Authentic Mission Engagement weekend meeting. Kendelle Polsley on left.

International College for Officers

Each quarter Central Territory officers receive the opportunity to attend the International College for Officers in London, England, for a six-week session of training and development. Please keep the officers selected for the third quarter of 2016 in your prayers.

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Getting a clue for ministry

From a young age, Kendelle Polsley has felt a calling to long-term missions. While in college she'd served on a territorial summer mission team in Hungary and led a team to Haiti and the Bahamas, but by the time she started her senior year at Loyola University in Chicago, Ill., Kendelle realized she didn't have a clue what to do with the international studies degree she was earning. As she prayed and sought guidance, Kendelle learned of a lay missionary position that was available at a Salvation Army children's home in Malaysia.

"I jumped on it!" said Kendelle, who's developed a passion for Southeast Asia in recent years. "I absolutely love the diversity of rich cultures in each country, not to mention the insanely good food!"

Chris Shay, director of the territorial world missions department, said Kendelle is the first lay missionary the territory has sent overseas in three years.

The 22-year-old will serve in the Singapore, Malaysia and Myanmar Territory for the next year at a home for children and teen boys at the Kuching Corps, which has several other outreach ministries. Kuching is the capital city of Sarawak, one of four states comprising the island of Borneo within the Federation of Malaysia. Although Malaysia is an



Haitian children pose in their Sunday-best outfits with Kendelle Polsley (kneeling) and teammate Marjorie Remy (standing).

Islamic country, it's tolerant of the various religions and cultures representing its richness and variety. The government in Sarawak is particularly supportive of The Salvation Army's work.

Kendelle's duties at the home will play to her strengths and talents. She will provide role modeling, encouragement, counseling and emotional support to the children and teens, especially those who are transitioning into adulthood. Her role will be challenging, but that's what Kendelle finds exciting about the position.

"I've learned over the past few years that being comfortable in your faith walk isn't good. We should constantly be learning and growing. His strength is made perfect in my weakness," said Kendelle, whose deep trust in God developed over years struggling with serious health issues from which she found relief only after major surgery. "A huge part of my testimony includes physical suffering."

Kendelle continued, "I grew up in the Army as an officers' kid. I did all the right things and thought I knew all the answers until I began college and started exploring faith on my own. That's when I realized how personal Jesus is."



Authentic weekend Continued from page 1

Commissioners Paul R. and Carol Seiler introduced a new World Services initiative called 20 New Corps, whereby funds will be directed in the

next year to construct corps or to renovate or build additions to them across the globe for missional impact. When delegates were given the opportunity to "text to give" (Text 20corps to 41444) toward the program, \$5,240 was given during the meeting.

Again, the highlight of the meeting was the sermon, this time given by a joyful Captain Sujung Na, then corps officer of the Houston International Corps. Grounded in 2 Corinthians 5:14-15 and sprinkled with attention-capturing anecdotes, her message on Christ's great love and sacrifice that compels us to live for Him resonated with delegates.

"If our motivation isn't Christ's love, it won't last. You will burn out, lose your joy," she explained. "But what God really wants from us is for you and me to be in love with Him."

Throughout Friday and Saturday Resource Connection efficiently met the needs of delegates with uniforms, active wear, music and worship resources, books, giftware and accessories. New items particularly popular included a football-style jersey, a spiral-bound book of Salvation Army tunes for piano, and the latest version of *Hallelujah Choruses*. The territorial historical museum's exhibit area came to life with four mural-size photographs, allowing delegates

to immerse themselves in the scenes of camp, WWI, the slum sisters' work or open-air.

Saturday night's meeting was an organic expression of authentic worship which gave delegates the opportunity to participate in a variety of worship experiences. They moved freely throughout the service to intercede for others by writing their names on banners or kneeling at the altar, sharing posts/tweets about answered prayer and praise.

A praise band and united praise team of 100 led singing which had delegates on their feet much of the evening, raising voices and hands heavenward. Three highlights were an impassioned call to worship by Olympia Washington, a testimony by Todd Herndon on God's sufficient grace, and the presentation of the Certificate for Exceptional Service to Barb Higgins, a surprise which made her momentarily speechless during a standing ovation. Recouping, she commented, "In The Salvation Army, we are so fortunate because the culture is very unique: we are a family."

The pinnacle of the evening was an eloquent and powerful message by National Chief Secretary Colonel David Hudson on God's saving and sustaining grace and the true nature of worship. Teaching God's Word with authority and sharing personally with vulnerability, the colonel moved some to tears and all to introspection.

He concluded, "Authentic worship is more than just a song, it is a life offered up to Him."

Gateway Citadel celebration

by Lt. Colonel Nita Lodge

The St. Louis Gateway Citadel, Mo., Corps, led by Corps Officers Majors William and Cassandra DeJesus, celebrated 10 years in its current location with a homecoming and corps outreach weekend.

The theme "Looking Back and Marching Forward," and corresponding scripture for the weekend "Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever," (Hebrews 13:8, NIV), were interwoven throughout the weekend. Majors Randy and Kathy Hellstrom, Western divisional secretary and women's ministries secretary, and previous corps officers, were special guests for the weekend along with the Bill Booth Theater Company.

Friday night kicked off with a focus on the history of the Gateway Citadel Corps. Formerly the



Major Randy Hellstrom leads worship.

St. Louis Carondelet, Mo., Corps, 10 years ago the congregation had become a blend of soldiers, clients and friends from the Tower Grove, Lafayette Park and Temple corps. The congregation had outgrown the corps building, and more space was needed. That's when the corps, then led by the Hellstroms, found its current location at a recently vacated Catholic church.

Saturday was family day and included a buffet, photo booth, drama workshop and games for all ages. The corps was filled with friends, neighbors, soldiers, community center children and older adults—who played a spirited game of chair volleyball in the gym.

Sunday transitioned to a focus on marching forward. It included special songs by the "band of today," with former bandmaster Lynda Cooper and the "band of tomorrow" which featured young people who are currently involved in music classes, led by Bandmaster Chuck Carr.



Guests stop by the front desk to register for Saturday activities and sign a guest book.

Consecrated for *Authentic* service

Authentic Consecration, the Sunday morning ordination and commissioning service for the "Messengers of Light" session, began with the Chicago Staff Band (CSB) premiere of "The Message of Light," an arrangement by Cadet James Beardsley for the procession of his sessionmates.

As cadets took their places at the front of the stage, each was greeted by a College for Officer Training (CFOT) staff member who presented a large parchment scroll that when unfurled displayed a specific mission charge to each cadet, such as love people, share God's truth, make disciples.

Cadet Patricia Anderson gave a dramatic reading of Psalm 73 as five others presented interpretive movements. Another dramatic moment came with a choric speech recitation of the officer covenant followed by a united declaration of the doctrines.

As Territorial Commander Commissioner Paul R. Seiler ordained and commissioned each cadet, he shared a scripture passage selected by CFOT staff. Colonel Sharron Hudson, national secretary for women's ministries, then reminded the new lieutenants to show the light of God to the world in her dedicatory prayer.

National Chief Secretary Colonel David Hudson based his message, "Where are your accusers?" on John 8:2-11. Sharing his observations on Christ's reaction to the temple rulers when they presented Him with a woman caught in adultery, the colonel said the rulers hoped to entrap Jesus in front of His followers with a lose-lose response: showing mercy to the woman would affront the Law of Moses yet to allow mob violence would bring the wrath of Roman Law. Instead, Jesus stooped and calmly drew in the sand.

"We don't know what He was drawing. He might have been writing the sins of the woman's accusers or maybe He wrote the name of the man with whom the woman sinned; he should have been judged just as fiercely by the temple rulers," the colonel continued. Without uttering a word, however, Jesus' reaction quietly dispersed the crowd leaving Him alone with the woman to deal with her sin.

Colonel Hudson charged the new lieutenants to be true to their session name, reminding them their job is to not point out people's sin but to point them to the light of Christ. "It's God's job to transform them, not ours," he added.

The message was followed by an invitation from Central Chief Secretary Colonel Jeffrey Smith. Afterwards, accepted candidates for this fall's session gathered onstage where they were joined by others responding to the call.

The atmosphere of the Sunday afternoon service of appointments, *Authentic Service*, was a complete about-face of the morning's solemnity. Airhorns, confetti cannons and healthy lungs supported the ruckus. CSB

Bandmaster Dr. Harold Burgmayer led "stadium waves" to lively and surprisingly humorous selection *Júbilo, Júbilo*, including a rendition of "Mexican Hat Dance" with jumping-bean horns! But it was the final piece of preliminary music that brought the house down: Burgmayer's arrangement of songs from the jazz rock band Chicago, titled *Chicago 1967*.

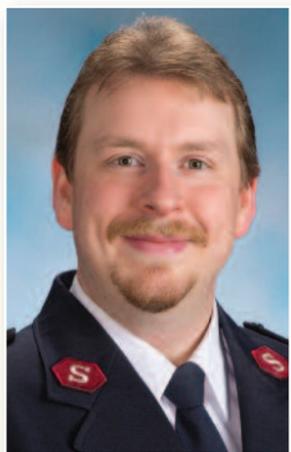
The "Messengers of Light" lieutenants were presented by Training Principal Major Cheri Hobbins, who thanked corps for surrendering their local leaders after having done such good jobs preparing them for training. She compared the college's job to a skilled gem cutter carefully studying each rough stone as bits are chipped away to produce a gem of maximum brilliance which can only be revealed by light.

Lt. Leta Marin gave the session speech, deftly switching back and forth from English to Spanish, and Lt. Jonathan Taube led the session song he penned, "Messengers of Light."

After Commissioner Carol Seiler's challenge to the cadets, Commissioner Paul R. Seiler announced the first appointments, joking the session's lack of children (only three!) left him bereft of material for his commentary this year!



Pray for these lieutenants as they take up their appointments and share Jesus' saving grace.



Lieutenants Ross and Patricia Anderson

Corps Officers
Jackson, Mich.



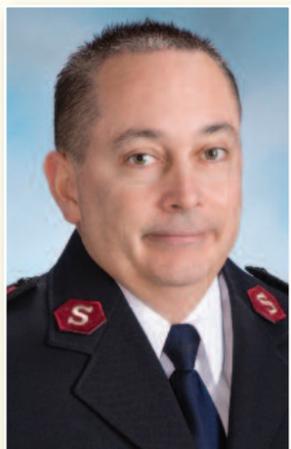
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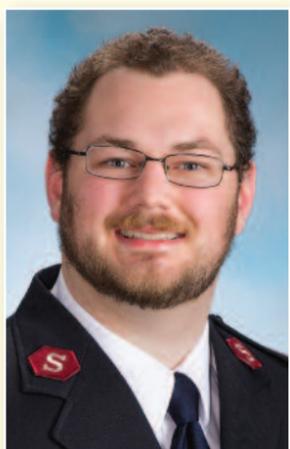
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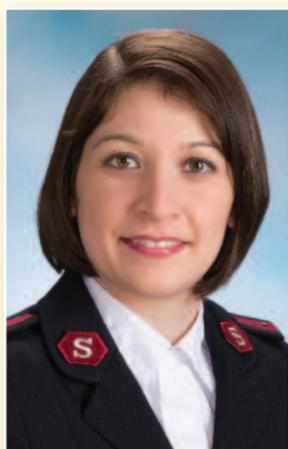
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Cadets Welcome



September 9, 2016 7:30 p.m.

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Anti-trafficking symposium mobilizes delegates

by Pilar Dunning

The territorial social services department hosted an anti-trafficking symposium this spring. With the theme, "Encounter: Prepare, Pursue and Promote Justice," the event provided an opportunity for officers, soldiers and employees to learn about the travesty of human trafficking.

Nearly 30 delegates representing many divisions attended the symposium which was preceded by the



Kathy Bryan

annual meeting of the Territorial Anti-Trafficking Council. Commissioner Carol Seiler led delegates in exploring perceptions and assumptions about human trafficking by having groups identify the future direction for The Salvation Army's fight against trafficking. As council members worked

through the exercise, a focus emerged: Given that we know human trafficking survivors access The Salvation Army through various programs, we will work to identify and support these survivors by empowering our social services and youth program workers to engage survivors utilizing a trauma-informed approach. The council will be moving forward with this over the next few years.

Delegates had the opportunity

to attend sessions ranging from introductory information about human trafficking to addressing more complex needs such as medical issues. They heard from Kathy Bryan, a survivor and lead virtual mentor with Rebecca Bender Ministries. Kathy shared her personal story of exploitation and left the group with a message of hope and restoration.

"Being removed from the situation does not equal healing," Kathy explained. She urged delegates to think beyond "rescuing" of victims to promoting healing for survivors through support, services and spiritual restoration.

Elyse Dobney of Metropolitan Division's STOP-IT Program in Chicago, Ill., led a session with valuable information about what to do after a potential trafficking survivor is identified; Linda Burkle from the Western Division discussed practical ways to encourage legislators to become involved at the local level. Christina Swanson provided information about how to formalize funding for anti-trafficking programs; and Dr. Michael A. Smith of the Cascade



Dr. Michael Smith and Maribeth Swanson

Division (Western Territory) discussed the impact trauma has on the lives of survivors.

The symposium closed by leading the weekly chapel service at territorial headquarters. The message by Captain Valerie Carr reflected on 1 Samuel 14, the story of Jonathan and his young armor-bearer. In the context of human trafficking, this story inspired each person to identify their role in the fight, whether on the frontlines or by supporting it. "Do all that you have in mind," said Jonathan's armor-bearer. "Go ahead; I am with you heart and soul." (1 Samuel 14:7, NIV)



Delegates Jay Curley and Captain Valerie Carr of the Heartland Division discuss issues at Encounter.

Kudos from the community

Soldiers, staff, volunteers and Corps Officers Captains Sean and Cassandra Grey of the Hillsdale, Mich., Corps were thrilled to be recognized by the Hillsdale County Chamber of Commerce as the 2015 Non-Profit Organization of the Year.

"We were so excited to have been nominated, let alone to be awarded this amazing honor and recognition," said Captain Sean. "It goes to our

amazing staff, advisory board members and volunteers who make 'Doing the Most Good' possible in Hillsdale County."

The award was given at a breakfast meeting hosted by the chamber of commerce. Afterward Captain Cassandra reported many people from the community approached her to thank them for the corps' good work.

The honor represented the corps' increasingly impactful presence in the Hillsdale community.

When the Greys arrived at the corps a year ago, they hit the ground running with outreach initiatives.

One of the first was a "Princess Day" where children were invited to the corps for a day to meet their favorite fairytale princess and learn about being a real princess to God the true king. The corps also hosted an open house in May, inviting community members for dinner and a tour of the building.

Additionally, the corps partners with students from Hillsdale College to offer piano, guitar and drum lessons and tutoring opportunities. Corps volunteers and staff also oversee a successful food assistance and meal program.



Volunteers star in Omaha

Significant achievements in volunteerism for programs and corps in the Omaha, Neb., area were celebrated by the Western Division at a breakfast themed "You're a Star Volunteer" held at the Ray and Joan Kroc Corps Community Center in Omaha. Major Greg Thompson, Western divisional commander, presented the awards.

Among the honorees were 31 Presidential Volunteer Service Award winners. The award marks more than 100 hours of service given by each person last year. Among the winners was Clarence Archie who gave more than 1,000 hours of service in the MASS (Material Assistance Seasonal Services) department at the Burrows Center in Omaha, reported Ramona Arthur, divisional director of volunteer services. These award-winning volunteers continue to provide service at the Dora Bingel Senior Center, the Omaha Kroc Center, Western Divisional Headquarters, the Omaha Citadel Corps, the Omaha North Side Corps, emergency disaster services and other programs and facilities.



Pictured are Major Greg Thompson, Western divisional commander; Dr. James Sutfin, Millard Public Schools superintendent, and Ramona Arthur, divisional director of volunteer services.

Media awards were presented to E.W. Scripps, parent company of KMTV Channel 3 and Star 104.5 in Omaha, which gave countless hours of media attention and support to The Salvation Army's work in the metropolitan area as well as volunteering for events throughout the year, including the "Adopt-A-Family Radiothon," the "Back to School" promotion and celebrity bellringing.

Also recognized was the Millard Public School District for Exceptional Service. With a mission statement that encourages responsible citizenship among its students, the district's 37 schools and related groups raised more than \$13,000 during kettle season.

Kroc dance program steals the show!

Started just two short years ago, the School of Dance at the Chicago, Ill., Ray and Joan Kroc Corps Community Center has developed into a program that is competition-winning! Earlier this year at Spotlight Dance Cup and Thunderstruck Dance competitions, they received four judge's awards, two director awards, three lightning awards, an entertainment award and three overall awards. The Kroc School of Dance also had 14 solo debuts, all of which placed in the top three in their divisions. Needless to say, the dancers were ecstatic! The Kroc Center program is not only getting noticed, it's giving girls confidence and making their dreams a reality.

"The best part of competition is seeing the girls bond together and develop a sisterhood that will last a lifetime," said Tasha Gibson, Kroc School of Dance coordinator and performance and visual arts manager. "These are memories that will forever be etched in their soul."

The school is structured as a tuition-based program designed to meet the needs of aspiring youth who are eager to explore their potential. It serves more than 60 youth,

ages 4-17. Students attend classes a minimum of two evenings per week. Core offerings include ballet, modern and contemporary jazz, tap, hip-hop, liturgical, ethnic and specialty classes such as ballroom dancing. Cassandra Bell, young people's sergeant-major, and Major Darlene Harvey, then Kroc Center officer for program development, have had devotional and prayer times with the girls during rehearsals and competitions. In addition, youth receive enrichment classes in art, music and theater. Since the girls meet so often, they have become a "family" within the Kroc Center.

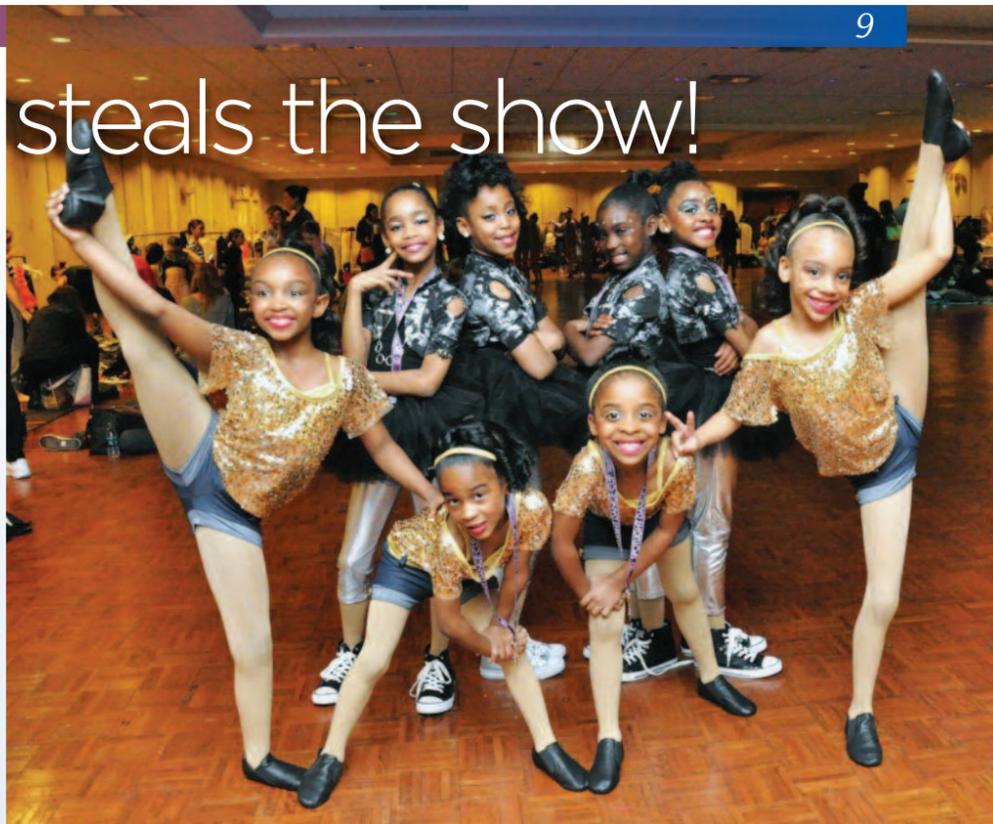
Tasha's vision was to develop an environment where children in the community could learn to dance and receive tools to become well-rounded students of the performing and visual arts. In addition, these children develop self-respect and respect for others.

"My child has learned so much, and I wouldn't have her any other place but here," said Jessica Conda, who was introduced to the performance program through the Saturday recreational program.

According to Major Darlene, the school is staffed with some of

Chicago's most talented instructors. Combined, they have more than 40 years of experience. Instructor Taylor Edwards said, "Teaching for the Kroc School of Dance has been fulfilling and rewarding."

"The Kroc School of Dance has given me an



outlet. I love teaching all of the students, and I especially enjoy teaching the competition team," said Mina Erbaugh-Landon. Mina has been teaching at the Kroc Center since 2014.

Danielle Shaw has held the dance teacher position the longest. Since coming to the Kroc Center in 2013, she has been a constant supporter of the girls. She often takes them under her wing and stresses the importance

of being responsible. "I really enjoy my job. I love these girls," she said.

Major Darlene concluded, "It is wonderful to see how Tasha's dream has come true but also how she and her staff are allowing little girls to have dreams of being dancers now as well in the future. Tasha's desire is that one day one of them will be on Broadway and will say that they got their start here."



Rewarding excellence

Polaris Industries, the leading manufacturer of off-road vehicles, has received the National Disaster Partnership Award for Excellence in Emergency Disaster Services.

The relationship between Polaris, which is headquartered near Minneapolis, Minn., and The Salvation Army is one of the most effective emergency disaster services (EDS) partnerships in the nation

benefitting hundreds of thousands of survivors. A premier partner of the Northern Division since 2011, the company has supported the Army's work there in a myriad of ways.

Since 2012 Polaris has donated specialized vehicles for EDS responses and built a "Polaris/Salvation Army Relief and Rescue Fleet" benefitting EDS efforts nationwide. In response to Hurricane Sandy, the company donated 10 military-grade Ranger



Photos by Andrew Grey

ATVs (all-terrain vehicles) to support relief efforts in the Eastern Territory. An additional 10 Rangers were given in 2013 to support Oklahoma tornado relief efforts in the Southern Territory, and in 2014 Polaris outfitted the Central Territory with 11 Rangers. The company also has provided intensive training to ensure vehicles are utilized and maintained for maximum benefit.

Above and beyond

There's no overstating it. Denise Overstake, Northern divisional corporate and foundation relations director, has made a tremendous impact on fundraising and development in her division, the territory and even nationwide. She was recognized for her dedication and excellence at the National Community Relations and Development Conference with the Andrew S. Miller Award of Excellence.

In the last five years, Denise and her team have raised nearly \$18 million for Northern Division programs in addition to millions of dollars in value from gift-in-kind donations and services. She has established working and personal relationships with key CEOs and executive leaders critical for recruiting leaders for Christmas chair and William Booth Society hosts and enlisted some of them to serve as Advisory Board members at the local and national level.

Her impact extends not only to the territory but the nation by cultivating a partnership with Polaris—resulting in the donation of 54 Polaris all-terrain vehicles—as well as establishing a strong partnership with Fourteen Foods (Dairy Queen), which has raised more than \$500,000 for The Salvation Army via "counter kettles" by registers inside 165 restaurants. She also has championed best practices between divisions and worked with territorial headquarters to adapt



Major Andrew S. Miller, Jr., and Commissioner Sue Swanson congratulate Denise on receiving the Andrew S. Miller Award of Excellence.

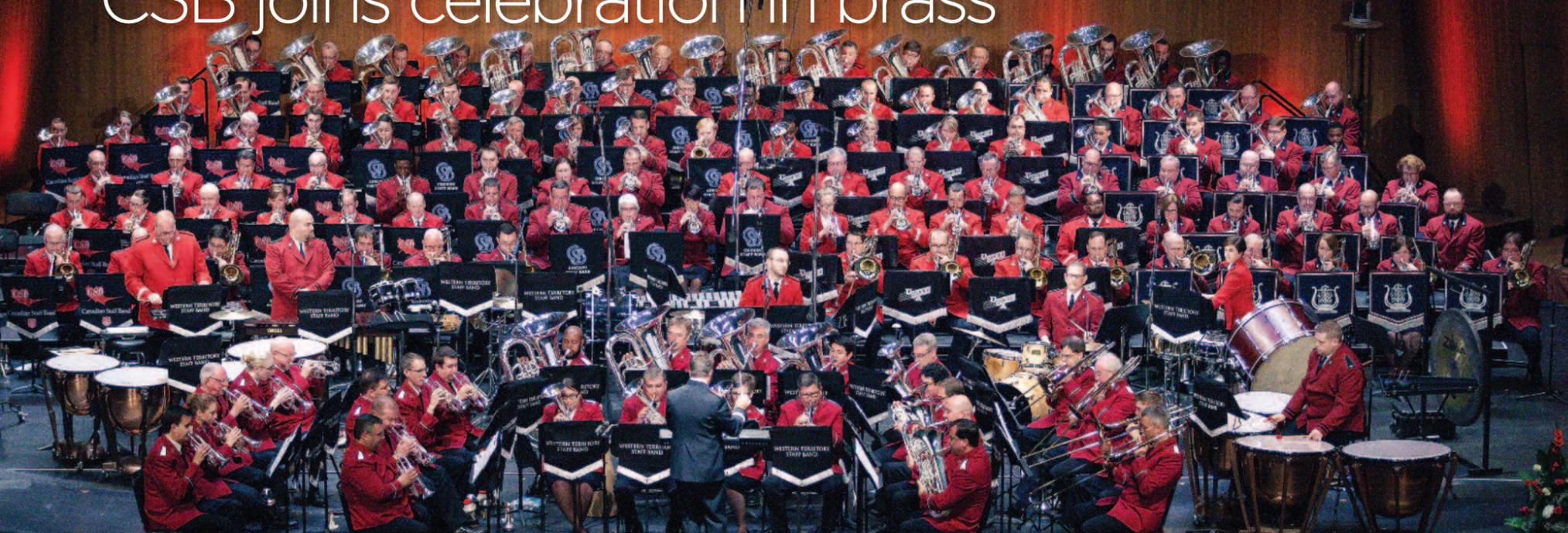
national policies with technological advancements.

A hallmark of Denise's service is mentoring and cultivating staff. Denise empowered two of her team members to launch a collaborative pilot with eight Minnesota corps and funding partner, the Otto Bremer Trust. She guided staff and utilized her influence to further the project's impact and linked universities and businesses to the projects. She knows her team well, recognizes and supports their talents and readily offers her abilities to reach a common goal.

Having grown up in The Salvation Army, Denise is sold out to the mission, but more importantly, she's sold out to Christ.

"Having a fundraiser who understands our essential goal of leading people to Christ completely transforms the fundraising atmosphere," said Debra Wilken, Northern divisional executive development director.

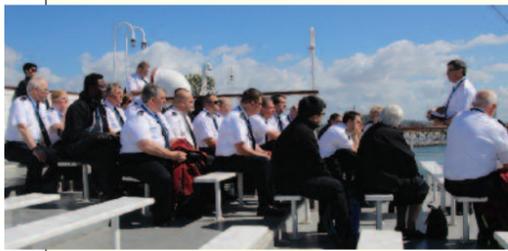
CSB joins celebration in brass



by Brian Allan

The Chicago Staff Band (CSB), New York Staff Band, Canadian Staff Band and Southern Territorial Band joined together in Long Beach, Calif., May 19 - 22 for the North American Brass Celebration with the Western Territory Staff Band in honor of their 10th anniversary.

It commenced with a Thursday evening banquet where new friends were made and old relationships rekindled. Commissioner James Knags, Western territorial commander, welcomed everyone and prayed a blessing on the festivities.



The next morning the CSB gathered for devotions with Colonel Jeffrey Smith, CSB executive officer, before entering into rehearsals that ran from 10:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. Many new works were written for the massed bands on this occasion and throughout the day composers shared their inspiration. A highlight was Colonel Robert Redhead's comments on his new arrangement of his song, "God is there," a reminder that even in the darkest circumstances God is with us.

Saturday began with several divisional youth bands from the West performing in front of the Long Beach Terrace Theater as people enjoyed lunch. By the sounds of it, the future of banding in the West is bright!

The afternoon featured each staff band with a solo set. The Canadian Staff Band opened with *Festival Prelude—Richmond* (Rowell). Its flourishes and big, glorious chords set the tone for a great day of music-making.

The CSB, led by Bandmaster Harold Burgmayer, presented a program featuring *Ascalon Remix* (arr. Burgmayer), *Blacklands* (Steadman-Allen/arr. Himes), and *A Rose in Winter* (Burgmayer), followed by the band singing *Grace*, an arrangement

of "Amazing Grace," in which various soloists sang phrases, building until the entire band moved to the front of the stage singing together. The emotional connection was so strong with the audience that many people commented it was their favorite piece of the weekend. There was an immediate segue into the CSB's final number: a premiere of *Chicago 1967*, Burgmayer's latest composition written for this occasion and featuring music of the rock band Chicago. With Lynda Cooper (flugelhorn) beautifully playing the melody to "Colour My World," the band took their seats and played this number featuring many favorite Chicago songs. Before the last chord ended, the audience was on their feet in appreciation.

Next up the New York Staff Band featured an old favorite, *My Strength, My Tower* (Goffin) played with proficiency during the fast parts and tenderness during the melodic sections. They were followed by the Southern Territorial Band who ended their set with Jim Curnow conducting his tone poem, *The Great Salvation War*. A well-executed *Purcell Variations* (Downie), performed by the Western Territory Staff Band, wrapped up the afternoon concerts.

That evening all five bands gathered on stage for the Gala Concert hosted by Bandmaster William Himes, who offered humor and insight into the music. The concert opened with the Western Territory Staff Band playing *The Roll Call* (Broughton) as the other four bands marched in and prepared for an evening of praising God. The massed bands' first selection, *They shall come from the North, South, East and West* (Larsson) introduced each band with one of their signature pieces, and on cue the CSB played the bluesy "Sweet Home Chicago." Other new works included *Jubilant Praise* (Curnow), *Shenandoah* (Gates) and *The Pilgrim's Progress*, a massive



work by Philip Wilby based on the hymn tune "A Pilgrim's Song" and book, *Pilgrim's Progress*, which included narration by Dr. Robert Docter. The evening also included *Crimond* (arr. Richards), *Evening Hymn* (arr. Steadman-Allen), *You Are Good* (arr. Burgmayer), *Salvation's Song* (Gordon), and *The Kingdom Triumphant* (Ball).

William Himes introduced his vocal number, *Jesus, Thou Art Everything to Me*, a common denominator of



staff bandmen which was magnified as all five bands joined together in proclaiming this belief.

On Sunday the five bands supported morning worship at area corps. The CSB ministered at Pasadena Tabernacle where they provided

much of the music. CSB secretary and trombonist Ron Shoults, who is retiring from the band, shared his testimony, and Commissioner Carol Seiler preached from Psalm 73. The service ended with a combined CSB and Pasadena Tabernacle Band surrounding the congregation while playing *God Be with You* (Gordon).

That afternoon looking sharp in their red festival tunics, the bands reunited for a march through Disneyland to proclaim the Good News.



Long Service Awards

We salute the following officers on their service milestones.

45 Years

Lt. Colonel Daniel Sjögren
Major Loren Carter
Major Cheryl Lawry

40 Years

Major James Garrington
Major Judith Garrington
Major Garry Lowder
Major Nancy Lowder
Major Christine Poff
Major Joseph Wheeler

35 Years

Commissioner Carol Seiler
Commissioner Paul R. Seiler
Lt. Colonel Susan Bukiewicz
Major Evie Diaz
Major Dale Hunt
Major Mary Hunt
Major Jean Manzella
Major Larry Manzella
Major Mark Martsolf
Major Teri Martsolf
Major Kjell Steinsland
Major Vicki Steinsland
Major Christie Van Zee
Major Kevin Van Zee
Major Michael Vogler

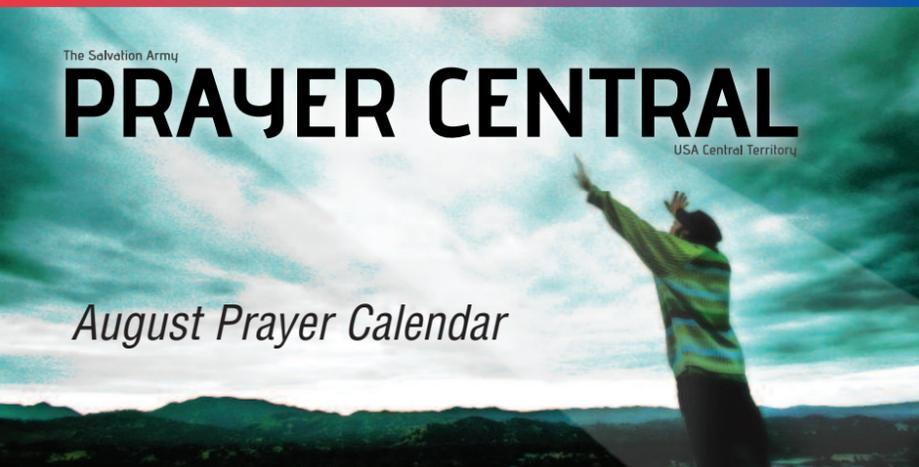


30 Years

Colonel Dorothy Smith
Colonel Jeffrey Smith
Major Jesse Collins
Major Kelly Collins
Major Elizabeth Cox
Major William Cox
Major Candy Curl
Major James Curl
Major Julie McDowell
Major Thomas McDowell
Major Byron Medlock
Major Elaine Medlock
Major Timothy Parker
Major Jeffrey Strickler
Major Mary Thomas
Major Michael Thomas

25 Years

Major Curtiss Hartley
Major Kathy Hellstrom
Major Randy Hellstrom
Major Dorene Jennings
Major Katrina Mathews
Major Kendall Mathews
Major Lori Meyer
Major Timothy Meyer
Major Timothy Miller
Major Greg Thompson
Major Lee Ann Thompson



My Prayer List	Day	Bible Reading	Pray for The Salvation Army
	1 Monday	Psalms 90-92	Des Moines Citadel, Iowa, Corps
	2 Tuesday	Proverbs 14-15	Cadillac, Mich., Corps
	3 Wednesday	Ezekiel 43-48	Green Bay, Wis., Corps
	4 Thursday	John 1-2	Flint, Mich., ARC*
	5 Friday	1 Thessalonians 4-5	Clinton, Iowa, Corps
	6 Saturday	Leviticus 25-27	National Seminar on Evangelism
	7 Sunday	1 Chronicles 1-4	Grandview Southland, Mo., Corps
	8 Monday	Psalms 93-95	SA Motorcycle Ministry (Sturgis, S.D.)
	9 Tuesday	Proverbs 16	Indiana DHQ**
	10 Wednesday	Daniel 1-6	Chicago Lawn, Ill., Corps
	11 Thursday	John 3-4	Central Music Institute
	12 Friday	2 Thessalonians	Carthage, Mo., Corps
	13 Saturday	Numbers 1-3	Duluth, Minn., Corps
	14 Sunday	1 Chronicles 5-9	Mali Region™
	15 Monday	Psalms 96-98	Des Moines Temple, Iowa, Corps
	16 Tuesday	Proverbs 17-18	College for Officer Training staff
	17 Wednesday	Daniel 7-12	Elkhart, Ind., Corps
	18 Thursday	John 5-6	Green Bay, Wis., Kroc Center Corps
	19 Friday	1 Timothy 1-3	Fort Wayne, Ind., ARC*
	20 Saturday	Numbers 4-6	Detroit Grandale, Mich., Corps
	21 Sunday	1 Chronicles 10-14	Major Violet & Capt. Dr. Felix Ezeh (Jamaica)™
	22 Monday	Psalms 99-101	"Messengers of the Gospel" Session of Cadets
	23 Tuesday	Proverbs 19	Danville, Ill., Corps
	24 Wednesday	Hosea 1-7	Evansville Fulton Ave., Ind., Corps
	25 Thursday	John 7-9	Hutchinson, Kan., Corps
	26 Friday	1 Timothy 4-6	Chicago Mayfair Community Church, Ill., Corps
	27 Saturday	Numbers 7-9	Fairmont, Minn., Corps
	28 Sunday	1 Chronicles 15-19	Fort Dodge, Iowa, Corps
	29 Monday	Psalms 102-104	"Joyful Intercessors" Session of Cadets
	30 Tuesday	Proverbs 20-21	Goshen, Ind., Corps
	31 Wednesday	Hosea 8-14	Hancock, Mich., Corps

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If you follow the prayer calendar during the year, you will have read through the Bible!
* = Adult Rehabilitation Center
** = Divisional Headquarters
PIM = Partners in Mission

Still boundlessly inspired

by Andrea Fields

It's been nearly a year since I attended the Boundless—the Whole World Redeeming International Congress, and I'm still applying what God taught and inspired me by our big global Salvation Army.



At the International Congress: Andrea, Major Marlys Anderson and Captains Julie Trapp and Bersabe Vera

My Farmington Hills, Mich., Corps fellow delegates were Robert and Ellen Dickman, Dianna Brown, Carolyn Green, Yvonne and Marty Mongeau and Major Marlys Anderson, our corps officer. The common thread between us became stronger during the congress; now we're closer than ever.

I was determined to attend every Boundless meeting session. The sessions were incredible. I was struck by the enormity of our soldiery and fell more wholly and completely in love with The Salvation Army and its people.

The Boundless experience revived my faith and made me realize there are not just a few scattered clusters of faithful Christians. Rather we are all a part of an active, vibrant and committed Army of believers. While in London, I especially enjoyed the many meaningful, spiritual conversations I had.

The experience has given me courage to share my faith more often. For example, I was able to lead a longtime corps volunteer in a prayer to accept Christ! Less than a month later she passed away. Her family was grateful for the support we gave them, and her husband was so captivated by the love of Christ he

experienced in the planning and execution of her memorial service at the Farmington Hills Corps, he's now volunteering in our food pantry in her place.

What a mighty God we serve!



Promoted to Glory

Major Robert Alfveby

Major Robert Alfveby was promoted to Glory on May 6, 2016. He was 91.

Robert was born to Herman and Florence Alfveby in St. Paul, Minn., where he grew up attending The Salvation Army. Being active in the corps and eventually taking on leadership roles, it became increasingly apparent to Robert he could only be happy in fulltime ministry.

Commissioned as an officer, Robert served in seven corps appointments before marrying Lt. Minnie Thies in 1951.

The Alfvebys served for 21 years as corps officers in the Central Scandinavian and Minnesota/Lake Superior Scandinavian divisions within the Scandinavian Department. In the fall of 1973 Robert attended the International College for Officers in London.

Several divisional appointments were followed by serving at territorial headquarters, where the major retired in 1989 as men's services bureau director and overseeing the correctional services program.

Robert is remembered as a talented musician who composed "The Goodness of God" and "My Grace is Sufficient for Thee." He and Minnie shared a music ministry at the Rockford Temple, Ill., Corps in retirement.

Robert was preceded in death by Minnie and his daughter, Laurie Ann Brundige. He is survived by his granddaughters Marissa, Elizabeth and Hayley.

Mrs. Major Carol Luhn

On May 8, 2016, Mrs. Major Carol Luhn was promoted to Glory. She was 84.

Carol was born on June 5, 1931, in Sault Ste. Marie, Mich., to Robert and Pansy Killackey. She spent her childhood involved at the Detroit Grandale, Mich., Corps.

Carol married the love of her life, Herbert Luhn, in her early twenties and enjoyed 63 years of marriage, which was blessed with five children. Together the Luhs served the Lord faithfully 42 years as officers. As corps officers they ministered in Wisconsin, Missouri and Michigan, and later they served in appointments at the Eastern Michigan Divisional Headquarters, the College for Officer Training and Central Territorial Headquarters (THQ).

In retirement the major continued to serve 13 years in Central correctional services at THQ.

Carol was well known for her gift of hospitality. She was an outstanding cook and loved to share her baked goods with friends and family—and the individual who needed encouragement. She also enjoyed traveling and spending time with her grandchildren.



Carol is survived by her husband; children Earl (Deb), Major Loreen (Jerry) Henderson, Major Collette (Robert) Webster, Paul (Peggy) and William (Shari); nine grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Commissioner Harold E. Shoults

Commissioner Harold E. Shoults was promoted to Glory on May 12, 2016.

Harold was born on March 6, 1929, in St. Louis, Mo., to Charles and Essie Shoults. The family came to the Army and were saved as a result of free music lessons offered by the Tower Grove, Mo., Corps, located across the street from their elementary school.

After high school Harold worked for the Union Electric Power Company but felt God's call to officership, entered training and was commissioned with the "Peacemakers" in 1949. Three years later he married Lt. Pauline (Polly) Cox.

The majority of Harold's officership was served in finance and business administration. In fact, his acumen was so well recognized that General Eva Burrows appointed him to chair an international committee to form a budget for International Headquarters as it separated from the British Territory.

After serving as territorial secretary for business administration and leading the Eastern Michigan Division, Harold was appointed as chief secretary for the Eastern Territory and then as national chief secretary. In 1989 he became Central territorial commander, the position from which he retired in 1994.

Music was a thread woven throughout Harold's life and he treasured the many years he played euphonium in the Chicago Staff Band. In retirement he played in the corps band at the Oakbrook Terrace, Ill., Corps.

The commissioner is remembered as a sterling Salvationist, with excellent business skills, a dedication to Bible study and love of family. He was respected for his integrity, fairness, kindness and generosity.

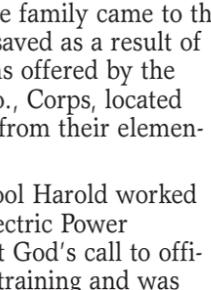
He is survived by his wife; children Gerry (Kathie), Ron (Carol), and Patricia (Roger) Polsley; eight grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren.

Major Patrick McPherson

Major Patrick McPherson was promoted to Glory on May 14, 2016. He was 70.

Patrick was born to Boyd and Doris McPherson in Kansas City, Kan., in 1946. After graduating from Wyandotte High School, he attended Kansas City Metropolitan Junior College.

He married Carmella Lambrecht in 1969. They were commissioned in 1972 with the "Lightbringers" session and during their 38 years of officer-



On the move

Effective June 29 unless otherwise noted

Adult Rehabilitation Centers Command

Majors John & Julie Aren, Add'l Appt.: Adms., Chicago Central, IL; **Majors Elmer & Michele Gamble**, Adms., Springfield, IL; **Majors Larry & Jean Manzella**, Adms., Southeast, MI; **Captain Robin & Lt. William Rutledge**, Special Services, ARCC; **Lts. Gregory & Holly Ehler**, Adms. in Training, Waukegan, IL; **Lt. Julie Tamayo**, Assoc. Officer for Women's Services, Grand Rapids, MI; **Lt. Patricia Williams**, Asst. Admin., Southeast, MI (Romulus Campus).

College for Officer Training

Major Brenda Herivel, Add'l Appt.: Adjunct Instructor; **Major Christine Poff**, Nutrition Officer; **Major Cindy Strickler**, Field Training Officer; **Major Jeffrey Strickler**, Asst. Director of Personnel.

Eastern Michigan Division

Major Louise & Lt. Karl Blessing, COs, Monroe, MI; **Captains Andrew & Melissa Shiels**, COs, Warren, MI; **Captain Julie Trapp**, Business Officer Trainee, DHQ.

Heartland Division

Major Kris Augenstein, Add'l Appts.: Community Care Ministries Secretary, Older Adults Ministries Secretary, Volunteer Services Director, DHQ; **Major Jesse Collins**, Add'l Appts.: Admin., Eagle Crest Camp & Retreat Center, Tri-County Coordinator, DHQ; **Major Anita & Captain Heath Sells**, COs, Peoria Citadel, IL; **Captain Dana Bigelow**, Divisional Youth Secretary, DHQ; **Captains Joshua & Rhegan Stansbury**, COs, Springfield, IL; **Captain Robert Whitney**, Divisional Secretary for Business, DHQ; **Captain Tammy Whitney**, Divisional Secretary for Program, Add'l Appts.: Moral and Ethical Issues Secretary, Officer Development Secretary, DHQ; **Lt. Jason Bigelow**, Divisional Youth Secretary, Add'l Appt.: Divisional Candidates' Secretary, DHQ; **Lts. Shane & Jeanette Jensen**, COs, Moline Heritage Temple, IL; **Lt. Timothy & A/Captain Peggy North**, COs, Iowa City, IA.

Indiana Division

Major Jolene Hull, Divisional Secretary for Program, Add'l Appt.: Women's Ministries Secretary, DHQ; **Major Kathy Wolfe**, Health Leave; **Major Michael Wolfe**, CO, Anderson, IN; **Captains Thomas & Cynthia Brockway**, COs, Richmond, IN; **Captains Dennis & Antonia Marak**, COs, Huntington, IN; **Captains Alex & Aimee Norton**, COs, Princeton, IN; **Lts. Michael & Erin Metzler**, Special Services, DHQ (pro tem pending new corps opening).

Kansas & Western Missouri Division

Major Darlene Harvey, Divisional Secretary for Program, Add'l Appts.: Multicultural Ministries Coordinator, Officer Development Secretary, DHQ; **Major David Harvey**, Divisional Secretary, Add'l Appts.: Men's Ministries Secretary, Metro Kansas City Area Coordinator, DHQ; **Major Janice Love**, CO, Kansas City Bellefontaine, MO; **Major Timothy Parker**, Divisional Secretary for Business, DHQ; **Majors Douglas & Janet Rowland**, Pastoral Care Officers, DHQ; **Major Judith Tekautz**, Women's Ministries Secretary, Add'l Appts.: Metro Kansas City Social Services Chaplain, Moral and Ethical Issues Secretary, DHQ; **Captain Deborah Thompson**, Asst. CO, Salina, KS; **Cadets Scott & Amy Hiser**, Corps Adms., Wichita West Orchard, KS.

ship served in nine corps appointments in Illinois, Michigan, Iowa and Wisconsin.

In 1990 Major Pat McPherson was appointed as Metropolitan divisional director of disaster services during which time a huge state-of-the-art disaster center was built. Helping people during disasters and sharing with them not only practical assistance but God's love and hope was a hallmark of the major's service.

He might be best known for founding and being the director of The Salvation Army Team Emergency Radio Network (SATERN). SATERN, which provides emergency communication and assistance, has played a vital role after many significant disasters like Hurricane Katrina and 9/11 and has grown to have an international membership of nearly 4,500.

The major is not only remembered for his calmness under pressure, always portraying Christ even in the most extraordinary circumstances, but also for his remarkable humility, humor and kindness.

He is survived by his wife, Carmella; brother Major Laurence (Judy); children Sean, Tara (Danny) Garcia, and Erin; five grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

Metropolitan Division

Major Margaret Hill, Social Services Chaplain, Winnebago County Coordinator's Office, Rockford, IL; **Major Karen Johnson**, Kroc Center Officer for Mission Integration, Chicago Kroc Center, IL; **Major Marc Johnson**, Senior Kroc Center Officer, Chicago Kroc Center, IL; **Major Mark Martsoff**, Winnebago County Coordinator, Rockford, IL, Add'l Appt.: CO, Rockford Temple, IL; **Major Teri Martsoff**, CO, Rockford Temple, IL; **Captain Barbara Owen**, Assoc. CO, Chicago Temple, IL; **Lt. Samantha Nolan**, Outreach Officer, Harbor Light Center, Divisional Ministries (effective Aug. 22); **Lt. A. J. Zachery**, Kroc Center Officer for Congregational Life, Add'l Appt.: Kroc Center Officer for Youth Development, Chicago Kroc Center, IL; **Envoy Tyrone Stagers**, Corps Admin., Harbor Light Center, Divisional Ministries.

Midland Division

Major Gail Aho, Urban Ministries Secretary, DHQ; **Major Jack Holloway**, Columbia/Jefferson City Business Admin., Columbia, MO; **Major Nancy Holloway**, Columbia/Jefferson City Area Coordinator, Columbia, MO; **Majors Jason & Carrie Polloom**, COs, Mattoon, IL; **Captain Jeff Carr**, Divisional Secretary for Business, DHQ; **Captain Valerie Carr**, Divisional Secretary for Program, DHQ; **Captain Donna Rose**, CO, Granite City, IL; **Lts. Jared & Tonia Collins**, Assoc. COs, Springfield, MO; **Lt. Shannon Forney**, CO, Chillicothe, MO; **Lt. Amanda Keene**, CO, St. Louis Maplewood, MO; **Lts. Will & Larisha Richardson**, COs, East St. Louis, IL; **Lts. Daniel & Claudia Simmons**, COs, Belleville, IL; **A/Captains Chuck & Dana Cook**, COs, Carthage, MO.

Northern Division

Lt. Colonel Patty Richardson, Add'l Appt.: Camp Admin., Northwoods Camp & Retreat Center, DHQ; **Majors Jonathan & Linda Fjellman**, COs, Mankato, MN; **Majors John & Faye Flanagan**, COs, Bismarck, ND; **Major Beverly Gates**, Divisional Secretary for Business, DHQ; **Major Noel Mason**, Twin Cities Chaplain, DHQ; **Major Rose Mason**, Older Adult Ministries Director, Add'l Appt.: Twin Cities Chaplain, DHQ; **Captains Marion & Rhonda Moore**, COs, Williston, ND; **Captains Michael & Cynthia Parker**, COs, St. Cloud, MN; **Lt. Jessica Martinez Regalado**, CO, Minneapolis Central, MN.

Western Division

Majors James & Elizabeth Beardsley, Add'l Appts.: COs, Des Moines Temple, IA; **Major Normalene Daniels**, CO, Kearney, NE; **Majors Dale & Mary Hunt**, COs, Aberdeen, SD; **Major Nathan Johnson**, Add'l Appt.: CO, Rapid City, SD; **Major Donna Miller**, CO, Council Bluffs, IA; **Captain Janelle Cleaveland**, CO, Mason City, IA; **Captains Ronald & Carol Cook**, Special Services, DHQ (pro tem until Oct. 1 retirement); **Captains Rick & Melody Hamelund**, COs, Fort Dodge, IA; **Captain Stephen Hansen**, CO, Fremont, NE; **Captains Nathan & Michele Harms**, Special Services, DHQ (pro tem pending new corps opening); **Lt. Crystal Sherack**, Asst. CO, Rapid City, SD; **Lt. Jessica Smith**, Asst. CO, Des Moines Temple, IA; **A/Captain Michelle Johnson**, CO, Rapid City, SD, Add'l Appt.: Black Hills Area Special Services, Rapid City, SD.

Western Michigan & Northern Indiana Division

Majors Tim & Sally Sell, COs, Goshen, IN; **Majors Kevin & Christie Van Zee**, COs, Battle Creek, MI; **Major Angela Wandling**, Kroc Center Officer for Mission Integration, Add'l Appt.: Kroc Center Officer for Youth Development, South Bend Kroc Center, IN; **Major Monty Wandling**, Senior Kroc Center Officer, Add'l Appt.: Kroc Center Officer for Congregational Life, South Bend Kroc Center, IN; **Majors David & Marina Womack**, COs, Benton Harbor, MI; **Lts. Johnny & Kerry Bartsch**, COs, Michigan City, IN; **Lt. Taylor Brutto**, Kroc Center Officer for Mission Integration, Add'l Appt.: Kroc Center Officer for Youth Development, Grand Rapids Kroc Center, MI; **Lt. William Brutto**, Senior Kroc Center Officer, Add'l Appt.: Kroc Center Officer for Congregational Life, Grand Rapids Kroc Center, MI; **Lt. Dalvius King**, Add'l Appt.: Multicultural Ministries Coordinator, DHQ.

Wisconsin & Upper Michigan Division

Major Allen Hanton, CO, Kenosha, WI; **Majors Jeffery & Debra Richardson**, COs, La Crosse, WI; **Major Carla Voeller**, Dane County Special Services Director, Madison, WI, Add'l Appt.: CO, Madison Temple, WI; **Major Gregory Voeller**, Dane County Coordinator, Madison, WI, Add'l Appt.: CO, Madison Temple, WI; **Lts. Jasen & Kimberly Elcombe**, COs, Superior, WI; **A/Captains Douglas & Kimberly Winters**, COs, Marquette, MI, with responsibility for Ishpeming, MI.

Territorial Headquarters

Major Jennifer Woodard, Assoc. Secretary, Multicultural Ministries; **Major Steven Woodard**, Secretary, Multicultural Ministries; **Captain Mary Kim**, Territorial Youth Secretary.

Out of Territory

Major Philip Davison, Director of Academic Studies, College for Officer Training, Canada and Bermuda Territory (effective July 1); **Major Michael McKee**, Asst. to the National Secretary for Salvation Army World Service Office (SAWSO); **Major Ruth McKee**, Asst. to the Secretary for Business Administration, National Headquarters; **Captain Enrique Azuaje**, Miami Area Commander, USA Southern Territory (effective June 20); **Captain Nancy Azuaje**, Assoc. Miami Area Commander, USA Southern Territory (effective June 20); **Captains Jeremy & Rachel Stouder**, COs, Peterborough Citadel, United Kingdom Territory with the Republic of Ireland (effective July 14).

Retirements

July 1: **Commissioners Barry & Sue Swanson**; **Majors Loren & Janice Carter**; **Majors David & Bonnie Clark**; **Majors Emmanuel & Colleen Michaud**; **Majors Richard & Beth Trimmell**.

September 1: **Lt. Colonels Robert & Nancy Thomson**; **Majors Lee & Melody Morrison**.

October 1: **Captains Ronald & Carol Cook**

CO/COs = Corps Officer(s)

DHQ = Divisional Headquarters