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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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Grand Rapids Kroc celebrates transformations

by Jon Shaner and T. J. VanSlooten

This year The Salvation Army Ray and Joan Kroc Corps Community Center in Grand Rapids, Mich., is highlighting stories of participants who have experienced transformations in order to remind staff, guests and the community of the impact the Kroc Center can have.

The brainchild of Lts. Bill and

Taylor Brutto, who lead the Grand Rapids Kroc Center, "Be Transformed" is based on the idea everyone can change their lives with God's help and support from people who care.

"We wanted to promote a more holistic type of wellness," said Lt. Bill Brutto, senior Kroc officer. "It's about understanding that mind, body and spirit are all interconnected."

In the winter program guide, the Kroc Center started including stories of individuals who said their lives had been changed. Reaction was so positive the stories then were shared via videos on social media and in mailings to local homes. "Be Transformed" also became a series

of sermons that culminated on Easter Sunday with the ultimate story of transformation made possible through Christ's death and resurrection.

Lt. Taylor Brutto, Kroc center officer for mission integration and youth



development, said, "I love how this campaign applies to mission integration and the overall mission of The Salvation Army to save and change lives. Most people at the Kroc come just to exercise, play or attend church, but we want everyone to know those things don't have to stay in separate little boxes."

The Bruttos make a conscious effort to lead by example, working out at the Kroc frequently. They also have challenged the congregation to participate in the Daniel Plan, a faith-based nutrition and exercise program.

Success stories featured during

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Lts. Taylor and Bill Brutto



Conference refines men's walk with Christ

by Major Curtiss A. Hartley

One of the definitions of a crucible is "a place or situation in which different elements interact to produce something new." And that's

exactly what more than 850 men from the Midwest experienced earlier this year at the Territorial Men's Conference themed, "Refiner's Fire."

Guest speaker Phil Tuttle, president and CEO of Walk Thru the Bible, urged the men to use the weekend to take stock of their walk with Christ. He said every man needs to have a crucible-like experience. He likened it to a Marine recruit who, at the end of his or her basic training, is put through a 36-hour endurance hike with no sleep and then earns the title of U.S. Marine.

During five sessions Phil used vignettes from King

David's life in the Old Testament to show the difference between man's way and God's way. "Truth trumps circumstances every time!" exclaimed Phil. He challenged the men to value God's judgment over man's in all circumstances.

In order for delegates to engage in the Bible study each session and to continue in their spiritual growth after returning home, Major Robert Gauthier, territorial men's ministries secretary, arranged for each man to receive a Bible. "I was touched when one man told me he'd never had a

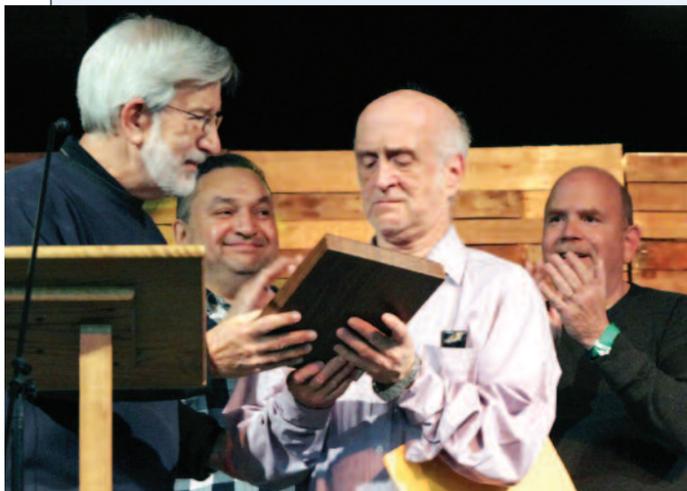


Major Robert Gauthier

Bible of his own," said the major.

The weekend was not only filled with inspiring teaching but great fellowship opportunities, including recreation like basketball, volleyball, rock wall climbing, ping pong and pool at the Lake Williamson Conference Center in Carlinville, Ill. A couple dozen runners braved

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Territorial Commander Commissioner Paul R. Seiler recognizes Terry Seydel as Man of the Year.

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Appointment changes announced

The following changes of appointment in the Central Territory are effective June 28, 2017, unless otherwise noted:

Lt. Colonel Renea Smith, currently Assistant Territorial Secretary for Personnel, will become Territorial Secretary for Personnel, effective July 1, 2017.

Major Cherri Hobbins, currently Principal at the College for Officer Training, will become Territorial Pastoral Care Secretary designate until December 1, 2017.

Majors Brian and Lesa Davis, currently Corps Officers at the Norridge Citadel, Ill., Corps, will become Training Principal and Director of Campus Services, respectively, at the College for Officer Training.



Lt. Colonel Renea Smith



Major Cherri Hobbins



Majors Brian and Lesa Davis

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the early morning chill on Saturday for a 5K run, and about 30 men joined in a round of golf.

In the meetings powerful personal testimonies were shared and worship was led by Ronnie Murchison's praise band which compelled men to lift their hands and shout hallelujahs. Ronnie slipped easily between singing in English and Spanish, encouraging the men to learn and understand the praises in another language as well as their own. Also during the meetings Terry Seydel from the Davenport River Valley, Iowa, Adult Rehabilitation Center was named Man of the Year, and the Petoskey, Mich., Corps Men's Club was recognized as Men's Fellowship Club of the Year.

The Saturday morning session held an especially poignant moment when Major Gauthier asked the men to sing, "It is well with my soul." Earlier, Major Mark Martsof, who provided one-man dramas for each session, had depicted the experience of Horatio Spafford who penned the song's words after losing his four daughters at sea.

Territorial Commander Commissioner Paul R. Seiler



Phil Tuttle

wrapped up the weekend with an encouragement for the men not just to be hearers of the Word but doers, taking to heart the lessons from David's life.



Major Mark Martsof

Grand Rapids Kroc

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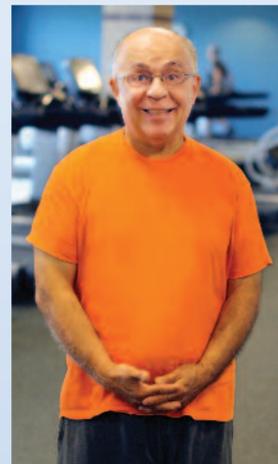
the "Be Transformed" campaign include:

- A woman who credits Kroc personal training with helping her lose weight, control cholesterol and complete multiple 5K runs and walks;
- A teen, who overcame a near-drowning experience as a child, learning how to swim through lessons at the center;
- A Christian missionary family who use the Kroc scholarship program to be able to provide wellness opportunities for their three kids;
- A young man who grew in faith and learned responsibility by becoming a teen leader at Camp Kroc summer day camp.



Steps to continue the campaign's success include a podcast led by Lt. Taylor Brutto, as well as a blog on the Kroc Center's website, GrKrocCenter.org.

"We never could have imagined how people would embrace this," concluded Lt. Bill. "Our members enjoy stories about their friends and neighbors, and our Kroc Krew loves to see people reach their goals because it means we can all celebrate that transformation together as God works in our lives."



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Building a great men's fellowship

The Salvation Army in the Philippines

A shared fellowship

It might surprise you to learn that Champaign, Ill., which is surrounded by farmland communities and known for the University of Illinois at Champaign-Urbana, is now part of what's called the "Silicon Prairie," an explosion of startup software companies in America's heartland.

Another fact that might cause a double take is the Champaign Corps' growing fellowship of Congolese immigrants. It began in October 2011 when Wilfried Wila, who'd been a teacher at a Salvation Army sec-

ondary school in Kinshasa, Democratic Republic of Congo, immigrated to the U.S. and came to Champaign, where a community of Congolese families was growing.

Champaign Corps Sergeant-major Shell Thornton received a call from a friend who told her about Wilfried and his family. She made arrangements to pick them up that Sunday morning. She also pulled out her high school French book, as English is the fourth language of many newly arrived Congolese. She began prepar-

ing the Sunday bulletin in French to help overcome the language barrier. In November of that year Alphonse Ndonzoau, a teacher at the same Army school in Kinshasa, joined Wilfried in Champaign and became involved in the corps as well.

After getting acclimated to their new country, in 2012 both men approached Major Tom McDowell, newly appointed to Champaign, to discuss becoming soldiers. He secured from Canada training materials and Soldiers' Covenants in French to help make it possible.

As more families arrived and began to attend the corps, Wilfried arranged English as a Second Language (ESL) classes to be hosted at the corps. The classes are now

taught by Wilfried, Alphonse and two men who formerly worked at the U.S. embassy in Kinshasa as translators, Abay Mamadou and Aaron Loni. Wilfried made a connection with Altrusa International of Champaign-Urbana, and member Sheri Langendorf secured a grant to purchase English grammar textbooks for the ESL classes.

So many Congolese are attending these classes that Wilfried explained, "Before, no one in the Congolese community knew where the church [corps building] was. They knew where the Red Shield Center was. Now, they know where the building is and that it is a church."

The corps family has warmly embraced the new immigrants. Each week during worship at the Champaign Corps a song, a reading, prayer, small-group singing and even preaching are offered up to God in French or Lingala. Recently, the wedding of Kennedy Lifenya and Ketty Makondolo was celebrated by the corps family and the larger Congolese community. The joy expressed on this occasion captures the desire of all the corps people for God to be glorified in their shared fellowship.



Corps Sergeant-major Shell Thornton and Wilfried Wila

Where the heart is

The Filipino ministry in the Eastern Michigan (EMI) Division is celebrating its fifth anniversary. The ministry continues to be led by its founders, Majors Romeo and Evelyn Alip, and resides at the Farmington Hills, Mich., Corps. The Alips also serve as multicultural ministries coordinators and associate corps officers with Major Marlys Anderson.

Almost 60 Filipinos attend a monthly worship service that's also attended by corps members. Several Filipinos also attend the corps' weekly services. Filipino women's ministries are held on Sunday afternoons, and six of the women attend the corps' midweek meetings.

The Alips also meet the spiritual and physical needs of people from several other cultures attending the corps or living in the community, including Syrian refugees. Among the corps' outreach ministries is a hula dance performance group that has appeared at a variety of regional



Majors Romeo and Evelyn Alip

cultural events as well as at Salvation Army functions.

The Salvation Army Philippine American Fellowship, one of 42 Filipino social groups in the Detroit area, attracts 100 or more people to special events and ministry outreaches at the corps. The Alips and corps members attend other cultural gatherings to invite people to the corps. In recent months these have included a Mexican festival, an international women's tea and Laotian festival for which the hula group performed and a parade-of-nations. Additionally, Major Romeo was invited to address an international summit.

The Filipino ministry began in 2012 with the vision of Colonel Dennis Strissel, then EMI divisional commander, to reach the more than 2,000 Filipinos living in the Detroit area. He invited the Alips, retired divisional leaders from the Philippines Territory who he'd met as territorial commander in Ghana, to start the work.



The Filipino ministry's hula dance group with Majors Alip

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-EPHESIANS 4:16 (NIV)

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PATHWAY OF HOPE

Partnering for success

A strong network of partnerships is an essential component to the success of Pathway of Hope (POH), the initiative utilized by corps and centers to help families break the intergenerational cycle of poverty. These relationships with state, federal and community agencies, local businesses, charities, schools and churches have proven invaluable in expanding the scope of what can be offered to help families stabilize their lives. In fact, they are as integral to the initiative's success as its foundational social service and pastoral components.

Al Rolph and Lisa Winkler, POH case managers at the Oshkosh, Wis., Corps, said the local partnerships they've developed have benefited POH families through a better understanding of what services are available. A key partnership is with the "HUB of Oshkosh," a centralized association of social service organizations. HUB partner clients can more easily get their needs met through a one-stop intake process. With clients' permission, information can be shared between partner agencies so clients don't have to keep repeating their stories.



Lisa Winkler (l), Pathway of Hope case manager at the Oshkosh Corps, assists a client with paperwork.



Angel (l) successfully met her goals with support from Sara Large, Pathway of Hope case manager at the Council Bluffs, Iowa, Corps.

In turn, The Salvation Army receives POH client referrals from other agencies.

"Our partnership with HUB helps us provide seamless service for our POH families," reported Al and Lisa, who've also partnered with a domestic abuse shelter, two specialized social service agencies, county human services and the St. Vincent de Paul and Second Chance thrift stores. "POH has been a great endeavor for us in helping families set and meet goals to improve their situations."

Oshkosh Corps Officer Captain Donald Karl said, "I'm so pleased with POH. [Before] it was a revolving door; clients would have one crisis dealt with, then come in again when another arose. Now we can meet today's crisis and prevent future ones as we help them understand the underlying causes."

Sara Large, POH case manager at the Council Bluffs, Iowa, Corps, said The Salvation Army has formed partnerships to obtain services it doesn't



Oshkosh Corps Officer Captain Donald Karl and Case Managers Lisa Winkler and Al Rolph

offer and to be able to enroll more families through referrals.

Mutually beneficial partnerships include the Human Service Advisory Council, through which Sara found a single-parent support group for a mother; STAR Scholars, which provides aid to parents going back to school who may need help finding childcare, employment, housing or other services; the Iowa State University Extension, which provides classes to help families manage their finances; Southwest Iowa Mental Health and Disability Services, which refers parents on parole from prison for POH support, and a family development program that refers families who've lost state benefits but aren't fully sufficient. Other partners include Iowa Legal Aid, Heartland Family Services, Boys Town, Boys and Girls Club, county social services, a home health service, two housing programs, at least three shelters and a crisis line.

Sara recently helped Angel, a single mother of three, transition from a family shelter to her own apartment. Through POH, she learned to budget her expenses and was able to arrange a payment system with the landlord for her security deposit. She even redeemed her computer from a pawnshop.

"I think POH works out great for families. Being that it's voluntary I think families who enroll are having more success because it's something they really want to do," Sara concluded.

Awards

We congratulate the latest locations to earn achievement and outstanding awards in the Pathway of Hope initiative.

Achievement

Decatur, Ill.
Terre Haute, Ind.
St. Paul Citadel, Minn.
Traverse City, Mich.
Oshkosh, Wis.

Outstanding

Fond du Lac, Wis.

To be eligible for the achievement award, corps must demonstrate evidence of team efforts, including pastoral care, to address identified needs of POH families; show success in enhancing community partnerships and/or establishing new collaborative relationships with other agencies; have at least 10 enrolled families who've completed one or more of their goals during the fiscal year; show congregational involvement with POH families; and have had a basic social services program evaluation completed within the past two years with action plans successfully addressed.

For the outstanding award, corps must first have received the achievement award, have created at least one additional replicable and sustainable service to corps operations to address needs of POH families, and have been recognized by their division for particular excellence in team and community work.

Moving forward

When Andrew moved to Cedar Rapids, Iowa, after participating in Pathway of Hope (POH) at the Marshalltown, Iowa, Corps, he sought out the Cedar Rapids Corps to continue his journey with the initiative.

Meeting with Susanne Hoppes, the corps' POH case manager, Andrew was frank about his history of substance abuse, incarceration, rehabilitation and a breakup that left him with two children to rear on his own. But, he also talked about the progress he'd made to reach his goals while enrolled in POH in Marshalltown and his desire to move forward.

Andrew and his children were living at a shelter in Cedar Rapids; he had no job, no money and no real strategy, but he had an idea of where he wanted go in life. He just needed an action plan and the support network to get there. Andrew knew it wouldn't be easy but was willing to work hard.

Besides getting his children enrolled in school, immediate goals were determined to be housing, transportation and employment. A housing agency that The Salvation Army had partnered with for POH helped Andrew complete his first goal, and his family now lives across the street from the children's school!

Not having a vehicle made getting around town tough on the family; Cedar Rapids' limited public transit system can take up to two hours to reach some destinations, said Susanne, who arranged transportation for Andrew to visit other partner agencies. One day he mentioned how difficult it was to just bring a week's worth of groceries home on the bus. Susanne took him grocery shopping so he could buy enough food to



Andrew (r) is congratulated on his accomplishment by Jay Curley, Pathway of Hope regional coordinator in the Heartland Division.

last a few weeks then nominated him to receive a refurbished car sponsored by a contingent of POH partners. Each year they provide not only a reliable vehicle for a family in need but groceries, gas cards and a year's worth of car insurance. The vehicle made it much easier for Andrew to obtain employment, thereby accomplishing his immediate goals.

Majors Paul and Barbara Logan, corps officers, provided pastoral care to Andrew and his children, as did Susanne and several men from the corps who connected with Andrew. As a result, the family is attending the corps for worship and children's activities!

Susanne concluded, "POH enabled the corps to bring love and care to this family—providing resources, emotional support and encouragement—while bathing them in prayer."

Session ready for service

by Major Cherri Hobbins
Principal, College for Officer Training

Forming the heads, hearts and hands of cadets into spiritual muscle has been the mission of training officers since the first training garrison was established in London in 1880. At first, General William Booth was against the formation of any kind of educational system for officers as he wanted them to be ready for spiritual battle not intellectual sparring. It was the insistent urging of Commissioner George Scott Railton that won the day, coupled with the Founder's insistence that any training program would be formed as a battle school with lessons taught and then put into practice on the field.



2. Teach the outlines of Bible history and doctrine, with something of reading, writing and spelling;
3. Give some instruction in house-to-house visitation, street work, indoor meetings and all the measures peculiar to the Army;
4. Give some instruction in home and personal habits;
5. Seek to develop, encourage, and confirm the uttermost devotion to God, and of self-sacrifice for the salvation of men."

While the time training officers has gone from a few weeks to 22 months, the battle school motif has been retained at the College for Officer Training (CFOT).

The "Joyful Intercessors" session completed 83 credit hours of classroom instruction in administration, Bible, business, counseling, ethics, evangelism, hermeneutics (scripture interpretation), homiletics (sermon preparation), Salvationism and social work (including Pathway of Hope). CFOT officers have worked diligently to help cadets develop their heads—with knowledge and intellect.

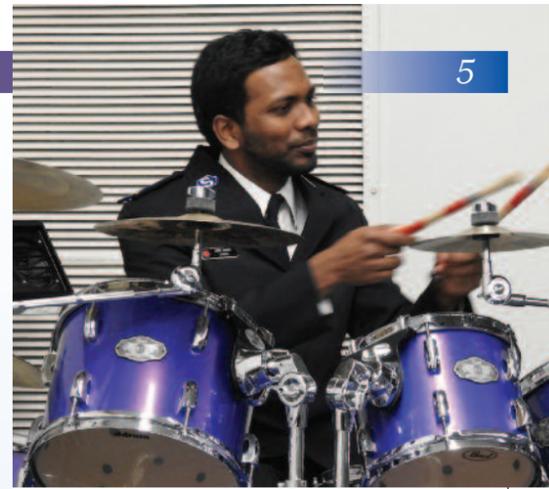
The session completed 34 credit hours of field training experience. They worked as a brigade in their first year, visiting a variety of corps and institutions on Sundays. As a single cadet or as a married couple, they ministered in corps during the summer and at Christmas. They participated in a corps internship their second year. Their field training has allowed them to take lessons learned in the classroom and apply them to the work of officership. CFOT offi-

cers and hundreds of officers serving in field appointments have helped cadets develop their hands with necessary skills.

The cadets also developed their hearts while at the CFOT. Each was paired with a staff officer for discipleship and spiritual formation. For two years they met weekly in each other's homes or at coffee shops or on long walks to develop their inner lives.

Spiritual formation took place during worship on Spiritual Days and in Morning Prayers. Cadets also formed small interest groups to explore development of their spirit in unique ways.

Last Sunday the campus family gathered with members of the



Territorial Cabinet for a Covenant Service. During this meeting, each Joyful Intercessor knelt at the altar to sign their sacred covenant with the Lord. They promised to love and serve Him supremely...to live to win souls as the first purpose of their lives...to care for the poor, feed the hungry, clothe the naked, love the unlovable, and befriend those who have no friends. In this, a convergence of the shaping of heads, hearts and hands has resulted in lives ready for service.

Today, the "Joyful Intercessors" have walked across the stage twice: once to be ordained and commissioned as officers and then to receive their first appointments. We thank God for calling each one to Salvation Army service and for equipping him or her to do the work that is required of an officer.



Toward the end of 1880, William Booth wrote an article for *The War Cry* announcing the character and practice of training officers. He wrote: "In these Homes we propose to:

1. Test the genuineness of the candidate;



True to our name

by Lt. Zachary Zumwalt

It's been said the meaning of a child's name will come to fruition in their lives. Their personalities and attributes will somehow point to their name's meaning. It's no different for our session called "Joyful Intercessors." I've never met a group of people as joyful and exuberant. I also have never known people so willing to drop everything to intercede on someone's behalf. "Joyful Intercessors" fits this group to a T and I believe will serve us well in our officership.

We are aware officership will be hard. We expect long hours, a great need for pastoral care, competing responsibilities and even opposition and trials, and that as we face these we'll be far from family and friends. We are aware of a drastic decline in church attendance and that sometimes officers leave the work. But we also are aware of God's never-ending, all-powerful, omniscient presence and faithfulness. So, we are ready.

Living with my sessionmates for two years, I have glimpsed what our ministries with you will look like. We will cry and laugh with you, even get up in the middle of the night to be by your side. We will cook meals from many cultures to satisfy your hunger and provide fellowship to satisfy your soul. We'll open our homes to watch football, play video games or just relax with you. But we'll also push you to walk passionately with Jesus. I expect there will be many heartfelt conversations about Jesus over a Frappuccino. And though we love sweets, we won't sugarcoat the gospel. We'll preach it for all we're worth.

We understand what it's like to be



judged, to be looked down upon because of race, gender or religion. So, expect us to come with loving hearts and judgment far from our minds. That's not our job. Instead, we want to get to know and understand you. We want to build relationships and show Jesus to everyone, even to those whose lifestyles we may not agree with. But because of the gospel, we can't leave people in a state of chaos and destruction. We have experienced the saving grace of Jesus and want everyone to know it as well. It's what we are called to do.

Believe me when I tell you we're ready—not because we feel ready or our ministry won't last. But we're ready because the Holy Spirit will guide us and Christ is our companion. We are ready to serve God, true to our name, joyfully.

Joyful Intercessors at a glance

31 CADETS COMMISSIONED

AVERAGE AGE **35**

GENERATION SALVATIONIST: 1st-22, 2nd-5, 3rd-1, 4th-2, 5th-1, 6th-1

16 were dedicated in The Salvation Army

21 were converted in The Salvation Army

13 were corps cadets

4 have officer parents

2 are former Armed Services personnel

8 LANGUAGES SPOKEN
English, Spanish, Polish, Lao, Telugu, Tamil, Hindi, American Sign Language

13 COLLEGE DEGREES
3 master's degrees
5 associates or certificates

24 number of children at the CFOT for this session

New lieutenant appointments



Lieutenant Kenneth Alip
Corps Officer
Brown County, IN



Lieutenant Kendra Amick
Corps Officer
Niles, MI



Lieutenant Natalie Austin
Associate Corps Officer
Waterloo-Cedar Falls, IA



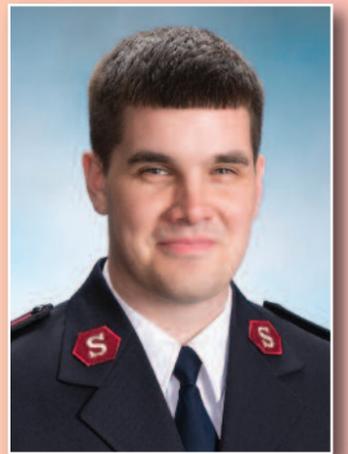
Lieutenant Elizabeth Ayala
Assistant Corps Officer
Kearney, NE



Lieutenants Clayton & Haleigh Bledsoe
Assistant Corps Officers
Milwaukee (Citadel), WI



Lieutenant Carmon Camp
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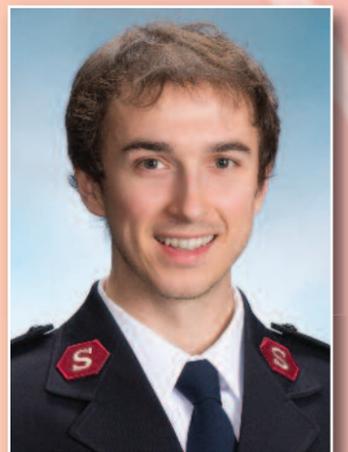
Lieutenants Joseph & Pamela Gates
Assistant Corps Officers
Des Moines (Temple), IA



Lieutenant Mylie Hadden
Corps Officer
Pittsburg, KS



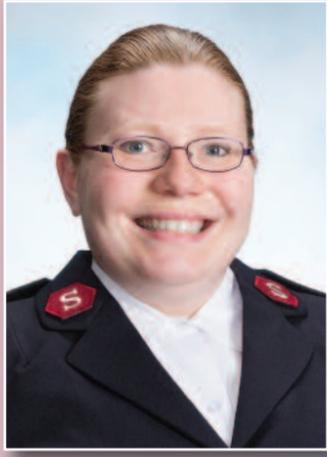
Lieutenants Scott & Amy Hiser
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Wichita (West Orchard), KS



**Lieutenant Jakub Kocyan
(with Lieutenant Kirsten Kocyan)**
Corps Officers
Mt. Clemens, MI



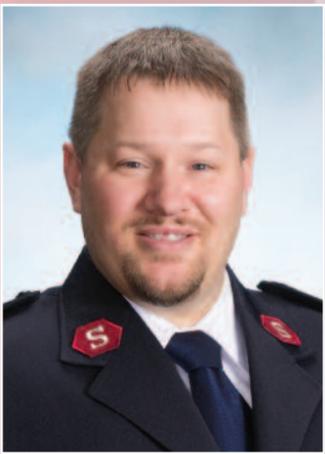
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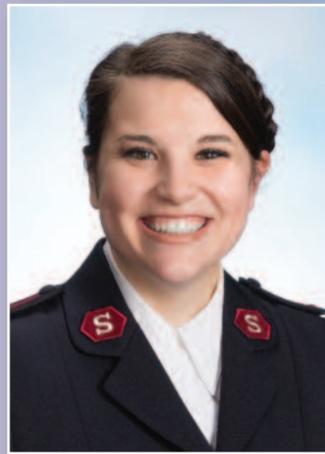
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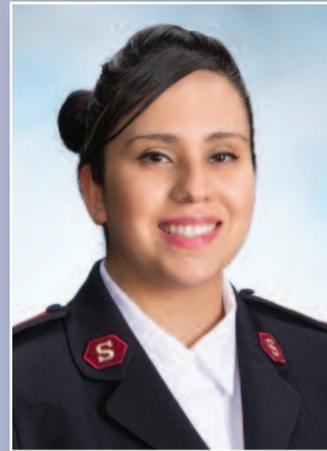
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Corps Officers
Lawrence, KS



Lieutenant Edward Williams
Assistant Corps Officer
Bloomington, IL



Lieutenant Zachary Zumwalt
(with Lieutenant Karissa Zumwalt)
Corps Officers
Watertown, SD

The hope of intercessory ministry

From Commissioner Carol Seiler's charge to the new lieutenants

It is clear to us, friends, that God not only loves you very much but also has put his hand on you for something special. When the Message we preached came to you, it wasn't just words. Something happened in you. The Holy Spirit put steel in your convictions." I Thess. 1:3-5 (*The Message*)

This is intercessory ministry to which you are called. It is not soft but profoundly challenging. The power of sharing hope is more than "just words"; the Holy Spirit must put "steel in your convictions."

Old Testament scholar and author Walter Brueggemann describes three urgent prophetic tasks for the Church's ministry today as reality, grief and hope.

Reality is the jarring



When futurist Bob Johansen spoke to the National Advisory Board in April, he said one of society's huge challenges 10 years from now will be the number of youth digitally connected yet hopeless. He identified "hope," with all its theological and practical elements, as the most important "commodity" The Salvation Army will offer in the next decade.



truth of the gospel, the challenge of working the Word of God into the world in which we live. Jesus said, "You have heard it said...but I say to you..."

In the midst of even cruel reality, we are asked to stay faithful. Habakkuk 3:17-18 (GNT): "Even though the fig trees have no fruit and no grapes grow on the vines, even though the olive crop fails and the fields produce no grain, even though the sheep all die and the cattle stalls are empty, I will still be joyful and glad because the Lord God is my savior."

Then we find grieving when reality is faced. Walking alongside grief is one of the hardest steps in intercession. Keep close to God at this time. Listen and hear the pain, anger and grief in our communities facing reality. Ministry encounters grief.

Nehemiah wept when he heard of Jerusalem's destruction. "To sit down and weep is to let the loss flow over one. It is complete acknowledgement without denial. It is, moreover, on the basis of that full disclosure of loss that Nehemiah promptly can take a new action for the future and recruit

In *Keeping Hope Alive* Lewis Smedes writes about the relationship between faith and political change. He says, "Slaves do not break their chains because they are slaves; they break their chains when they find hope that they do not have to be slaves anymore."



the resources of the empire toward rebuilding." (p. 68, *Reality, Grief, Hope: Three Urgent Prophetic Tasks*, Brueggemann) You will weep for and with your people, not as one without faith but as one who shares grief.

Our ministry of hope is not an *illusion* of consolation in a hurting world. Brueggemann notes, "Religiously serious persons do not seek and do not find consolation in their faith. Rather, they find realism about their cir-

cumstance in which **they linger with courage** and in which **they practice their faith in God.**"

Intercession must move to the resolution of reality and grief in the form of hope. Christians have the hope of a new creation, the hope of a new Jerusalem, the hope of the body of Christ coming together, and "having



been justified by his grace...the hope of eternal life." (Titus 3:7, NIV)

Facing reality with endurance, lingering with courage during grief, and practicing faith with hope in and through God becomes a deeply joyful intercessory ministry—the "steel of your convictions."

Again from Brueggemann (p. 119), "In the midst of near-despair, the prophetic task is to articulate hope, the prospect of fresh historical possibility assured by God's good governance of the future."

New lieutenants, Joyful Intercessors, bring hope to the next generation. A practical hope. In doing so, as Peter Drucker says, you will see the opportunity not the problem, aim high to make a difference rather than aiming safely and easily, and pick the future over the past.



Cadet summer assignments



Members of the "Messengers of the Gospel" session will serve in the following corps and adult rehabilitation centers (ARC) this summer:

Rachel Aren
Makayla Broer
Jennifer Davidson
Amanda and Brian Hoscheit
Jack Huffman
Aaron Johnson
Kenneth Jones
Derek and Heather Jung
Kristen and Robert Key
Jenny Moffitt
Christopher Nicolai
Robert Owen
Scott Parnell
Amanda Passmore
Jennifer and Scott Ruse
Kaylie Thomas
Alisha and Nathan Welch

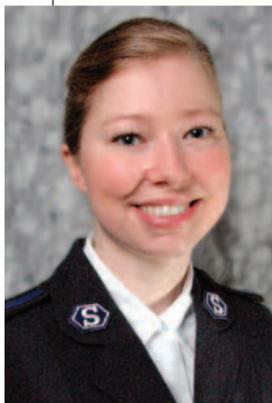
Minneapolis Central, Minn., Corps
Granite City, Ill., Corps
Hillsdale, Mich., Corps
Kirkville, Mo., Corps
Chicago North Side, Ill., ARC
Sault Ste. Marie, Mich., Corps
Harbor Light Center, Chicago, Ill., Corps
Omaha Citadel, Neb., Corps
Farmington Hills, Mich., Corps
Oak Creek, Wis., Corps
Battle Creek, Mich., Corps
Chicago Temple, Ill., Corps
Springfield, Ill., Corps
Salina, Kan., Corps
Kalamazoo, Mich., Corps
Belleville, Ill., Corps
Dodge City, Kan., Corps

Newly accepted candidates

MESSENGERS OF Compassion 2017-2019 *Eph 4:32*

Abigail Hoag

Terre Haute, Ind., Corps
Indiana Division



I was raised in a Christian home and accepted Jesus into my heart at age 6. However, I didn't really begin to live my life for Christ until about six years later. As a teenager, I struggled with my faith but continued to strive toward a deeper relationship with God. It was in my college years that I really began to feel a call on my life to help people, but I was not yet ready to consider it might be through The Salvation Army. Since then I have begun to see God gradually leading me to a place where I would be ready to hear His call and feel grateful for it. I am currently finishing my Master of Social Work and am excited to see how God's plans for my life as an officer will unfold.

Abigail's corps officers are Captains Gordon and Cindy Hoag.

Shanell Johnson

Decatur, Ill., Corps
Heartland Division



I grew up in Chicago and came to the Lord in a small Baptist church my family had been connected to for generations. So, moving to Decatur was a big change. Once there, we tried several churches but none felt like home. During my sophomore year of high school a friend invited my sister and me to her church; we were surprised to learn it was The Salvation Army.

Since that first Sunday my passion for ministry and my desire for a deeper relationship with the Lord have grown. Though I initially denied any calling to ministry, I knew God had a plan so I prayed, "Lord, I will do whatever you want me to do, and I will go wherever you want me to go." Once I began really listening, I could no longer deny He was calling me to officership. I am filled with joy He would even consider me and cannot wait to see what He has planned.

Shanell's corps officers are Majors Wes and Susan Dalberg.

Christon and Kinzi Pierce

Indianapolis Eagle Creek, Ind., Corps
Indiana Division

We grew up in different churches in different parts of the country—one on the West Coast attending several corps, the other in central Indiana in a United Methodist church. We each accepted Christ at an early age through Sunday school and church services. We attended Asbury College and participated in the Salvation Army



Student Fellowship there, where we were introduced by mutual friends. One of us thought then we might be called to officership, but together we weren't sure.

Life progressed with two children and several jobs in two territories. Eventually, we both felt called to officership, so we spoke with our corps officers. Our calling seemed confirmed when we were asked to temporarily lead the Logansport, Ind., Corps. Having had this experience, we are looking forward to training more than ever.

Christon and Kinzi's corps officers are Captains Jonathan and Chrissy Cooper

Nathan North and Katelyn Cole-North

Marshalltown, Iowa, Corps
Western Division



We each grew up attending a corps and were saved at a young age. We met while working at camp but never thought we'd get married. After a few years of working at camp together, we met again at the Fremont, Neb., Corps and were both very active in its ministry.

Through ministry at the corps we each felt called to officership, but we had other plans for our lives and at first struggled with this. However, our call was overwhelming. Since then Katelyn has been working as an intern at the Boone, Iowa, Corps where she's received excellent coaching from Lt. Pam Kasten. Together, we are excited to start our ministry at the training college and to serve God as officers.

Nathan and Katelyn's corps officers are Majors Ben and Beth Stillwell.

Scott and Dena Smith

Danville, Ill., Corps
Heartland Division

We were high school sweethearts, but as often happens we went our separate ways after graduation. We each were married to others for 25 years, each had three children and led productive lives. Though individually we



were called to ministry, neither of us was in a position to pursue it.

Later in life, our marriages ended within a month of each other. Dena was widowed, and I was divorced. Eventually, we reconnected and renewed our love. After marrying, we both again felt called to serve. When I approached Dena with the idea of officership, she responded, "I wondered when you were going to ask me." We have responded to God's call with excited obedience and believe His timing is perfect.

Scott and Dena's corps officers are Lts. John and Faith Woodard.

Henry and Pamela Boateng

Iowa City, Iowa, Corps
Heartland Division



Henry and I were each on a journey to find satisfaction. However, this world only brought us pain. Henry accepted Christ into his heart at age 17 but eventually left God because he felt he couldn't live up to His commandments. After four years of living

in disobedience, Henry rededicated his life at age 25. I struggled with the idea of God loving me and felt beyond His saving grace. I didn't understand the truth until I gave my life to Christ at age 23.

On this new journey of faith, Henry and I have found the joy we were looking for in ministry. We both knew God called us to fulltime ministry, but it wasn't until October 2015 we accepted that calling. We are humbled to be the hands and feet of Christ.

Henry and Pamela's corps officers are Lt. Tim and A/Captain Peggy North.

Marla Justice

Marinette, Wis., Corps
Wisconsin and Upper Michigan Division



I was saved at age 9 while living in a home that would become my second adopted family. I had been given up at birth, adopted at three months and then removed from that house because of abuse. As a child I'd already begun to question God's way of doing things, and yet I always believed He existed.

However, as I grew up in another very abusive home a wall was developing between God and me. I knew He was a God of love but didn't believe He loved me. This affected every aspect of my life. Little did I know God was working behind the scenes. I met The Salvation Army as a homeless teenager and at youth councils realized why God had brought me to the Army. God has called me to share Him with a hurting world, to show where true hope is found and to be His hands of compassion.

Marla's corps officers are Majors Ron and Carol Lemirand.

Celebrating God's work

Majors Gary and Donna Van Hoesen have spent the last 42-plus years doing what they love: serving the Lord and loving His people. The Van Hoesens were commissioned with the "Followers of Christ" session in 1974.

Earlier this year, friends and family gathered in Alton, Ill., one of the Van Hoesens' nine appointments, to celebrate their retirement from officership. Certificates were presented to them by Major Nate Johnson and Jerrie Miller. There was much laughter and a few tears as stories were shared among those present.

The majors spent 27 years serving in various inner-city appointments. It was hard and heartbreaking work, but Major Donna says they have no regrets.

"We thank God that He called and made us able to work in hard situations," she said. "Seeing a hardened kid who doesn't know what real love is learn to accept love and discipline, that's what it's about."



As officers, the Van Hoesens rejoiced in seeing lives changed by God as He worked in and through them. And they're not done yet. In retirement, they plan to dedicate their ministry closer to home by spending as much time as they can with each of their three children and eight grandchildren, walking alongside them as they continue to grow in their own faith.

In this next phase of their lives, Gary and Donna are relocating from their last appointment at Milwaukee Citadel in Milwaukee, Wis., to Bayfield, Colo., where they plan to enjoy God's magnificent creation through hiking, fishing and camping.

Running the Race

*A retirement response by Territorial Commander
Commissioner Paul R. Seiler*

First of all, thank you General and Commissioner Cox for participating in our retirement and the Congress this weekend. We also thank the great team with which we work at Territorial Headquarters (THQ) who have been a blessing on our journey.

We included our retirement during the Congress to emphasize the "moving forward together" theme. Our shared future is seen in the energy of the summer mission teams, the joy of those being commissioned and



our opportunities for ministry in the next 11 years would be expanded and changed forever by our exposure and engagement in the Central Territory. Now, as we load our yellow Penske truck and drive across the country along I-90 to Seattle, we have no idea what our future opportunities for ministry will be. How fun!

It has been a wonderful blessing to have a longer appointment, to really be part of that shared future! I must admit longer appointments mean we have to live with our decisions, so it's a good reminder to think about the choices we make! As I reflect on the longer time span of 36 years of "running the race" as an officer, I'm aware it's only a portion of my race as a follower of Jesus that began as a boy and will continue until I'm promoted to Glory.

Moving from active officership provides different opportunities in our race of faith. It reminds me of my move west in 1976 from Philadelphia

ordained as new lieutenants and their response to serving in The Salvation Army. We see the life markers of time and God's fingerprints on the Army in the Central Territory.

There is a natural progression of believers who respond, serve and pass along opportunity and wisdom to the next generation. That life cycle is healthy and needs to continue. Although we retire as active officers, this is not an officer-specific comment. We do not retire as Christ followers. We will continue to respond, serve and pass along to the next generation of believers.

We are indeed "Creating a Shared Future" by default or with intention. We know God has been using our efforts to be intentional to impact His Kingdom on earth. Moving forward together as a territory and as a Movement requires each of us to "run the race marked out for us," to run faithfully and with vigor until it is time to pass the baton.

When Carol and I loaded the yellow Penske truck in Los Angeles, Calif., in June 2006 and drove across the country entering on I-80 into North Platte, Neb., we had no idea



to Los Angeles to begin a new chapter as I took a job in the finance department when the Western THQ moved from San Francisco to L.A.—and some of you thought Des Plaines to Hoffman Estates was a big move!

We might be a bit in denial about the "retire" part, but Carol and I continue to believe this Movement has a vital role in fulfilling God's work. Despite our human frailties and challenges, as we seek to be people of



God who live out His Word and share the redeeming love and mercy of Jesus Christ—putting all of our weaknesses into God's hands—He uses us and will continue to use you as this territory moves forward together.

Friends, I believe in the undergirding principles of "Creating a Shared Future." They have been and will continue to be vital in whatever God has planned. *The Message* translation of Matthew 10:5-10 has Jesus saying, "...Go to the lost, confused people right here in the neighborhood. Tell them that the kingdom is here. Bring



health to the sick. Raise the dead. Touch the untouchables. Kick out the demons...You don't need a lot of equipment. *You* are the equipment..."

Two key things I pray you hold in your hearts:

1. Pursue mission—for simplicity, this is the approach of Pathway of Hope. We take our ability to work with people at the point of need coming in the front door of our buildings, and we respond body, mind and soul. This is modern-day "soup, soap and salvation."

You have heard me say many times the holistic opportunity for the Body of Believers to come alongside people, as The Salvation Army does around the world, is the fundamental ministry of our roots, our heritage. We need to believe in the God of miracles! We need to believe in the hope of our salvation and the hope that we as the hands and feet of Christ on earth will make a difference. This is running the race, even on the long haul of a marathon.

Please remember methods of responding to people with the love of God vary. Some of my earliest examples of impact were keeping kids out



of trouble through singing company rehearsals and performances; scrubbing bathroom walls after a bloody suicide of a home league member's son; supporting Carol in developing a shelter for women and children with HIV/AIDS; signing candidates papers for an employee in my finance department who was new to the Army but found her calling in officership. Pursuing mission takes many forms.

2. And really engage in mission—don't just talk about it! Try things, work together, see what works and what doesn't. Think differently, but engage in mission. The other four principles of "Creating a Shared Future" are involved in the process of setting goals on vital issues to move forward as clearly demonstrated by soldiers, employees

and officers working together with STEPS (a strategic tool to engage potential). It's an opportunity to ignite creativity, uplift consistently building on strengths, serve vigorously and invest intentionally. Don't be side-tracked from intentional stewardship of resources for effective mission just because it's challenging



work. That's the fun of ministry in The Salvation Army, and I say that after three decades.

Running the race is about avoiding pot-holes and not getting tripped up in ourselves. After 36 years, with many more to go, it's about running the race with a marathoner's



perseverance over a sprinter's speed or power.

A good friend recently said, "You can't start the new chapter if you keep re-reading the last chapter!" So, it's time to turn the page. Thank you, Central Territory, for the joy we have had as collaborators in this part of God's Kingdom. We have been strengthened and encouraged by the Salvationists in this territory, and we thank God for all of you.



My Prayer List	Day	Bible Reading	Pray for The Salvation Army
	1 Saturday	Philippians 1-2	Bloomington, Ind., Corps
	2 Sunday	Leviticus 10-12	Officers transitioning into new appointments
	3 Monday	2 Kings 1-5	El Dorado, Kan., Corps
	4 Tuesday	Psalms 78-80	Thank God for our freedom in Christ
	5 Wednesday	Proverbs 8-9	Chicago Englewood, Ill., Corps
	6 Thursday	Ezekiel 19-24	Belleville, Ill., Corps
	7 Friday	Luke 17-18	Bismarck, N.D., Corps
	8 Saturday	Philippians 3-4	Major Cindy Shellenberger (Australia)
	9 Sunday	Leviticus 13-15	Boone, Iowa, Corps
	10 Monday	2 Kings 6-10	Benton Harbor, Mich., Corps
	11 Tuesday	Psalms 81-83	Escanaba, Mich., Corps
	12 Wednesday	Proverbs 10	Davenport River Valley, Iowa, ARC*
	13 Thursday	Ezekiel 25-30	Heartland DHQ**
	14 Friday	Luke 19-20	Bay City, Mich., Corps
	15 Saturday	Colossians 1-2	Cedar Rapids, Iowa, Corps
	16 Sunday	Leviticus 16-18	Brown County, Ind., Corps
	17 Monday	2 Kings 11-15	Emporia, Kan., Corps
	18 Tuesday	Psalms 84-86	Chicago Irving Park, Ill., Corps
	19 Wednesday	Proverbs 11-12	Branson, Mo., Corps
	20 Thursday	Ezekiel 31-36	Brainerd Lakes, Minn., Corps
	21 Friday	Luke 21-22	Council Bluffs, Iowa, Corps
	22 Saturday	Colossians 3-4	Central Bible Leadership Institute
	23 Sunday	Leviticus 19-21	Big Rapids, Mich., Corps
	24 Monday	2 Kings 16-20	Fond du Lac, Wis., Corps
	25 Tuesday	Psalms 87-89	Des Moines, Iowa, ARC*
	26 Wednesday	Proverbs 13	Dearborn Heights Citadel, Mich., Corps
	27 Thursday	Ezekiel 37-42	Champaign, Ill., Corps
	28 Friday	Luke 23-24	Columbus, Ind., Corps
	29 Saturday	1 Thessalonians 1-3	Garden City, Kan., Corps
	30 Sunday	Leviticus 22-24	Chicago LaVillita, Ill., Corps
	31 Monday	2 Kings 21-25	Cape Girardeau, Mo., Corps

Go to www.salarmycentral.org
 If you follow the prayer calendar during the year, you will have read through the Bible!
 * = Adult Rehabilitation Center
 ** = Divisional Headquarters

Partners in Mission



The Central Territory was represented in our Partner in Mission, the India South Eastern Territory, by Commissioners Paul R. and Carol Seiler this spring. On behalf of our territory's sponsorship, they dedicated two officer quarters depicted at right by a crowd of soldiers who gathered outside to celebrate the dedication and "house-warming."

In addition, the Seilers visited the Catherine Booth Hospital in Nagercoil. They toured the facility, attended the College of Nursing Celebration Day and met with the Community Health and Development Program staff to hear of the work supported by the Salvation Army World Service Office (SAWSO) and U.S. dollars.

Finally, the Seilers conducted and participated in the covenant service, commissioning and ordination of the territory's 24 cadets in the beautiful Booth Tucker Memorial Chapel.



"It was a full and rewarding visit showing the impact of the Central Territory's mission support at work," the Seilers concluded.



On the move

Effective June 28 unless otherwise noted

Adult Rehabilitation Centers Command

Major Janeen McConniel, Command Secretary for Mission Integration; **Major Richard McConniel**, General Secretary, (transfers from USA Southern Territory); **Captain Katie Harris-Smith**, Chaplain for Mission Integration, Chicago North Side, IL; **Captain Jennifer Velasquez**, Add'l Appt: Multicultural Ministries Coordinator; **William & Diane Price**, Adms., Northwest Indiana.

College for Officer Training

Major Elsie Cline, Health Officer; **Major Barbara Logan**, Nutrition Officer; **Major Paul Logan**, Field Training Officer; **Major Cindy Strickler**, Personnel Officer; **Major Steven Woodard**, Director of Personnel; **Captain Aaron Ortman**, Distance Learning Coordinator; **Captain Jennifer Ortman**, Asst. Director of Personnel; **Captain Emily Phelps**, Asst. to the Director of Campus Services.

Eastern Michigan Division

Major Mark Brown, Assoc. Harbor Light Officer, Detroit Harbor Light System, Macomb Campus, MI, Add'l Appt: Assoc. CO, Mt. Clemens, MI; **Majors Rick & Kim Ray**, COs, Bay City, MI; **Majors Charles & Lori Wright**, Special Services, DHQ (pro tem until Aug. 1 retirement); **Captains David & Shannon Martinez**, COs, Dearborn Heights Citadel, MI.; **Lt. Kirsten Kocyan**, CO, Mt. Clemens, MI.

Heartland Division

Major Gary Felton, CO, Bloomington, IL; **Majors Alan & Kimberley Hellstrom**, COs, Cedar Rapids, IA; **Majors Nicholas & Jodi Montgomery**, COs, Kankakee, IL; **Major Jolinda Shelbourn**, CO, Davenport, IA; **Major Scott Shelbourn**, Quad Cities Coordinator, Add'l Appt: CO, Davenport, IA; **Captain Connie Shaw**, CO, Ottawa, IL; **Jim Pritchard**, Corps Admin., Pekin, IL.

Indiana Division

Major Jolene Hull, Add'l Appts: Divisional Candidates' Secretary, Older Adult Ministries Secretary, DHQ; **Majors James & Angela Pennington**, COs, New Albany, IN; **Major Keith Petrie**, Add'l Appt: Veterans' Administration Representative, DHQ; **Major Daniel Sawka**, Divisional Youth Secretary, DHQ; **Major Stephanie Sawka**, Women's Ministries Secretary, Add'l Appt: Community Care Ministries Secretary, DHQ; **Captains Gordon & Cindy Hoag**, COs, Bloomington, IN; **Captains Jason & Ilona Schaal**, COs, Terre Haute, IN; **Lts. Stephen & Elizabeth DeLacy**, COs, Logansport, IN.

Kansas and Western Missouri Division

Majors Richard & Barbara Carroll, Special Services, DHQ (pro tem until Nov. 1 retirement); **Majors Gary & Deborah Gugala** (furlough until Aug. 1 retirement); **Majors James & Penny Mungai**, COs, Kansas City Northland, MO; **Lt. Kelly Hanton**, Divisional Candidates' Secretary, Add'l Appt: Divisional Youth Secretary, DHQ; **Lt. Michael Hanton**, Divisional Youth Secretary, DHQ; **Lts. Matt & Marisa McCluer**, COs, Hutchinson, KS.

Metropolitan Division

Major William Heaver, Emergency Disaster Communications Coordinator, Divisional Emergency Disaster Services Center; **Major Nancy Powers**, Add'l Appt: CO, Harbor Light Center, Chicago, IL; **Major Amos Shiels**, Divisional Youth Secretary, DHQ; **Major Cynthia Shiels**, Divisional Candidates' Secretary, Add'l Appt: Divisional Youth Secretary, DHQ; **Captains Paul & D. J. James**, COs, Des Plaines, IL; **Captains Xavier & Heather Montenegro**, COs, Elgin, IL; **Captains Marcelo & Monica Orbe**, COs, Chicago Lawn, IL; **Captain Barbara Owen**, CO, Chicago Temple, IL; **Captains Michael & Kristina Sjogren**, COs, Norridge Citadel, IL; **Lt. Samantha Nolan Jones**, Assoc. CO, Chicago Temple, IL; **Envoy Tyrone Stagers**, Chaplain, Pathway Forward Program (formerly Correctional Services), Chicago, IL.

Midland Division

Major Matthew & Captain Debra Osborn (furlough until Aug. 1 retirement); **Captain Amanda Hellstrom**, CO, Arnold, MO; **Captain Linda McCormick**, CO, Branson, MO.

Northern Division

Major Sandra Hunt, CO, Albert Lea, MN; **Lts. Bryan & Teri Ellison**, COs, Duluth, MN; **Lt. Anthony Nordan**, CO, Fergus Falls, MN; **Lt. Gloria Pelayo**, Assoc. CO, Albert Lea, MN.

Western Division

Majors Mark & Susan Anderson, COs, Lincoln, NE; **Captain Bridgette Amick**, Divisional Candidates' Secretary, DHQ; **Captain Ronald Amick**, Divisional Youth Secretary, DHQ; **Captain Janelle Cleaveland**, CO, Newton, IA; **Lt. Kevin Robbins**, Renaissance Village Chaplain, Omaha Citadel, NE; **Lts. Kenyon & Melissa Sivels**, COs, Mason City, IA; **Lt. Jessica Smith**, CO, Des Moines Temple, IA.; **Lt. Karissa Zumwalt**, CO, Watertown, SD.

Western Michigan & Northern Indiana Division

Major Jim Irvine, Capital Area Coordinator, Add'l Appt: CO, Lansing Citadel, MI; **Major Pat Irvine**, CO, Lansing Citadel, MI; **Lts. Shawn & Aubrey DeBaar**, COs, Elkhart, IN; **Lt. Joseph Hixenbaugh**, CO, Niles, MI; **Lts. Chris & Brianne Karlin**, COs, Muskegon Citadel, MI; **Lt. Sharyn Tennyson**, CO, Sturgis, MI; **Envoys Edwin & Theresa Hoskins**, Corps Adms., Big Rapids, MI.

Wisconsin & Upper Michigan Division

Major Robert Fay, Add'l Appt: Rock County Coordinator, Janesville, WI; **Major Robert Mueller**, Add'l Appt: Kroc Center Officer for Congregational Life, Green Bay Kroc Center, WI; **Captain Julie Trapp**, Divisional Business Officer, DHQ; **Lts. Jacob & Melinda Tripp**, Asst. COs, Madison Temple, WI; **Lt. Patricia Williams**, CO, Milwaukee Citadel, WI; **Lts. Alex & Carolina Yanez**, COs, Milwaukee Cold Spring, WI.

Territorial Headquarters

Major David Gorton, Asst. Secretary for Personnel effective July 1; **Major Michele Heaver**, Retired Officer Support Services; **Major Cheri Hobbins**, Add'l Appt: Secretary, Officer Resource & Development Department pro tem effective July 1; **Major Donna Leedom**, Secretary, Adult Mission Advancement Department (formerly Evangelism & Corps Growth, Corps Mission & Adult Ministries departments) effective July 1; **Major Carol Wurtz**,

Asst. Secretary, Adult Mission Advancement Department; **Captain Janelle Romero**, Multicultural Women's Ministries Secretary.

Retirements

July 1: **Commissioners Paul R. & Carol Seiler**; **Majors William & Elizabeth Cox**; **Majors James & Judith Garrington**; **Majors Stephen & Pamela Kiger**; **Majors Michael & Shirley Myers**; **Majors Michael & Betty Vogler**; **Majors Stephen & Morag Yoder**; **Envoys DeWayne & Pamela Duskin**.

August 1: **Majors Gary & Deborah Gugala**; **Major Matthew & Captain Debra Osborn**; **Majors Charles & Lori Wright**.

November 1: **Majors Richard & Barbara Carroll**; **Majors Richard & Brenda Herivel**.

December 1: **Lt. Colonels Daniel & Rebecca Sjogren**.

CO/COs = Corps Officer(s)

DHQ = Divisional Headquarters

Making disciples

"Go, therefore, and make disciples..." Matthew 28:19 NASB

Discipleship has become a key focus of Captains Keith and Michelle Graham's ministry. They invest a good portion of their time and energy in raising up disciples. Their strategy is simple: connect with individuals on a one-on-one basis, showing them the love of God and teaching them what it means to follow Christ through relationship. At the DeKalb, Ill., Corps the Grahams are seeing steady spiritual growth in the people which encourages them to press on despite whatever challenges arise.

The return on their investment is seven soldiers—four senior and three junior—enrolled within the last year! Each new uniform-wearer faithfully attended a three-month soldiership class, which involves making a profession of faith in Christ, growing

deeper in relationship with Him and learning and agreeing with The Salvation Army's doctrines. Then they each signed the Soldier's Covenant, which states in part, "I will be responsive to the Holy Spirit's work and obedient to His leading in my life, growing in grace through worship, prayer, service and the reading of the Bible," and were enrolled publicly.

True to their public declaration, the new soldiers are volunteering to lead programs including Bible study and kids' club activities. Their investment in the corps is heartening to the Grahams, who take joy in witnessing the growth taking place in God's people.

As attendance continues to climb with new families regularly visiting and returning to the corps for worship and programs, the focus remains on making disciples for Christ. Youth and adults are being prepared for junior and senior soldier enrollments in the coming months.

"We are at a place where the corps is ready to take off," concluded Captain Keith.



Newly enrolled soldiers with Captains Keith and Michelle Graham

Promoted to Glory

Mrs. Brigadier Ethel Amick

Mrs. Brigadier Ethel "Winkie" Amick, 94, was promoted to Glory on Saturday, March 18, 2017, at a Topeka, Kan., care facility. She was born February 16, 1923, to Fred and Elizabeth Lawrence.



After graduating from Dodge City High School, Winkie attended the School for Officers' Training and was commissioned in 1942 with the "Steadfast" session. Six months later, she married Lieutenant Hubert Amick on December 16, 1942, in Kansas City, Mo. Together they served in corps appointments throughout the Midwest before leading a series of adult rehabilitation centers, where they served until their retirement in 1982.

Throughout her life Winkie was known for her kindness and compassion, qualities that allowed her to share the love of Christ with others. In her later years she enjoyed visiting with the residents of the care facility where she resided. Winkie is remembered for her gentleness, warmth and sweet spirit. She will be greatly missed.

Winkie was preceded in death by her husband and her son, Mark. She is survived by her daughter, Melody A. Ross, three grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Captain Lawrence Hogaboom

Captain Lawrence Ralph Hogaboom, 75, was promoted to Glory on April 16, 2017, in Hartland, Mich. He was born May 18, 1941, to Ralph and Florence Hogaboom.



Larry graduated from high school in Oswego, N.Y., and served in the U.S. Army. He married Lynda Murdoch on June 1, 1968. After serving for a year as envoys, they attended the training college in the Eastern Territory and were commissioned in 1972 with the "Lightbringers" session.

Their first appointment in the Central Territory was as corps officers of the Cheboygan, Mich., Corps in 1987. The couple served in several other corps in Michigan until their retirement in 1999.

Although he retired from active service as an officer, he never fully retired from ministry. He continued to give of his time and energy to reach people with the gospel. In his spare time he enjoyed woodworking and playing chess.

He is survived by his wife; sons, Donald and Jonathon; two siblings and three grandchildren.