

AMEN NEWS

American Military Evangelizing Nations

Academy Graduates

- **2LT Daniel Schell** (Ft. Sill and then Ft. Stewart)
- **2LT Ben Neely** (Ft. Leonard Wood and then Ft. Riley)
- **2LT Tyrus Jones** (Ft. Benning and then Germany)
- **2LT Ejakhianaghe (Jackie) Obiomon** (Attending medical school)
- **ENS Seth Stitt** (Pensacola, FL for pilot training)

Upcoming Events

➔ **September 15th**

Preaching at West Point Church @ The U.S. Military Academy

A Call to Serve

At the heart of the AMEN Ministry is our locator services. Made possible by **Key Men & Women** who serve Active Duty, Reserve, National Guard, and Veteran members locate a church of Christ family, or help them seek Christ. As a **Key Man/Woman** you will receive training to serve in this capacity. If interested in serving please email us at:

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Remembering Sacrifices, Rebuilding Futures

Recently the world remembered the sacrifices made by Allied Forces during the D-Day invasion to liberate Europe from the Nazis. It is not without just cause that we identify the soldiers, sailors, Marines and airmen of World War II as the Greatest Generation. History had laid upon them the immense burden of preserving Western democracy and its vital principle of the dignity of the common man _____ and woman for future generations. _____ On June 6th 1944 the largest am- "As military members we are called to be peacemakers." phibious assault in English Channel to beaches of Normandy, France. _____ While exact numbers are difficult to determine it is estimated there were over 209,000 Allied casualties during Operation OVERLORD taking place from June 6th to August 30th when the Germans retreated across the Seine.

Without question the horrors of modern warfare constitute one of the greatest evils facing humanity. Well did Jesus say in Matthew 5:9, "Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called the sons of God." This is no idle observation or wishful thinking, it is a specific, determined directive for God's people to take on the mantle of reconciliation as the apostle Paul described in 2 Corinthians 5:18-20. It applies to us politically, socially, and spiritually. The Gospel of Jesus Christ is the only true means for people to find eternal peace with God and with one another.

The ministry of reconciliation that Paul describes calls for Christians to serve as ambassadors for God, to reveal His will, purpose and power to a sin-saturated world. This is AMEN's mission to the military expressed in our vision of Building the Love of God in the Heart of the Warrior. (Cont. page 2)

AMEN Team News

Wayne Hammock at the Port Orchard church of Christ are working on getting tiny homes built on the church property for the homeless. Few veterans will flow through these because of the access to VA vouchers, but there are few apartments vacant in this county. Wayne serves on the advisory board of the Salvation Army where housing is a primary concern, and has served twice on the committee for Veterans Stand Down.

CPT Ryan Scott and his family have left the West Point church of Christ with a PCS to Rome, Italy and will be taking on a Key Man role there.

Shane R. Reeves (LTC, U.S. Army) at the West Point church of Christ has had a number of enriching activities: Bible studies, Sunday worship, afternoon and evening fellowships, and other social gatherings. Additionally, on Veteran's Day a large group went to the Capitol City Rescue Mission in Albany, NY to serve food to the homeless, build a new shelter for single mothers, and sort donated clothing. In the spring the church traveled to Connecticut to fellowship with the Wallingford church of Christ.

Other Outreach News

Ed Linebaugh, US Army (Ret) of Military Outreach has completed a six week preaching tour with the Yokota Air Base church promoting awareness to local communities and strengthening the brethren there. Before returning Stateside he went to Camp Humphries in South Korea as a Lectureship speaker on the topic of the Work of the Holy Spirit today.

For those servicemen and women who face the brutality of combat AMEN seeks to convey a message of peace and hope through Jesus Christ by demonstrating the love, caring, and support of God's people. It can only be done through personal, face-to-face interaction of service members, Key Men and Women, and church leaders committed to building each other up in our common faith in Christ. The need has never been greater!

My goal is to shape AMEN's ministry for the greatest effect in bringing the Gospel to our warfighters. At its heart, the Locator Service with the Key Man/Key Woman network has proven itself for over 43 years. The quarterly newsletter is another important tool and I am happy to announce that Heather Sanchez from our overseeing Manchester, CT congregation is joining our team as editor. I look forward to her creative talent in producing a useful means of communicating with all who support this ministry.

Successful ministry requires a continual learning process to take advantage of the opportunities which God provides. I was blessed to attend the first annual Lipscomb University Chaplain & Military Symposium held in May. There were excellent presentations on topics ranging from spiritual injury, ethics in warfare, the use of non-lethal weapons, and aspects of military medicine and handling Post-Traumatic Stress. It was uplifting to meet the exemplary men who serve the Church as military chaplains. I am proud that AMEN can partner with other groups and individuals to respond to the unique needs of our military community. To God be all the glory!

About AMEN News

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