

AMEN NEWS

American Military Evangelizing Nations

Upcoming Events

➔ **September 15th**

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

Incoming Cadets

U.S. Military Academy

- Drew Adams
- Carson Lucena
- Godwin Gyedu
- Dagan Herring
- Luke Olley
- William Healis
- Ethan Green
- John Mayle
- SaTerri Megee
- Benjamin West
- Jonathan Kemp
- Parker Wilson
- Skye Williams
- Summer Emblem

U.S. Air Force Academy

- Baley Brown
- Austin Upton
- Caitlin Bitting
- Trevor Ervin

Incoming Midshipman

U.S. Naval Academy

- Jaden Alexander
- Daniel Rowe
- Jaden Fanning
- Joshua Adams
- Terrell Adams
- Jordan Geter
- Samantha Rando
- Ryan Bullock
- Randy Kuak

Training to Serve in a Broken World

Becoming a strong, faithful Christian does not happen by accident nor happenstance. It takes a commitment to a lifestyle of training. Anyone having served in the military knows the importance of regular, consistent training. From the first day you put on the uniform into a regular training, and of to survive, the fight to the

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you are immersed program of honing your skills operate, and take enemy. In his book, *The Stress Effect*, former Army Special Forces commander Henry L. Thompson recounts the intense training Soldiers go through to become Airborne qualified. The goal of Airborne training, as in any other military training, is for one's reactions to become intuitive, doing without thinking about what needs to be done. Thompson concludes, "Experts tend to make decisions based on the intuitive rather than the rational strategy. Their knowledge and experience allow them to use the intuitive strategy, which in their case is much faster and more accurate than the rational strategy." The combat environment for which our military prepares is usually fluid, chaotic and unpredictable. To survive is to depend on the instincts gained through a committed training regimen.

This is no less true for the Christian. Scripture is full of admonitions for training in God's holiness. Hebrews 5:11-14 directs believers to handle the solid food of the mature rather than the elementary truths of God's word. The very familiar 2 Timothy 2:15 challenges us to become approved by God as workmen who are not ashamed in handling the word of truth. Ephesians 4:17-24 directs us to not live in the ignorance of unbelievers with their immoral lifestyle but to live as children of light with a new attitude as befits the children of God.

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AMEN Team News

Michael Klotz US Navy (Ret) a retired Navy warrant officer will be serving as Key Man at the Corpus Christi Naval Air Station in Texas. In years past, he has served as Key Man at the Yokosuka Naval Base in Japan.

James Greenfield US Navy (Ret) will be serving as Key Man at the Pensacola Naval Air Station in Pensacola, Florida. He served previously as Key Man on the USS Yosemite.

CPT Ryan Scott along with his wife Brook, and daughter Lily will serve as Key Man in the Rome, Italy area.

Outreach Resources

The **Warner Robins church of Christ** has a campus for the **Georgia School of Preaching & Biblical Studies**. The school offers college level Bible classes that may be taken for credit or audit. The campus is close to the Robins Air Force Base. If you would like to learn more about their programs please visit:

<https://gsoponline.org/>

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: amen.ministry@comcast.net

The goal of Christian training is to become like our Master Jesus, Luke 6:40 and Ephesians 4:13. Christian training is not merely accumulating facts about God, Jesus, and the Holy Spirit. Rather the Bible calls us to live transformed lives, to demonstrate the grace we have received in our relationship with God and others. This consists of both an individual growth process of Bible reading, study, prayer, etc., and a communal experience gained through church fellowship in worship, education, and service.

This is where AMEN seeks to make a significant impact on military Christians through our vision of Building the Love of God in the Heart of the Warrior. Our Key Man/Woman network helps connect transient military Christians with a local church family to take advantage of the learning resources outlined in Ephesians 4:11-13. Local churches can realize the talents military Christians offer in leadership, organizational skill and a 'can do' work ethic. Military Christians bring a diverse worldview and insights into Missions opportunities from worldwide assignments. A future AMEN goal is to develop and offer training programs addressing the unique needs of military personnel. Courses like Dr. Tom Seal's, *God's Word for Warriors*, addresses the spiritual concerns arising from deployments and combat experiences. Marriage and Family Workshops consider the impact of frequent moves, high ops tempo and lengthy separations. Our ultimate goal is to develop Christians who instinctively imitate God by ministering and encouraging others to walk with Christ, Ephesians 5:1, Colossians 3:16.

About AMEN News

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