

AMEN NEWS

American Military Evangelizing Nations

Academy Graduates

U.S. Military Academy

2LT Evan Walker (Oxford, UK)

2LT Maxwell Myers (London, UK)

2LT Zeke Laird (Fort Rucker, AL - Aviation training)

2LT Sydney Dawson (Fort Sill, OK - Field Artillery training)

CDT Josh Schirner (Fort Bragg, NC)

CDT Daniel Hollingsworth (Fort Hood, TX)

U.S. Air Force Academy

2LT Austin Upton (Enid, OK - Vance AFB for pilot training)

Outreach Opportunity

Katheryn Haddad has been working with Afghan Christians for several years. She is looking for military members who have been to Afghanistan that would be interested in mentoring and encouraging some Christian Afghan nationals. She is also looking for local churches interested in sponsoring or helping financially to carry on this work. Contact Dennis Saucier for more information.

Hope & Faith Strengthens Us

The apostle Paul shares some inspiring words in Romans 5:2b-5, “...*And we rejoice in the hope of the glory of God. Not only so, but we also rejoice in our sufferings, because we know that suffering produces perseverance; perseverance, character; and character, hope. And hope does not disappoint us, because God has poured out his love into our hearts by the Holy Spirit whom he has given us.*”(NIV). How can anyone survive who does not have hope? In a few

days our country will observe Memorial Day to fallen military men and women of our nation’s wars. From Bunker Hill to Antietam to Belleau Wood to Guadalcanal to Inchon to the Ia Drang Valley to Fallujah our Servicemembers have known the struggles to

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preserve American liberties. Memorial Day reminds us of the costs of liberty and gives us hope as spoken by Abraham Lincoln “that government of the people, by the people, for the people shall not perish from the earth.”

Faith, like our civil liberties is a frail commodity. It has been said that freedom isn’t free so too faith just doesn’t happen unopposed. Paul is quite clear in his warning in Ephesians 6:10-13 to put on the full armor of God so we can stand victoriously in the day of evil. Great and powerful are the spiritual forces of the dark world arrayed against us. But we do not despair because God will supply all we need to defend against the devil’s schemes. (Cont. pg. 2)

AMEN Team News

We would like to announce & welcome two new members to the AMEN Key Man / Key Woman ministry:

Frank Sauls (MSG US Army RET) currently serves as an elder at the Airport Road church of Christ in Crestview, FL. He will be serving as Key Man for Eglin AFB, Hurlburt Field AFS, Duke Field, 7th Special Forces GP.

Riker Norriss (Army RET) of the Burkburnett church of Christ is serving Sheppard AFB in Wichita Falls TX.

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 to 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

In Jesus who has conquered death hope shines in eternal brightness.

The AMEN Military Ministry is about bringing hope to the military community past and present. Military life is filled with challenge, hardship, and struggle especially in matters of faith and spirituality. Added to the usual demanding OPS tempo, deployments, family separations there is also the reality of cultural distinctions. The nature and values of military life are often vastly different from their civilian counterparts. A radical transformation takes place when one puts on the uniform of a warrior. Transitioning back into civilian life can often be a difficult experience as the increased rates of divorce, substance abuse and suicide among veterans reveal. AMEN gives our Servicemen and women the tools to develop and hone the spiritual skills necessary to remain faithful and strong in the face of adversity. The Locator Service continues the important work of connecting Christians to churches and other Christians. Adding to that important network of Key Men and Women are the workshops and retreats addressing the needs of military life with the power and presence of God. I am excited to partner with the God's Word for Warriors organization to provide spiritual training that will help members put on the full armor of God. Dr. Tom Seals, formerly of David Lipscomb University, presents topics addressing the unique needs of military members and veterans. Thanks to our military Christians, Veterans, donors and supporters I am looking forward to a new year of conveying the love of God to our Servicemen and women.

About AMEN News

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