



# AMEN NEWS

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## TRANSFORMATION

In his letter to the church in Rome the apostle Paul instructed believers to no longer conform to the world but be transformed by the renewing of his or her mind which is their spiritual worship (Romans 12:1-2). The goal of such transformation is to be able to understand and follow the will of God. In other words, each disciple should be prepared for what is to come which is the ultimate reign of Jesus Christ, Lord and Savior. In conforming our minds to the mind of Christ our bodies, or actions, become in Paul's words a living sacrifice holy and pleasing to God (Romans 12:1; 1 Corinthians 2:12-16). Such transformation builds resilience through the confidence knowing we are in harmony with God and experiencing the fulness of Christ's redemption. This is the faith that leads to the hope of eternal life (see Hebrews 6:19-20).

This month we observed the 80<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the attack on the Pearl Harbor Naval Base. This event has become one of the transformative events for Americans who have vowed never again to be taken by surprise by an enemy dedicated to our destruction. America lost its innocence that day resulting in a dramatic change to our position on the world stage. We realized that global politics coupled with military technology no longer made us safe behind our two oceans. We also came to understand that we cannot ignore the forces of evil at work in the world. While we diligently seek peace our nation

must be ready to meet those who would seek to do us harm. Pearl Harbor transformed an ill-equipped, fledgling military into a superior global reaching deterrent force.

Addressing the spiritual needs of our Servicemen and women is essential for their well-being and their ability to successfully complete their missions. This is why the AMEN Military Ministry was created to help military Christians connect with the local body of Christ and grow in faith and love with Jesus. For 46 years AMEN

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sought to Build the Love of God in the Heart of the Warrior. The need remains as critical today as it did in 1976 but the means for building spiritual resilience means adapting to today's environment. The arrival of the internet, the demands of the COVID 19 pandemic, and the

nuances of the post-millennial generation requires seeing this ministry with fresh eyes. The Locator Service with its connections to the local church remains a vital aspect of the AMEN ministry. But our Key Men and Women can play an even greater role as facilitators providing for deeper spiritual growth. AMEN is collaborating with God's Word For Warriors to offer five unique programs for our warfighters. These include Faith & Transition; Faith & Military Culture; Boots to Business; Course Leader Training; and Operation Female Warrior. These courses can be a powerful outreach to the local military community transforming military ministry in 2022.

## IN MEMORIUM

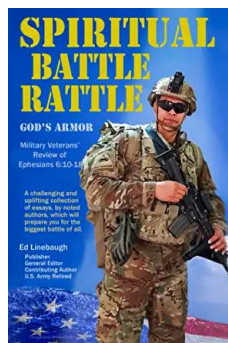
It is with great sadness that I announce the passing of our dear sister in Christ Heather Sanchez who served as editor of the AMEN News for the past couple of years. She lost her courageous battle with cancer shortly after celebrating her 40<sup>th</sup> birthday. Heather had an unshakeable faith which inspired everyone in her home congregation at the Manchester CT Church of Christ. Heather was a missionary in Honduras for three years with Ambassadors for Christ International USA and was very active in many church activities here locally. Even in the most difficult times during her battle she possessed a cheerful spirit and trust in her savior Jesus Christ. Throughout her ordeal her motto continued to be "Raise a Hallelujah." She passed with her loving husband Misael Sanchez at her side on November 15<sup>th</sup>.

## RESOURCES

**Military Outreach Program** of the Bear Valley Church of Christ. They will send a teacher or teaching team to a congregation anywhere they are invited, worldwide.

For information contact Dick Brant, USN (Ret) at [thinksouls1@gmail.com](mailto:thinksouls1@gmail.com) or call him at phone number (303) 888-7693. To view their web site, go to: [1militaryoutreach1.com](http://1militaryoutreach1.com)

The **MORE (Military Outreach & Encouragement) Ministry** has published their first in a series of military ministry books. "*Spiritual Battle Rattle: God's Armor*" (Military Veterans' Review of Ephesians 6:10-18), it is available on Amazon, or you can contact **Ed Linebaugh (USA Ret.)**



**more@minister.com** for a copy or more information. Plans to publish their next book, "*Spiritually Wounded Warriors: An Army of One Another*" are already underway for the end of the year/early 2022.

**God's Word For Warriors** offers various courses on topics pertinent to the needs of military members and to veterans making the transition to civilian life. For those making the transition the stress doesn't end as the personal and psychological battle continues after leaving the service. To help GFWF offers classes on Faith and Transition; Boots to Business; Course Leader Training and Operation FEMALE WARRIORS. These are available in person and on-line classes via Zoom. Check out their web site at [www.godsword-forwarriors.org](http://www.godsword-forwarriors.org) or sign up for their newsletter.

## AMEN TEAM NEWS

Due to the COVID 19 restrictions almost all Church of Christ worship services conducted on training bases were closed to prevent the spread of the disease. Only recently have some been able to reopen. To date the **Northwest Church, Lawton OK** has returned to **Fort Sill**. The **Lackland Terrace Church** in San Antonio, TX has resumed worship on **Lackland AFB**. It is reported that worship services may resume in January at **Fort Jackson** led by the **Palmetto Church** in Columbia SC.

### NEW KEY MEN & WOMEN

The heart of AMEN are the Key Men/Women who provide the Locator Service benefitting numerous military Christians. Many rely on this network of saints to find opportunities for worship, fellowship and learning. Welcome to some of our newest (or rediscovered) Key Men and Women:

Barry Poyner  
Darren Curtis  
Dave Jarratt

FT Benning GA  
Little Rock AFB AR  
Ft Hood TX

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