



# AMEN NEWS

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## WHO IS THE GREATEST?

This month we observed the 79<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the D-Day invasion of Allied Forces landing at Normandy to free Europe from Nazi occupation. This was the largest amphibious invasion ever in the history of mankind conducted by what we now call the Great Generation. The 156,000 Allied troops who landed on those five beachheads in France held the fate of Western civilization in their hands and would forever change the destiny of humanity. What began as border disputes and territorial skirmishing grew into a global conflagration which took the lives of about 75 million people of which nearly 40 million were civilians. The technology, warfighting methods and atrocities reached a height never seen before in history. And, yet, it was the simple, average man and woman who would come together to thwart an insidious movement we call fascism. It is entirely appropriate to credit the World War II generation as the Greatest Generation for their example of sacrifice, dedication, and resolve in the face of unimaginable horrors.

Too often today we consider external characteristics for heroes to admire. We are easily attracted to billionaires, or the glamorous, or athletes, or the political or business powerbrokers. Yet the question

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remains who is the greatest? While it is true that the forementioned elites have influence in our lives, the progress of civilization, of life itself, remains in the hands of those like the soldiers who landed at Normandy or Guadalcanal, or Inchon, or fought at Fallujah. It is upon those who were farmers, grocers, plumbers, truck drivers, nurses, EMTs, laborers and the like who have the most profound impact on society. This was readily apparent during the recent COVID 19 lockdown. Ultimately it is the inner, spiritual qualities like faith, devotion, loyalty, sacrifice, service, compassion and perseverance which constitutes the makeup of one who can be called the greatest. This is what the Apostle Peter advocated in 2 Peter 1:3-8 when he says a truly productive life is to possess such qualities as faith, goodness, knowledge, self-control, perseverance, godliness, brotherly kindness and love.

Today's Servicemen and women are heirs to a noble tradition handed down from the Greatest Generation. It is a tradition motivated by service to our nation and to those who desire peace in the world. The Churches of Christ have a unique opportunity to promote the spiritual growth of our military members with ministries targeted

specifically to their circumstances and needs. The importance of this spiritual growth was highlighted by General George C. Marshall, General of the Army in World War II, "*The soldier's heart, the soldier's spirit, the soldier's soul, are everything. Unless the soldier's soul sustains him he cannot be relied on and will fail himself and his commander and his country in the end.*"

## GRADUATE CONGRATULATIONS

### U.S. MILITARY ACADEMY AT WEST POINT

2Lt Drew Adams, to Fort Polk after Infantry Basic Officer Leadership Course

## RESOURCES

### M.O.R.E. Books for Warriors

"Spiritual Warrior" series of books: (a) *Spiritual Battle Rattle: God's Armor, Military Veterans' Review of Ephesians 6:10-18.* (b) *Spiritually Wounded Warriors: An Army of One Another.* Both books are currently available on Amazon or through InLine Publishers, LLC ("InLine With God's Word") at [InLinePublishers@write.me.com](mailto:InLinePublishers@write.me). (c) The third installment in this series (currently in the early stages) is *Spiritually Strong Sisters: Stories of Faith and Fellowship in the Military.* Email Ed at [more@minister.com](mailto:more@minister.com)

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Organizations like AMEN Military Ministry, God's Word for Warriors, Military Outreach and Military Outreach and Encouragement are dedicated to building faith in Christ and resiliency to today's military community. They deserve our prayers and support.

## AMEN'S UPCOMING EVENTS

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| 08 Jul | Uniformed Services Marriage Workshop, Manchester CT                      |
| 07 Sep | God's Word for Warriors On-line class begins each Thursday for six weeks |

## 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 our newest Key Men

There is a great need for Key Men & Women for:

Fairchild AFB WA

McConnell AFB KS

Williams AFB AZ

Dyess AFB TX

Fort Polk LA

Whiteman AFB MO

Eielson AFB AK

All U.S. Naval vessels

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