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Building the Love of God in the Heart of the Warrior!

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Christ the Freedom Giver

America's celebration this summer of 250 years of liberty holds a special place in the lives of her Veterans. Beginning with the Minutemen of 1775 and extending over two and half centuries, citizen soldiers have answered the call to defend the most successful Republic in human history. What we cherish about America is the belief that liberty is granted by God and not by any king, cleric, or political entity. America's freedom is grounded in the faith expressed in the Judeo-Christian tradition of the Scriptures.

> "Freedom is never more than one generation from extinction."
> - Ronald Reagan

The apostle Paul offers keen insights into the reality and responsibility of freedom in Jesus Christ. He observes in Galatians 5:1 "It is for freedom that Christ has set us free. Stand firm, then, and do not let yourselves be burdened again by a yoke of slavery (NIV)." Seeking self-righteousness by the "yoke of slavery," a law of works, can offer only false hope. Paul passionately describes this futile state in Philippians 3:4-11 where he contrasts his previous life as a Pharisee with the resurrection hope of a Christian. Freedom lies only in a relationship with the Son of God, Romans 8:1-4. Christ is the Freedom Giver, John 8:34-36.

Freedom, however, is a delicate existence. President Ronald Reagan once stated that "Freedom is never more than one generation from extinction." The same can be said for freedom in Christ. As citizens of our nation and of God's kingdom we must understand the distinction between 'freedom from' and 'freedom for." Many people mistakenly believe that 'freedom from' entitles one to do whatever they choose, often fulfilling their own self-interests. What Jesus offers is 'freedom for' which is to live out God's purpose for our lives, Ephesians 2:8-9. True freedom in Christ is to be conformed to likeness of our Savior as a servant, Romans 8:29-30; 1 John 3:2.

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Military Ministry RESOURCES

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Christ the Freedom Giver *(cont.)*

The need for military ministry exemplifies the servant role of proclaiming freedom in Christ. It calls for Servicemen and women of character who eagerly pursue a life of godliness. It calls for congregations willing to accept Christ's call to send workers into the military field for a harvest of souls. For Christians in the Armed Forces military life can be a significant challenge to one's relationship with Jesus. By its very nature military culture encompasses the use of lethal force which is mostly unthinkable in civilian life. Additionally, the absence of support structures like extended family, numerous worldwide deployments, demanding operational tempos, and the trauma of living in a combat environment can undermine one's faith in God or question one's salvation. To experience freedom in Christ the military community cries out for spiritual leaders, teachers, mentors and people of faith to witness to the glorious hope of Christ's salvation. For over 50 years the AMEN Military Ministry, joined later by other ministries like God's Word for Warriors, Military Outreach and Military Outreach & Encouragement, have embraced the call to build the love of God in the hearts of warriors.

In this 250th year since the signing of the Declaration of Independence the cause of liberty has been showcased to the world the Biblical teaching of the dignity of every human being. For over 2,000 years the Church of Christ has witnessed to the life-giving freedom made possible in Jesus Christ, the freedom giver.

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Rothenburg ob der Tauber

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Military Invited to Euro-American Family Retreat

21-25 November in **Rothenburg ob der Tauber, Bavaria, Germany**.

Military families have for decades been a part of this uplifting gathering of Christians throughout Europe. ❤️‍🩹 **Scott and Sonya Young** from **Oklahoma Christian University** are the organizers.

🏨 The event is held at the **Hotel Zum Rappen in Rothenburg**. Hotel Manager **Marion** and her team will be opening up all rooms.

🎄 Since the **Christmas Market** is held at the same time, **rooms will fill up quickly!**

👉 See the **Euro-American Retreat Facebook page** for links to **register for the retreat** and to **reserve lodging**.

🎤 This year's **keynote speaker is Daniel Napier**. Daniel and Karly Napier have been married for **29 years** and have two grown daughters.

Daniel directs **Andrew's Corner**, a theological and philosophical library, café, and spiritual resource center in the heart of Thessaloniki.

He teaches and leads **seminars and retreats throughout Europe, Mexico, and the US**.

🔶 Resources for Military Members

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