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Remember your local tithes and church budget offerings.

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Thank You to Those Who've Gone Before

Fall makes me think of Veterans Day, Thanksgiving Day, autumn colors, and falling leaves. On Memorial Day I reviewed the statistics of those who died in various wars. I was taken aback by the 54,546 lives lost in the three-year Korean Conflict. The high ratio of casualties in a short time can only be grasped when compared with other wars—a total just shy of the 58,098 lost in the more than ten-year Vietnam war.

Often the Korean War is called a “conflict” not a war because President Truman never asked Congress to declare it a war. The conflict, which technically has never ended, began June 25, 1950, when the North Korean Army invaded the Republic of (South) Korea (R.O.K.). The U.S. airlifted 508 troops (two rifle companies) armed only with rifles and two 4.2-inch mortars from Japan on July 4, 1950.

They met a determined force of more than 5,000 men with 33 T-34 Russian-built tanks. Although there was no way the U.S. troops could stop this invading force, they did manage to destroy two tanks. Much of their equipment was outdated. Their ammunition

was old and failed to explode. Yet these inexperienced American youngsters held off the enemy for almost a day and inflicted 130 enemy casualties while losing 185 of their own. With such a rough start it is no wonder the U.S. relied for the first time in history on the United Nations to send in their forces. They called in 15 member nations to join the fight.

The first year of the war seesawed several times with the city of Seoul changing hands four times. The U.S. and Korean forces were unprepared and pushed into a small corner of South Korea in the first few weeks. But with the help of the U.N. forces (also mostly Americans) they made a daring and risky amphibious landing at Inchon near Seoul. Together with U.S. and R.O.K. forces they cut off Northern supplies and forced the enemy back to the north.

Winter temperatures of -24°F caused weapons and vehicles to freeze and inflicted thousands of additional casualties on both sides. When the Communist Chinese Forces entered the war they pushed U.N. forces out of the North. Only God knows how close the U.S. came to actually using nine atomic bombs that were waiting in Guam to be activated. We came very close to World War III.

If you can persuade Korean veterans

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Liberation Day at Stalag IIIA

Life and Death in STALAG III-A

Dear Folks, I'm OK. We've been taken prisoner and are being sent to a prison camp. I hope to be able to write more later." With those few short words, C. R. Baskin hoped that his family would know he was still alive, although he was now a prisoner of war. Little did he know that he would soon be struggling for his life at one of the German's most notorious prisoner of war camps: Stalag III-A.

"I was inducted into the U.S. Army on May 29, 1944, at Fort Sam Houston," C. R. recalls. "My infantry replacement training began on June 6,

1944." Following that, he was assigned to the 22nd Infantry Regiment, which became a part of the 42nd (Rainbow) Division.

By November 1944, the regiment was on its way to Europe aboard the troop ship U.S.S. *General Black*. "We disembarked at the Port of Marseilles and camped for about a week in pup tents just north of the city on a windswept plain," C. R. says.

When the troops were finally on the move again, they learned they would be transferred to Strasbourg via Lyon where they were billeted in private homes,

waiting for their next orders.

“On the night of January 5th, 1945, we were moved by troop trucks to a location near the town of Gamsheirn,” says Baskin. “We knew there was a pocket of German troops there along the Rhine River.”

Several hours after daylight, while approaching the north side of the town, the troops discovered a large number of foxholes. It was decided they should take cover and monitor the river from this vantage point.

“It wasn’t long before we were being approached by several German tanks,” says Baskin. “Our commanding lieutenant colonel believed we were outnumbered, raised the white flag, and surrendered.”

The soldiers were quickly relieved of their weapons, transported after dark across the Rhine River, and taken before interrogation officers. Finally, the next morning, they began a three-day march toward a rail line that would take them to a POW camp at Luckenwalde.

“We were herded into train cars to begin the five-day trip to Stalag III-A,”

says Baskin. “Conditions were cramped, the raw turnips and watery soup practically inedible, and trackside relief was allowed twice a day.”

When the train finally arrived at Luckenwalde, the living conditions weren’t much better. The barracks, each crammed with at least 200 men, contained three-tier bunks with straw pads and had little heat, even though January temperatures were frigid. Food was meager and very poor. A watery soup was the main dish, accompanied by tea and hard, dense bread.

It wasn’t long before the lack of food and the harsh conditions took their toll on the newly arrived prisoners. Baskin began to run a high fever and have trouble breathing. It was known throughout the camp that although conditions weren’t ideal in the prison hospital, they were better than in the barracks. “When I tried to get permission to see a doctor, the man in charge thought I was faking my symptoms,” says Baskin.

Finally allowed to go to the prison dispensary, Baskin was diagnosed with double lobar pneumonia. “My fever was

so high by then that I was delirious,” says Baskin. “At one point I was aware enough to hear the doctor talking about my case. In his opinion I wasn’t going to make it through the night. This terrified me, and I made up my mind that I would fight to stay alive.”

Baskin was dehydrated and needed oxygen to breathe. A U.S. Army corpsman who was on



Les Rilea, ACM assistant director for the southeastern region of the North American Division (far left), with Peggy and C. R. Baskin

duty that night helped Baskin drink and would give him short whiffs from the nearly depleted oxygen tank. “I felt that if I went to sleep that night, I would never wake up,” says Baskin. Although he was doing better in the morning, it would be a long road to recovery. C. R. didn’t return to the barracks until the middle of March.

No beds were available in the barracks when Baskin was released from the hospital, so he spent the rest of his stay sleeping on a three- by four-foot table.

Within weeks after his release from the hospital, Stalag III-A was liberated by Russian troops who overran the camp on April 21, 1945. A U.S. Army truck convoy arrived to take the prisoners to U.S. controlled territory on May 6.

“I was able to finally write my parents a letter, this time from Camp Lucky Strike, telling them I was coming home,” says Baskin. “Our ship came into sight of the Statue of Liberty on June 7. I was so anxious to let my parents know that I was back on U.S. soil.”

During a special 60-day leave that was given to repatriated POWs, Baskin fell ill again and would spend another 16 months in the hospital being tested and treated. Baskin was finally discharged honorably from the Army in February 1947.

Believing it was time to get on with life, Baskin studied civil engineering at Louisiana State University. Much to his

surprise, symptoms began to recur in December 1950. “I began to run a fever and soon was diagnosed with tuberculosis,” says Baskin. “I spent the next year as a TB patient, but it wasn’t all bad.”

It was during this time that Baskin met a young lady by the name of Peggy. “I began attending the church where my family went. Some members were concerned that since I had been sick with

TB, I might expose them,” says C. R. “I told my mother that I would go to the hospital’s Sunday services instead,” says Baskin. “That first Sunday an Adventist layman led out and Peggy came along to play the piano.”

The topic of the day—the state of the dead—made an impression on Baskin. “After hearing that presentation I wanted Bible studies to learn more,” says Baskin. I went to this layman’s home for the studies, and soon I was convicted about the things I was learning.”

Bible doctrines weren’t the only things that were attracting Baskin’s attention. He and Peggy had developed a special friendship as they saw each other often at the Bible studies. “One day, after a picnic, I told Peggy’s dad that I would like to marry her. His response was ‘No way.’”

“I continued to pursue the matter,” says C. R. with a chuckle. “On December 31st, we will celebrate our 57th wedding anniversary.” C. R. and Peggy also celebrate their family of two children and five grandchildren.



C. R. Baskin

THE TRAIN CAR SOLDIER



Alfred Oglesby

It seems fitting that a man who spent most of his adult life working for the railroad would serve his country guarding supply trains in the midst of the Korean conflict. Alfred Oglesby began working for the railroad when he was 16 years old. “I helped lay track from White Cloud to Holland, Michigan,” says Alfred. “After I finished high school, I worked for the Pennsylvania Railroad line.”

By 1951 Uncle Sam was in need of young men to help stem the tide of communism on the Korean Peninsula. Alfred was drafted and completed training courses in infantry, combat engineering, and leadership.

There were times that Alfred struggled with attitudes among both the soldiers and officers. “Initially I was assigned to a mixed unit,” says Alfred. “I faced prejudice and mistreatment by others, including my CO.” Alfred was often assigned to pull double duty, being expected to work round the clock.

“One night I was again pulling double duty when a first lieutenant discovered what was happening,” recalls Alfred. “I was soon moved to an all black unit, and things became much easier.”

The move to the new unit came with new responsibilities. Soldiers from the unit were chosen to be part of an honor guard, and Alfred was among those who made the cut. The honor guard trained in specialized marching drills and gun-handling skills.

Alfred was also assigned responsibilities to test for chemical, biological, and radiological warfare. “We were tasked with this in case the United States was attacked in some form,” says Alfred. “I maintained the equipment and had oversight of its use.”

Since he was drafted, Alfred was only required to give two years of service.

With just six months left before discharge, Alfred learned that he was going to be deployed to Korea. "I was supposed to put my combat engineer training to use in Korea," says Alfred. "When I landed in Inchon, I was initially reassigned to be an infantry rifleman and was headed to the front lines."

Before that could happen, another change of orders came through and Alfred learned that he would be guard-

ing the supply trains that ran from Pusan to the front lines. The trains carried C rations and other supplies, and the guards were responsible to ensure everything made it through to the soldiers on the front lines.

"The difficult thing about this job was that you never quite knew who to trust other than your buddies," says Alfred. The enemy was successful in infiltrating the ranks of the train personnel. "We had to be especially alert when we went through tunnels," says Alfred. "If there was an enemy soldier on the train, that was the time they most often struck."

As in any conflict, children are often the unintentional group who suffer. "When we would make a run with sup-

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plies, we would have to stop and sweep out the boxcars," says Alfred. "Often the children would crowd around and gather up the crumbs to eat. That was

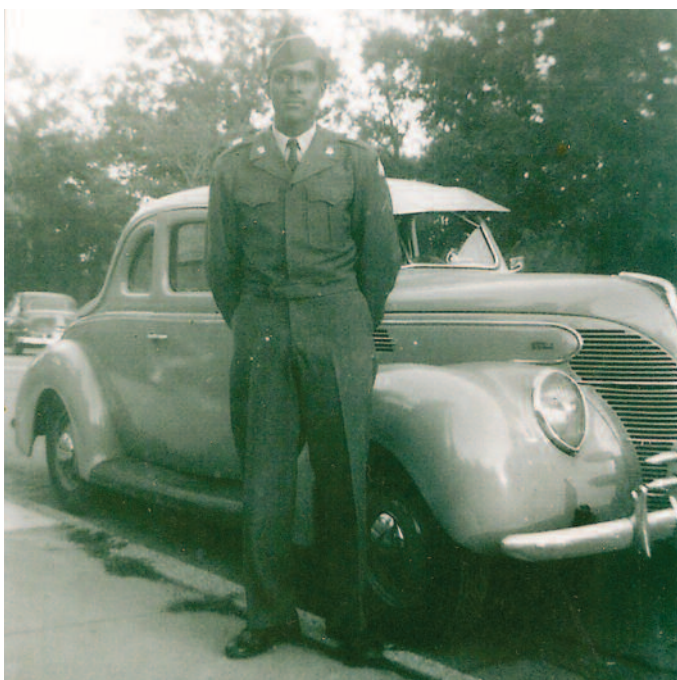
hard for me to watch, and I often shared my C rations with them."

Although he wasn't a practicing Christian, Alfred saw God intervene in his life during his time in Korea.

"One night I had been invited to visit some Korean friends and help celebrate one

of their holidays," says Alfred. "During the celebration another G.I., who had been drinking, came in and started to shout at me and wave a gun around.

Alfred knew that he had to try and diffuse the situation. "When he told me to come outside, I responded that I had to put my shoes on first," says Alfred. "I took that opportunity to knock him down in an attempt to hold him to the ground." During the struggle the gun the other soldier had threatened Alfred



Alfred Oglesby

with went off. It wasn't long before the MPs had arrived and both Alfred and the other soldier were taken to headquarters.

"I had never fired my .45, so I was released," says Alfred. "The situation could have turned out much worse."

One day Alfred had a chance meeting with a Seventh-day Adventist chaplain who was also stationed in Korea. "His name was Tiffany Powell," says Alfred. "During that meeting he gave me a copy of *Steps to Christ*." This wasn't the last time that Alfred would have interaction with Chaplain Powell or the Seventh-day Adventist Church.

After Alfred completed his military service he returned to Michigan. There he married Ruby, and they eventually had three sons and a daughter. Little did Alfred know that his daughter would one day marry the nephew of Chaplain Powell, whom he had met in Korea.

"I HAD NEVER FIRED MY .45, AND SO I WAS RELEASED."

Although Alfred had been baptized as a child, he didn't give his life to Christ completely until after his time in Korea.

"I knew about God but never really made a commitment until after the military," says Alfred. Making that choice eventually led to Alfred joining the Seventh-day Adventist Church.

Alfred wanted to take advantage of the G.I. education bill and so he began his studies at Oakwood College. "I was going to major in biology and secondary education," says Alfred. "It was difficult to find work that paid enough to support my family. I was able to attend for three years, but then my education benefits ran out."

It seemed Alfred was destined to work with trains. After leaving Oakwood, Alfred returned to his work with the railroad and worked as a train car oiler, mechanic, and inspector for 35 years.

Today Alfred lives in Michigan with his second wife, Peggy. They married in 2008, following the

deaths of their spouses. "Ruby and I gave Bible studies to Peggy and her husband Walter, which led them to join the Seventh-day Adventist Church," says Alfred.

Today, Alfred continues to serve, but in a different capacity. He has been active in his local church as both a deacon and elder and continues to share Jesus with others who don't know Him.



Alfred and Ruby Oglesby with their four children

For a group of Seventh-day Adventist servicemen, service to their country included subjecting their bodies to biological and chemical testing. Sometimes called the Army's human guinea pigs, more than 2,300 Seventh-day Adventist young men participated in what is known as Operation Whitecoat.

The plan for Operation Whitecoat came into existence because of concern during World War II about enemy use of biological weapons against both military and civilian populations. Initially, the United States Army Medical Research Unit conducted the research. This unit would later be renamed the United States Army Medical Research Institute of Infectious Diseases or AMRIID. Testing facilities were established at Fort Detrick, Maryland. A 1-million-liter sphere, later called the 8-ball, was constructed in 1948. This aerosol test chamber was used to learn how infectious diseases worked as well as the effectiveness of vaccines and other safety equipment.

Testing on human subjects for various

infectious diseases was carried out from 1954-1973. The secret operation researched the treatment for the exposure of diseases such as Q fever, yellow fever, Rift Valley fever, Hepatitis A, plague, tularemia and Venezuelan equine encephalitis. The soldiers were closely monitored for their exposure, treatment, and recovery.

Kenneth Healy, Leonard Barnard, and Kenneth Jones were the first three Whitecoat volunteers to be exposed. "On January 25, 1955, I was taken to the 8-ball and received my first exposure to Q fever," recalls Ken Jones. "After we were exposed we spent seven weeks in quarantine."

Walter Booth, another volunteer, recalls his time as a Whitecoat. "My turn to go to Detrick came in April 1956," says Booth. "Several days after our arrival, we were taken to a small building on the post. Inside was a large metal tank in which pathogens—of Q Fever in our case—were mixed up in an insoluble aerosol. Using masks, we each inhaled from the tank a 10-liter dose of the



The 1954-1957 Q Fever Group Whitecoat volunteers

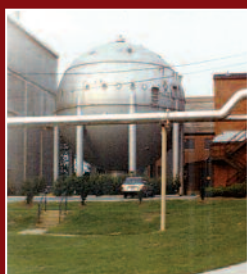
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aerosol with its Q fever pathogens. We removed the masks and were taken back to our living quarters. The doctors watched us closely to detect any evidence that we had contracted Q fever.” Some, like Booth, got mildly sick. Although there were others whose bodies reacted more strongly with fevers and other physical ailments, everyone recovered.

Not all testing was done at the 8-ball. Some Whitecoats traveled to Dugway Proving Grounds, Utah, for field research while other volunteers received injections of biological components.

there is no easy way to reach out to those who were part of the program. Initial results of the survey indicate that most volunteers didn’t suffer from the testing, but without an exhaustive study the true impact on the overall health of the volunteers may never be reported.

Within recent years, interest has been growing about the Whitecoat program and its contribution to understanding the effects of biological warfare. It was featured on the History Channel in *Dangerous Missions*, “Human Guinea Pigs.” Other media outlets, including ABC



The 8-ball structure at Fort Detrick, Maryland



Medals awarded to each Whitecoat participant



Former Whitecoat volunteers during the 2008 Whitecoat reunion

Photos provided by Ken Jones.

“From 1968-1969, Whitecoat volunteers participated in the development of the Rift Valley Fever Virus vaccine,” says Ken Jones. “In 1977 a major outbreak of Rift Valley Fever in Egypt was affecting more than 200,000 humans and virtually the entire population of sheep in the country. The testing and subsequent vaccine that was created because of the Whitecoat program was used to help end the outbreak.”

The long-term affects of the testing done on the Whitecoat volunteers are not clearly known. Surveys have been circulated to many of the volunteers, but not everyone who participated in the program has been contacted. Neither the Army nor the Adventist Church kept follow-up records of the volunteers, and

News, National Public Radio, and *USA Today*, have explored the contributions of Operation Whitecoat and the volunteers who were willing to risk their health to further the understanding of how biological agents might be combated.

In an effort to honor the service of these volunteers, the Operation Whitecoat Foundation was established. “We have had several reunions over the years,” says Jones. “The most recent was held at the Frederick, Maryland, SDA Church in 2008. It’s important to keep our history alive and remind others of the contributions that Seventh-day Adventists made through Operation Whitecoat.”

PATHFINDERS, MCC, AND THE JUNGLES OF VIETNAM

Not all draftees in the late 1960s had the opportunity to build their knowledge and understanding of marching, military courtesy and protocol, orienteering, and other skills before they entered the military. Having grown up a Seventh-day Adventist, Dennis Reed did have those opportunities and appreciated them when he was called to serve Uncle Sam and his country.

“After I was drafted and finished basic training, I began my service in Vietnam just as the Tet Offensive was gearing up,” says Dennis. “For the next 11 months I worked as a combat medic.”

During this time, Dennis also held to his belief that as a noncombatant he should never carry a gun. “There were times when I was questioned about that decision, but for me it was the right one,” says Dennis.

The contributions that the Seventh-day Adventist Church made in his preteen and teen years had a major impact on his ability to stand by his beliefs in the military. “The self-discipline that I learned in Pathfinders, along with the marching and drilling practice, served me well when I was called up for military service,” says Dennis. “I also credit my Medical Cadet Corps (MCC) training for helping to prepare me for my military experience. The training on how to stand for

our beliefs was really helpful.”

Toward the end of basic training, Dennis faced a situation where he had to decide whether he would honor the Sabbath or take honor for himself. “I was the leader for our unit and had been putting the guys through some pretty strenuous paces,” Dennis recalls. “After the training was over I was approached by a couple of my superior officers. They told me they were impressed with my leadership and wanted me to attend special leadership training. It would last two weeks and was seven days a week. I knew I couldn’t compromise my Sabbath convictions, and so I chose not to attend.”

During his time in basic training, Dennis also found that the Adventist serviceman’s center in San Antonio helped him with his spiritual walk. “That service center was a little piece of heaven for me,” says Dennis. “It was another piece of spiritual training that helped me through the months ahead.”

Dennis faced plenty of combat, but not once in his 11 months as a medic did anyone in his unit receive a combat injury. “I had many people back home praying for both my men and me,” says Dennis. “There were times that we should have been in positions that we would have incurred casualties, but I believe God intervened and our unit moved out of harm’s way.”

In December of 1968, Dennis

received some care packages from the States. “I learned that the Pennsylvania conference had mobilized church members to send packages to Adventist military personnel,” says Dennis. “My buddies were amazed that strangers would send me packages, and I had the opportunity to tell how the Adventist Church is really just one big family.”

The story didn’t end with the packages being delivered to Dennis in the jungles of Vietnam. “When I returned to the States I had to spend some time at Fort Dix,” says Dennis. A friend I had made in basic training lived nearby. On Sabbath he invited me to attend church with him. I didn’t realize until we walked in the door that it was the same church that had sent me and my buddies boxes of goodies.”

Dennis was able to meet the couple that sent his packages. Their question to him was if he would be willing to tell the church what receiving those packages meant to him. “The church was taking a vote that day whether to continue the program or not,” says Dennis. “I shared the impact their generosity made on not only me but my friends who didn’t know anything about Seventh-day Adventists.”

Today Dennis works as a nursing supervisor at Tillamook County

General Hospital. He and his wife, Sharon have also dedicated their time to working with Pathfinders. “When our son and daughter were old enough to be in Pathfinders, we wanted to be a part of the program that gave so much to us.”

Dennis recently had opportunity to tell his story about receiving packages from strangers to Pathfinders of the Oregon Conference of Seventh-day Adventists. “The teen Pathfinders were attending a leadership conference, and I was asked to share what it meant to me to receive boxes from home,” says

Dennis. “Since then church members from across the Oregon Conference have joined together to ship care boxes to our troops currently serving overseas.”

Today, Dennis and Sharon give

back to their community through a puppet ministry sponsored by their church. “There is a need for anti-drinking and antismoking education in the schools as well as in our local communities,” says Dennis. “The world is a much different place today than it was in 1968. But being able to stand up for your beliefs is just as important now as it was then.”

Dennis believes that part of this means having to search your own conscience and know where God is leading you and what you believe.



WORD SOON GOT OUT THAT A GROUP OF MEN SINGING TRADITIONAL

Singing in

By Chief Warrant Officer Gerardson Nozea

Kandahar Airfield, Afghanistan, (KAF) is not lacking for religious services. Scheduling worship for the various Christian and Jewish faiths proves to be a full-time task for the staff at the Chaplain Ministry Center (CMC).

Fraise Chapel is the main center of worship at KAF, and during most religious services attendees for the next service can often be seen clustering around the foyer or the rear of the sanctuary. The next wave of worshippers is always respectful and never intrusive toward the ongoing service, but often they watch and observe.

Word soon got out among the faithful at KAF that a group of men singing traditional hymns in tight four-part harmony held a weekly service. The group is made up of four civilian contractors

from Zimbabwe (Jordan Elizera Chikwata, the group's bass and maestro; Agripa Ncube, baritone; Michael Kuzhanga; baritone; Tafadzwa Muचेchete, second tenor) and two U.S. soldiers

(Staff Sergeant Carlos Lopez, second tenor, from Puerto Rico; and Chief

Warrant Officer Gerardson Nozea, first tenor, from Maryland).

"The men from the southern region of the African continent not only represent the majority of our singing group," says Nozea, the KAF Seventh-day Adventist Distinctive Faith Group Leader (DFGL), "they also make up the core of our small Adventist congregation at KAF."

KAF is a hub where many soldiers, sailors, airmen, marines, and civilian contractors fly into before they relocate to forward operating bases (FOBs). "This means many of the folks who visit us on Sabbath mornings are in transition," says Nozea. "We often get visitors from coalition forces, and at times their ability to speak English is limited." That doesn't hinder the group from having a spirit-filled worship service.

There are many talented musical groups and choirs among KAF's worship groups. So it was a high honor that only one musical group was chosen to perform at a recent Chief of Chaplains breakfast. "Major General Douglas Carver, the

Army chief of chaplains, came to KAF," says Nozea. "Our singing group was asked to perform at a breakfast for the



Major General Carver (third from right) and Sergeant Major Marrero (far left) with Adventist singers at Kandahar Airfield, Kandahar, Afghanistan

HYMNS IN TIGHT FOUR-PART HARMONY HELD A WEEKLY SERVICE.

Kandahar



Adventist singers who performed at the Chief of Chaplains breakfast at KAF (from left to right): Staff Sergeant Carlos Lopez, Chief Warrant Officer Gerardson Nozea, Jordan Elizara Chikwata, Michael Kuzhanga, Agripa Ncube, Tafadzwa Muchechetere

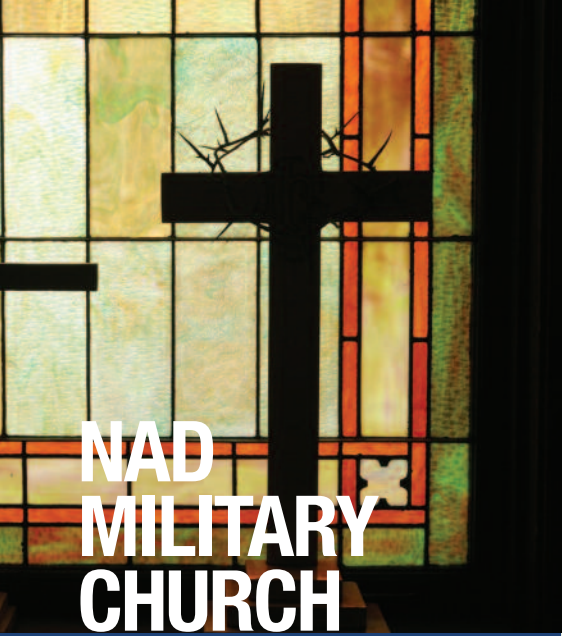
Kandahar chaplains on the morning of September 7, 2009.”

The small VIP room of the dining facility where General Carver, the senior chaplains of KAF, and their assistants gathered to eat breakfast proved to be acoustically ideal for the close harmony provided by the six man group. Everyone was pleased to hear old-fashioned hymns that are rarely sung in many modern worship settings. “Our group chose to sing a cappella that morning,” says Nozea. The songs the group sang from their repertoire included “We’re Marching to Zion,” “Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus,” and “It Is Well With My Soul.” The uniformed attendees seemed particularly charged by the hymn “Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus” and its references to soldiers of the cross.

“Major General Carver is reputed for

being a music lover,” says Nozea. “His insistence that our group remain for the service that followed the breakfast only added to the honor we had already been given.” The post-breakfast service was held in the Fraise Chapel, which was filled with chaplains that minister to KAF and surrounding FOBs. “Our group was quite familiar with this setting,” explains Nozea. “It is where we hold our Sabbath services and musical rehearsals. The military clergy and chaplains assistants seemed just as pleased with the encore performance of our group.”

At the end of the breakfast performance General Carver presented each of the group’s participants military coins from the office of the chief of chaplains. “Each of us was grateful to be able to represent both our God and our church in this manner,” says Nozea.



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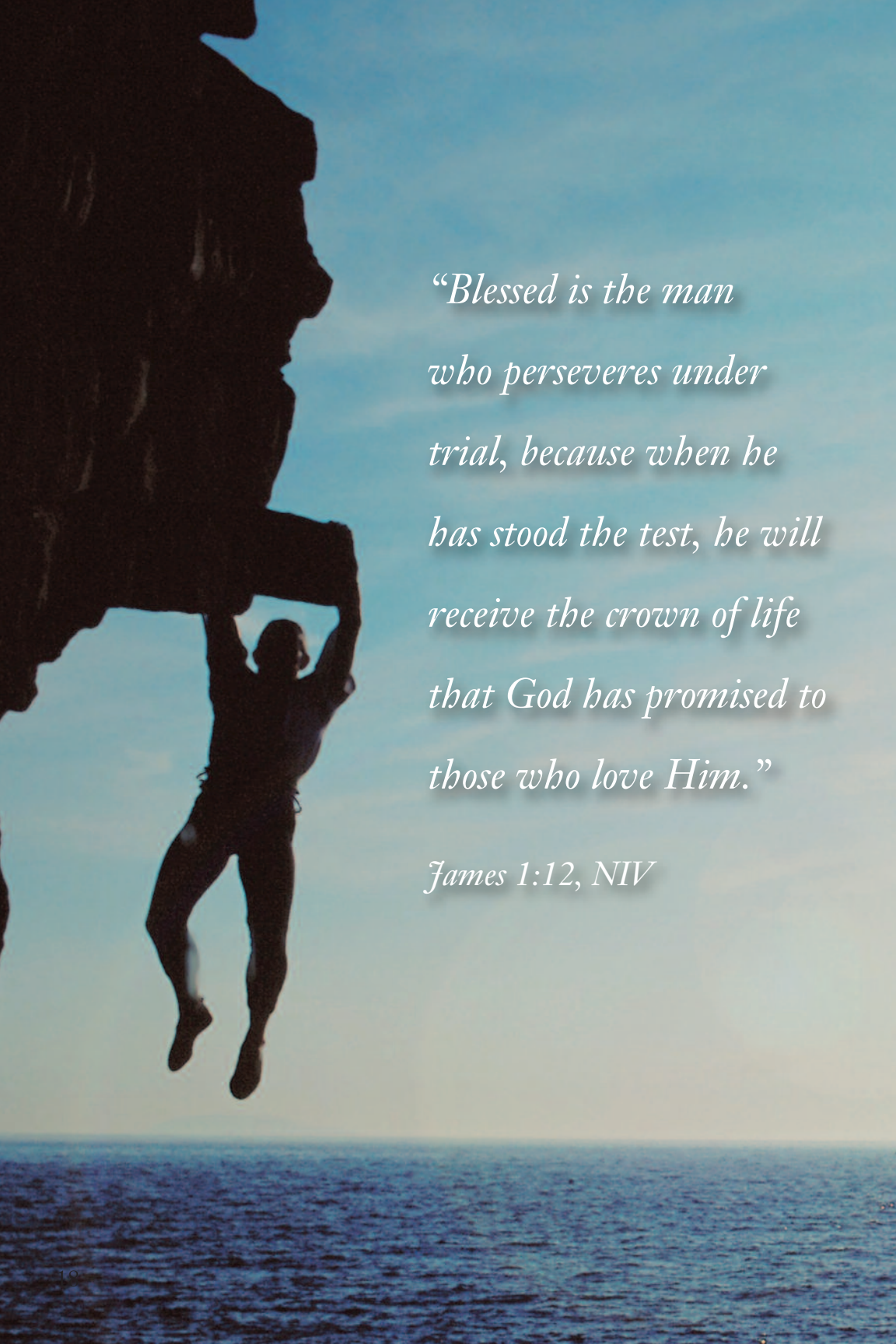
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to talk (most are rather quiet), they can tell you about the battles in the Punch Bowl and Iron Triangle areas, with battle names such as “Old Baldy,” “T-Tone,” “White Horse,” “Jackson Heights,” and “Pork Chop,” where so many bled and died. If it wasn’t the terrible winters, it was the extreme heat of summer, the rats and bugs, the rain, and life in the bunkers.

We must not forget the Air Force fighter-bombers air support. Thanks to television we all know about the new Mobile Army Surgical Hospitals (M*A*S*H), close to the front, reducing deaths by more than 50 percent of World War II figures.

Thinking they could influence future peace talks, in 1953 the North and Chinese forces carried out some of the largest attacks. The war was at a stalemate with both sides unable to push the other much beyond the 38th parallel, where it had all started. We hear little of the 580,000 U.N. troops killed. With an armistice signed on July 27, 1953, it has become known as the “Forgotten War,” but how can we forget? It is a war that continues. The U.S. still deploys many thousands of troops to South Korea on hardship duty as a containment and defense force.




This Veterans Day I wish to honor all veterans and encourage others to “reach out” and express appreciation to them. I salute especially those past and present veterans who have so bravely fought and continue to “stand the line” in Korea. Pray for peace and may God be with all of you.

A silhouette of a person hanging from a large rock formation over the ocean, symbolizing perseverance. The person is suspended in the air, holding onto the edge of the rock with both hands. The background is a clear blue sky and a calm ocean.

*“Blessed is the man
who perseveres under
trial, because when he
has stood the test, he will
receive the crown of life
that God has promised to
those who love Him.”*

James 1:12, NIV

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	<p>http://sda.biggytv.com/ The Adventist Channel—reaching millions of people each month with the message of God’s grace</p>
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<p>Adventures in Odyssey</p>	<p>www.whitsend.org/ Here’s a way for your family to keep up with what is happening with the characters in Adventures in Odyssey.</p>
	<p>http://news.adventist.org/ Official news site of the global Seventh-day Adventist Church—includes breaking news, as well as news archives.</p>

ACM Subscriptions to Church Journals

For more than 50 years the National Service Organization, a functional chapter of Adventist Chaplaincy Ministries (ACM), has provided active-duty military church members complimentary subscriptions to the *Adventist Review*, *Adult Sabbath School Bible Study Guide*, *For God and Country*, and two journals of their choice. Funding for these gifts comes, in part, from a shared offering taken every year in the churches of North America.

Recent trends have prompted a need to reassess subscriptions. Many magazines are returned due to address changes. Military personnel leave the military and do not inform ACM or the publisher. The costs of the journals and postage continue to rise.

To help ease delays in delivery, ACM has been sending bulk mailings of some journals to Adventist chaplains and/or Distinctive Faith Group Leaders (DFGLs) overseas. These individuals have been asked to make the magazines available to attendees of the Adventist Military Chapel Worship Groups (AMCWG). This method has helped get the magazines into the hands of readers.

Individuals will need to request desired subscriptions *annually*. The only exception to this is for subscriptions to



For God and Country. Subscription requests can be done via e-mail to dina.muldoon@nad.adventist.org, or acm@gc.adventist.org, or by using the form on page 23. Subscriptions are not perpetual. Because you have requested a journal once, please do not assume that it will continue being sent to you for as long as you are in the military. Your requested subscriptions are valid for only one year and need to be renewed by your written request.

NOTE: All current subscriptions will end on 31 December 2009. If you desire to receive any of the church journals listed on the next page, you must inform ACM as soon as possible to either reinstate and continue a subscription or start a new subscription for 2010. The subscriptions will be paid by ACM for only one year. If you desire the subscriptions to continue or wish to change which journals you receive, you must send ACM a written request for 2010 and



each succeeding year thereafter—no request, no journals. ACM is offering eligible church members up to four free subscriptions of their choice from the list below:

- Adventist Review*
- Adult Sabbath School Bible Study Guide*
- Guide*
- Insight*
- Message*
- Our Little Friend*
- Primary Treasure*
- Signs of the Times*
- Vibrant Life*
- Women of Spirit*

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- DoD civilian employee of the military services stationed overseas
- DoDEA teacher or principal stationed overseas
- Military exchanges (AAFES, NEX,

etc.) worker overseas

- Government contractor overseas
- Spouse living overseas with their non-Adventist military husband or wife

ACM will continue to send bulk mailings of the *Adventist Sabbath School Bible Study Guide*, *Insight*, *Guide*, *Primary Treasure*, *Our Little Friend*, and the *Adventist Review* to the AM-CWGs meeting overseas. If you are regularly attending one of these groups, you can obtain your Sabbath School journals from them. DFGLs, remember to order the journals needed for your group as far in advance as possible. The publishing houses require four to six weeks' notice before changes in address or numbers take effect.

Your understanding and cooperation will greatly assist ACM to provide effective support for you while you are representing your church and serving your country. As always, ACM is open to your comments and suggestions on ways we can provide timely support of religious materials for your use.

Spending Time With Jesus

2010 DEVOTIONAL BOOKS

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Richard W. Coffen

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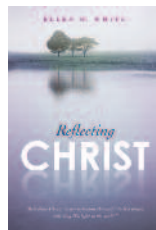


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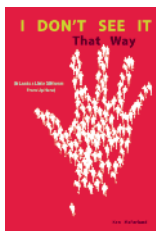


YOUNG ADULT

I Don't See It That Way

Ken McFarland

An exploration of some curious, and sometimes unconventional, thoughts on God, life, the world around us, and the world to come—and a glimpse of humanity through God's unique point of view. 978-0-8280-2468-6. US\$13.99



TEEN

Time Warp

Bradley Booth

In this daily devotional teens will trek back through time to explore events that can impact their lives today. These historical readings will help them grow spiritually, preparing them for the future when they'll see Jesus face-to-face—something they won't want to miss! 978-0-8280-2495-2. US\$15.99



JUNIOR

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Eric B. Hare

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Monkeys and chickens, flowers and rainbows—all reveal something about the Creator. Delight and intrigue children with true stories and facts about nature while teaching them lessons about God. Hardcover, 0-8280-1871-5. US\$14.99

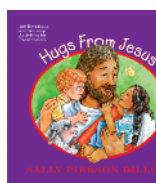


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Make spiritual lessons exciting for your child with these devotionals that include simple object lessons and hands-on activities certain to awaken your child's imagination and love for Jesus. Hardcover, 0-8280-1567-8. US\$14.99



DEVOTIONAL BOOKS

Adventist active-duty military personnel are invited to select two devotional books that will be sent to them free of charge. Other Adventist military-related personnel stationed overseas may order one free devotional book.

- ADULT—*Snapshots of God*
- EVENING—*Reflecting Christ*
- WOMEN—*Sanctuary*
- YOUNG ADULT—*I Don't See It That Way*
- TEEN—*Time Warp*
- JUNIOR—*Skyscrapers*
- PRIMARY—*God's Amazing Creation*
- PRESCHOOL—*Hugs From Jesus*

MAGAZINES

Each year NSO will send Adventist active-duty members a one-year subscription to two magazines from the following list. Please check the appropriate boxes.

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- Guide*
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- Message*
- Our Little Friend*
- Primary Treasure*
- Signs of the Times*
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OF BROTHERS; FOR HE TODAY THAT
SHEDS HIS BLOOD WITH ME SHALL
BE MY BROTHER.**

William Shakespeare, Henry V