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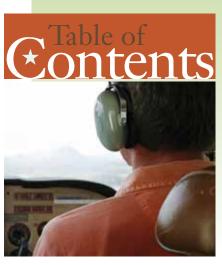
CIVIL AIR PATROL

ne week prior to the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor, the Civil Air Patrol (CAP) was organized. During World War II thousands of volunteer members provided critical civilian services that helped the Armed Forces focus on the national military mission. Logging more than a half million flying hours in civilian aircraft, members are credited with saving hundreds of crash victims.

"After the war, a thankful nation understood that Civil Air Patrol could continue providing valuable services to both local and national agencies. On 1 July 1946 President Harry Truman signed Public Law 476 incorporating Civil Air Patrol as a benevolent, nonprofit organization. On 26 May 1948 Congress passed Public Law 557 permanently establishing Civil Air Patrol as the auxiliary of the new U.S.

Air Force. Three primary mission areas were set forth at that time: aerospace education, cadet programs, and emergency services" (Taken from CAP website at www.gocivilairpatrol.com).

Officially, CAP is an auxiliary of the United States Air Force. Yet, it remains primarily a civic-minded volunteer organization of citizens serving communities. CAP's core values are integrity, volunteer service, excellence, and respect. Its motto is "always vigilant." CAP operates two levels of organization: cadet for ages 12-21, and senior for adults. The organization is structured similar to the military with squadrons, wings, and headquarters. Members wear uniforms and can advance in grade and rank. Currently, CAP has more than 61,000 members: about 35,000 seniors and over 26,000 cadets.



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PERSPECTIVE

Cadets progress through four phases of training in character development, leadership skills, aviation and space education, and preparation for related careers. Membership opens doors to the Youth Preparedness Council of FEMA, flight opportunities, and scholarships.

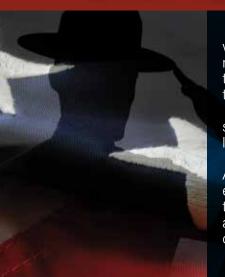
Seniors have a professional development program and specialty tracks. They assist cadet activities, engage in aviation-related education, flight training, and conduct emergency services. CAP seniors perform search and rescue missions, engage in disaster relief, humanitarian work, and assist various governmental agencies in homeland security, and the war on drugs. Their activities provide legitimate avenues of community service for church members to "mingle as Christ mingled" with people, support worthwhile public objectives, help meet people's needs as volunteers, gain credibility for our faith, and enter into places where the denomination seldom ventures.

Adventists should have an interest in serving their communities

responsibly through public service organizations. When combined with a Christ-like life, their individual skilled service voluntarily given becomes an effective witness. See *Ministry of Healing* pages 100 and 143.

ACM is grateful for those Adventists who reach out to their neighbors by engaging in public service organizations that benefit the greater good. Numbers of Adventist ministers have served as CAP chaplains, including Colonel Alva R. Appel, who was a former CAP Chief of Chaplains. Other church members are Character Development Instructors, senior or cadet members. The General Conference Adventist Chaplaincy Ministries Department occasionally receives inquiries about how to form a CAP unit on an Adventist campus, or how to join CAP. Cadet membership and achievements enable higher initial entry pay grade for enlistment in the U.S. Armed Forces. For further information about what CAP offers go to the websites http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Civil_Air_ Patrol and www.gocivilairpatrol.com.

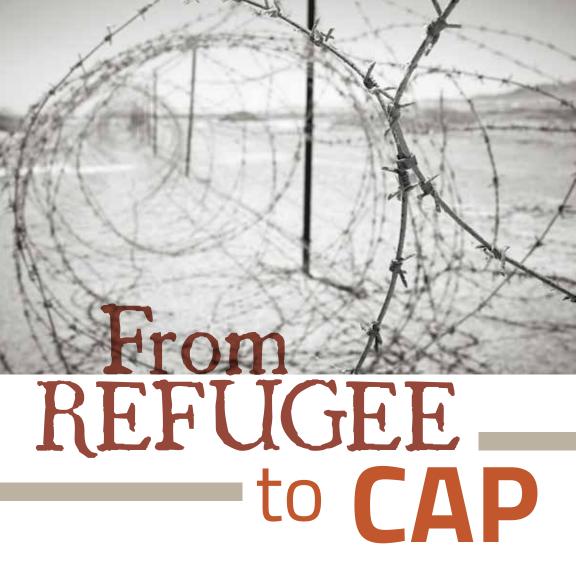
WHAT IS YOUR STORY?



Every day Seventh-day Adventist men and women in uniform faithfully serve. The uniform may be military fatigues, law enforcement blues, the protective covering and helmet for firefighting, the paramedic or EMT uniform, or others.

Whatever the line of duty, your story should be shared. Your family, friends, and the church-atlarge wish to honor your service and commitment.

Adventist Chaplaincy Ministries seeks stories of Adventists serving in uniform. Please contact the editor at Deena.Bartel-Wagner@nad.adventist.org to learn how your story can be told or to submit an article that promotes a Christian perspective on one of the services.



he journey from a refugee camp to becoming a leader in a local Civil Air Patrol squadron was filled with challenges for Emmanuel Ndagijimana. Emmanuel's family arrived in the United States in 2006 from Tanzania. "My family is from the country of Burundi, but because of an ongoing civil war we had been displaced for many years and lived in refugee camps in Rwanda and Tanzania," says Emmanuel.

With new opportunities before him, Emmanuel wanted to take

advantage of as many of them as he could. First he had to learn to speak, read, and write in English. Catching up to his grade level in school was also necessary. He graduated from high school and enrolled in Monroe County Community College (MVCC) in Rochester, New York.

"As I began attending classes, I met several students who were in Air Force uniforms," says Emmanuel. "I asked them about their uniforms and learned that they were cadets in Civil Air Patrol. They gave me information

about how to attend a local meeting."

Emmanuel attended a meeting of the New York Wing's Blackbird Squadron to observe what happens. "I became very interested in the fact that CAP teaches the values of respect and the skills of leadership," says Emmanuel. "I soon realized that the benefits of being a part of CAP would help me."

During a second CAP meeting Emmanuel asked about the process to join. "I wasn't able to join immediately," says Emmanuel. "I was

still on refugee status and didn't have United States citizenship at that time. The leaders arranged for me to serve side-by-side in whichever program I chose to enter."

With his first choice of aerospace education being unavailable to him, Emmanuel decided that he would become a part of the search and rescue group. "We learned and practiced compass and map skills, as well as radio and communications skills," says

Emmanuel. "We've been involved in several search and rescue events, as well as disaster responses. Our Blackbird Squadron was mobilized to Haiti to help distribute supplies in a response to destruction caused by the earthquake."

SENIOR LEADERSHIP AT LAST

When Emmanuel was granted a change in his immigration status he was able to advance in the CAP program. "I finally received my green card and became a senior officer," says Emmanuel. "That was an exciting time for me. Now I was able to officially teach others what I had been learning."

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Emmanuel Ndagijimana learned about the benefits of belonging to Civil Air Patrol from fellow students he met in college.

Senior CAP leadership pushed Emmanuel to build on his personal skills. "When I came to the United States, I wasn't outgoing and I found it difficult to speak up in a group setting," says Emmanuel. "As a senior leader in CAP I realized that the cadets I worked with looked up to me as a role model. They expected me to be a leader and if I didn't fulfill that role, they would be disappointed. This pushed me to better my speaking skills and continue to build my English vocabulary." The local CAP leadership

also encouraged Emmanuel to take public speaking courses in college.

During his time as a student at MVCC, Emmanuel helped form two campus clubs—one for veterans and the other for students interested in joining the military. He was elected as president in both clubs. "These positions helped me learn the skills of planning meetings, preparing for events, introducing speakers, and other responsibilities."

BETTER COLLEGE PREP

After completing courses at MVCC, he enrolled at Union College in Lincoln, Nebraska. Currently Emmanuel is a junior pre-medicine and business major. "The training and experiences that I have had so far in CAP have helped me to be a better student at Union," says Emmanuel. "They have given me the confidence to speak up instead of always being quiet. I also gained the tools of how to confidently ask the right questions. I learned how to meet strangers and feel at ease when getting to know them."

GIVING BACK TO THE COMMUNITY

Training with the CAP has encouraged Emmanuel to cultivate a broad base of skills and to share his knowledge with others. "I have worked as a math tutor and a martial arts instructor at Holmes Lake Elementary School in Lincoln," says Emmanuel. "I wanted to be involved in a way that felt like I was giving something back to the community."

Emmanuel hasn't forgotten the difficulties of living in a refugee camp. "When I was in Tanzania, I had no goals. I went to school only to get a small amount of education," says Emmanuel. "I didn't see the point of attending, because it seemed like I had no future. My father kept encouraging



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me to excel in all I did. He told me that we had no idea what God has planned for me."

Coming to the United States opened Emmanuel's eyes to his future. "I saw that I could have goals and make a difference in the world," says Emmanuel. "I am pursuing training to become a neurosurgeon. I hope to someday return to Burundi to help my people. The refugee camps were not advanced in the medical care that was offered, even though there is a serious need."

NARA GLOBAL TO BE LAUNCHED

Even though he is a busy college student, is involved with the CAP, and works to earn money for college, Emmanuel is mission-minded at heart. His latest venture has been to establish a non-profit organization named Nara Global. "The refugee camp I lived in was in the village of Ngara," says Emmanuel. "I wanted to commemorate my experiences there through the name of my mission organization. I began to think

about the word Ngara, and realized that in Greek the word *nara* means happy. The goal of Nara Global is to help others around the world find happiness in their daily lives."

Survival in a refugee camp is not easy. Disease, lack of sanitation, poor food, limited medical care, and few work opportunities all take their toll on those who live within the confines of the camp. "Often it was too dangerous for my family and me to sleep in our assigned living quarters," says Emmanuel. "We would have to go into the fields that bordered the camp to hide from the gangs and sleep there."

As Emmanuel observed the missionaries who worked in the refugee camp he felt proud of their contributions. "I could see that they genuinely cared about each of us," says Emmanuel. "I want to share that compassion with others through Nara Global."

Currently, plans are being made for Nara Global's first international trip to Zimbabwe in 2014. Medical personnel are being recruited. A collection of necessary supplies is growing through donations and grants. The nursing department at Union College has expressed interest in participating and four nursing students from Southern Adventist University have already signed on for the adventure.

"Education is a primary role of what I hope Nara Global will share with others," says Emmanuel. "Our mission to Zimbabwe will include diabetes prevention education, as well as how to treat diabetes with limited resources, including the use of blood glucose monitors."

Nara Global will also focus on training the youth in a community. "A major outreach of this trip will be to train young people about health education and how they can reach "My father was right when he told me that we didn't have any idea of what God had planned for me. My training in CAP and the responsibilities that I have held and continue to fulfill are helping me to achieve more than I had ever imagined."

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FATHER KNOWS BEST

Too often individuals allow the circumstances of their situation to hold them back. "I am grateful that my parents continued to encourage me to look past my immediate challenges and to work for something higher," says Emmanuel. "My father was right when he told me that we didn't have any idea of what God had planned for me. My training in CAP and the responsibilities that I have held and continue to fulfill are helping me to achieve more than I had ever imagined. I am eager to see where God will lead me next!"



Childhood Dreamer to Elite Leader

s a child, Caleb McLean often thumbed the pages of an old encyclopedia. It was there he read an entry titled "Civil Air Patrol." With dreams of one day becoming a fighter pilot, Caleb was excited to learn that CAP cadets could receive free flight instruction. "This really got my attention," says Caleb. "I did a web

search for CAP units in my area and attended a meeting that same week."

YOU MUST DECIDE NOW

Requirements for joining CAP were changing and Caleb had a narrow window of time to join. "My dad recognized the urgency and told me if I wanted to do this I would have to make my decision right away," says Caleb.

With his induction, Caleb quickly learned about the Air Force and within a few months was promoted to the rank of Cadet/Sergeant. "Each activity I was involved in helped me to realize the leadership skills that I possessed," says McLean. "These had begun to be developed in my local Pathfinder club, where I served as drill master. I was constantly challenged with new CAP leadership roles and responsibilities."

By the time he was 15, McLean was assigned to work with the squadron's planes. "My job included calculating the weights of all cadets and encapsulating this with other factors which helped me estimate the

McLean received the Carl A. Spaatz award, CAP's highest honor given to a cadet. Maj. Gen. Chuck Carr, CAP national commander, (second from left). and U.S. Senate Chaplain Barry Black, (fourth from left), along with McLean's parents attemded the ceremony.

fuel requirements," says McLean. "Then I briefed the flight crews and flight operations group." This experience increased McLean's interest in flight and aerospace



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technology, as well as continuing to build his leadership abilities.

As a part of his CAP experience McLean attended four of the New York Wing's annual encampments and one for the Texas Wing. He also participated in the Specialized Undergraduate Pilot Training Familiarization Course at Columbus Air Force Base in Mississippi; the Cadet Officer School at Maxwell Air Force Base in Alabama; and E-Tech, CAP's Engineering Technologies Academy at Auburn University in Alabama.

LEADERSHIP IN ALL FORMS

During one of the summer encampments McLean discovered how much he'd grown in leadership skills. "CAP is affiliated with the Air Force and our programs are run like the military," says McLean. "In reality, we are dealing with teens who are continuing on their path to maturity. During my third encampment, my leadership abilities were challenged by homesick teens. My role required that I help them find a way to cope with their feelings and complete the encampment successfully."

McLean believes that although you can learn about these things in a book, there is nothing like putting those skills to the test in real life. "It was during my third encampment that I also received a hands-on crash course in conflict resolution," says McLean.

GOD-DEPENDENT ADVICE

Although there were challenges in working with cadets at the encampments, Caleb says it was an honor and privilege to be involved. "One of the best parts of the summer encampments is the fact that you are working with the top cadets in the state," say McLean.

His personal relationship with God plays an important role in McLean's outlook on life and how he engages others in his leadership roles. "When I was growing up my dad discipled me in how to have a personal relationship with God," says McLean. "One of the most important aspects of that relationship is to commit to an active prayer life."

McLean found that prayer has also been an integral part of his time in CAP. "Many times I've been told that God has placed me in places and situations for His reasons." Sometimes those situations are difficult and it is because of his dependence on God that McLean finds the words he needs to counsel others.

"One of our flight sergeants had lost his father and he was struggling with his relationships with the other officers," says McLean. "I had never talked openly with him about my being a Christian, but he came to me and expressed many of his struggles and thoughts."

McLean first talked the cadet out of making any rash decisions. "I encouraged him to not get into things that could temporarily dull the pain that he was feeling." From that point McLean used the opportunity to mentor the young man. "As Christians when we care about others, we can have a positive effect on them and they can become successful in realizing their goals and ambitions."

As a Seventh-day Adventist, McLean found his command leadership to be extremely awarded the coveted General Carl A. Spaatz Award, the highest honor available to CAP cadets. At the same time, he was promoted to the rank of Cadet/ Colonel.

"My successful completion of the requirements for the Spaatz Award is a testimony to God's faithfulness," says McLean. "I wanted to complete the CAP cadet program and make the rank of Cadet/Colonel before I reached age 21. During the fall of 2012 I was preparing for the testing in the areas of leadership and aerospace exams. Outlining the moral leadership essay I would have to write was another part of the process, and well as training physically for the fitness test I would have to pass."

Time was running out for McLean as he waited for approval to take his exams. "Daily I was working out, reviewing my flash cards, and praying that God would lead in all of this," says McLean. "I would pray, "Lord, there is no way I can do this without You."

Approval took longer than McLean had hoped and when it finally came,

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accommodating. "When I attended airshows I would be present on Friday and Sunday, but not attend on Sabbath," says McLean. "There were other events that took place over Sabbaths and I was always transported to the local church so I could attend worship services."

REACHING THE CAP PINNACLE

One of McLean's goals was reached earlier this year when he was

he realized that he would only have one chance to take the exams. All of his hard work, preparation, and prayers would be put to the test. "After the testing I found out immediately that I had passed the Leadership, Aerospace, and Fitness exams," says McLean. "I had to wait to learn what the result for the character essay would be. I will never forget when I learned that I had also passed the essay portion of the exam."

For McLean this was a moment to give all the glory to God. "There were doubters among the CAP leadership that I would be able to accomplish all I did in such a short time to receive the award," says McLean. "I was able to share how God was guiding me each step of the way."

The doubt on the part of the leaders was understandable. About one-half of one percent of CAP cadets earn the Spaatz award. This milestone is only accomplished after completing all 16 achievements in the CAP cadet program, along with the two written exams, the fitness exam, and the written essay.

McLean was presented the Spaatz award and received his promotion from United States Senate Chaplain Barry Black. "I was surrounded by family and friends, as well as congressional representatives and other high profile individuals," says McLean. "It was a blessing to me for them be present and hear my testimony of how God has blessed my life."

FEEL THE BEAT

Although heavily involved in CAP activities, McLean also is a musician and developed his talent as an accompanist. "During my junior and senior years of high school I attended Union Springs Academy, a private boarding school in upstate New York," says McLean. "I was involved in music as much as possible. I also helped with the musical needs of area churches." Today, McLean continues to use music as a creative outlet through his ministry as the music director of a local church.

Although McLean never became a fighter pilot, he is pursuing his interest in the aerospace industry. Currently a junior at Syracuse University, he is majoring in aerospace engineering.



McLean found it invigorating to work with top cadets in many of the CAP programs he participated in.



Discipline, preparation, and hard work, have been a part of McLean's CAP experience.



Summer encampments challenged McLean to further develop his leadership skills as he worked with other cadets.

Being successful in CAP is largely the responsibility of the individuals involved. "If you are interested in the Civil Air Patrol, make sure that it is something you want to participate," says McLean. "CAP is as good as you make it. Find a niche that is meaningful to you and excel in it."

BROTHER AND SISTER TO THE RESCUE

In a Sabbath morning in Hawaii, Jeremiah Daul had his interest piqued. "Our church was celebrating Armed Forces Day," Jeremiah recalls. "I saw several individuals in Air Force uniforms, but they were definitely too young to be in the military." Curious about this, Jeremiah approached them and learned that they were cadets in a Civil Air Patrol squadron.

"I thought it was interesting that they were civilians who were serving in an auxiliary of the Air Force," says Jeremiah. "Then I learned that CAP offered free orientation flights and discounted training for pilots licenses. That really got my attention." Jeremiah joined the local unit and immediately increased his involvement. He discovered that CAP membership offered development of leadership skills, training in public speaking, search and rescue, and more. Eventually, Jeremiah found his niche in search and rescue. "I had the opportunity to attend the Emergency Services Academy, which was a great experience for me," says Jeremiah.

WHAT DO YOU BELIEVE?

Being able to share his love for Jesus is important to Jeremiah. Through CAP he was able to meet individuals who he'd not meet in other venues. "I have had many good opportunities to



minister to others and to be a Christian witness," says Jeremiah.

The annual CAP encampments have been one of the events where others have asked Jeremiah about his beliefs. "Annual encampments are like Basic Training," says Jeremiah. "Before I went I knew that the meals might be a challenge. I made arrangements ahead of time to be able to have meals that fit my dietary choices."

Christianity," says Jeremiah. "We shouldn't be afraid to stand up for our convictions. People are interested in them and will ask questions if we practice them openly."

Jeremiah has been asked what he would do if a mission would occur over Sabbath hours. He's thought about that and believes there is a biblical mandate for his stance. "If a search and rescue effort needed to be

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This simple action opened the way for Jeremiah to talk about the biblical account of creation. "During the encampments many people asked me about the food I was chose to eat. Flight sergeants, team leaders, and other cadets were all curious," says Jeremiah. "They would ask me if I want to protect animals. My response is that I'm interested in the biblical account of the diet for humans. This opens the way for me to be able to talk about how God created a perfect earth, where nothing was supposed to die."

During week-long events, Jeremiah also had to make arrangements for his Sabbath observance. "I had the honor of attending the Regional Cadet Leadership school, which ran over the weekend. I received permission to be away from the program Friday night through Sabbath," says Jeremiah. "I was still required to do the same work as the other cadets. This placed an additional load on me, but I was willing to shoulder it."

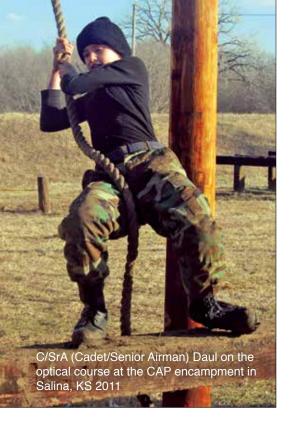
When Jeremiah completed the course at the top of the class of 20, more questions were forthcoming. "The other cadets wanted to learn more about my beliefs, the Bible and

made, I'd be there," says Jeremiah.
"For instance, imagine a hiker is lost.
That could become a life and death situation for that individual. I would need to do all I could to help save that person's life."

I WANT TO JOIN TOO!

Jeremiah was enjoying his involvement so much that his younger sister Katherina was eager to get





involved. "My brother was doing all of kinds of fun stuff while we lived in Hawaii," says Katherina. "I wanted to share in the fun too, so I joined CAP as soon as I was old enough. My mom helped in leadership with the Wheeler Composite Squadron while we lived in Hawaii. My dad is a U.S. Army chaplain. When we were transferred to Fort Leonard Wood in Missouri, our entire family got involved in CAP."

Katherina has focused on the leadership training along with search and rescue in CAP. "Learning about the different techniques of leading cadets has been interesting to me," says Katherina. "You can't expect everyone to learn the same way. One of the things I've studied is the different learning types of cadets and how to make that all come together in training."

Other areas of personal growth that Katherina has experienced in her

CAP training have helped her in daily life. "I've learned how to be more out-going in groups and comfortable in many different settings," says Katherina. "CAP also helps instill respect for others, not just for people older than ourselves, but respect for our peers as well."

As a Cadet/Master Sergeant, Katherina helps lead new cadets to have a successful experience in CAP. "I make sure the cadets I work with are paying attention to the big and little details—such as keeping their uniform in good order."

Search and Rescue and training in Emergency Services have also been a part of Katherina's training. "We receive training in first aid and how to save a life by completing different exercises," says Katherina. "Compass and map reading skills are just as important in search and rescue operations." Cadets spend time learning to plot courses on maps as well as developing the necessary skills for compass use.

Combining leadership skills she has learned in CAP with her musical talents, Katherina is involved in her local church. "I play the cello and piano for church services," says Katherina. "CAP skills help me to be more at ease now when I'm performing."

TESTED BY SEARCH AND RESCUE

Going on search and rescue missions can be challenging. "I remember one mission that we participated in," says Jeremiah. "A man was flying late at night from Florida to Wisconsin. There were thunderstorms in Missouri and he became disoriented. Failing to realize that he was flying near the highest point in Missouri and he crashed into it."

A search was set up and it took about 72 hours to find the wreckage.

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"There was no signal from the emergency transmitter, so that meant lots of ground searching," says Jeremiah. "When we found the crash site, we sadly discovered there were no survivors."

Going on that kind of mission is sobering, but CAP cadets are not sent into the field without preparation. "We have chaplains, social workers, and psychologists who teach us how to cope in situations like that," says Jeremiah. "We receive briefings on how to deal with rescues, injuries, and death. Our training better equips us to also do our job."

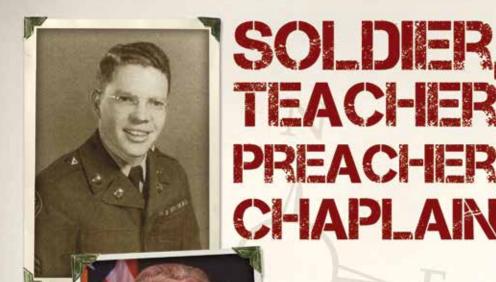
WHAT LIES AHEAD?

Nineteen-year-old Jeremiah is moving to the senior member side of CAP as he also begins online college courses, with a possible major in business administration. Currently he works as an electrical apprentice for Faith Technologies, Inc. "My CAP training has also helped me in my apprenticeship. I install fire alarm systems along with conduit, light fixutres, outlets, etc," says Jeremiah. "Learning to pay attention to the small details in the CAP instruction will carry over to other things in my life, no matter what I pursue."

At fifteen-years-old, Katherina still has time to find her life career. "I think I'd like to be a veterinarian," says Katherina. "But I like working with people too." At the present, Katherina will continue with her involvement in CAP as she begins ninth grade and her high school years.

This brother and sister team believes that participating in the Civil Air Patrol individually and as a family provides great benefits. "Both youth and adults can be part of the program," says Jeremiah. "I would encourage anyone looking for a way to be involved in their local community to learn more about CAP and what is available to them."





I was done with school and would never go back," says Harold. "At 17 I convinced my dad to sign the papers for me to join the military." Harold's dream of wearing the military uniform was only enhanced when he learned he was being sent to Kessler Air Field in Mississippi for his basing training with the Army Air Force.

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As Harold was ready to begin his service, World War II was coming to an end. "I promised my dad just before I shipped out that I would return home with stripes on my arms and my high school education completed," says Harold. He made good on that promise. By the end of his enlistment, Harold bore three stripes on his arm and completed his high school studies the same year he was supposed to graduate, thanks to the United States Armed Forces Institute.

In the Appalachian Mountains of Eastern Kentucky, a red-haired boy lay on the hillside and watched the military airplanes fly overhead. His greatest wish was to be in those planes as a pilot and serving his country. "Perhaps my dream of military service was born in me when my parents gave me my name," muses Harold Johnson. "The name Harold means army+power."

THE MILITARY IS FOR ME

At 16, when he quit school and got a job, Harold had one message to

A NEW ENLISTMENT

Although Harold completed his enlistment, after four months of civilian life he re-enlisted. He had no idea how this would change the direction of his life and the career he would eventually embrace. "During this time I began listening to a radio show called "The Voice of Prophecy." The speaker piqued my interest in biblical topics," says Harold. "I remembered my father telling me when I was a child that Saturday was the true Bible Sabbath, although we didn't keep it. I always wondered why Christians kept Sunday."

Another memory tugged at the edges of Harold's thoughts. "I remembered a big grey book in our home with an illustration of the devil on the cover," says Harold. "I later realized that it was a copy of *The Great Controversy*." Harold's Bible study increased and he began attending church services. He was baptized on New Year's Day in 1949 at Fort Knox, Kentucky.

I CANNOT ATTEND

After his baptism, Harold faced a

test of his faith and his willingness to trust God. He was a member of the 324th Army Band at Aberdeen Proving Grounds. His commanding officer allowed Harold to miss Saturday rehearsals and concerts so he could attend Sabbath services. Harold faithfully performed his duties on Sunday and in overtime instead of on Sabbath.

All was fine until word was sent that the President of the United States would be visiting Aberdeen Proving Grounds. The band would be expected to perform and the date of the President's visit fell on a Sabbath. Harold, along with his pastor, met with the Warrant Officer who would make the final decision. "The meeting didn't go as we had hoped," recalls Harold. "The officer told me in no uncertain terms that orders were orders. If I failed to report on Sabbath morning I

Harold Johnson dreamed of serving his country from a young age.



would be guilty of insubordination."

Harold prayed through the night that God would intervene. An early Sabbath-morning phone call brought news and a story that Harold was surprised to hear. The officer would allow Harold to be absent from the performance for the President. "My wife knew a Seventh-day Adventist family who was faithful in their beliefs," the officer told Harold. "She has convinced me that I have no right to come between you and your God." Harold joyfully shared the faithfulness of God in his life with his church family that Sabbath morning.

CALLED TO MINISTRY

The more Harold studied the Bible, the more convicted he was that he was being called to the role of being a minister. "I began to take college courses with the intention that when I was discharged I would enroll in college and study theology," says

Harold. This was a reversal of his youthful declaration that he no longer needed to attend school.

Due to the Korean Conflict, Harold's tour of duty was extended for a year and this caused him to lose his World War II GI Bill funding. When he enrolled at Southern Missionary College, (now Southern Adventist University) in Collegedale, Tennessee, he had changed his major to education. "I had to make the change in order to receive the necessary funding for my education," says Harold.

Following college and several years of teaching, Harold and his family served as missionaries in Beirut, Lebanon, Tehran, Iran and in the Southeast Africa Union. "During my first stint in the military, one of my jobs was to guard Japanese prisoners of war," says Harold. "This experience planted a seed of desire in me to help people of other cultures."

MILITARY CHAPLAIN AT LAST

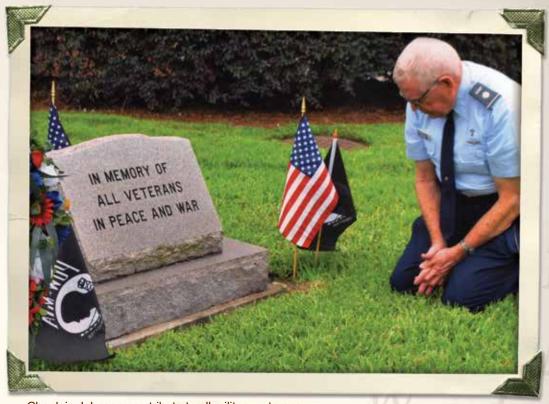
After serving in the mission field, Harold began a new ministry-that of hospital chaplain. His chaplaincy

career began in the place he knew best, the hills of Kentucky. It was here that Harold served as a chaplain at Memorial Hospital. Today, even in retirement, Harold continues to serve as a part-time hospital chaplain at Florida Hospital Heartland

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Chaplain Johnson takes part in everything the CAP cadets do, including the ropes course.

Even though he retired 22 years ago, Johnson continues his work with Civil Air Patrol cadets.



Chaplain Johnson pay tribute to all military veterans.

Division in Sebring, Florida.

Following his ordination Harold wanted to become a military chaplain. "I was disappointed to learn that all appointments were frozen at that time," says Harold. "By the time the freeze was lifted, I had passed the age limit for becoming a military chaplain." Harold thought his dream of being a military chaplain would never happen, until a chance meeting in 1989. "I was attending chaplains meetings in St. Louis, Missouri and met Alva Appel," says Harold. "Chaplain Appel was the Chief of Chaplains for the Civil Air Patrol. I told him about my disappointment of not fulfilling my dream of becoming a military chaplain because of age restrictions."

Chaplain Appel responded, "You can be too young, but you can't be too old to be a chaplain in the Civil Air

Patrol." Appel encouraged Harold to contact him after he returned home from the meetings.

In May 1989, Adventist Chaplaincy Ministries granted endorsement as a Civil Air Patrol Chaplain to Harold. "I was finally able to serve as a military chaplain," says Harold.

CADETS, FOLLOW MY LEAD

From the beginning Harold fully embraced his role as a Civil Air Patrol chaplain and performed the same activities that were required of the cadets.

"When I am working with cadets how could I be a part of them if I wasn't participating in their activities," says Harold. Within his first five years of CAP Harold was promoted to Lieutenant Colonel. Today Harold

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WHY CAP-WHY ME?

any people imagine that individuals who are members of Civil Air Patrol (CAP) get together to fly. In reality, CAP units have a much broader scope—they meet needs that are present in a local community. This gives the unit members a clear-cut mission, which allows them to focus on their tasks.

CAP units in the United States perform ninety percent of the continental inland search-and-rescue mission tasked by the Air Force Rescue Coordination Center. During 2011, these efforts were credited with saving 54 lives.¹

Joining a CAP squadron provides opportunities to become involved in meaningful outreach in the local community. If the profiles in this issue of *For God and Country* have inspired you to join a local squadron, here are some things you need to know.

The local CAP group is called a squadron. There are four types of squadrons–Senior, Cadet, Composite, and Group.

- Senior squadrons are only for adults 18 years of age or older.
- Cadet squadrons—These only have youth programs for cadets.
 Senior members are involved, but their role is to manage the youth program. These members should have a primary interest in working with cadets.
- Composite squadrons–Both cadet and senior programs make up these squadrons. Some are special school units.

 Groups-These are administrative units, which usually don't accept new CAP members.

Interested in joining your local CAP squadron? Contact a local squadron and visit a meeting. For localities with more than one squadron, it is recommended that you visit several to find the best fit for your needs.

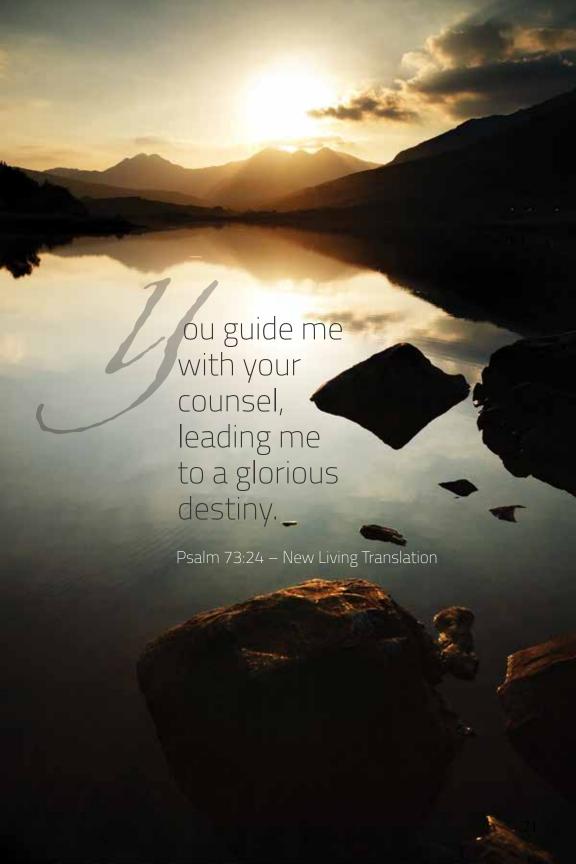
Cadets must be at least 12-yearsold and no older that 18. You must be enrolled or have graduated from a public or private school or college with satisfactory academic achievements. You cannot be married, or a member of the active duty Armed Forces. You must be a United States citizen or an alien lawfully admitted for permanent residence in the United States and of good moral character.

Senior members must be at least 18-years-old. Active duty members of Armed Forces can join CAP as a senior member at any age. You must be a United States citizen or an alien lawfully admitted for permanent residence in the United States. You must not have any felony conviction by any court of record, whether federal, state, or military.

If you are interested in starting a CAP unit, you must contact the wing recruiting and retention officer to explore the possibilities of forming a CAP unit.

For more information about Civil Air Patrol visit www.gocivilairpatrol.com/index.cfm.

¹Accessed September 1, 2013 http://capnhq.custhelp.com/app/answers/detail/a_id/236/~/ starting-a-cap-unit



"Where's My Church Mail?"

A Conversation with the ACM/NSO Director

ncreasing numbers of mail sent to Adventists in uniform are returned to the Adventist Chaplaincy Ministries (ACM) Department unclaimed and undelivered. As the picture shows, the most recent mailing of third quarter Adult Sabbath School Bible Study Guides failed to reach 62 individuals. Possibly more quarterlies will yet be returned. You may wonder why the National Service Organization (NSO), your military liaison office with the denomination and a chapter of ACM, is not supporting your religious faith needs as perhaps it once did. The returned mail is an expensive waste of stewardship given sacrificially by church members to provide pastoral care and religious support for you. The last batch of returned mail pictured cost over \$138 in postage, not counting the man-hours and salaries for the work that went into preparing the mailings.

What causes this waste? Perhaps changes in the military: more frequent deployments, shorter tours in the combat theater, and drawdown of forces. The APO/FPO military mails work well – sometimes; other times we receive inquiries about delayed delivery of items sent weeks previously. Eventually the materials arrive past their use date. Unfortunately, those are changes ACM/NSO cannot control.

Another cause is invalid addresses.



Prior to the end of the Vietnam Conflict, the denomination had an NSO structure in place from the local church to the General Conference. That structure helped the church know about Adventists in the military. In the "prehistoric days" prior to computers, the NSO office was able to build a database and subscription lists of over 5,000 Adventists in the U.S. Armed Forces. Local church NSO secretaries and pastors shared who was being drafted and desired church support. Unfortunately, that structure quickly evaporated after 1973 with the end of conscription. Apparently, church leaders thought no Adventist would voluntarily enlist

in the military. Wrong!

Today, even with all the "advantages" of electronic information, the ACM/NSO database and subscription lists for church periodicals contains only a third of the names of former years. Except for voluntary contacts, no system exists to inform ACM/NSO who is serving or where they are stationed. Hence, ACM/NSO has limited methods of providing religious resources and denominational materials to you. Though the office staff is gifted in many ways, they have

outreach materials, and worship items), links to the ACM magazine, *For God and Country*, and an easy way to practice your personal stewardship.

Third, many denominational resources can be viewed on your computer or downloaded for free via apps to your iPad, iPod or iPhone.

For over fifty years the National Service Organization has supported Adventists serving their country with pastoral care, support in accommodation of religious practice issues, religious retreats, overseas

The last batch of returned mail pictured cost over \$138 in postage, not counting the man-hours and salaries for the work that went into preparing the mailings for sending you.

never been able to "divine" which military personnel are Seventhday Adventist and where they are stationed. Without accurate and current addresses, ACM simply cannot continue the same level of support as previously given without incurring hundreds of dollars of misused postage and man-hours.

What are some solutions to help prevent mis-mailings? First, the ACM/NSO office staff needs to understand military abbreviations better. That part can be "fixed" and will alleviate a small portion of the problem.

Second, you can help by going to the new website designed with you in mind, and establishing your own account/personal profile with which to order religious materials and keep your military mailing address current and accurate. The website link is **www.AdventistsInUniform.org.** It also contains menus for ordering free materials (daily devotional books, denominational journals,

military centers, and free religious materials (Military Bible Kit, books, magazines and other religious items). Without knowing who, how many, and where Adventists in uniform are, that support is becoming increasingly challenging to provide. Hopefully, the solutions suggested and your ideas shared with ACM/ NSO will reverse the present trends and enable continual service. Unless that happens, ACM / NSO cannot sustain the same level of support while costs and wasted effort increase. Asking for more money to cover over a problem and perpetuate a myth that the past continues unchanged is not an acceptable solution. We have an obligation to be good stewards of what has been entrusted to us. If little interest, need or requirement exists, then the program or support must be changed or dropped. Help us help you. Let ACM/NSO hear your observations and suggestions.



OREGON CONFERENCE REACHES OUT TO MILITARY PERSONNEL

The "Pack a Love Box and Ice Cream Feed for Veterans" took place recently at the Oregon Conference Gladstone Campmeeting. This annual event includes packing "love boxes" to mail to deployed military personnel, and an ice cream social for military veterans. The event helps older and new Vets become acquainted. "We see this as an opportunity for the Vets to meet and to encourage them to team up with their churches and pastors to reach out into the



Camp meeting attendees were encouraged to "Pack a Love Box" of items and send it to a service member overseas.



Tracy Wood, Oregon Conference Youth Director

community to help other Vets," says Tracy Wood, Youth and NSO Director of the Oregon Conference.

SDA MILITARY CHAPLAINS

The Seventh-day Adventist Military Chaplains Annual Training Conference was held recently at the Cohutta Springs Retreat Center in Cohutta Springs, Georgia. Chaplains from across the North American Division, as well as two chaplains representing the country of Ghana attended the event.



Guest speakers for the event were Dr. Jan McCormack, Director of Chaplaincy and Pastoral Counseling at Denver Seminary (Soul Maintenance-Guarding Your Heart While Caring for Others), Chaplain (Colonel) Herman Keizer, U.S. Army Retired (Moral Injury and Soul Repair), and Chaplain (Colonel) Jonathan McGraw, U. S. Army (Strategic Leadership), Elder Kenneth Denslow, NAD (North American Division *Update*), and Dr. James North, Seventh-day Adventist Theological Seminary (A Perspective on Killing and War from the New Testament).

Other highlights during the conference included visiting the Civil War battlefield of Chickamagua and a memorial service at the grave of



Gary Councell, ACM Director, presented Chaplain James North, DMin, mementos of appreciation from ACM upon his retirement, following 50+ years of ministry.

Medal of Honor Recipient Desmond Doss, led by Chaplain (LTC) Daniel Petsch, U.S. Army.

PROMOTIONS

CH William J. (Bill) Cork was recently promoted to Major. Cork serves in the Texas Army National Guard and is currently on active duty in Kuwait with the HHC, 36th Aviation Brigade.



CH Jorge Torres was recently promoted to Major. Torres serves in the U.S. Army and is currently assigned to the 120th Adjutant General Battalion (Reception) at Fort Jackson, South Carolina.



Resources

Are you looking for mobile apps that will keep you connected to the church, and provide resources for Bible study, worship, and encouragement? Check out the apps listed below. Learn more on how to download for Apple and Android devices at www. simpleupdates.com/article/46/features/mobile-apps

Adventist News Network- Want to stay connected with Seventh-day Adventist Church news? Download the ANN app for instant updates from the Adventist world church's official news source, Adventist News Network.

Ellen G. White Writings- EGW

Writings for Android enables you to download the Complete Published Writings of Ellen G. White individually or as a collection in 9 languages: Chinese, English, French, German, Italian, Portuguese, Romanian, Russian, and Spanish. The app is great for reading the writings or for word and phrase searches within an individual book or your entire library. The Study Center allows you to create topical folders for bookmarks, highlights, and for creating your own notes. The app also includes seven Bible versions in English for direct linking to Bible references within Ellen White's writings. The app includes a contemporary dictionary of Ellen White: Noah Webster's 1828 American Dictionary. A special feature of this app is live streaming

of available mp3 audio books in all languages via www.egwwritings.org. Ellen G. White is the most widely published Seventh-day Adventist author. Her ministry spanned 70 years, writing on a wide range of topics from spiritual, to health, education, ministry, financial and marital advice. Her best known most translated work is Steps to Christ, followed by the five books in the Conflict of the Ages series: Patriarchs and Prophets, Prophets and Kings, Desire of Ages, Acts of the Apostles, and The Great Controversy. EGW Writings is the latest addition to the Ellen G. White Estate's successful line of free apps for phones, tablets, and eReader devices.

SpiritRenew– SpiritRenew provides content for spiritual development and growth. Content includes short stories and inspirational articles.

GraceLink—Remember when you used to sit in church, or at school, and they pulled out a storyboard and felts to illustrate a story? That's what GraceLink Bible Study Guides offer—electronic felts! (Currently available for iPad only.)

iGive SDA-iGiveSDA connects heart and treasure. It is an easy way for people on the go to learn about the offerings at your local Seventh-day Adventist church.

Sabbath School 3–Sabbath School is a Bible study app for the student, teacher, and small group leader. The

studies are built on Scripture and encourage the reader to discover a better understanding of the Bible. Beginner through Adult study guides are included, plus other features.

Life+Health Network TV- Life and Health Network is a non-profit television network broadcasting over the Internet. Our goal is to set forth principles of life and health that will increase longevity and enhance the quality of life. In addition, Life and Health Network highlights the spiritual dimension of health, proposing that true health principles have their foundation in the mind of a loving, personal Creator.

Forever Faithful 2014— This app features the news and activities of the International Pathfinder Camporee. Featured is the 2014 Camporee, which will be held in Oshkosh, WI on August 11, 2014.

Adventist World—The official magazine of the Seventh-day Adventist Church. It was launched in 2005 with the mission to uplift Jesus Christ, uniting Seventh-day Adventists everywhere in beliefs, mission, life, and hope.

SDA Finder-This app helps you easily find Seventh-day Adventist churches, schools and other organizations in North America. Using the built-in GPS abilities of your mobile device, you can quickly see the churches and schools nearest you. You can also choose to view sites near you by selecting a zip code or Adventist conference.

Family Worship—Family Worship time is a great time for families to connect with each other and with God. This app provides fun and inspiring ideas to make family worship a memorable and enjoyable time for all ages.

eGraceNotes— As grace notes add enjoyment to a musical score, we hope the notes about grace and life available through this app help you find meaning and joy!

North American Division of SDA's-

This is the official app of the Seventh-day Adventist Church in North American. The North American Division (NAD) territory covers Bermuda, Canada, the United States, and U.S. territories of Guam, the Federated States of Micronesia, Marshall Islands, Northern Mariana Islands and Palau.

The app includes a complete directory of administration and ministries. NAD news and calendar of events information allow for members to stay current with what is happening in the North American Division.

NAD Family Ministries— This is the app of the Family Ministries Department for the Seventh-day Adventist Church in North America. Features include:

- Daily devotional on family topics
- News and resources for your family and for those who work on behalf of families.
- List of counselors available in your area.
- Calendar of Family Ministry events throughout the North American Division
- AdventSource Store- If you are a Family Ministries Coordinator in your church you will find links to materials and resources you can use in your ministry to families.



EXPERIENCE UNION COLLEGE

- Nathan, a junior theology major who served in the Air Force
- 2 The Yellow Ribbon program keeps money in military veterans' pockets by providing scholarships matching Union's tuition to that of an in-state public university.
- Union is one of only two Adventist colleges on the 2013 Military Friendly Schools list.
- Practical experience, dedicated professors, Christian classmates and a wide variety of majors provide excellent preparation for a different kind of service.

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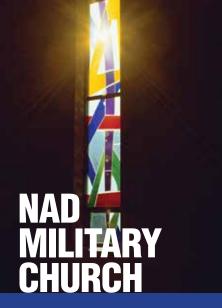
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Membership transfer request forms are available under "Membership."

Your NAD Military Church staff and board look forward to serving you!

Online Giving

onoring God through faithful stewardship is encouraged of all Seventh-day Adventists. In the Bible rich blessings are promised to those who return an honest tithe and are generous with offerings to support God's work.

In response to requests from Adventist members in the United States military, the NSO has made arrangements for members in the U.S. Armed Forces serving outside the United States to be able to send tithes and offerings through the North American Division, and thus qualify for a receipt for tax-exempt contributions.

For your convenience go to www.nad. adventistchaplains.org and use the dropdown menu to make your contribution online.

Chaplains and members are encouraged to support ACM/NSO as their "conference" that provides pastoral care and religious materials for their spiritual well-being. Also, please remember to support your base chapel program. Military members serving in countries in other world divisions should contact their conference/union leadership or the division ACM director for further quidance in this area. RICH BLESSINGS ARE PROMISED TO THOSE WHO RETURN AN

HONEST TITHE.

DID YOU PROVIDE SUPPORT IN THE **AFTERMATH OF SEPTEMBER 11, 2001?**

id you work or volunteer to provide disaster interfaith, mental health, or other support services related to the September 11, 2001 attacks? These may have included faith-based services such as crisis counseling, outreach, public education, case management, or other volunteer support services. Locations where you may have worked include Lower Manhattan (south of Canal Street), Ground Zero, Staten Island Landfill, NYC Chief Medical Examiners Officer, or at the barge loading piers.

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I WORKED IN THOSE LOCATIONS. WHAT'S NEXT?

Applications for acceptance into the WTC Health Program are being accepted through the end of 2013. Applications are available by:

- Calling 1-888-982-4748
- Email wtchealthprogram@icfi.com
- On the WTC website at www.cdc.gov/wtc

DO I REALLY NEED THESE SERVICES?

All responders who are potentially eligible need to be enrolled in the program. You may not be experiencing physical or mental health problems now. Even if you don't think you need services, you should enroll in case you experience future problems.

This program is administered by the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health.



has completed all levels of training including attending the National Staff College. "I've had the opportunity to attend seven CAP encampments during my time as a chaplain," says Harold.

Harold also serves as a volunteer chaplain for the Avon Park Air-Ground Training Complex at the Avon Park Air Force Range. "This is the most active Air Force Range east of the Mississippi River," says Harold. "It is a training facility for all branches of service, for air-to-ground and ground-to-ground ordnance delivery, airborne operations, small unit tactical training, and large-scale joint operations and staging."

In his role, Harold fulfills the need for spiritual and chaplain services for assigned personnel as well as those deployed to the range for training exercises. "I never know what a day may call for in terms of needs for my work with CAP or at the Range," says Harold. "I may have to participate in squadron training missions, make hospital and home visits, conduct funerals or memorial services or any other number of tasks that fall to the chaplain."

As Harold reflects on the different positions he has held—teacher, pastor, chaplain for health care, Air Force and Civil Air Patrol, departmental director, volunteer, and more—he believes his work as a missionary prepared him to be flexible and take on the challenge of such a wide range of duties.

Twenty-two years ago, in December 1990 Harold retired from full-time ministry and was retreaded in January 1991 to work as a volunteer chaplain. Harold has given more than 35,000 hours of his time in those 22 years. "When the Lord is ready for me to stop, He will stop me in the saddle," says Harold with a chuckle.

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