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UNITED STATES VOLUNTEERS - JOINT SERVICES COMMAND

## The Chaplain's Corner

### *Report from Deputy Chief of Chaplains—Dr. Stephen Kirtley*

It is my distinct pleasure to welcome you to the site for Chaplain Services, USV-JSC. I am proud to serve with Chaplain (Cmdr) Lynn Anderson in the Office of the Chief of Chaplains. As Chaplain Anderson expressed last month, our role is to provide Chaplain Services for the mission of Boots on Graves for our proud military veterans who have finished their service to this great Country.



A secondary and equally important mission we share in is to recruit able and dedicated chaplains in all branches of the military to serve with the USV as we together carry out the mission to our veterans. I am proud to play a vital role in the training of these chaplains and for their continuing education. Promise Christian University, Pasadena, CA, has been designated as the official training institution for chaplains training for the USV-JCS, nationwide. I have been called to be the Director of Chaplaincy Programs at PCU.

In March of this year we hosted our first basic course on the chaplaincy, resulting in a number of men and women committing their lives to chaplaincy ministry of various capacities. This includes four who are being inducted into the USV. This is an excellent first step, and the program is building. We shall be having our second basic Chaplains Course commencing May 5<sup>th</sup>, and continuing on May 12<sup>th</sup> and May 19<sup>th</sup>, with classes held at PCU. We have a dozen or more already enrolled, and still room for more. I will be the principle instructor, with special chaplain guests planned to participate. For information, please contact us. (Click on Chaplains' Training, below).

I look forward to meeting you and sharing our services with you,

Chaplain (COL) Stephen E. Kirtley  
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### Chaplains Training—Level 3

For new Chaplains or for those interested in the Chaplaincy, Chaplain Stephen Kirtley is presenting three sessions, May 5, 12, and May 19th introduction to the Chaplaincy.

On May 10th the USV-JSC Honor Guard and Chaplains will be meeting at the Riverside National Cemetery in Riverside to conduct graveside honors from 9:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m.

May 28th—Memorial Day. USV-JSC will be represented at the Oakdale Memorial Park in Covina, CA by Chaplain Stephen Kirtley, Deputy Chief of Chaplains.

Chaplain Lynn Anderson will also be representing the USV-JSC at other memorial day events in the area.

### 201—Files

All Chaplains need to complete their 201 files. For information please contact:

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