

Chief of Chaplains First Quarter Brief 2007



UNITED STATES VOLUNTEERS - JOINT SERVICES COMMAND

The Chaplain's Corner

From Chaplain Lynn Anderson

March finds the United States Volunteers Joint Services Command growing and looking for more recruits. Four new chaplains were commissioned and we are looking to add more next month. The demand for new personnel to man "Boots on Graves" is urgent. If any one needs information, pamphlets, or help in recruiting members please contact us here at National Headquarters and we will help.



Chaplain (Commander) Anderson

I guess the question is why do we need more chaplains in the USV? The answer is this. The USV is the only organization whose mission is to send chaplains to assist in the "Boots on Graves" services at the national commentaries. We believe this is the way it should be since chaplains are a big part of the spiritual and every day lives of our service men. The USV concludes that it's only fitting there should be a chaplain at the grave-side services. If this is the case, we need more chaplains to man our services.

The USV is training chaplains to help out in hospitals, clinics, and wherever needed. Our nation needs chaplains and volunteers to be prepared for any emergency that would suddenly come up. Who would have thought that there would be a disaster in New Orleans, "Katrina" on such a great scale? I remember in the Navy, they instruct service members to **always** have a reason for what you do. This applies to the Chaplain Service today. *To be well prepared when disaster strikes; be up to date with your training so you can be used in the time of need.*

Just a reminder, if anyone is near Westminster, CA. on March 31, 2007 the National Command is hosting the "TET" 2007 Celebration at the at the Grand Garden Restaurant. Please check the web site (www.usv-jsc.com) for more information.

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Chaplain Lynn Anderson
Chief of Chaplains

Welcome four new Chaplains to USV

Dr. Michael McKinney, President of Promise Christian University— Rank LT Commander, USV Navy

Dr. Jerry Howell, Retired Pastor, Director of Development Promise Christian University—Rank Captain, USV Army

Dr. Elie Elbayadi, President of Middle Eastern Outreach, Rank—Captain USV Air Force

Rev. Michael Kearin, Speaker and Motivator, Graduate of Fuller Theological Seminary—Rank Captain USV Army



Swearing in on February 10, 2007

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*Honoring the service men
and women of this nation*

March USV Training a success with over 30 in attendance and two Chaplains

Two groups from California and Arizona met at the Riverside National Cemetery to do the military honors for three families.

Leading the Chaplains detail was Chaplain (Col) Stephen Kirtley being assisted by the Chaplain in Training Chaplain (LT. Commander) Michael McKinney. CSM Aguilar did a terrific job in organizing and working with such a large group. His staff did an excellent job and were very professional.



Riverside National Cemetery—Honors Detail



The USV-Chaplain Service was happy to announce that training is available for non-military clergy who would like to volunteer to serve as a chaplain with USV. These training classes are being hosted at Promise Christian University, Pasadena, California. If you have a desire to serve, and you already have your Bachelor's degree and/or Master of Divinity with five years of full time ministry, you are a candidate to with the USV. We accept clergy members who are able to get their military and ecclesiastical endorsements from their religious group.

This training is available to all clergy and will focus on the history of the Chaplaincy in the United States, Customs and Courtesies and will cover such areas as pluralism, the role of the Chaplain and duties. This class is being taught by Dr. Stephen Kirtley a US Army Chaplain for 30 years. For more information call Chaplain (Com) Lynn Anderson 626 827-1097