

Military Mail Trinity's Military Outreach

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I pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God indivisible with liberty and justice for all.

Our Prayer of Hope

Return them safely to fulfill dreams unrealized so that they bless Your name through the lives they live. May their efforts further the cause of Peace throughout the world and bring us closer to the day when "Nation shall not lift up sword against nation."

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Why I Joined this Ministry - by Laura Baerg: Part 1

Respect, thankfulness and admiration are just a few emotions that well up inside me when I think of all our service personnel both past and present.

My father instilled in our family this love and reverent respect for these men and women. As a family we would go to Memorial Day and Veterans Day services to pay our respect and show our gratitude. Growing up in such a household made me who I am today. These services were a place of reflection to understand where we came from as a nation and where we are now. These freedoms that we all enjoy in this great country are ideals no one should ever take for granted. Your veterans are the ones to thank for this!

Freedom – a word that is used frequently when talking about America. As I write this, I wonder what does the word mean to you, and have you ever thought about how you received it?

Sometimes when all we know is freedom, it is easy to get complacent and forget how everyday life would be different if men and women would not have fought for you and me. To me, freedom means allowing people to live their lives without fearing persecution for their words or actions. Think about it, how would your life be different if these freedoms were not upheld? As you are contemplating how your life would be different, now may be a good time to say thank you to our service personnel who fought and died to protect the freedoms we now enjoy.

MILITARY PROFILE

Lance Corporal Andrew Fischer – U.S Marine Corp

As an enlisted Marine (2007,) Andrew spent three months in boot camp at the Marine Corp Recruit Depot in San Diego. After boot camp Andrew attended the School of Infantry (SOI) and then was chosen to attend Light Armored Vehicle School. After he met his training requirements Andrew was assigned to the 3rd LAR (Light Armored Recon) at 29 Palms, California. As Andrew's Marine career concludes

this summer he can look back at two deployments. His first came in '09 where his unit was assigned to Iraq. His most recent deployment ended in May. His Battalion was assigned to Camp Payne, in Helmund Province, Afghanistan. Our congratulations and thank you goes out to Andrew for his service to our country. Andrew is the son of Bill and Ruth Fischer who attend Trinity.



RECOGNITION

Congratulations to Trinity's Military Ministry! Due to their continued ongoing ministry of supporting military members and their families while deployed, Trinity has been declared a "Yellow Ribbon" church. An official presentation took place at Trinity during their services on June 26, 2011.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Quarterly Meetings

8/ 21 - Team Meeting
9/ 18 - Leadership Mug
10/ 16 - Qtly Potluck
(All are welcome)

3rd Annual Veterans' Appreciation Dinner **Friday, November 11, 2011**

Volunteers will be needed for this very special occasion. Stay tuned for more info as to how you can help.

Trinity Soldier (Bruce Jensen) Says Thank You!

Bruce Jensen took time out of his busy schedule to say thank you to Trinity's Military Ministry.

In his communiqué, Bruce wrote that the military support group has been great during his recent deployment and upon returning home to his family. He was appreciative for the several care packages and letters from kids in the children's ministry. He also mentioned that when his ex-wife was having problems setting up skype, Lindy Kes took time to help her out. This allowed him to have video conversations with his daughters while away on service.

Bruce was also appreciative of how Deb Welke kept in touch with him while he was gone to make sure he was doing alright and offering the support of our group while he was away.

To his surprise upon his return the military support group welcomed him home with a police escort to his home where he was greeted by over 30 motorcycle riders from the Patriot Guard and a group of Trinity Military Support Group members. Bruce concludes that since he has returned home that Tim and Patty Rehn have been keeping in touch to see how he is doing upon his return.

NEWS FLASH!

On Thursday, June 30, 2011 at a ceremony surrounded by his family, friends, army unit and a group from Trinity's Military Ministry, Bruce Jensen was promoted to the rank of Lieutenant Colonel. Congratulations Bruce for this promotion and for your service!

Why I Joined this Ministry – by Laura Baerg: Part 2

What can you and I do to say thank you to our service personnel who currently serve and have served in our military? There are so many ways to show your gratitude and thankfulness. My family has continued to go to Veterans Day and Memorial Day services, taking time out of our lives to go and show respect and gratitude to all who have served, remembering the cost of freedom.

This is something I need my children to understand and appreciate as they grow. To that end, last year we started a new tradition, making cards for veterans and delivering them on Veterans Day. The appreciation of the two men we visited was so special. Maybe you could start a similar tradition in your family this year.

The military ministry team – a place I have found to channel my passion and help others show appreciation to men and women who are responsible for our freedom while finding ways to support their service to our country. Whether you agree with the war or not, support and respect for our brave service personnel is a must! You continue to enjoy your freedoms today because of the sacrifices they have made for all of us.

The goal of this ministry is to "walk along side the military men and women and their families who serve our country through: raising awareness; providing support; and Shining the Light of Jesus Christ so others come to know, love and follow Him."