



# eNews May 2023

## Thank You! - David Schweinsberg

*31 So do not worry, saying, 'What shall we eat?' or 'What shall we drink?' or 'What shall we wear?' 32 For the pagans run after all these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them. 33 But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well. Matthew 6:31-33 (NIV)*

When we seek the Lord and his Kingdom, all things we need will be provided by our God. On behalf of the MCF-A Executive I want to thank every person who has given to the organisation, whether that be giving of your time, prayers or financially. Your contributions have allowed MCF-A to function and thrive in a world that desperately needs Jesus.

For every decision the MCF-A Council makes on behalf of the organisation, we always refer to the MCF-A objectives; to lead all in Defence to Christ, to develop Christians and to support Christians in the ADF/Defence. Your contributions to MCF-A helps us to help you carrying out those objectives.

We need your money, your time and more importantly your prayers for MCF-A to continue. We want to see God move through Defence and we want to put the resources you have entrusted to us to respond to God moving.

But we also need God inspired ideas to spend those resources, to partner with God and see him move. Please reach out to an MCF-A Representative, Council member and of course Julie our Administrator.

Dave, MCF-A Treasurer

**NOTE: All [donations](#) over \$2 given to MCF-A are tax deductible. (Information for donations and bank deposits via the link)**

## What does MCF-A do and how did it start?



MCF Chair, CHAP Steve Neuhaus, was asked to speak at a local gathering called 'Friends of St John's' at St John's Anglican Church Reid, Canberra. Here he told of how MCF-A came to be, what it does within Defence and its mission focus. It is well **worth a listen by all MCF-A members and supporters to help everyone focus on what MCF-A stands for and does within Defence**, and to understand how MCF-A was formed.

The link to the talk can be found on the MCF-A website (approx. 20min – personal device needed or read the article for the Friends of St John's newsletter):

[The Chair discusses how MCF-A started – and its mission. - Military Christian Fellowship of Australia](#)

## Thank you from Cannon Dr Andrew White



Current MCF-A Chair, Steve Neuhaus and past MCF-A Chair, Jamie Van Heel, were delighted to meet Cannon Dr Andrew White at the recent Christian Faith and Freedom Conference in Canberra. Andrew is former 'Vicar of Baghdad,' now MERIT (Middle Eastern Reconciliation International) Ambassador to Jerusalem. He is the recipient of multiple international awards for his anointed ministry of peace, reconciliation, courage and the love of God amidst intense persecution, and has written many [books](#). Having MS and a stroke doesn't stop him from sharing his love of Jesus worldwide.

Andrew has a deep respect for the 'ANZACs' who served in Iraq and was keen to meet with Christians from the Australian Defence Force. He was very excited to be presented with an 'MCF-A coin' and the 'Captains of the Soul' Army Chaplain book as well as meeting Steve and Jamie. He was also pleased he was able to attend the Anzac Dawn Service at the Australian War Memorial to pay his respects to ANZACs past and present.

## National Day of Prayer for Defence

All who have a heart to pray for Defence are welcome to join in praying together. Groups will be meeting all across Australia and it is hoped the **Canberra event will be livestreamed** for those unable to attend or host an event in their area. Please get involved and uplift the Australian Defence Force in prayer. All welcome, ***you don't need to be in Defence to host a gathering***. It can be in a Small Group, at a Defence Base, in a local Church or by getting a few friends together to pray for these important issues. **You are welcome to organise a time of prayer that works for you and your location.**



**Suggested time:** 24th June, 2023 has been nominated as the date for this event, but you are welcome to host an event before this time that suits your Base or Church situation.

**To register your event, time and location, or for if you have questions please email:**

[mcf.office@defence.gov.au](mailto:mcf.office@defence.gov.au) Churches are most welcome to host an event, so let your church leaders know and make sure your MCF leaders know.

**Use the link below for more info, to find if there is an event near you, and for the Prayer Booklet that can be adjusted for your local area:**

[National Day of Prayer for Defence - 2023 - Military Christian Fellowship of Australia \(mcf-a.org.au\)](https://mcf-a.org.au)

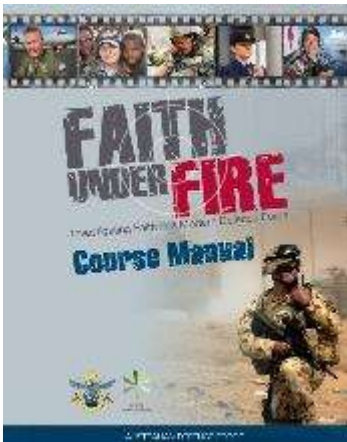
# National Day of Prayer and Fasting



This year the National Day of Prayer and Fasting being held across Australia by Australia Prays is on Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> May.

For more information please visit (may only be available on a personal device):  
<https://www.nationaldayofprayer.org.au/>

## Faith under Fire videos - now on USB



**It is with much pleasure the MCF Exec can announce that Faith under Fire videos are now available to view via USB.**

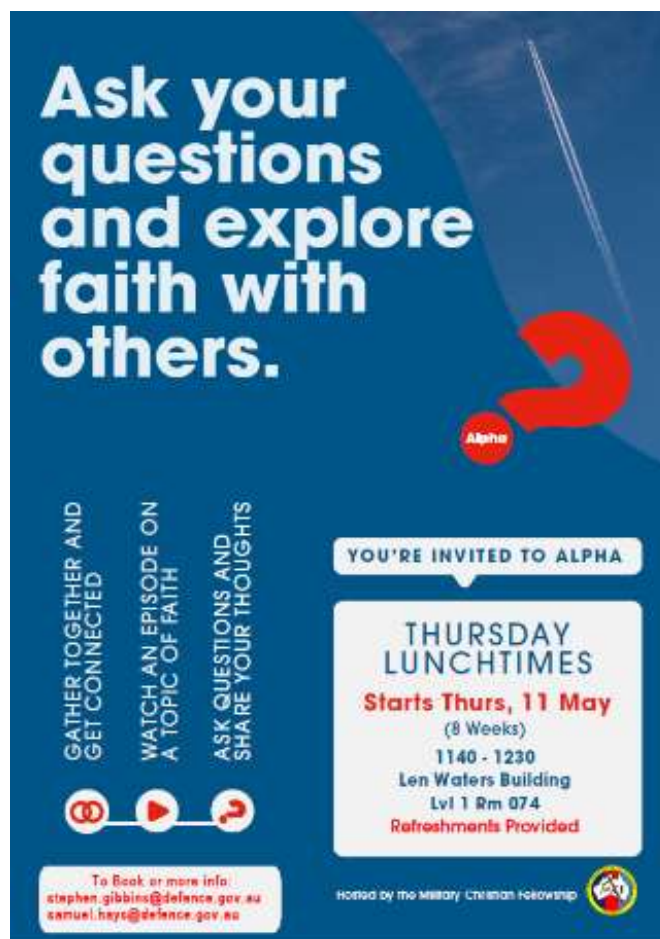
A huge thanks to Bible Society Australia for using their USBs and arranging for the copying and payment for this project.

The **leaders and participant manuals** are being formatted and sent to the printers and should be available in the next few months.

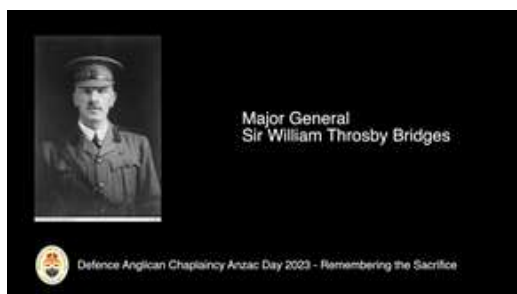
If you're looking at running a Faith under Fire course please contact the [MCF Office](#) for your copies or for more info on what the Faith under Fire course is.

## RAAF Williamtown Alpha Course

Everyone in the vicinity of RAAF Williamtown (or visiting) is welcome to attend. Please email [Stephen.Gibbins@defence.gov.au](mailto:Stephen.Gibbins@defence.gov.au) or [Samuel.Hays@defence.gov.au](mailto:Samuel.Hays@defence.gov.au) to register or for more info.



## ANZAC Day reflection video



In case you missed the social media posts, here is the link to a reflection on ANZAC Day and Major General Sir William Throsby produced by Defence Anglican Chaplaincy. Thank you for allowing MCF to share this thought provoking reflection. (Personal device required to view the 5min video)

[Remembering their sacrifice - Anzac Day 2023 - Military Christian Fellowship of Australia \(mcf-a.org.au\)](https://www.mcf-a.org.au/remembering-their-sacrifice-anzac-day-2023)

## Other items

**Have you posted or moved house? Are you deploying or away from home for a long time?**

**Posted or moved**, please update your details [HERE](#)

**Deploying or on a long exercise?** MCF-A would love to support and pray for you while you're away. Let us know at: [mcf.office@defence.gov.au](mailto:mcf.office@defence.gov.au)

## Membership

[Membership](#) is free and **open to every Christian**. If you've not had an association with Defence or you don't identify as Christian you can be an associate member via the same link.

## Donations

**MCF is supported almost entirely through freewill donations by members and supporters.** Please look at Supporting MCF in prayer, with your time and through [financial support](#). (Direct debit preferred – details at right side of the webpage link)

***Note that donations (over \$2) to MCF-A are tax deductible.***

## Prayer requests

To put forward prayer points for inclusion in the Prayer Calendar please email the MCF Prayer Coordinator Dr Brendan Pell: [brendan.pell@defence.gov.au](mailto:brendan.pell@defence.gov.au)

You can also send through **urgent prayer points** that are sent on confidentially to the MCF Prayer Warriors, or enquire about becoming an MCF Prayer Warrior, by contacting Brendan.

## Contacting the MCF Office

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