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How I became an MCF-A volunteer - Vani, MCF-A Treasurer



Acts 2:42 says 'They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer.'

I love the MCF-A! Meeting fellow Christians is like lighting a bonfire, a song says; I love the thrill that I feel when I get together with God's wonderful people... It still amazes me how He enable us to meet His people along life's journey, even at work!

Praying for each other, being there for each other as Christian support, a listening ear, all these make years working at Defence worthwhile...even meeting online through the Covid years...later

continuing as a hybrid meeting, both online and face to face. Besides having an opportunity to be the treasurer of MCF-A and organizing MCF Melbourne Dinners... being part of MCF's 40th year Anniversary with Mrs and Mr David Hurley at the Govt house in Canberra, was the icing on the cake.

MCF-A volunteering is the work of the Holy Spirit. To God be the glory, doing our utmost for His Highest...fully yielded to His Eternal purpose!

MCF volunteers all over Australia organize Alpha courses, Bibles studies including 100 days, Faith under Fire, 2 Ways to Salvation, The Bible Project – Sermon on the Mount, the list goes on...

Different volunteering activities including welcome events, Easter BBQs, Christmas Carols at the end of the year Christmas BBQs and Children's Christmas Parties, many Farewells and Christmas meals at the local restaurants etc.

So I encourage you to be an MCF-A volunteer and donor! Ps 126:5 says, 'Those who sow in tears will reap with shouts of joy.'

It's the Lord's strategic plan to place you in Defence as His salt and light!

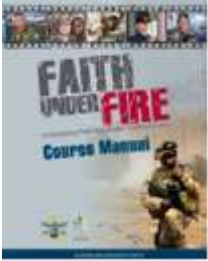
1 Timothy 6:10-12 says, "Some people, eager for money, have wandered from the faith and pierced themselves with many griefs. But you, man of God, flee from all this, and pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, endurance and gentleness. Fight the good fight of the faith. Take hold of the eternal life to which you were called when you made your good confession in the presence of many witnesses."

I believe that empowering Defence culture is possible through hearts willing to yield to the voice and the power of the Holy Spirit. If we obey that still gentle nudge, there is great joy to behold here on earth, and one day in heaven.

The Lord needs you...rekindle your fire for Him!

(Photo - one of the MCF-A Small Group Welcome Event BBQ)

Faith under Fire



With much thanks to Bible Society Australia, MCF-A now has some more hard copies of the Faith under Fire Participant Manuals, and a very limited amount of Leader Manuals. There is also a limited amount of the Faith under Fire DVDs now available on USB. The use of this material is limited to those currently serving, or on a Defence Base, but if this doesn't fit for you, please also feel free to contact the MCF Office to discuss options. mcf.office@defence.gov.au

The New ADF Bible



For those currently working in Defence, uniformed, APS or contractor, have you got your new ADF Bible yet?

If the answer is no, please contact your local Chaplain or MCF-A Rep to arrange a copy, or contact the MCF Office mcf.office@defence.gov.au

So far the response has been great, with Chaplains on Talisman Sabre having to get in more copies, twice! and many copies disappearing off tables at various Defence Bases. Bible Society would love to hear your thoughts on this copy so feel free to let them know. Email your thoughts to the MCF-A Office.

For those family members and who worked for Defence in the past, MCF-A and others are looking at how to get more Veteran's Bibles and other Bibles produced for you. Please uphold these efforts in prayer and keep an eye on the MCF-A eNews for updates.

What is the Forum of Christian Military Ministries? (FCMM)

The FCMM is made up of the following organisations: Association for Christian Conferences, Teaching and Service (ACCTS), Everymans Welfare Service (EWS), FOCUS Military Ministry (FOCUS), Military Christian Fellowship of Australia (MCF-A), Navigators Military Ministry (Navs), Red Shield Defence Services (RSDS/Sallyman), Solid Rock Ministries. The FCMM is not an umbrella organisation, rather a cooperative arrangement in which the partner organisations commit to pray for and support each other in a spirit of cooperation for the role that each plays in God's Kingdom work in Defence. It enables us to share initiatives, keep abreast of what each other are doing and coordinate efforts where that may provide efficiencies or amplification of effort. There is a Forum of Christian Military Ministries Covenant, which was last signed in August 2016 by the then leads of each organisation.

The covenant reads:

Recognising that all who in Christ are members of the one body, and that our ministries are often co-located, we will make every effort to:

- *Love one another*
- *Pray for one another*
- *Encourage one another*
- *Support one another*
- *Meet with one another*
- *Communicate with one another*

- *Coordinate with one another*
- *Cooperate with one another*

In accordance with the scriptures, to the end that Jesus Christ might be glorified.

The FCMM leads meet for a day or two at least once a year and also invite Bible Society Australia and an ADF Chaplaincy Rep to their meetings. Other leads, such as the SW Pacific Association of Military Christian Fellowship (AMCF) lead, and other likeminded groups may also be invited for all or part of the meeting day/s.

If you'd like to know more about FCMM or the organisations involved please contact the MCF-A office.

Treats to tell others about MCF-A in your area



Former MCF-A Member Rep, Mr Sam Hays, came up with a novel way to share when their Small Group meets, and it's also a great way to get Christian material into the hands of your work colleagues. Please find a template attached to this email, which you are welcome to adjust to advertise your local MCF Small Group or meeting time, or just leave off the Small Group info and put out some lollies and some Christian material. Contact the MCF Office if you'd like some Christian material for your workspace.

Reps say: The lollies and pens are very popular; a few bookmarks and other MCF resources also get taken. The new ADF Bibles are also very popular.

In case you missed it

ADF/DVA Chaplaincy and other stories

Royal Australian Air Force: Shepherds share field with flock [Shepherds share with their flock](#)

Australian Army: A blessing in PNG [A blessing in PNG](#)

DVA Chaplaincy: [A new chapter of care](#)

Thanks to Service Newspapers and Defence Anglicans for the links.

Congratulations to a past MCF-A Patron



Extracts from the announcement: 'The Australian University of Theology (AUT) is pleased to announce the appointment of General (Retd) the Honourable David Hurley AC CVO DSC as the Inaugural Chancellor of the University. "I'm delighted to be appointed as the Chancellor of the Australian University of Theology, which is Australia's newest university, while also being one of its oldest higher education institutions, having been founded in 1891," said Gen. Hurley. Gen Hurley is an active member of the Presbyterian Church in Canberra and Sydney. He has been involved in a range of Christian organisations, including as Patron of the Military Christian Fellowship of Australia from 2008-2014.'

Read more on the AUT Facebook page or [here](#)

MCF-A Merch for sale



Now is the time to start thinking about Christmas presents....so why not buy someone some MCF-A branded clothing? See the attached for the full list, or contact darren.thomas7@defence.gov.au for more info and special requests.

MCF-A shoulder patches are also available via another attached form. \$5 includes p/h. Get in quick before they are all gone!



Other items that may interest:

What is the Parliamentary Christian fellowship?

and the National Prayer Breakfast – in person and online

Learn about the Parliamentary Christian Fellowship, the National Prayer Breakfast, and Parliamentary Chaplaincy at: [About Us - Australian National Prayer Breakfast](#)

Registration for the NPB is required to attend in person, or to get the link to attend online. Use the link above.

The Great Hall, Parliament House, Canberra

7:15am Monday, 3 November 2025 (and also a later streaming for those in WA)

It's a great chance to get your MCF Small Group, or some friends together to either grab a table, or do an online watch gathering. It is important to pray together for our nation and other issues.

This year John Dickson is the Keynote Speaker



Please also consider whom you may know that may be interested in sponsoring this great event into the future.

Free online Bible courses and other info



All, MCF-A members and supporters, and their family members, are invited by USA Brother and founder of Virtual Military Ministry, Anthony, to join any of their online Bible courses, Bible Studies, and to read blogs and sermons, and much more.

From Anthony: *we are geographically in the USA but our ministry is both virtual and indigenous. We have free Bible courses available through a partnership with a Bible College. We offer virtual small group Bible studies, virtual prayer meetings and a few other opportunities to allow our amazing military members (past and present and their family members) to stay spiritually focused no matter where in the world they are located.*

You can see all on offer via their website: www.virtualmilitaryministry.com

Also look for Virtual Military Ministry on Facebook – private group, some simple questions before joining.

Have you posted or moved house? Are you deploying or away from home for a few months or longer?

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

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 further down page once click link)

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

Prayer requests

To put forward prayer points for inclusion in the calendar please email the MCF Prayer Coordinator Dr Daniel Solomon: [Prayer Requests](#)

You can also send through **urgent prayer points** that are sent on confidentially to the MCF Prayer Warriors, or to enquire about becoming an MCF Prayer Warrior, contact the MCF Office or Daniel (via the Prayer Request link above).

Contacting the MCF Office

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