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Please find the Prayer Calendar attached

ALL TO GOD'S GLORY



We often, at least in our minds, segregate our secular activities from our ministry activities associated with building God's kingdom, but as the apostle Paul instructs the early church, and by extension the church of today;

"Whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him." Col 3:17 (ESV)

And similarly in 1 Cor 10:31, he says, *"So, whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do all to the glory of God."*

While Paul is speaking in the 1 Corinthians passage specifically in the context of conscience and the eating of food sacrificed to idols, he expands the principle in that all of our activities and our conduct collectively is in service to our Lord Jesus and to the glory of God.

Everything we do is to the glory of God. That involves our secular vocation, our family commitments, weekend sport, as well as church involvement and ministry activities. How you conduct yourself at work and in your professional duties, how you conduct yourself on the sports field (and yes, a competitive nature is still fine), even down to how you drive your car and treat other road users. These are all things

that build the overall picture of who we are as people under God's grace and the saving work of Jesus Christ.

The majority of our membership are in the ADF or actively working in direct support of those who are. This is a noble vocation indeed. Security forces collectively work to promote peace and justice; through the constabulary at the local level and our armed forces internationally. How we conduct ourselves in fulfilling these God-given duties will either bring honour or dishonour to his holy name.

As the Council puts its mind to the future work of MCF and our AGM in November, this is not merely a tangential 'business' side of MCF's operations. We note the faithful work of our treasurer(s) and the broader administration

and governance of MCF is just as important as the face-to-face mission work that it enables. Through these things we demonstrate that we are responsible to our members and supporters and that we are responsible citizens of a functioning society in submission to the authorities instituted by God (Rom 13:1).

The MCF Council is grateful for the work done by so many of our members and supporters both in 'front line' ministry and in supporting roles; it does not go unnoticed. Whether you are distributing Bibles in the field or sitting in front of a computer in an office, work at all you do whole-heartedly and to the glory of God.

Dave Coleman
MCF-A Secretary (photo used with permission)

More Reflections on deployments, and MCF-A support



Last year Julie, the MCF-A Staff Worker/Administrator asked me for help to write to deployed members. I had been sending these since my brother, Mervyn Hains, went to Vietnam in 1969.

I wrote to two deployed members and had helpful answers that gifts had arrived. I was very concerned when the Middle East war started but I visited the MCF-A office and Julie had heard that all Australians were safe.

I have been so pleased to have visits by the two MCF-A members I communicated with. I was so disappointing to receive two care packets by return mail. However, the parcels were returned when our member was evacuated because of the war, so safety became much more important than even Bible passages or sweets. I saw photos of destroyed living quarters which had been blasted.

Praise God for MCF-A and for His faithfulness.

To send a care parcel, one has to fill in a customs form which is available at the Post Office. Each parcel is free to send if under 2 kilos. I use a small shoe box and in them I have sent Bibles, Tim Tams, nougat, cards and anything of interest to the season.

Helen Bielenberg OAM

If you'd like to help Helen and MCF-A care for those on deployment please get in touch with the MCF-A office any time and if you or someone you know are deploying or moving away from your normal support networks, please let the MCF-A office know so you can be supported.

Chilly Baptism!



One recent Saturday at the National Carillon, Lake Burley Griffin in Canberra, SCDT gave his life to Christ and was Baptised by Chaplain Ricky. "It was really cold as the sun was going down but it is an awesome testimony to his commitment to Christ", Chaplain Ricky said. He was surrounded by his class mates from RMC-D.

Please remember SCDT and all Christians in Defence. May they be the salt and light to all they come across.



SAVE THE DATE/book – MCF Dinners/gatherings

Canberra – Tuesday 24th Nov, 5.30pm for 6pm start. Buy your own food and drink. Southern Cross Club Jamison. All welcome including children, past and present Uniformed, APS, Contractors, parents of ADF, friends etc. *For numbers please use:* <https://www.trybooking.com/DPFWY>

Victoria – Saturday 3rd Oct, 5.30pm for 6pm start. Buy your own food and drink. Pier 35 Bar and Grill Port Melbourne. All welcome including children, past and present Uniformed, APS, Contractors, parents of ADF, friends etc. *For numbers please use:* <https://www.trybooking.com/DPJCW> **before Thursday 24th Sept.**

A Word from the AMCF Pacific Vice President

My wife Jo and I had the opportunity to attend the 2026 Association of Military Christian Fellowships (AMCF) www.amcf-int.org Leaders Interaction in Seoul South Korea from 15-22 June 26. It brought together the AMCF President, 14 Vice Presidents along with representatives from Military Ministries International (MMI) www.mmi.org.uk, Association of Christian Conferences, Teaching and Service (ACCTS) www.accts.org and the Ministry Support Organisation (MSO) www.eng.mso.or.kr

The Interaction brought together military Christian leaders from 17 nations to strengthen global partnership and share the vision for military ministry. Through Bible teaching, prayer, strategic discussions, and regional ministry reports we explored the future direction of global military missions. Under the theme maturity in Christ, we shared the current status and challenges of MCFs in our regions, discussed strategies for MCF growth and considered the AMCF vision

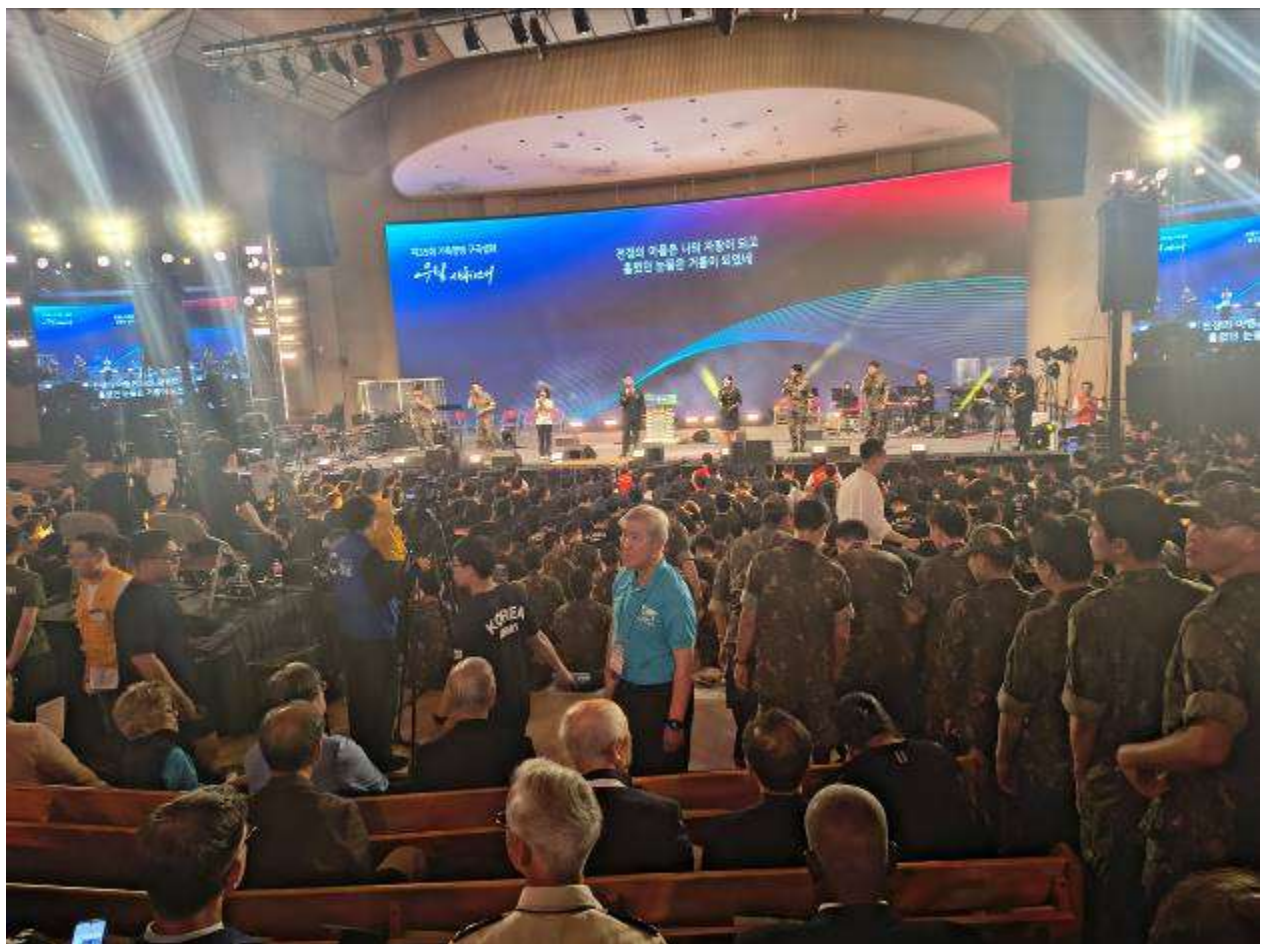
2030. We also experienced Korea's military ministry first hand by attending the Korean War Commemoration Service, a new recruits baptism service and a visit to the demilitarised zone. Major outcomes of the meeting were to strengthen friendships with other Christian military personnel and the adoption of the MCF maturity matrix as a framework for ministry development.

Jo and I enjoyed meeting with other current and former military Christians from around the world who are sowing into the military mission field and who are responsible for encouraging MCF leaders in their regions. I am planning to visit New Zealand and Fiji in the next 12 months to meet with Colonel Louise O'Brien who leads the New Zealand MCF and Chaplain Taniela Tama who leads the Fijian MCF.

By LTCOL Jamie Van Heel

Some photos below are the attendees at the AMCF Leaders Interaction, a photo of Jo and I who visited Gyeongbokgung Palace in traditional Korean costumes, and the annual South Korean MCF Conference.





MCF-A now on Bible App

Thanks to a couple of Defence Chaplains and some hard working MCF-A Reps, MCF-A is now on Bible App. MCF also thank YouVersion for helping make this happen. MCF-A will not be updating this section of the app, it is there so people can find out about MCF-A and have the ability to find an MCF Small Group near them, as well as be the springboard people can be pointed to to find out more on topics that interest them. From time to time Chaplains may include a special topic link or similar.

If you'd like to try out the Bible App, please forward this email to your personal device and remember not to scan or take photos while on the DPN.

Here's a link if you'd rather: <https://www.bible.com/organizations/1424a995-65bd-42fc-a4cf-748720dbf84c>

Follow Military Christian Fellowship of Australia in the Bible App.



Scan the QR Code with your mobile device to download Bible App.



Open for registrations – in person and online



National Prayer Breakfast 2026 - *in person and online*

Monday 26th October – Parliament House Canberra @ 0715

You can join in person or online. ***Why not get your Small Group together for a 'watch party' breakfast?*** Eastern and WA time zones catered for online, and online is free (with a donation encouraged). More info at: [Home - Australian National Prayer Breakfast](#) (You may need to view the link on a personal device.)

Other items that may be of interest

Congratulations Chaplains

[Chaplain Wendy Robertson recognised for dedicated service at Duntroon](#)

Defence Anglicans warmly congratulates Chaplain Wendy Robertson, who has received a commendation recognising her noteworthy service as a chaplain at the Royal Military College, Duntroon. Throughout 2025, Chaplain Robertson's flexibility and dedication helped ensure that trainees and staff continued to receive reliable pastoral care and support. Her ministry was especially important for trainees rehabilitating and transitioning through Bridges Company. The ...



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[Chaplain Steve Wakeford recognised for his support of Army trainees](#)



Defence Anglicans warmly congratulates Chaplain Steve Wakeford, who has received a commendation for his noteworthy achievement as Support Chaplain of the Trainee Rehabilitation Wing at the School of Military Engineering, Holsworthy. Through his pastoral care and welfare support, Steve has made a meaningful difference in the lives of trainees undergoing rehabilitation. His ministry has supported their wellbeing and helped them ...

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Thanks to 'Defence Anglicans' for these stories

Other items

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 below the big green DONATE button on 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 calendar please email the MCF Prayer Coordinator [Daniel](#) or the MCF Office. 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.

Contacting the MCF Office

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