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Please find the Prayer Calendar attached

Are You Telling God That His Plans for You Are Too Big?



As I move toward a medical end to my time in uniform, my thoughts naturally turn to one question: *“What comes next?”* Close behind it comes another, more confronting one: *“What can I do outside if I can’t even do my role inside?”*

The Defence induction process does an excellent job of teaching us what to do, how to do it, and when to do it. Yet when the time to leave comes, many of us struggle to recognise just how diverse our skill sets really are. The challenge is compounded by the fact that we are not always sure how to translate our experience into a civilian context, and we often underestimate just how valuable that experience is beyond uniformed life.

How many times have you heard someone say, *“There’s nothing transferable for an [insert your military title here]”*? That might be true in the narrowest sense, but it misses the in-between work we do every day—the less obvious responsibilities, the informal leadership, the resilience, adaptability, discretion, initiative, and judgment that become second nature in service. Often, it is precisely these qualities that distinguish us in the outside world.

In post-service employment discussions, particularly when those in-between strengths have been recognised, I have caught myself thinking, *“That’s an incredible opportunity ... but am I really good enough to do that?”*

Worse, when I sense God prompting me toward something new, I can hear the sharper, more cynical voice within pushing back: *“Don’t be ridiculous. That’s too much.”* I know that voice. It carries the cadence of Genesis 3:1—the ancient sowing of doubt: *“Did God really say...?”*

And then Romans 8:31–32 moves through my mind like a rushing wind. To paraphrase:

If God is for us, who can stand against us? If He did not withhold His own Son, but gave Him up for us all, will He not also graciously provide what is needed for whatever He has called us to do?

This comes in the midst of Paul’s great assurance that those whom God calls, He also justifies and glorifies. It also sits within that sweeping declaration that, in Christ, there is no condemnation, and that neither fear, uncertainty, nor circumstance can separate us from the love of God.

That truth reframes the question entirely.

When I shrink back from opportunities that seem too large, too unlikely, or too far beyond me, the issue may not simply be insecurity about my own limitations. It may also be a failure to trust the God who calls, equips, and sustains.

So perhaps the deeper question is not whether the next step feels beyond us. Perhaps the deeper question is whether we believe God is able to lead us into what He has prepared.

So let me ask again: **Are you telling God that His plans for you are too big?**

God bless, Matt, and MCF Rep. (photo used with permission)

Upcoming MCF Dinners

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>

Sth Aust – Date TBC, toward end of Nov on Friday or Saturday night at the Navy, Military and Air Force Club in Adelaide. All welcome, past and present uniformed, APS, Contractors, supporters, partners and friends. Guest Speaker TBC. Look out for info in next eNews and on Facebook.

A special UK Baptism



The MCF-A Chair, Chaplain Steve Neuhaus, and his wife Cath are currently leading a Celtic pilgrimage across parts of the UK. What a blessing to have one of the tour group be baptised in waters at Lindisfarne (Holy Island), a remote Island in the north east of England. This Island is cut off by sea twice a day.

MCF-A AGM Save the Date

It's that time of year again when we hold the MCF-A AGM. If you are a full member, please save **Monday 9th November at 8pm** Canberra time in your diary. The AGM should go no more than 1 1/2hrs, hopefully less and is an important part of keeping MCF-A running.

Not sure if you're a full MCF-A member or you thought you were but haven't received any info on the AGM, email mcf.office@defence.gov.au You are also welcome to sign up as a member at any time – **uniformed, APS, Contractors, partners of....and you can also be an associate member if you don't meet full member criteria** when signing up. [Membership - Military Christian Fellowship of Australia](#)

If you're and associate member, or not a member of MCF-A you are still welcome. Please email the MCF-A office for the info and link.

Last chance to register – 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). You can watch at a later time via a link once you register sent after the event. More info at: [Home - Australian National Prayer Breakfast](#)

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. You can use this app on your mobile or there is a computer version.

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.



Other items that may be of interest

Passing of Keith Phillips

Keith Phillips was a very long time MCF-A participant, member and supporter. He also supported Everymans. For those who would like to read more on Keith you will find a write up in the 'Everyman on Patrol' Spring Edition. [OUR NEWSLETTER – Everyman's Welfare Service](#) Keith passed away on 5th July 2026.

For those in South Queensland

Here's a chance to help support our Forum of Christian Military Mission (FCMM) partner, Everyman's.

A formal fundraising gala poster for Everyman's. The poster features a dark background with gold text and illustrations of musicians. At the top center is the Everyman's crest, which includes a crown and a shield with a cross. The main title 'EVERYMAN'S FUNDRAISING GALA' is in large, gold, serif capital letters. Below the title, the date 'SATURDAY 7 NOVEMBER 2026' is written in gold. The event times '5:30PM CANAPES' and '6:30PM DINNER' are listed in gold. The venue 'EVERYMAN'S HISTORICAL HUT' and address '907 BOUNDARY ROAD, WACOL' are provided in gold. The poster also mentions 'EVERYMAN'S 2026 YEAR IN REVIEW', 'LIVE MUSIC', and 'BLACK TIE/MESS DRESS'. It states 'ATTENDANCE IS BY DONATION'. A QR code is located at the bottom center, with the text 'RSVP BY 31/10/2026' above it and 'SCAN HERE TO REGISTER' below it. The background illustrations include a pianist, a saxophonist, a double bassist, and a drummer.

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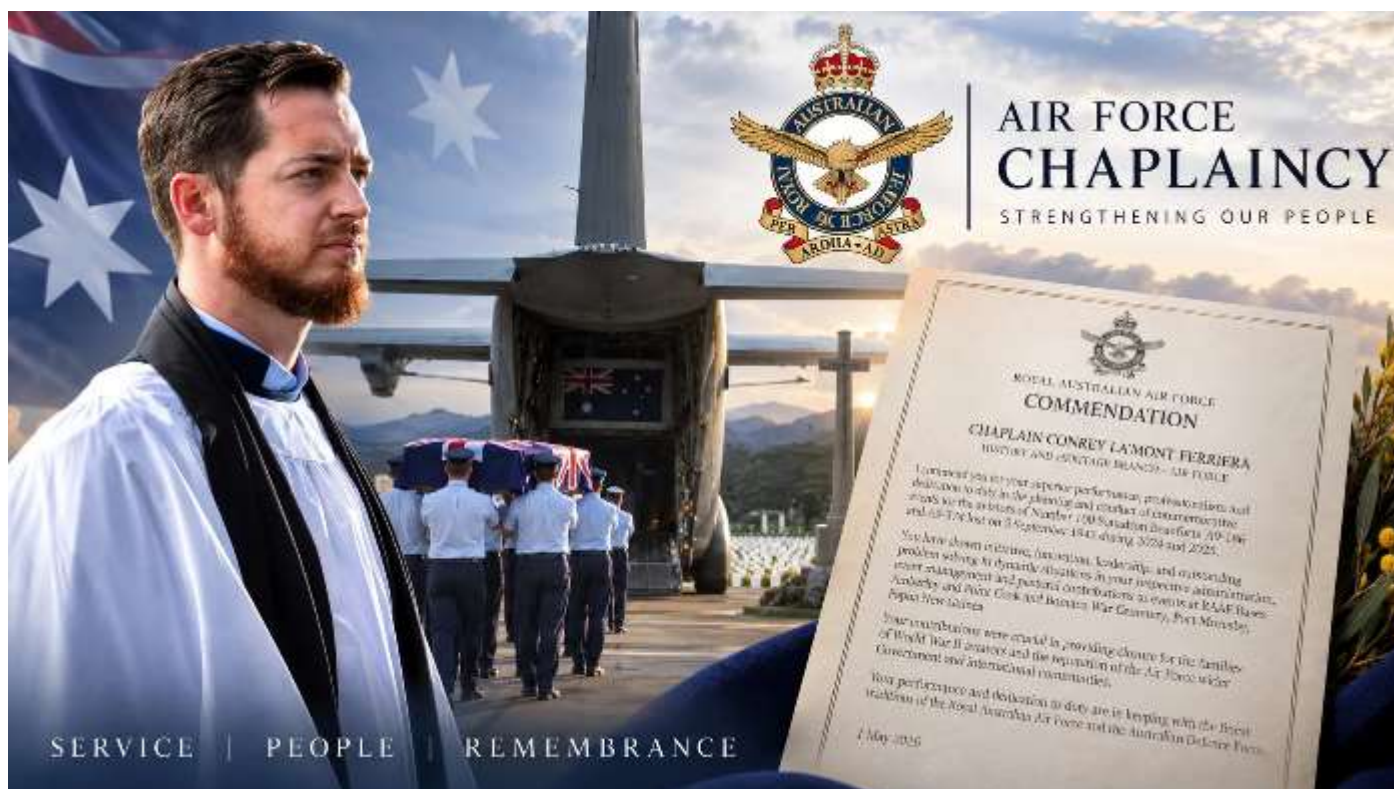
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Chaplain La'Mont Ferriera recognised for commemorative ministry to wartime aviators' families



Defence Anglicans warmly congratulates Chaplain Conrey La'Mont Ferriera, who has received a formal commendation recognising his superior performance, professionalism and dedication to duty with the Air Force History and Heritage Branch. The commendation relates to Chaplain Ferriera's role in planning and conducting commemorative events during 2024 and 2025 for the aviators of No. 100 Squadron Beaufort aircraft A9-186 and A9-374. [Read More](#)

(Thanks to Defence Anglicans for this story)

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 and your family 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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