



Chaplaincy Endorsement Commission

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We had a great time at SPIRE. Several of our Chaplains were able to attend.

On the right is Mike Rhoades, Rick Robledo and Andrew Ramey.

On the left is Kal, Commission President Tom Ellsworth, Mike DeRienzo, Jordan Hendricks and Rory Christensen.

Second picture on the left is Jordan Hendricks, Mike Rhoades, Andrew Ramey and Mike DeRienzo.

Third picture on the left is Scott Stout, Antonio Ortiz-Guzman, Rolf Holmquist and Kal.

Left lower corner picture is of Roger and Cheri Worsham with Cindy and Kal McAlexander.

Also in attendance at SPIRE were Rolf Holmquist and wife Lori along with Joseph Brennan and his wife Lori.

Antonio Ortiz-Guzman and Mike Rhoades take their turn at visiting with attendees at the CEC booth.



Having our Chaplains in the booth to answer questions about the role of Chaplain is always an attention getter for those passing by.



In the top picture is Chaplain Travis Hurley, who recently completed his paperwork for Navy Reserve. It's always fun to meet face to face after putting their packets together. In the left picture is Chaplain Mike DeRienzo talking with a young man who is interested in the Chaplaincy.



In the right hand picture is Tom Ellsworth, President of CEC talking with Chaplain Mike DeRienzo about his ministry in the Army. In the lower left corner is Chaplain Scott Stout talking with a gentlemen who is interested in Institutional Chaplaincy.



And in the lower right corner is Chaplain Rolf Holmquist and Chaplain Antonio Ortiz-Guzman discussing ministry in the Military.



John Ault was promoted to Commander in Alameda, CA at Bay Farm Community Church. Kal was given the opportunity to explain the role of the Endorser for the Christian Church. Dotty, John's wife, tacked on the Commander shoulder boards during the ceremony and John's Commanding Officer read the Oath. John has just finished his role as recruiter and is relocating to Okinawa, Japan.





Our next stop was to Travis Air Force Base where Todd Leathermon is assigned to David Grant USAF Medical Center. Pictured above is Todd and his wife Tammy.



Next stop was to Naval Air Station Milton Field in Florida, where Chaplain Frank Tillotson and his wife Pam are assigned. We had the opportunity to attend church with them at Gulf Coast Christian Church.



We were able to visit the Rolf Holmquist and Antonio Ortiz-Guzman and share a meal with them on our visit. They are stationed at Robins Air Force Base.

Pictured above on the left are Chaplain Antonio Ortiz-Guzman and his wife Keila.

Pictured on the right is Chaplain Rolf Holmquist and wife Lori.





We were then off to Fort Benning to visit with Chaplain Matt Worstell and his wife Monica and two of their three children.

The DeRienzo's are serving at Fort Jackson. Mike is assigned to the Army Chaplains School.



Maxwell Air Force Base is home for the Richardson family. John is serving at the Air Force Chaplains School. The Air Force is experimenting with virtual reality as a training method.



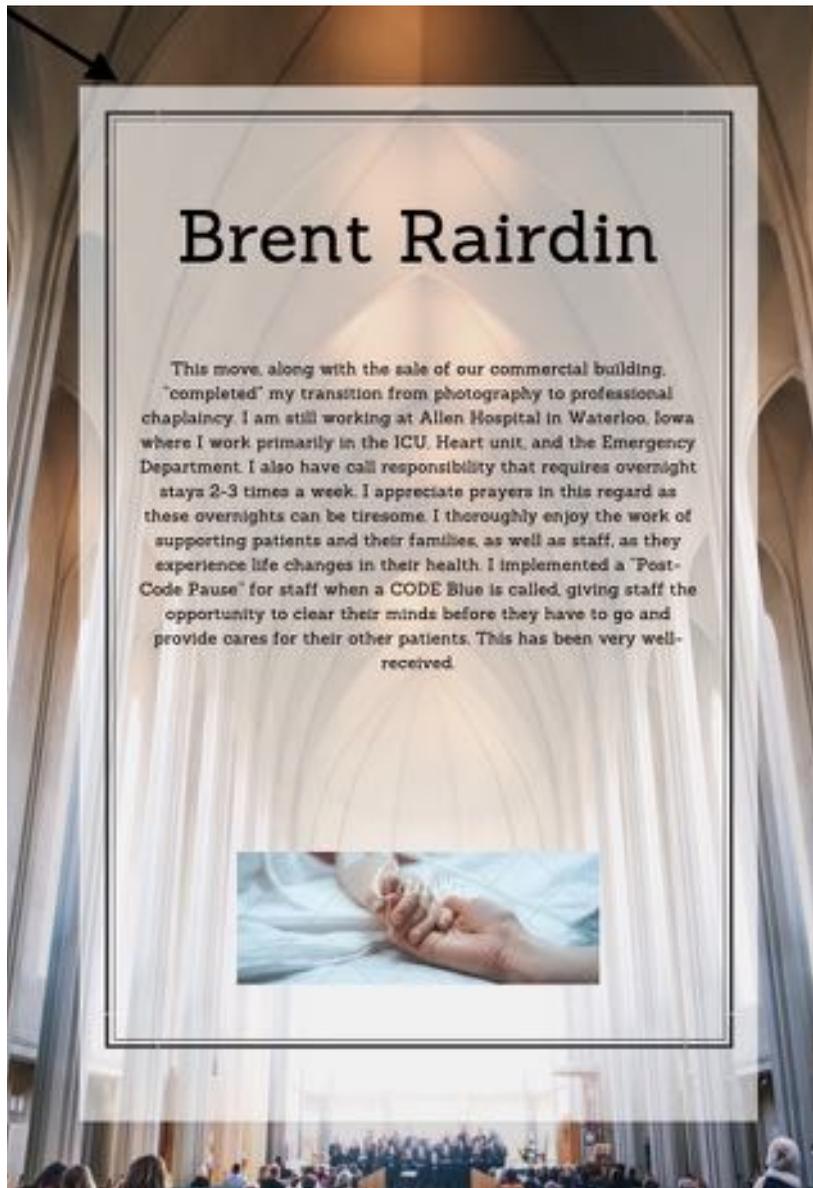


Pictured above is the Chapel at Fort Benning and below is Chaplain Matt Worstell and his Chaplain Assistant who are attached to the Black Lions.



Our last base to visit was Fort Stewart where Chaplain William Robinson and his wife Jenny minister.

Bill is the 2nd Infantry Brigade Combat Team Chaplain, 4th Infantry Division. Kal takes opportunities to make courtesy calls on Commanding Officers and Command Chaplains. According to Chaplain Robinson's Command Chaplain, Bill is doing a stellar job.





Pictured in the upper left hand corner is Rory Christensen who is employed as a Professor at Johnson South and occasionally gets asked to fill in on the Praise Team.

In the upper right hand corner is Chaplain Mike DeRienzo and Kal after sharing a meal with his family and learning about his ministry at Fort Jackson.

In the low left is Kal and former Army Chaplain Abel Fuentes catching up at the booth at SPIRE.

Lastly in the lower right , we have been friends for over 30 years with Kim and Kevin Dooley. We met at Cincinnati Christian and have continued to be good friends and prayer partners ever since.

Chaplain Chad Laughrey sent in the following update...

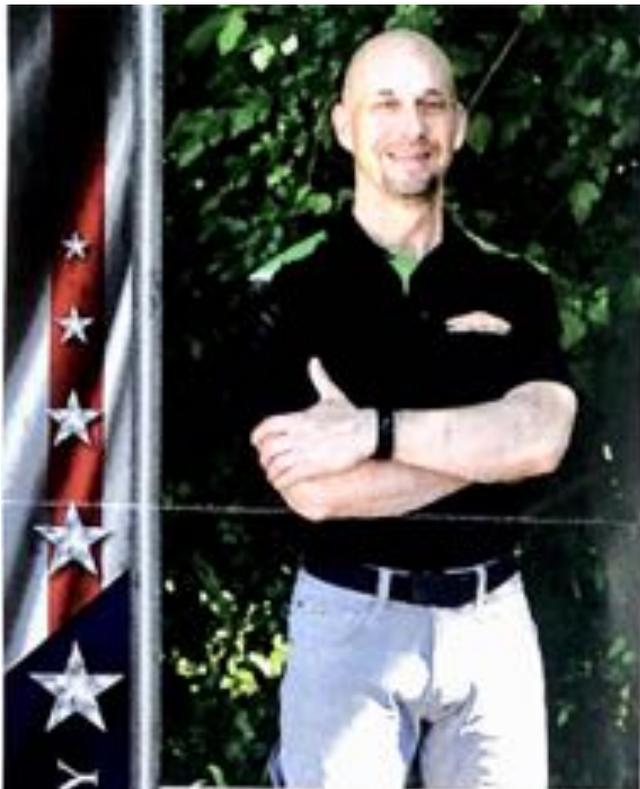
CHAD LAUGHREY

I am still serving as a base chaplain here at Camp Pendleton and am working with HQSPTBN as well as traveling once a month to MCLB Barstow to provide chaplain support there (I was even blessed with an impact NAM there recently!). I preach most Sundays at Marine Memorial Chapel which has been a great ministry with a number of baptisms! Other Sundays my family attends Rancho Christian Church where three of my daughters attend the Christian school. My time with the base is coming to a close and I have orders to move over to Division in December. I will be working with 3-1 and am likely to deploy sometime next year. In November, I plan to take about 30 days leave to spend with the family as well as plan on seeing you all at the Missions Convention! Hope all is well with you. Thank you so much for your support and prayers! Warm regards,



Chaplain Chad Laughrey sent in the following update...

Chaplain Stacy Beasley



A Servant Leader Army Major Stacy Beasley Works Alongside Heroes at Home

By Savannah Mandeville

Stacy Beasley doesn't run from disaster. He bravely faces it with a can-do attitude and a giving heart.

With a military career spanning 16 years, prolific service as a military chaplain and, now, as production manager with ServPro, it has been Beasley's life's work to serve, guide and support others in times of crisis.

"I love what I do now and the team I work with because, to me, it's a reflection of a military life because we are assisting and serving people in the community," he said. "Our crews have been hard at work doing disaster clean-up in recent weeks. We encourage one another, and our focus is on assuring that our customers are taken care of to the best of our ability and their livelihoods are restored."

Beasley's life of service began when he joined the Army in 2003. After basic training, he went on to Topographic Engineering School at Ft. Belvoir, Virginia. His first duty station was at Fort Lewis, Washington, where he served with the Fourth Brigade, Second Infantry, Stryker Battalion, and deployed with them to Iraq from 2007 to 2008. While overseas, he worked toward a master's in divinity and graduated after his return to the States. Next, he was stationed at Fort Jackson, South Carolina, where he was commissioned as a chaplain.

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He was assigned to Fort Hood, Texas, with the Third Armored Cavalry Regiment. He was there when the devastating Fort Hood mass shooting took place in 2009, and he helped care for the wounded and ministered to families suffering loss.

He deployed to Iraq for a second time from 2009-2010.

In 2012, he was reassigned to Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri, where he served with the Fifth Engineer Battalion. He left the Army in 2015 and joined the Army Reserve in 2017.

He is currently Brigade Chaplain for 80th MP Brigade Fort Leonard Wood. His rank is major.

Since May 2018, he has been a production manager with ServPro, a fire and water cleanup and restoration company with locations in Joplin and Carthage.

"My ServPro team of techs are heroes that go unrecognized," he said. "They have worked an average of 90 hours per week over the last month drying out the homes of those affected by the tornado, storms and floods. They are a humble, selfless crew; they sacrifice to ensure the members of the community have safe, dry, mold-free homes to return to."

For someone who has served two tours in Iraq to applaud the hard work and dedication of his team in the Four States says something about the tenacity of the individuals with whom he works. In fact, Beasley said he's been able to draw many parallels between life in the Army and the work he's doing today.

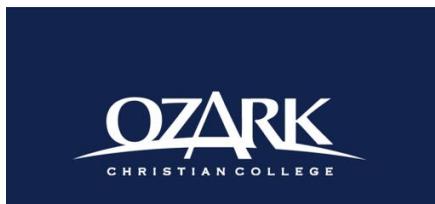
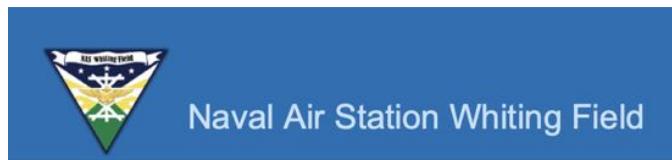
"It's my job to try to keep them focused and motivated in times that are very difficult," he said. "So my role as a chaplain in the military transfers over to this job because of the compassion we must have for the customer. I try to model that compassion to my group and so we're all motivated by our desire to help others."



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We had a great loop including the SPIRE Conference. Since our last newsletter we have visited 10 Chaplains, 1 Candidate, 4 Colleges, 4 Churches and 6 Military Installations.



If you have news and pictures of your ministry we would love to help you share them with those who are praying for you. Please email them to cindy.mcalexander@yahoo.com.



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