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Developing Professional Chaplains Through Dynamic Education and Support

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PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE

Mark Bardsley,
President

ICPC continues to build the framework for dynamic education and support with over 2,500 members.

I can affirm to you that over the last years Past President Mike Hardgrove and Immediate Past President Mark Clements have been working to build a strong infrastructure for ICPC. Thank you gentlemen for your selfless service to this organization!

They have concentrated on communication, education, and accreditation for our copyright materials and have been working to develop a strong cohesive set of policy and procedures as we work with corporate auditors to maintain the highest of standards.

The ICPC Board of Directors (BOD) will continue to advance this framework for the future of this organization.

Now I’m sure there are all sorts of expectations about what a new administration will bring for the good of the order.

I am confident we will see positive growth and I am also confident of this.....as ICPC members you didn’t elect the executive committee to run your local chaplaincy, nor do you expect us to work in your bailiwick ..... you expect leadership (executives and BOD) to lead the organization representing you, to work on behalf of the corporation, and expand the role and profession of chaplaincy. And that is exactly what I intend to do!

These are the areas I will be working with you to keep ICPC exciting, dynamic, and professional in the next two years:

Finances: ICPC will be working to be a credible 501 c 3 charity that the business and the corporate world will recognize and contribute to. Our current membership fees help us to fund normal operating expenses, but expanding member services, along with chaplain recruiting and training, cost more than what membership fees again can provide.

Professionalism: We want to make sure that ICPC’s name is the industry standard. When law enforcement officials talk about chaplaincy I want them to immediately say ICPC!

What does ICPC say? What would ICPC do? Professionalism starts with you and your successes in the field of service. So don’t stop..... keep going…..officers and the communities we serve are watching.

Training: Lt. Col. David Grossman made a remarkable statement about the moment of crisis when he said, “At the moment of truth, you will not rise to the level of expectation….you will fall to the level of training.”

We are looking to assure ICPC

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training and support resources are superior and sought out by chaplains worldwide. In the moment of crisis, ICPC’s chaplains (because of superior training) will meet the level of expectation!

This will be true not only for our chaplains but also for our Liaisons as well. A stronger enriched liaison training program will bring a heightened value and recognition of liaison officer’s roles in chaplaincy.

Developing Fields of Service:
ICPC is International! June 1st we had 216 outside of North America. We are continuing to receive requests for scholarships to the ATS and invitations to train in countries outside of North America. We will be seeking and securing funds to assist in this process.

To help ICPC in this forward momentum I have assigned Committee Chairs and their committees to specific tasks and actions for this 2017-2018 fiscal year.

If you desire to help build this organization please look at our committees and then contact the committee chair to start the process.

So many things to do! So many challenges we face! So many opportunities for service! …and all of this done by your volunteerism and devotion to serve….Thank YOU!

So how about an UNUSUAL Assignment? ICPC SNAP SHOT!

On September 15 and November 15 I’m asking you to take on an assignment to help us know what chaplains do on any given duty day.

You may do a ride along, or get a call out, or just have a cup of coffee with someone from the agency.

But on that day keep a generic action report………then we will ask for you to report your actions to an email address so we can have an account of what ICPC chaplains do in a day.

We will do this quarterly so we can tell our story in a clear, concise way. So mark your calendars for September 15 and November 15….and then just write it down for our: “ICPC Snap Shot”

The 2017 ATS is in the history books and plans are in the making for Region Training Seminars, as well as the 2018 ATS ~ July 9-13 in Lexington Kentucky.

Don’t forget to check in at www.icpc4cops.org for up to date information on these events.

It is my prayer until we meet again at our next training opportunity that you will be granted wisdom and divine discretion in meeting the needs of those you serve in every circumstance of life! Blessings…..

Mark Bardsley
ICPC President

President’s Message

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9/11 invokes a myriad of images for all who witnessed the horrific attacks on the United States of America, September 11, 2001.

The following 92 countries share in our grief and have constructed memorials to commemorate those who lost their lives.

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Mawson Lakes, South Australia

Bermuda
Camden, Paget Parish

Brazil
São Paulo, São Paolo

Canada
11 Memorials:
~ US Embassy Memorial Plaque—Ottawa, ON
~ World Trade Center Artefact—Calgary, AB
~ In Remembrance of Canadians Lost, Beechwood Cemetery—Ottawa, ON
~ Twin Towers and Lost Dogs Monument—Ottawa, ON
~ International Peace Garden—Boissevain, MB
~ 2011 Calgary Airport Memorial Plaque—Calgary, AB
~ 2003 Calgary Airport Memorial Plaque—Calgary, AB
~ Thanks and Remembrance—Toronto, ON
~ 9/11 Memorial Walk—St. Catharine’s, ON
~ World Trade Centre 9/11—Nanaimo, BC
~ Appleton 9/11 Memorial, Appleton—Newfoundland and Labrador, Canada

France
Paris, Île-de-France

Germany
4 Memorials
~ Kelley Barracks 9/11 Plaque—Darmstadt, Hesse
~ Oberviechtach 9/11 Memorial—Oberviechtach, Bavaria
~ Patch Barracks 9/11 Pentagon Memorial—Stuttgart-Vaihingen, Baden-Württemberg
~ United States Spangdahlem Air Base Memorial—Spangdahlem, Germany

Ireland
5 Memorials
~ Father Mychal Judge 9/11 Memorial—Keshcarrigan, County Leitrim
~ Donaea 9/11 Memorial—Donaea, County Kildare
~ Ringfinnan Garden of Remembrance—Kinsale, County Cork
~ Glendalough Hermitage 9/11 Memorial—Glendalow, County Wicklow
~ National Memorial to the Fighting 69th—Ballymote, County Sligo

Israel
12 Memorials
~ 9/11 Living Memorial Plaza—Ramot, Jerusalem
~ Herzliya 9/11 Memorial—Herzliya, Tel Aviv
~ Ness Ziona 9/11 Memorial—Ness Ziona, Central District
~ Ashkelon 9/11 Memorial—Ashkelon, Southern District
~ Ashdod 9/11 Memorial—Ashdod, Southern District
~ Yehud 9/11 Memorial—Yehud, Central District
~ Rishon LeZion 9/11 Memorial—Rishon LeZion, Central District
~ The Hagay Shefi Gate—Ramat Gan, Tel Aviv
~ Be’er Sheva 9/11 Memorial—Be’er Sheva, Southern District
~ Or Yehuda 9/11 Memorial—Or Yehuda, Tel Aviv
~ Eliat 9/11 Memorial—Eliat, Southern District
~ Alex Park—Haifa, Haifa

Italy
6 Memorials
~ Piazza 11 Dettembre—Riese Pio X
~ Twin Towers Monument—Rome, Lazio
~ Monumento “Torri Gemelle” —Stresa, Piedmont
~ Memoria e Luce—Padua, Veneto
~ Monumento alla Meoria—Pompeii, Naples
~ Memorial Trees—Rome, Italy

Poland
~ Kielce, Świętokrzyskie
Japan
Yokosuka, Japan US Fleet Activities Navy Base

Lithuania
Grave of Yelena Gavriushin—Vilnius, Lithuania

Mexico
US Embassy 9/11 Memorial Plaque
—Mexico City, Mexico

New Zealand
2 Memorials
~ Christchurch Firefighters Memorial
  —Christchurch, Canterbury
~ Cambridge Memorial Tree—Cambridge, Waikato

Poland
4 Memorials
~ Homo Homini Memorial—Kielce, Swietokrzyskie
~ Gdynia 9/11 Memorial—Gdynia, Pomeranian
~ Chapel of Saint Lukasz & Memorial Bells
  —Suwalki, Poland
~ Warsaw 9/11 Memorial Plaque—Warsaw, Masovian

Portugal
~ Lisbon 9/11 Memorial—Lisbon, Lisboa Region

Spain
2 Memorials
~ Madrid 9/11 Memorial Grove—Madrid, Madrid
~ Moncalvillo Memorial to Edelmiro Abad Elvira
  —Moncalvillo de la Sierra, Burgos, Spain

United Kingdom
6 Memorials
~ Staffordshire Twin Towers Memorial
  —Alrewas, Staffordshire, England
~ September 11 Memorial Garden
  —London, Greater London, England
~ Barnsley 9/11 Memorial Stone
  —Barnsley, South Yorkshire, England
~ Garden of Hope—Portsmouth, Hampshire, England
~ Mildenhall, England RAF Aire Base Memorial
  —Mildenhall, United Kingdom

The previous information on 9/11 memorials, lists, and links are provided courtesy of the University of Notre Dame.

Additional resources:
9/11 Living Memorial (International)
9/11 Living Memorial (United States)

Stephen Siller Tunnel to Towers Foundation
9/11 Never Forget Mobile Exhibit

9/11 Tribute Museum (LINK)
2017 JOHN A. PRICE (JAP) AWARD RECIPIENTS

This award recognizes and honors excellence in law enforcement chaplaincy of an ICPC member at the local level.

The recipients must have demonstrated extraordinary service in support of law enforcement chaplaincy work in a small agency (less than 100) and/or in a large agency (101 or more).

Chaplain Steve Norden began his service as a law enforcement chaplain in 1990 with the Dublin Police Department in Ohio, where he continues to serve. He was instrumental in forming the chaplaincy program at the Dublin Police Department as well as in establishing The Central Ohio Chaplaincy Team, which serves departments that do not have a chaplain program. Chaplain Norden has also been serving the FBI, Cincinnati Division, since January 2012.

Chaplain Norden joined ICPC in 1996 and has achieved the distinguished Fellow Credential. He has served ICPC in many capacities throughout the years and currently serves as ICPC’s Parliamentarian. He also chairs the Education Committee and is a past Chair of the Nominating and Public Relations Committees. He is a member of the Disaster Response Team and continues to promote ICPC as a Certified Instructor.

Chaplain Wesley (Wes) McDuffie began serving as a volunteer law enforcement chaplain in 1982 with the Texas Department of Public Safety. In 1995 he began serving the Dalworthington Gardens Public Safety Department located in Arlington, TX. In 2003, he began serving as a volunteer chaplain for the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) in the Dallas Field Division (DFD). And in February of this year, he became the full-time chaplain for the Tarrant County Sheriff’s Office.

Chaplain McDuffie joined ICPC in 1996 and holds a Master Credential. He currently serves ICPC as the Advisory Committee Chair and has previously served as Chair of the Personnel Committee and as a member of the Finance Committee. In 2011, he received the Order of Merit for his service as ICPC’s President (2007-2009) and Executive Service (2007-2011). He continues to promote ICPC as a Certified Instructor.

Chaplain McDuffie was appointed chaplain for the National Association of Police Officers Organization (NAPO) in 2015, where he continues to serve. He has also been an instructor for the Concerns of Police Survivors (COPS) organization during National Police Week and at their annual training events.

Chaplain John “Jack” Hess began his service as a law enforcement chaplain in 1970 with the Newark Police Department in Ohio. Chaplain Hess has been a member of ICPC since 1977. He successfully organized four separate chaplaincy programs in Ohio and Indiana. These programs include the Randolph County Sheriff’s Office in Winchester, IN; the Huntington County Sheriff’s Office in Huntington, IN; Defiance County Sheriff’s Office in Ohio and the Newark Police and Fire Departments in Ohio. Chaplain Hess also served with the Ohio State Patrol, the Defiance Post Police Department and the Defiance City Police Department. In 2000, he returned to Indiana where he has been serving the Miami County Sheriff’s Office and in 2006 he was appointed to the Indiana State Police as a volunteer District Chaplain where he continues to serve.

In 2009, Chaplain Hess became just the fourth recipient to be honored as “The Keeper” of the Sconestone of Kindness. This honor was bestowed upon him for his longevity of service and the kindness he has displayed throughout his career. In 2010, Chaplain Hess was presented with the Indiana State Police Meritorious Service Award for his distinguished service to the IN State Police.

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ICPC is accepting nominations for:

**Excellence in Chaplaincy**

**Submission Deadline:** October 15th

Submission requirements, forms, and contact information is available on the ICPC website: www.icpc4cops.org

Members Only Section

or

Email: icpc@icpc4cops.org

Fax: 850-654-9742

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**Order of Merit**

Chaplain Mike Hardgrove began his law enforcement career as a volunteer chaplain in 1989 and joined ICPC the same year. He served the Tulsa County Sheriff’s Office in Tulsa, Oklahoma for 26 years.

Chaplain Hardgrove has attained the distinguished Fellow Credential and served as the ICPC President from 2013 to 2015. He has been either the chair or a member of the Executive, Finance, Long Range and Vision Planning Committees and is currently the Chair of the Personnel Committee and a member of the Instructor Development Committee.

Chaplain Hardgrove has also been an Area Representative (OK) and has hosted several Region Training Seminars. He is an ICPC Certified Instructor, presenting at Region and Annual Training Seminars. The Order of Merit Award symbolizes his years of service (2009-2017) on the ICPC Executive Committee.

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**National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial Fund (NLEOMF—9/11—Remembered)**

At 11:00 am, on Monday, September 11, 2017, staff and supporters will gather at the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial for our annual 9/11 Remembrance Ceremony.

It is an intimate but very poignant event. Following brief remarks, the officers’ names will be read aloud, and a wreath will be placed in their honor.

The names of the 72 officers are engraved together on the Memorial’s west wall on Line 23 of Panels 9 through 22.

Also, the names of the officers who died from subsequent illnesses related to rescue and recovery work at Ground Zero and other sites will be read.

If you are interested in reading names at the ceremony, please contact: Kate Gilbride at 202-737-8528 or kgilbride@nleomf.org.

NLEOMF—Roll Call 9/11 Fallen Heroes page (LINK).
**2017 NORFOLK ATS RECAP**

**Words used to describe an ATS:**
- Education
- Adventure
- Connection
- Community
- Memories

**Attendance**
- Chaplains—347
- Auxiliary/Guests—82
- Youth—16
- International Attendees—20
- First Time Attendees—125

**Courses Offered**
- Basic Core—12
- Enrichment—29
- Liaison—8
- Advanced Courses—3:
  - John R. Maxwell Leadership
  - Breach Point
  - The Pain Behind the Badge

**Countries Represented**
- Bahamas—Stephen E.R. Davies
- Bermuda—Kevin J.T. Santucci
- Canada—Les Schrader
- Jamaica—Lenford Newell
- Kenya—Kibinge Wa Muturi
- Malawi—Mabvuto Chipeta

**Events**
- First Time Orientation
- Opening Ceremony
- Monday Night Mixer
- Region Meeting
- Liaison Dinner
- Disaster Roundtable
- Committee Meeting
- Memorial Service
- Candidate Forum
- Elections
- Thursday Evening Banquet
- Closing Ceremony

**Exhibitors**
- 1687 Foundation
- American Addiction Services
- Concerns of Police Survivors
- Hope For the Heart
- Safety Store
- Strength For Service
- Wilbert Funeral Services
- Woodmen Life

**Exhibitor Tables**

**Keynote Speaker**—Dianne Bernhard, Concerns of Police Survivors (COPS) Executive Director

**Opening Ceremony**

**Candidate’s Forum**

**Countries Represented**

**President-Elect**—Pam Neal

**Vice-President**—Ronnie White

**Secretary**—Cyndee Thomas

**Treasurer**—Bob Cornelius

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While most activities and events are planned, we occasionally have ‘unscheduled events’ such as:

‘Surprise Birthday’ cake presented to President-Elect Mark Bardsley by his wife Sharon.


The Flag of Heroes lists the name of every First Responder who perished in the events of 9/11. WoodmenLife presents these Flags, as well as American, State, and Christian Flags, and the Flag of Honor (which lists all who perished in the events of 9/11) at no cost to non-profit organizations.

If your agency would like any of these flags, please visit WoodmenLife.org or contact a representative near you to request one. Flag presentations are part of WoodmenLife tradition and Common Bond Patriotic Initiatives.

Volunteer members operate non-profit chapters and their purpose is to do good in their communities in the name of WoodmenLife.

Chapters are known for volunteering, donating, and hosting community events. Chaplains may call on local chapters with their needs.

Virginia chapters are coming up with a proclaimed Law Enforcement Appreciation Day, November 28.

Last year, on this day, meals were served to over 600 Officers. WoodmanLife is hoping to break the record this year and could use partners to help coordinate and spread the word on the initiative.

WoodmenLife automatically provides a free $25,000 benefit to survivors of any First Responder member killed in the LODD.

Woodman Life (LINK)

2017 NORFOLK ATS RECAP

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“Further the quality of teaching in the classroom is so awesome. The presenters are on top of their game and comfortable with their presentations. That makes the learning experience so much easier. Thank you.”

“The training classes that I attended were all excellent with instructors that engaged with their classes and allowed us to ask questions which I believe helped myself and many there to learn and answer questions we all may have had. The instructors they were all knowledgeable and communicated very well which helped me to stay focused and able to absorb the information given.”

“This ATS made me want to become a better chaplain. I gained skills and information that will allow me to serve our officers in a more excellent way. Thank you for what you do to help people like me help others.”

“The education provided by the ATS spanned many aspects of law enforcement chaplaincy. I had already taken classes on much of the subject matter on a local level, but the material presented complimented and deepened what I was taught before.”

“An important part of the ATS was the networking that took place and the relationships that formed as a result. Chaplains representing seven nations, many walks of life, diverse experiences and various branches of law enforcement were present. Spending time with them was as valuable as the classroom education. Ideas shared, ongoing support offered, and fellowship experienced was priceless.

Last, but not least, the ATS has given me areas of focus to explore in the future. Developing relationships with officers, in view of building a context of support to them, is one of those areas. Another area is how my personal faith interacts with my role as a chaplain. Ongoing education and training in order to hone my skills and to be prepared for service is something that will be valuable, too.”

“Being new to ICPC, I was impressed at how disagreements were discussed with candor and solutions agreed upon in the end.”

“I learned that dedicating oneself to the task of developing the skills of others will greatly benefit the ‘whole’ of an organization.”

“One key take away for me was a question made. How do I improve my influence and make others better? I believe though the course curriculum and practical life examples this was answered.

"Leadership was defined as INFLUENCE; nothing more nothing less."

THANKS AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

Chaplain Sean S. Libby,
Montgomery County Police (ME):
“Thank you for the wonderful, informative, fun week in Norfolk VA.

All the hard work you put into making the week a success was very evident in each and every session. Thank you for providing this learning environment.”

ATS SURVEY FEEDBACK:

What was the most helpful?

“Many excellent training classes in very good meeting rooms. The newer and older chaplains all had excellent sessions. Very little complaints.”

“Networking with other chaplains.”

“The first time orientation.”

“Some of the blocks of instruction were truly helpful. Generally speaking, the law enforcement presenters (currently serving or retired) were the most helpful because they helped me understand more of their daily struggles, challenges and perspectives.”

“The balance of classroom time, personal interaction for relationship building and free time.”

“Instructors with experience in the subject matter.”

First Time Attendee, Michael Drake (IN) and Ronnie White (IL)
The people who spoke to me, wondered about me and listened to me. I am grateful for the chance and financial ability to attend with my wife.”

Suggestions for Future ATS:

“Offer some time for regional gatherings of maybe an hour. Use this time to allow new people to meet up with others from their region and to see how newbies are experiencing the ATS. Also let them know how they might be more involved with ICPC at a regional level.”

Describe Your Overall Experience:

“It was enjoyable and edifying but very expensive for those not supported. We only had three chaplains from my area that would normally have ten. I have attended 28 ATSS in 30 years.”

“Good interaction with other chaplains is always a blessing.”

“It was great. Met loads of chaplains. Got some new ideas and most of my classes were amazing.”

“The instruction times were generally good. The venue was nice - downtown Norfolk is very walkable. Professionally it was time well spent. Personally it was a lonely time. Most of the chaplains that I connected with during the seminars were traveling with families so there were not a lot of social opportunities during free evenings.”

“My experience was positive and I made new friends in the chaplaincy world.”

“Good instruction and great opportunity to network.”

“It was a great experience overall. The classes were diverse in topic and each one I took was well taught with instructors who seemed invested. I encourage more classes on diversity that we might see what chaplaincy is like from various racial and religious perspectives. I think that this may help our organization grow as we widen our perspective and understanding of one another.”

As of now, ICPC has not received a call out for help. Red Cross is on the ground, along with Salvation Army. We know many will be activated with churches, Red Cross or other organizations and many denominational teams are, or will be, responding.

We pray for your safety as you respond to this disaster. Most of all, lets keep all of our chaplains, LE Officers, Fire Fighters, EMS, OEM, Federal workers, emergency and disaster responders, on the ground now and in the coming days lifted in prayer. I’m a firm believer that prayer helps sustain our coworkers out in the field.

Thanks for your service to those who serve and protect. You are appreciated more than you can ever know.

Tamra Gore
ICPC Disaster Response Team Chair and Arkansas Area Representative
Reflections from Newest Life Member

I was congratulated and asked about becoming a life member at the 2017 ATS.

I wanted to take a moment and share some of those reasons with all of you.

Next year will be my 15th year as a Police Chaplain. Over the years Chaplain McQueen promoted and supported ICPC.

I never found a need to join or become involved. As I took more of a leadership role in our chaplaincy, I decided to attend conference in Spokane 2012. I met some amazing wonderful people.

The wisdom and experience of the chaplains in attendance was outstanding. I continue to attend and check out ICPC.

Chaplain McQueen was retiring and I needed some extra support. I started developing friendship with other chaplains.

I was chosen as Executive Director of our chaplain agency. I was being attacked by another chaplain and liaison officer inside our own department, who wanted to take over and did not like my promotion.

It was a horrible 2 years for our chaplaincy, and my life personally.

My husband was ill, one of my adult children was having uncontrollable seizures and my granddaughter was being physically abused by her mother.

My own health was under attack as I was kicked in the head and had terrible vertigo.

In June 2015 my husband died, and 2½ weeks later I was at ATS in Sacramento, heart broken and questioning my future, including being a chaplain.

I share all the above to say:

Chaplains at the 2015 ATS did not know any of my challenges and struggles.

They loved on me and encouraged me. They offered chaplain support.

Mark Clements and his wife (Paula) were so delighted to see me and made sure I knew how glad they were I was there.

Ruby Kinlaw in her tender spirit (as always) was kind and embracing.

Ronnie White’s contagious smile and hugs was warming.

Rick Kassel came alongside me and inquired further how I was.

He put his arm around and said sister I am here with you and for you. He shared his words of encouragement and prayer.

Rick not only supported me that day but both he and Mary have followed up and embraced me throughout the years and is are? one of my mentors.

Before the Thursday Evening Banquet this year Bob Cornelius stopped and shared encouraging words.

From Bob Johnson, Mindi Russell, Pam Neal, Mark Bardsley, and many, many more who always uplift me with their genuine greetings.

John Transue who has answered and explained all my numerous questions as I try to learn to train Alaska chaplains I am truly grateful.

SO why am I a life member?

In my darkest time of chaplaincy and personally.

A quote from John Maxwell says:

*Your Candle loses NOTHING when it lights another.*

ICPC and all of its leaders and chaplains relit my candle. That is why I am a life member.

THANK YOU,
I joined the Navy as a Chaplain because of ICPC Annual Training.

Last summer when I attended the ATS for ICPC in Albuquerque, NM I was patiently waiting for God to show me the next element of service and ministry.

The prior two years I had a stirring of ministry in my heart and had looked into the normal and not so normal ministry opportunities.

None of the doors ever opened and I knew to just sit back and wait for the calling to fill itself in the right timing.

During the ATS there was a US Navy recruiting table for Chaplains set up next to the Information table in the host hotel.

Each day I would stop and talk to the young sailors, who were the Religious Program Specialists (RPs).

After several days and several conversations I filled out a simple recruiting carding. Of course the main concern was my age, being 45 the cut off for entry level officers is 42, so I figured I would not even get a second look at the possibility.

Several months went by and no other conversations happened with the Navy.

At the beginning of November I was contacted by an RP who had the recruiting information card I had filled out in Albuquerque.

In the first part of the conversation, he asked if I was seriously interested in pursuing a career in the Navy as an Officer/Chaplain.

Of course I said yes and began to really contemplate the ministry direction of chaplaincy.

In that same conversation I was then transferred to a Lt. Commander Chaplain to discuss details and possibilities for moving forward.

The process of becoming a Naval Chaplain has taken me countless hours of paperwork, FaceTime and personal interviews, recommendations and letters acknowledgement, and of course loads of prayer and scripture searching.

Through each situation and element of the process I have kept the mindset of allowing God to open or close the opportunity.

No matter the element or obstacle God resolved it and provided the means in powerful ways.

All this process led to the invitation for an interview with the Care Board of Navy Chaplains.

I was invited to interview, along with 11 other candidates, on March 22nd.

After interviewing at the Pentagon with the Chief of Chaplains in the Care Board I was selected and offered the position of Navy Chaplain.

On Sunday, April 30th I was sworn into the United States Navy Reserves as a Lieutenant and assigned to the 1/23rd Marines 4th Division as the Battalion Chaplain.

As a reserve officer/chaplain I still am able to serve in my community as a law enforcement chaplain.

Without ICPC having the US Navy host a Chaplain Recruiting table at the Annual Training last year I would have not had the potential to discover the ministry calling of chaplaincy into the Navy.

God has perfect timing and precise plans for ministry as long as we patiently wait and follow His guidance.

Thank you ICPC for saying yes to the Navy and to allow ministry to be fulfilled for me personally.

Lt. Sterling D. Claypoole
Chaplain - US Navy
1/23rd Marines 4th Division

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A Word About the Credential Process

Richard Kassel, Credential Chair

Members routinely ask about obtaining a Basic Credential Certificate after taking the 12 Basic Core Courses at an Annual, Region, or District Training Seminar.

Completion of the courses meet part of the requirements for a Basic Credential, it is not an automatic process.

**Credential Application Requirements**

1. Member of ICPC
2. CEU and ICPC CEU hours/criteria:
   - **Basic**—3.5 CEU (ICPC-1.8 Basic Core Courses)
   - **Liaison**—4.0 CEU (ICPC-1.8 Basic Core Courses and .45 Liaison I, II and III)
   - **Senior**—15 CEU (ICPC-1.5); hold a Basic/Liaison Credential; 5 years as a law enforcement chaplain
   - **Master**—35 (ICPC-3.5); hold a Senior Credential; 10 years as a law enforcement chaplain
   - **Diplomate**—50 CEU (ICPC-5); hold a Master Credential; 15 years as a law enforcement chaplain; and 20 ATS/RTS Credits
   - **Fellow**—100 CEU (ICPC 10); hold a Diplomate Credential; 20 years as a law enforcement chaplain; 40 ATS/RTS Credits

The ICPC Credentialing Pamphlet (available on the front side of our website under the Credential Tab or HERE) provides definitions and additional details.

After review of the Credentialing Pamphlet, verify with the Academic Team to see if you meet all the requirements.

Once verified, you must apply for a credential by completing the appropriate application form from the ICPC website (icpc4cops.org)—Members Only Section—Credential Folder.

Members of the ICPC Credential Committee are eager to assist our members in obtaining higher levels of credentials.

There are committee members in each region of ICPC who conduct the interviews required for Senior and Master Credential Levels.

You will find them helpful as you seek any of the offered credential levels. Their names are listed on the website (Members Only Section—Committee Folder—Committee Roster). Please do not hesitate to contact them if you need assistance in preparing your application.

**Credential Certificates—Final Approval**

Basic, Liaison, Senior, and Master Level—Certificates and pins are mailed from the ICPC Corporate office.

Diplomate and Fellow—Certificates and pins are presented at the ATS.

**Transcripts**

Our Academic Team: Dr. John Transue, Academic Registrar and Mike Hendricks, Assistant Academic Registrar strive to maintain accurate records; however, it behooves each member to maintain a record of ICPC courses and/or other academic submissions.

Again, please consult the Credential Pamphlet for additional information regarding requirements for each credential level.

Blessings

Rick Kassel has been a member of ICPC since 1993 and currently serves as the Region 4 Director, Credential Committee Chair and is a Certified ICPC Instructor. He lives in Indianapolis, IN and retired from the Indianapolis Metropolitan Police Department (IN).

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Interview with US Secret Service Acting Chaplain Coordinator

President Bardsley: Chaplain Arbeen, thank you for taking a few moments from your increasingly busy schedule to share your heart with our ICPC members. It was great to meet you at the 2017 ATS and get to know you and your heart for service.

Chaplain Mark Arbeen: President Bardsley, thank you very much. It was a pleasure to meet so many chaplains that serve the law enforcement community. It was truly a blessing to be with you, and learn from you at the 2017 ATS.

President Bardsley: You presented a very compelling opportunity to the ICPC Board of Directors for ICPC trained chaplains to volunteer with the Secret Service. Would you mind outlining for us this opportunity?

Chaplain Mark Arbeen: Yes, thank you for this opportunity. The United States Secret Service has established a program to provide experienced, duly ordained (certified), and trained volunteer chaplains to be present with all Secret Service personnel and their families in times of personal and professional need, as well as during or after crisis situations. The Secret Service has locations throughout the United States (including Alaska and Hawaii, as well as the territories of Guam and Puerto Rico). We also have offices in many foreign countries. It is the goal of the Program to have at least one volunteer clergy from the local communities, assigned to each office within the United States and territories.

President Bardsley: What type of commitment and time investment would you envision for a potential chaplain candidate?

Chaplain Mark Arbeen: The time commitment is for the volunteer chaplain to be available approximately 8 hours per month (for a maximum of 150 hours of gratuitous service per year).

The Secret Service is also in charge of all security for DHS designated National Security Special Events (conventions, Olympics, inauguration, summits, annual United Nations General Assembly, etc.), so there is an additional requirement of 12 hours of service during these events. We normally have between 2 and 8 events per year in various locations throughout the country. When we have a NSSE, we will have a cadre of chaplains available to ensure that all times are covered. Some of these events last as long as two weeks, while others are for one to two days.

We also request that Chaplains be available to respond to emergency calls such as line of duty injury/death or catastrophic events, based on the employee’s request.

President Bardsley: Are there other expectations or requirements for Secret Service chaplains?

Chaplain Mark Arbeen: We require our volunteer chaplains to be ordained (licensed) for a minimum of five years and endorsed by their ecclesiastical endorsing authority. It is also expected that the preponderance of the volunteer chaplains will be trained, either through ICPC, the Military, or another top of the line certifying organization. And most importantly, they must be able to minister to any employee, or immediate family member, who requests such services in a manner that does not infringe on the employee’s personal religious, or non-religious beliefs.

And, for full disclosure, while a security clearance is not required, we do complete a security background check on every applicant as well as verification checks on credentials and references. With the Secret Service’s unique role, it is imperative that each person associated with the Service understand our core values of Justice, Duty, Courage, Honesty, and Loyalty, and live up to our motto of being “Worthy of Trust and Confidence.”

President Bardsley: Would you share your thoughts as a first timer to ICPC’s Annual Training Seminar and what you took away from this years ATS?

Chaplain Mark Arbeen: I did not know what to expect when I signed up for the ATS. The first thing I noticed was the plethora of in-depth training that ICPC offers, especially the Basic and Liaison tracks. I was highly impressed with the required knowledge and skills that the credentialing process requires. Working with the HQ staff, I learned much more about ICPC and was truly grateful for Ruby Kinlaw and her staff’s assistance to help this complete stranger be welcomed into your midst.

From the moment my family and I arrived at the ATS, I felt the presence of God. We were welcomed, not as strangers, but as
friends. Every person we met, from the President and the Board of Directors all the way to those who were attending an ATS for the first time, was warm and inviting. This made our adjustment smooth and easy.

Then the training. Oh my, the training was nothing short of outstanding. Unfortunately, I was unable to take every Basic course, because I also had to take some Liaison courses. Every session I did attend was thought provoking, professional, and most importantly easy for the average person to understand. It was not high theology, but down to earth, real world, practical experiences that we will face every day in our ministries. ICPC really lives up to our mission of developing professional chaplains through dynamic education and support.

I look forward to attending future ATS’s, and RTS’s, and to bring our regional coordinators along to receive ICPC’s outstanding training.

President Bardsley: Thank you Acting Chaplain Coordinator Arbeen for taking the lead on providing support to men and women in the Secret Service and Federal governmental law enforcement. Do you have any closing remarks you would like to share with our ICPC members?

Chaplain Mark Arbeen: Thank you Mr. President for this opportunity. If any ICPC trained chaplain, who meets our requirements, would like to volunteer to serve the people of the Secret Service, please contact me at mark.arbeen@ussss.dhs.gov, and I will respond with the next steps in the process.

Interviewer: ICPC President Mark Bardsley, Marion Police Department (IN).

United States Secret Service Volunteer Chaplaincy Opportunities

The United States Secret Service has recently begun a chaplaincy program and is looking for chaplains located throughout the United States of America.

This is a volunteer position, receives no salary and has no procedural rights due Federal employees. USSS Chaplains may be removed from the program at any time, for any reason without recourse or explanation.

Minimal qualifications to serve the USSS as a chaplain are as follows:

1. Citizen of the United States;
2. Pass a background check;
3. Ordained and endorsed by the endorsing official of your faith, group, or denomination;
4. Have a minimum of five years experience as a member of the clergy;
5. Commit to 8 hours monthly of voluntary pastoral care; and
6. Be able to develop a good working relationship with USSS employees, immediate family members, law enforcement personnel, and the community.

If any ICPC trained chaplain, who meets our requirements, would like to volunteer to serve the people of the Secret Service, please contact Mark Arbeen at mark.arbeen@ussss.dhs.gov, who will respond with the next steps in the process.

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**LODD Memorial Booklet**

I've been meaning to write ICPC about something. The expression, "they won't care how much you know till they know how much you care."

Well when I returned from this year's ATS in Norfolk (which was an excellent time of training and fellowship!) I brought with me new-found knowledge and training. More importantly though, I brought back a few of the booklets from the Police Memorial Service.

When I pointed to Fairbanks Police **Sgt. Allen Brandt**'s picture under Alaska and told his fellow Sergeants and Chief that we prayed for him way over in Norfolk - well that meant more than anyone can say.

That ICPC Police memorial booklet has sat at a memorial to him in the department since my return and now everyone is interested in ICPC - because we show how much we care.

Stephen Reed
Fairbanks Police Department
**NEWS & NOTES**

**Terry McKittrick** is looking forward to full time chaplaincy duties since his *retirement* from the Reynoldsburg PD (OH).

**Sam Jeppsen**, Arizona Department of Public Safety survived and is recovering following a motorcycle accident with a deer (which did not survive). He had 6 broken bones in his foot and lower leg.

Emergency personnel were amazed there wasn’t more damage to the bike or the rider.

**Chaplain Memoriam**

To read an obituary please click on the name.

**Paul Merkle**
DOD: 7/15/17

- **Condolences to:**
  Family of Chaplain Merkle
  4235 Fowler Avenue
  Nottingham, MD  21236

**David W. Harris**
DOD: 3/27/2017

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  Family of Chaplain Harris
  3242 Enka Hwy
  Morristown, TN  37813

**Judson Roberts**
DOD: 2/10/2017

- **Condolences to:**
  Family of Chaplain Roberts
  927 North Hayes Ave.
  Oak Park, IL  60302

Our hearts and prayers are with the families.

**Myhorrynews.com (9/23/16) had** an article: [Column B: Compassion and Caring](http://www.myhorrynews.com) by Ettie Newlands whose niece is a dispatcher for the Anchorage Police Department.

The article highlights the letter sent by Dennis Johnson, State Director for Pretrial Services to Chief Christopher Tolley the Alaska State highlighting the services of his officers and ICPC Chaplain **Diane Peterson**, Anchorage Police Department and Alaska Police and Fire Chaplains, (AK).
# Line of Duty Deaths

**EOW (End of Watch) Dates: May 16, 2017 through August 15, 2017**

## Arkansas
**Lieutenant Patrick Weatherford**
Newport Police Department, AR  
EOW: Monday, June 12, 2017  
Cause of Death: Gunfire

## Florida
**Officer Joshua Sanchez Montaad**
FL Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services - Office of Agricultural Law Enforcement, FL  
EOW: Tuesday, June 6, 2017  
Cause of Death: Automobile crash

**Master Sergeant William Trampas Bishop**
Florida Highway Patrol, FL  
EOW: Saturday, June 17, 2017  
Cause of Death: Struck by vehicle

**Correctional Officer Joe William Heddy, Jr.**
Escambia County DOC, FL  
EOW: Saturday, June 17, 2017  
Cause of Death: Heart attack

## Georgia
**Sergeant Christopher Monica**
Georgia DOC, GA  
EOW: Tuesday, June 13, 2017  
Cause of Death: Gunfire

**Sergeant Curtis Billue**
Georgia DOC, GA  
EOW: Tuesday, June 13, 2017  
Cause of Death: Gunfire

## Illinois
**Trooper Ryan Matthew Albin**
Illinois State Police, IL  
EOW: Wednesday, June 28, 2017  
Cause of Death: Automobile crash

**K9 Drago**
Forest Preserves of Cook County Department of Law Enforcement, IL  
EOW: Wednesday, June 14, 2017  
Cause of Death: Heat exhaustion

## Indiana
**Lieutenant Aaron W. Allan**
Southport Police Department, IN  
EOW: Thursday, July 27, 2017  
Cause of Death: Gunfire

**K9 Mojo**
DeKalb County Sheriff's Office, IN  
EOW: Thursday, June 6, 2017  
Cause of Death: Heat exhaustion

## Maine
**Police Officer Nathan Michael Desjardins**
Fryeburg Police Department, ME  
EOW: Tuesday, June 6, 2017  
Cause of Death: Boating accident

## Mississippi
**Deputy Sheriff William Durr**
Lincoln County Sheriff's Office, MS  
EOW: Saturday, May 27, 2017  
Cause of Death: Gunfire

**Deputy Sheriff Jimmy Clark**
Quitman County Sheriff's Office, MS  
EOW: Sunday, August 13, 2017  
Cause of Death: Automobile crash

**K9 Aron**
Lauderdale County Sheriff's Department, MS  
EOW: Sunday, July 2, 2017  
Cause of Death: Heat exhaustion

## Missouri
**Police Officer Gary Lee Michael, Jr.**
Clinton Police Department, MO  
EOW: Sunday, August 6, 2017  
Cause of Death: Gunfire

## Montana
**Deputy Sheriff Mason Moore**
Broadwater County Sheriff's Office, MT  
EOW: Tuesday, May 16, 2017  
Cause of Death: Gunfire

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Police Officer Robert J. Johnson
Northville Police Department, NY
EOW: Tuesday, July 4, 2017
Cause of Death: Struck by vehicle

Detective Miosotis Familia
New York City Police Department, NY
EOW: Wednesday, July 5, 2017
Cause of Death: Gunfire

Trooper Joel R. Davis
New York State Police, NY
EOW: Sunday, July 9, 2017
Cause of Death: Gunfire

NORTH CAROLINA

K9 Chris
Yancey County Sheriff's Office, NC
EOW: Wednesday, July 12, 2017
Cause of Death: Gunfire

OKLAHOMA

Lieutenant Donald Heath Meyer
Oklahoma Highway Patrol, OK
EOW: Monday, July 24, 2017
Cause of Death: Vehicular assault

PENNSYLVANIA

Trooper Michael Paul Stewart, III
Pennsylvania State Police, PA
EOW: Friday, July 14, 2017
Cause of Death: Automobile crash

SOUTH CAROLINA

Deputy Sheriff Devin Hodges
Anderson County Sheriff's Office, SC
EOW: Thursday, June 1, 2017
Cause of Death: Boating accident

TENNESSEE

K9 Cain
Crossville Police Department, TN
EOW: Wednesday, August 2, 2017
Cause of Death: Stabbed

TEXAS

Border Patrol Agent Isaac Morales
EOW: Wednesday, May 24, 2017
Cause of Death: Stabbed

Correction Officer Shana Tedder
Texas Department of Criminal Justice, TX
EOW: Friday, June 9, 2017
Cause of Death: Heart attack

Police Officer Miguel I. Moreno
San Antonio Police Department, TX
EOW: Friday, June 30, 2017
Cause of Death: Gunfire

Deputy Sheriff Jason Fann
Yoakum County Sheriff's Office, TX
EOW: Saturday, August 5, 2017
Cause of Death: Automobile crash

Detective Elise Ybarra
Abilene Police Department, TX
EOW: Sunday, August 6, 2017
Cause of Death: Automobile crash

Corporal Monty D. Platt
West Texas A&M University Police Department, TX
EOW: Tuesday, August 8, 2017
Cause of Death: Animal related

Support the LODD Memorial Program
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On June 6, 2017 Officer Nathan M. Desjardins died from injuries sustained during a water rescue earlier in May.

Agents of the Rangeley Border Patrol Station participated in the Law Enforcement Tribute held at the Augusta, ME Civic Center on June 16, 2017.

On June 27th Chaplain Benjamin Wetherill also delivered a memorial on behalf of the International Conference of Police Chaplains (ICPC) to Chief Joshua J. Potvin of the Fryeburg Police Department.

The picture shows Chief Potvin receiving the memorial from Chaplain Wetherill.

In addition the family’s memorial was delivered with a large box of items from around the country.

Chaplain Benjamin Wetherill is the ICPC Area Representative for Maine and serves the US Border Patrol (ME).

(L to R) Benjamin Wetherill and Chief Joshua J. Potvin, Fryeburg Police Department, ME
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I was invited to participate in a panel discussion:

The panel consisted of: Veterans Administration Chaplain, Prison Chaplain (FL), Hospice Chaplain, Military Wing Chaplain, Chaplain Moderator and myself.

We were a part of 103rd Ministers Conference hosted by Hampton University.

There were about 4000 ministers from across the county attending this week long event.

We met 3 times (two hour block) in the Student Center with total audience size of 100 attendees.

We were asked numerous questions about what we do and to whom we minister. I passed out many brochures and pens supplied by the ICPC Office.

I believed ICPC was well received and I encouraged many to stop by Norfolk ATS for more information.

Overall I believe the Panel (first time for this panel) was well received, and a good possibility it could happen again next year.
Therapy Dog Helps Emergency Dispatchers Cope with Job Stress

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HAMITON COUNTY, TN (WRCB) -

In an emergency, they are the true first responders. At the Hamilton County 911 center, dispatchers offer help to people during their worst days. Some days though, are tougher than others.

It's been a tough two years for the Chattanooga community. In 2015 we experienced the Chattanooga Terrorist Attacks, and then 16 months later, the Woodmore Bus Tragedy. The overwhelming stress dispatchers saw that day is where a four-legged friend comes in.

Ron Leonard and his 6-year-old dog, Molly, are inseparable. “Good with people, good with children. Their vets sign off on the dog,” said Leonard.

The duo volunteers for Canines for Christ; an animal-assisted therapy ministry. It uses ordinary people and their dogs to share a message of love, kindness, and compassion. “She is so calm, she breaks through barriers I cannot break through myself.”

Molly has made over 17 hundred visits all over the Southeast. Earlier this year, Ron felt compelled to introduce Molly to Chattanooga. “The whole nation knows about the worst day that we were here in dispatch. It was July 16th, two years ago,” said Amy McBryar, a Hamilton County 911 dispatcher.

Amy McBryar was sitting in this same spot the day of the Chattanooga terrorist attacks. She answered those calls, as well as the calls from the scene of the Woodmore bus tragedy. “We have to take it all in, and it stays there and we don't have anywhere to put it. So we find an outlet.”

Molly is that outlet. “We need puppy therapy. Sit in a pile of puppies and just play with puppies. Then she came in, no idea she was coming. I got my puppy therapy.”

McBryar's experience is similar to many other emergency dispatchers. She's a faceless voice of calm and reason, through people's most difficult moments. “I love my job, I love what I do. I feel like I am helping and helping the officers do what they need to do they don't have to think about the tasks I do. I just get them what they need.”

And thanks to special people like Ron, and his friend Molly, she can do just that. “It is hard sometimes, but you have to think about the good times and let them take over and not dwell on everything that could've happen or did happen.”

“She brings a calmness down to an already stressful job,” said Leonard.

Molly and Ron would love to stop by your area. Learn more about Canines for Christ organization online.

The mission of A Quilt for Mother’s Tears, Inc. is to help comfort the mothers of police officers killed in the line of duty by creating quilts to honor the brave men and women who have given the ultimate sacrifice.

A quilt will be given to mothers of the fallen officers during National Police Week held in Washington D.C. On average, more than 100 officers are killed in the line of duty each year. In 2015, 130 officers were killed in the line of duty.
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“Lord, I ask for courage
Courage to face and conquer my own fears
Courage to take me where others will not go
I ask for strength
Strength of body to protect others
Strength of spirit to lead others . . .”

Excerpt from: A Police Officer’s Prayer (Author Unknown), a Strength for Service daily devotional for June 27th.

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1. WFSI is notified by the respective first responder organization about the line-of-duty death.
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3. WFSI or the local Wilbert Licensee contacts the funeral home to coordinate the free vault or cremation option.
4. The funeral professional helps the family choose options and arrange the service.
President Mark Bardsley is a bold man. That or he’s losing it.

With this issue we begin presenting an editorial for which I have been given free reign regarding topic. It is, of course, subject to presidential and Executive Director review.

At the 44th Annual Training Seminar in Norfolk I was heartened to see attendance at the business meetings. It was the best I can recall. That being said, if you review the Executive Committee, Area Representative, and Committee Chair lists you will see a significant number of people who are holding multiple roles.

As most pastors know, the bulk of work in churches is done by a relative few. But I would suggest that with well over 2,000 members, we can certainly do better.

During one of those business sessions in Norfolk someone came across to me as a prime prospect for service on a particular committee. I asked, he agreed, and he’s been suggested for that committee.

What about YOU? Please look over the various committee opportunities available and step up to engage in whatever suits your qualifications and interest.

If we are to continue to be the flagship for leadership in chaplain training and service, help us. You’ll not merely be taking on yet another task; you’ll be providing a valuable resource to ICPC…and God.

Chaplain John Harth has been a member of ICPC since 1991, and serves as the Journal Editor, Assistant Region #7 Director, Public Relations Chair, is a Certified ICPC Instructor and member of the Disaster Response Team. He lives in Jackson, MO and serves the Cape Girardeau County Sheriff (MO) and a multiplicity of additional agencies.

ICPC Corporate Confederate Statement

ICPC Members,

This communication is to address questions and/or concerns ICPC members have regarding the removal of Confederate Statues and Monuments throughout the United States.

We urge each of you to uphold to the highest standard and integrity for which we represent as ICPC chaplains and, regardless of personal/political position, remain neutral.

We affirm our need to support and stand with our law enforcement agencies whenever they are called in times of community unrest. Destruction of property carries consequences and proper governmental authorities will work through each situation with its constituents to resolve such issues.

ICPC does not deploy chaplains for local, regional, national and/or international civil unrest. Under no circumstances will we deploy chaplains into a dangerous situation, safety is our primary concern.

Our goal as chaplains is to minister to and support law enforcement agencies, their personnel and families.

Mark Bardsley
ICPC President