

NORTHWEST CHAPLAIN'S CONNECTION

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Regional Training Seminar to Remember *by Jim Crowley, Reg. Director*

If there is a Shock and Awe to our Regional Seminars that covers me like a blanket, it is the genuine passion of our Northwest Chaplains for the work of providing Chaplaincy support for the Agencies and Departments of the Northwest. I am always drawn to the burden for our work and the reality – we really do need each other. This year was no exception. I left being encouraged – encouraged to know that I am not alone in the calling of Chaplaincy. I was so excited when I left the RTS to know that there is a genuine team atmosphere with our guys and gals. The passion for doing our work is awesome, but passion alone won't keep us in the arena of effectiveness that our men and women in uniform must have from us

– they deserve the best! We need to be equipped – we need to be Proactive. It is the theme for this year for me and for our upcoming Regional Training Seminar in 2011 - January 10th thru 13th. Please mark these dates as a time of Refreshment, Reflection, and Becoming Proactive together. I have already received information on several of our chaplains in the region preparing to become certified at one level or another. Perhaps meeting the next certification challenge. I want to challenge all of us to take a look at our qualifications. We need to be professional on our watch showing our troops that we are not lazy when it comes to taking care of them. We need to Read more, Ride more and Walk more to be prepared



Regional Training Seminar—
January 2010, Cannon Beach

to answer the call. We need to get into shape – mentally, physically and spiritually because our troops deserve it. I invite you to be part of a great region with the ICPC as we serve the men and women in uniform who serve us. Thanks for being part of an awesome team – Region #2 Northwest ICPC Chaplains. — Jim Crowley

For I know the plans I have for you," declares the LORD, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future. Jeremiah 29:11

Welcome to the "Chaplain's Connection"

This is our very first edition of a new monthly newsletter. The purpose of this newsletter is to provide a vehicle for communication, to share training opportunities for chaplains in our Northwest Region, and to provide prayer support for one another. As well, we would love to hear of the exciting and creative things you are doing to further the

ministry of chaplaincy in your departments.

Please send your brief articles, reports, prayer requests, dates to remember, and any comments or suggestions by the 20th of each month to —

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Upcoming Dates:

- ICPC 37th Annual Training Seminar
July 12-16, 2010
Sacramento, California
- RTS JANUARY 2011
January 10-13

Farewell Message from Tim Klerekoper, Outgoing Regional Director

Presentation to Tim and Jan Klerekoper at the RTS January 2010



It has been a distinct honor to be able to serve as Regional Director for the past ten years. I've enjoyed so many aspects of the job ... implementing policies and procedures that can benefit chaplaincy in our Region, working on the Regional Training Seminar, representing the Region nationally ... it's been a privilege to serve. More than anything, though, it's been a joy to get to know so many of our chaplains and

their spouses ... and also to see the tangible, positive effect you've all had on the officers and families God has called you to serve.

It is those friendships that have been an encouragement to Jan and I. We're going to miss interfacing with you all on a regular basis, but we look forward to seeing you at ICPCNW functions. I'd also like to thank you for your kind emails and notes, and the kind words said at the RTS as we left office. It meant a great deal to us.

I have a feeling that we

are going to see some challenges to chaplaincy in the coming months and years. Our society is becoming more and more secular, which is one of several reasons why membership in ICPC is so important. We can never be too prepared, too educated, too experienced, or too effective! Bottom line ... whatever we encounter we can work through together. May God bless you all richly ... and may your ministry continue to honor Him, as it has so richly in the past.
— Dr. Tim Klerekoper

Responder Life's Family Escape 2010



Mark your calendars!

Responder Life's Family Escape, a retreat for first responders and their families put on in cooperation with Young Life is coming up the weekend of August 27th - 29th 2010. The event will be held at Wildhorse Canyon and will feature a variety of fun activities including swimming, a zip line, climbing walls, and much more. Come enjoy this opportunity to spend quality time together as a family. Registration information begins in May. For further information please visit www.responderlife.com/newsletters/winter2010.pdf.