

AMERICAN DEFENDERS OF FREEDOM™



Bring Prayer To All American Defenders of Freedom

A Monthly Briefing for those **STANDING IN THE GAP**

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This is the last newsletter of the year as we enter into the season celebrating the birth of our Savior. Up front, a special thanks to you for your ministry support this last year. Again, we have shipped Prayer Tracts and Prayer Coins all over the World to troops being trained for deployment, deployed where our war against terror is being waged and to hospitals where our heroes are being treated. Our ministry operation is always some where between a thread, a shoe string, a rock and a hard spot – so please remember us in your prayers and any possible year end support. American Defenders of Freedom uniquely gives each of us the opportunity through our Military Chaplains to minister the Gospel of Jesus Christ to America's heroes serving all over the World.

SPECIAL THOUGHTS

Chaplains tell me that ministry to troops returning home can be more demanding and difficult than ministry in combat zones. Troops leave a combat environment of military regimen and decorum and often upon returning home are confronted with new and unexpected stresses from family and society. In many cases this is complicated by combat trauma and injury. As we know, only Christ has the answers to these life problems. To date the ministry has concentrated on troops in the process of deploying and troops in the combat zones. The ministry mission statement "*Bring Prayer to All American Defenders of Freedom*" needs to also address those troops returning from deployment. This is an additional "GAP" to stand in. The significance is that it gives the Ministry exposure to the complete troop life cycle. If you are aware of any special troop ministry needs here at home, please call or send an email.

CHAPLAIN TALK

A battalion Chaplain relates how he uses our Tracts and Coins in his training command. He describes that he gives the graduation invocations and benedictions at which time he introduces our Prayer Tracts and Jesus Christ to all the graduates. The Chaplain reminds the graduates that before they deploy they need to search and know God. He stresses to the graduates the urgency of taking care of this business with God and ends his message with a prayer referring to Isaiah 41:10, which is appropriately engraved on the Coin. We provide this Chaplain with Prayer Tracts and are currently in the process of supplying Coins to all who pray to receive Jesus as personal savior. He is one of hundreds of Chaplains using our materials to reach Troops for Christ.

For Him, who is able,

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