



# Sierra Law Enforcement Chaplaincy

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## COMMENTS FROM EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR STEVE WRIGHT

As many of us are getting ready to pick up a box of chocolates or a dozen roses for our sweethearts (that's a hint to many of you), I have been thinking about some of the reasons I love being a part of the Sierra Law Enforcement Chaplaincy. The first thing that comes to mind are our dedicated chaplains. These men and women are true torch-bearers of mercy. They give up their time and resources to show up when it really matters, no matter the time of day or night. I also love the incredible work being done in our community. Our chaplains arrive in some of the darkest hours imaginable, and yet through their presence, words, and guidance, these families are finding hope and healing as they move through their grief. And while there are too many more things to mention, I don't want to leave you out. I love that you believe so much in the work being done by the Sierra Law Enforcement Chaplaincy that you give generously to help support our work. Without you, none of this would be possible. Thank you for being a part of this ministry and this community.

*Chaplain Steve*

## COMMENTS FROM CHAPLAIN TIM

As the chaplain at Marshall Medical Center, one of the privileges I have is to make calls on the military veterans who are admitted to the hospital. It is a real honor to minister to these men and women who have served our country. It is a special blessing to see those who are advanced in age, such as our World War II and Korean Veterans. Many of them have carried unseen wounds in their souls for years. I find at this time in their lives that they are open to talk to a former Army Chaplain about the scars, doubts, and fears they have carried much of their adult life. I am able to talk to them about their trauma and help them to find rest and peace in their soul. Many have a spiritual distress that they don't even know they have, and they haven't ever talked to anyone about. I can't begin to explain to you what it is like to see a combat veteran find peace with God. For many, this is the first time they have found someone they can confide in and who can lead them to the throne of grace where they can find spiritual resolution. I find that many hospital rooms I enter are sacred ground, and in that holy place, veterans find acceptance and peace with God and with themselves. Another sacred honor is to officiate memorial services for those who have served their country faithfully. I had the honor to serve a family of a Staff Sergeant who was killed in Korea this past month. He was an Afghanistan veteran and had graduated from El Dorado High School. I continue to reach out to his family and offer them my support.

*Chaplain Tim*

## Please Pray With Us For

- ◆ The family of our soldier killed in Korea
- ◆ Tim's family as they grieve the death of his mother — she is now in heaven with Tim's father, brother, and sister
- ◆ The family of a dear friend with whom Tim went to seminary died this past week
- ◆ Tim's chaplain friend from Biola and Vietnam veteran who died from exposure to agent orange
- ◆ A retired officer who is recovering from a hip replacement
- ◆ A chaplain's wife who is home recovering from a serious infection
- ◆ A veteran who found his wife had died during the night and is grieving