



Bea Daily joined the Air Force immediately following high school in the hopes of becoming a professional photographer. She served in the U.S. Air Force from 1954 to 1956. After basic training, Bea was assigned to Barksdale Air Force Base as a Security Clerk. It was then Bea met and married her husband, Jim, who stayed in the Air Force for 28 years. They were stationed in Louisiana, Ohio, Okinawa, Washington, Hawaii, California, Nevada, and Florida. Bea had been a part of the LWML California-Hawaii-Nevada District for 10 years before moving to their final destination of Florida. Bea and Jim had settled in Florida just two months prior to the 1973 Mobile convention, where Bea was able to serve as an usher. Bea Daily's tagline verse, *But life is worth nothing unless I use it for doing the work assigned by the Lord Jesus — the work of telling others the Good News about God's might, kindness and love* (Acts 20:24 TLB), is a perfect summation of a life well lived in servanthood to Jesus Christ and our country.



Mary Rogers (nee Anderson) served in the U.S. Air Force as a supply officer from 1978–1982, first as a Second Lieutenant and then a First Lieutenant. She is currently a member of **Immanuel Lutheran Church in Bossier City, Louisiana**, and is active in LWML. During her service, Mary had been affiliated with various Lutheran churches. Looking back, she feels LWML's YWR program would have been very helpful in providing her insight during her years of service.

Operation Barnabas: Supporting Our Service Women and Men *By Becky Wehrspann*



The first time I heard about Operation Barnabas was while working on the 2015 Host Committee for the Des Moines convention. A committee teammate hosted several workshops in Iowa West District and gave us encouraging highlights about the work that was being done through our military chaplains for the men and women serving our country.

This past fall and spring, Retired Chaplain Colonel Randolph McHone, USAF, did presentations about Operation Barnabas at our district board meeting, and again at a spring rally.

Operation Barnabas was launched in 2007 by the Ministry to the Armed Forces of the LCMS to fulfill three main goals:

to care for chaplains, their families, and congregations; to train and assist local congregations in care and support of local military members, their families, and veterans; and to serve as a resource to other organizations that provide care to military families and veterans.

More than 2 million U.S. military members have been deployed since September 11, 2001. Women and men in uniform have answered our nation's call to protect and defend us. They have stood the watch at home and abroad, often far from their families and loved ones. Both active and reserve military members continue to bear the burden of deployments to austere and dangerous locations. The Department of Defense issues military gear to all Soldiers, Sailors, Airmen, and Marines. But only Chaplains bring the voice of God through His Word, and the gift of His Son who brings forgiveness and healing.

As God's people, we can care for both those who are currently serving in the Armed Forces, and those who have served in the past. Veterans and their families from every conflict need our support, encouragement, and love.

Most important, we can all pray for our troops and their families, and recognize the veterans in our congregations. Consider recognizing your congregation's service members by celebrating Armed Forces Sunday every May with materials from LCMS Ministry to the Armed Forces.



Dawn Tighe enlisted in the U.S. Army because she liked the hat. For many years she crisscrossed the country, from South Carolina to California, from Maryland to Texas. After retirement, Dawn moved to Tilden, Nebraska, where she says, "I learned I should have been a Lutheran all my life and how the LWML saved my life."

Dawn's time in the service was difficult. She served during a time when many military women were ridiculed and some were even abused

by male superiors. Unfortunately, Dawn did not escape this abuse. These traumatic experiences made Dawn realize she needed to hear she was loved, cared for, and forgiven. Immanuel Lutheran Church, Tilden, Nebraska, was the place God chose to give Dawn this message, and Pastor Awe was the man to deliver it!

Pastor Awe told Dawn all her sins had already been forgiven and she didn't have to do anything: this gift was freely given through the blood of Jesus Christ! This was a brand new concept for Dawn since she had been brought up in the Roman Catholic church. Through many conversations and Pastor Awe always leading Dawn back to Scripture, Dawn eventually became a member of the LCMS. Then, through a weird course of events, Dawn went to the LWML Convention in Des Moines, Iowa, as a delegate. Panic struck Dawn as she found herself on a bus with a bunch of strange women in purple, singing songs and having a great time.

Immediately, LWML Nebraska North District President Crystal Miller put Dawn to work. Crystal's love and laughter was infectious, making Dawn feel safe and welcomed. By the time Dawn got on the bus to go home, she was wearing purple, singing and sitting in the middle of the bus with other women of her district. Since that convention, Dawn has served as president of her society, VP of her zone, and on her district Structure Committee.

When Dawn is asked what we can do to support women in the military, she said to remind them they are loved and pray for them. "Even though I still suffer with the effects of my years in military service, I know I can pick up the phone and call a sister in Christ for help. Be there for them, and listen to them, even if they need to tell their story over and over. Keep them informed of what the congregation is doing, and support programs such as Operation Barnabas. Small things can save a life. This is what we can do freely as Christ gave His life for us."



The grass never grew underneath the feet of Naval Nurse Elaine Hankel! Upon joining the United States Navy in 1974, Elaine moved every two years throughout her 21 years of service. The positions she held include staff and charge nurse, nurse in charge, nursing supervisor maternal child, and finally Director of Nursing — a position she

retired from in 1997. Since Elaine has been a Missouri Synod Lutheran her entire life, she searched for an LWML family to connect with upon arriving at every new home. Annapolis, Maryland; Roosevelt Roads, Puerto Rico; Jacksonville, Florida; Bethesda, Maryland; New Orleans, Louisiana; and the Naval Air Station Clinic in Pensacola, Florida. Elaine even returned to school and earned a BSN and MSN during 1981–1984. Elaine, former LWML South Dakota District President, said receiving the *Lutheran Witness*, cards, notes, and prayers were a true blessing for her as she served.



In the summer of 1967, Carol Fruehling joined the Women's Army Corps at U.S. Army Ft. McClellan in Alabama, enrolling in a training program designed for college juniors interested in becoming Army officers. Upon completion, Carol enlisted as a CPL E4 in the WAC Student Office Program

and was assigned to Tulsa University, where she completed her bachelors degree. After graduation, Carol entered active duty. Her first assignment was at Ft. Dix, New Jersey, processing new draftees and soldiers going to and returning from Vietnam. Her last and longest tour was as a Recruiting Officer stationed in Detroit. She visited college campuses throughout Michigan, speaking to women about becoming officers. Captain Fruehling received an Honorable Discharge in 1970 and is active in LWML Oklahoma District.

HONORING & SUPPORTING OUR LUTHERAN WOMEN AND MEN IN service

This past February, **Zion Lutheran Church Ladies Aid of Accident, Maryland** (Eastern District), presented their second handmade Quilt of Valor, to Korean War Air Force Veteran and Accident native son, **Hobert Luther Bowser**, honoring him for his service to God, country, and community. The quilt was presented following Sunday services with friends, family, and other veterans in attendance. The goal of Quilts of Valor is to cover service members and veterans touched by war with uniquely created quilts. Quilts are awarded in a special ceremony as a public symbol of thanks. This year's quilt dubbed, "Patriotic Glory," was created by members Lena Fratz, Margaret (Peggy) Close, Sharon Garlitz, and Carol Jean Edmiston.



From left: Sharon Frantz, Diana Williams, Terri Stonesifer, Hobert and Dot Bowser Holding quilt: Mark Williams, Phil Frantz, Rick Broadwater



"Thank you for your support; it means so much, and is a benefit to so many. I struggle for the words that can capture the fruits of the service and support you so cheerfully provide. God bless you!" Chaplain David Schleusener, Command Chaplain, Chapel of the Good Shepherd, NAF Atsugi, Japan.

The CTSFW Military Project: Supporting LCMS Chaplains

By Deaconess Carolyn S. Brinkley

The Military Project of Concordia Theological Seminary, Fort Wayne (CTSFW), is now in its eleventh year of providing body and soul care for LCMS chaplains, their families, and those they serve in the Armed Forces. The project works with The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod's Ministry of the Armed Forces in supporting more than 100 chaplains around the world and at home, bringing the mercy of Christ to those who guard our freedoms.

As chaplains are deployed, opportunities arise to equip them with theological supplies such as *Lutheran Service Books*, the *Concordia Organist* (31-CD set of all *Lutheran Service Book* hymns and liturgies), *Luther's Small Catechism*, devotional books, *Christians Can be Soldiers* by Martin Luther, and anything else they may request. This is truly a mission opportunity!

Chaplain Brian Hamer writes, "I cannot speak highly enough of the support that we have received at Naval Air Station Lemoore from the CTS Military

Project! Resources in the Navy are slim for non-operational billets, and for shore chapels in particular. The CTSFW Military Project has provided resources for every phase of the Christian life: Baptism, Bible study, Confirmation, worship, and individual pastoral care and counseling. These resources have equipped me to better serve our Sailors and their families with the gifts of the Gospel. Thanks be to God for the CTSFW Military Project."

We are indeed blessed to have faithful and courageous chaplains of the LCMS who steadfastly continue to proclaim Christ's mercy to those who protect us around the world. Please keep our chaplains and all military personnel in your prayers. They are God's instruments of protection.

Many thanks to all who support this work of mercy. You are a blessing!

For more information please email MilitaryProject@ctsfw.edu or call (260) 452-2140.

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Please share your stories and photos of joyful, mission-minded service with News Editor Linda Guteres: newseditor@lwml.org or 3 Timber Trail, Medford, NY 11763
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Living Water for Guatemala *By Melissa Salomón*

Melissa Salomón lives in Chula Vista, California, and serves on both sides of the border with Concordia Lutheran Church and School, Chula Vista, and in Tijuana with the ministry of 1000 Generaciones. She is serving as the Chairman of the LWML Heart to Heart Sisters Committee.

I've always had a passion for finding ways to live and love like Jesus beyond the walls of the church building. That's what led me and our church to be involved in ministry across the border in Mexico for more than 20 years. So when I heard from my pastor about a "Beyond Walls Tour" to explore possibilities to expand our reach to Guatemala, I said, "I'm in!"

Child Beyond International was started by a small Lutheran congregation in Oregon. We saw the orphanage where they care for 20 children who were taken out of tragic circumstances. Here they were safe, loved, and they learned about the love of Jesus, who heals all hurts and changes our future.

Child Beyond International also partners with churches in local communities to help break the cycle of poverty and neglect that leads to children being in orphanages. We saw how they provided clean water, clean-burning stoves, and even small houses to help transform communities one family at a time.

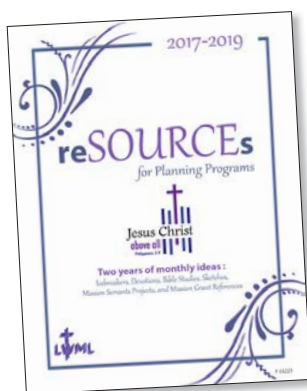
When we visited the ministry of a Lutheran church on the shore of Lake Atitlán,

Guatemala, God grabbed my heart with something we could do immediately. We learned that 1 in 20 children don't see their fifth birthday because of diseases that are directly related to drinking unclean water, like that in Lake Atitlán.

What if our preschool children at Concordia Lutheran Church could help? Our goal was that each child in our 250-child preschool would contribute something, because working together, a little bit can make a big difference. We ended up raising \$950, enough to provide water filters for 24 families!

Concordia's ministry focuses on families, so our next step is to explore how we can partner with Child Beyond International to develop mission trips that include children as active participants.

Find out about the ministry of Child Beyond International and the "Beyond the Walls" tour by following Child Beyond International on Facebook, or by contacting Pastor Jeff Mueller at www.childbeyond.org.



Check out the **LWML reSOURCES Manual** for some great devotions to start and end meetings and to share with others! Go to www.lwml.org, click on "The Word" on the top bar, then "Program Helps." Here you'll find access to reSOURCES and to these themes and devotions to keep you growing in God's Word:

June 2018 (pp. 79–81)

Theme: Our Father's Care
(Psalm 145:16)

Devotions:

"The Always-Open Hand"
"God is in Control"
"Our Father's Care"

July 2018 (pp. 83–84)

Theme: Free Indeed!
(John 8:36)

Devotions:

"Joy in Christian Freedom"
"Living in the Spirit ... Means Freedom"

August 2018 (pp. 85–91)

Theme: Hear, Learn, Grow
(Proverbs 1:5a)

Devotions:

"God Knows Me"
"Forever A Student"

Sketch: "Ready, Set, Grow!"