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General Shaw Clifton and Commissioner Helen Clifton are welcomed by a contingent of younger Salvationists at the Evangeline Booth College. The international leaders also visited territorial headquarters and The Salvation Army Ray and Joan Kroc Corps Community Center during their visit to Atlanta.

Southern welcome

Atlanta greets General Shaw Clifton, Commissioner Helen Clifton as international leaders tour city

General Shaw Clifton called on Salvationists to seek out and rely on the guidance of the Holy Spirit in an Oct. 14-16 visit to Atlanta. The General and Commissioner Helen Clifton were welcomed as they made their first visit to territorial headquarters as the international leaders of The Salvation Army.

The Cliftons previously visited the territory in August 2008 as speakers at the Southern Bible Conference and as delegates to the Pan American Conference in Dallas in 2006. This time, in addition to their stop at THQ, they toured the Evangeline Booth College, the Ray and Joan Kroc Corps Community Center and the Atlanta Adult Rehabilitation Center. They were accompanied by Commissioners Israel L. and Eva D. Gaither, USA national leaders, and Commissioners Max and Lennie Feener, Southern territorial leaders.

Southern Salvationists from across the territory had the opportunity to greet the Cliftons in a welcome meeting at the Atlanta Temple Corps that was webcast to an audience of nearly 3,000. A large assemblage of songsters from the Atlanta area opened the

meeting with the rousing "Come, Join Our Army!" and prayer in a variety of languages and cultural expressions was offered. The Atlanta Peachcrest Praise Dancers performed a swirling, colorful dance that brought the congregation to its feet and Commissioner Israel Gaither introduced the Cliftons.

Commissioner Helen Clifton brought the Scripture from John 1:19-34. After The Redeemed Men of the ARC sang a powerful rendition of "Amazing Grace," the General came to the podium. His message focused on the need to abide in the presence of the Holy Spirit, whether we are avoiding pitfalls in our daily walk or venturing out further in our ministry to take the gospel into distant corners of the world. "The Holy Spirit is there to help us be sure-footed in the dangerous places," General Clifton said. At the conclusion of his message the altar was lined with seekers.

Earlier that day, the Cliftons and Gaithers were greeted by THQ staff at a morning devotional time. During the gathering, the General accepted from Commissioner Max Feener the first installment toward a pledge made by the territory to support the Centralized Pension Fund for Grant-aided



For more coverage of the visit of General Shaw Clifton and Commissioner Helen Clifton to Atlanta, please see pages 4 & 5.

Territories.

In a luncheon with territorial department heads, General Clifton thanked the USA South for its faithful financial support of The Salvation Army's work around the world, as well as the work of its overseas officers. He noted that with Army ministry now ongoing in 118 countries, steadfast commitment to and support of that work is required.

"If we are faithful, the Lord will entrust us with new responsibilities," General Clifton said. "He is opening some doors for us, and we are humbled by it. We need your prayers. There's a certain amount of risk in some of the work we are undertaking."



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MAJOR ALLEN SATTERLEE



Pursuers of peace

Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called sons of God. (Matthew 5:9)

It is interesting how simple words can take on whole new meanings. Take the name "peacemaker." An idea quite foreign to anything Jesus was saying was put forth by the U.S. military. They describe a similarly termed missile – the Peacekeeper – as "a four-stage intercontinental ballistic missile capable of carrying up to 10 independently-targetable re-entry vehicles with greater accuracy than any other ballistic missile. Its design combines advanced technology in fuels, guidance, nozzle design and motor construction with protection against the hostile nuclear environment associated with land-based systems. The Peacekeeper is over 70 feet long and weighs 198,000 pounds." I suppose it is called the Peacekeeper because it intimidates by making war so ferociously.

There is also another distortion of what Jesus meant when he used the term. Leading up to World War II there were those who thought they could negotiate with Hitler to prevent war. Prime Minister Neville Chamberlain, leader of pre-war Great Britain, thought so. Clutching a signed treaty with Hitler's signature, he proclaimed to Britain that he had the guarantee of "peace in our time." Less than a year later Europe was crushed under the tracks of rolling tanks, dive bombers and hobnailed boots. Appeasement is not peacemaking and never has been. Some believe in peace at any price to protect themselves over solving a problem. By doing this they offer and receive cheap forgiveness for deeds un lamented and crimes unaccounted. Others seek peace at any price to avoid their personal demons, because in the conflict of others they witness the turmoil in their own spirits. But these are not the ones Jesus calls blessed.

Those whom Jesus called peacemakers know the peace that God alone can provide. It is the peace that allows them to remain connected to God despite the storms beating against them. It is a fact – not just an emotion – although great peace often will be felt. The child of God has peace because he is in agreement with God's purposes and submitted to his rule. He stands cleansed of sin and counts anything of pretence in his life as rubbish. Like his Father, he seeks what is the best for all concerned, even if what is best is hurtful in the short run.

In relationships the peacemaker does what he can to live in peace with others (Hebrews 12:14). So when relationships are threatened the peacemaker seeks to be reconciled regardless of who is at fault. This is not a court of law where the parties establish who is right but the court of love where the considerations of the Kingdom overrule everything.

Sometimes people refuse reconciliation. But the peacemaker Jesus blesses is the one who regards the offender with the same love as a close brother. Of course, we are hurt by rejection. But we are children of the living God held to account not for how people treat us but how we treat them.

Jesus calls peacemakers the children of God. Children resemble their parents in appearance, in action and in name. We resemble our Father most when we act with his interests, his love, his actions: *This is from God, who reconciled us to Himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation: that God was reconciling the world to Himself in Christ, not counting men's sins against them. And he has committed to us the message of reconciliation. We are therefore Christ's ambassadors, as though God were making His appeal through us* (2 Corinthians 5:18-20).

You have peace by bringing peace. Who is your enemy? Start there.

Take my breath away

Major Amy Kelly gave her testimony not long ago and said that there are times when she feels the presence of God so close that she could almost sense his breath. She quickly followed with, "and it takes my breath away!"

Imagine the scene eons ago when God bent down and breathed into man's nostrils the breath of life; man became a living soul. It was a divine CPR – God exhales into our fragile bodies, and our lungs inflate for the first time. No other creature is given this painstaking care. It is this same picture painted in Job 33:4 where his friend, Elihu, pleads with Job to remember that *the Spirit of God has made me; the breath of the Almighty gives me life* (NIV).

When I was a kid I'd often play this stupid experiment where I'd hold my breath to try to sense how it would feel to be dead. The more I did it, the more I concluded that's not what I want. I like breathing, and it's hard to imagine not doing it.



Major Howard Costner

Major Howard Costner was promoted to Glory Oct. 1, 2009, from Mission Hospital in Asheville, N.C. He was nearing his 82nd birthday. The memorial service was at Hayworth

Miller Chapel in Winston-Salem, N.C., and the committal was in Parklawn Memorial Park with Major Terry Israel, area commander, officiating at both services.

Howard Foard Costner was born Nov. 6, 1927, in Vale, N.C., to Ernest and Bertha Costner. He grew up in North Carolina and served in World War II. As a young man he accepted Christ as his personal Savior and later sensed God's calling to be a Salvation Army officer. He entered training in Atlanta from Hickory, N.C., and was commissioned an officer of the Peacemakers session on May 23, 1949. While at the School for Officer Training, he met his future wife, Avis Gaynell Reece and they were married Nov. 1, 1951. Together they served in corps and men's social service appointments spanning 43 years of active officership from which they retired on Nov. 30, 1992. Gaynell was promoted to Glory May 1, 1997. Howard was married to Major Doris Champion on Oct. 14, 2000.

Howard was faithful to the Lord who had called him to full-time service those many years before. He ministered in unwavering devotion to those he was privileged to serve.

He is survived by his wife, Doris; daughters Janet Hicks and Martha Costner; one son, John (Shelva) Costner; two grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

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MAJOR FRANK DURACHER



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But God's breath is eternal, where ours is temporal. His takes over where ours will surely fail. And isn't that just like him, by the way?

Maybe that's what death is. Our breathing stops and his begins. Forever.

I used to fear going through that portal, but the longer I breathe on my own, the more confident I am that he will even do that for me. No, I don't particularly want to stop breathing – I'm just saying that when he decides to take over, he will.

Those who are unsaved do not have that blessed assurance.

That's why I'm so glad someone told me about Jesus a long time ago. I've been breathing easier ever since!

PROMOTED TO GLORY



Major Fred Smith

Major Fred Smith was promoted to Glory Oct. 6, 2009, from Houston. Both he and his wife, Anna, suffered a fall in September, and Fred had continuing problems and surgeries as a result. A private family service was held for

him.

Frederick Russell Smith was born June 19, 1922, in Salem, Ohio, to Maro Edward and Esther Fay Smith. He was converted in 1932 at The Salvation Army in Coshocton, Ohio. It was from this corps that he entered the training college in New York as a member of the Valiant session. He was commissioned June 21, 1943, and served in Plymouth and Malden, Mass.

On Feb. 8, 1946, he was married to session-mate Lieutenant Anna Van Kleek, and their appointments in the Eastern Territory included Erie, Latrobe, Beaver Falls, Kane and Tarentum, Pa., and Irvington and New Brunswick, N.J. They served in two appointments in the Western Territory before being transferred to the South, where they rendered service in Columbus, Miss., followed by appointments in the Florida Division as corps officers in Fort Myers, Clearwater and as city commander in Miami. Divisional appointments included divisional secretary in the Alabama-Louisiana-Mississippi and Texas divisions, followed by service in Ft. Lauderdale, Fla., and as city coordinator and corps officer in Orlando, from which they entered honored retirement on Jan. 31, 1985, having completed 41 years of active service.

Fred was a third-generation officer and served with the precept "that we are all here to serve others and make this world a better place by reaching out to others and helping all in need."

He is survived by his loving wife of 63 years, Anna Marie; daughters Marra Dale and Barbara Jean; son Frederick (Fred); four grandchildren and five great-grandchildren; and sisters Dorothy Steitz, Bonnie Maier and Lois Hall (all former officers). His parents and brother, Lt. Colonel Maro Smith, preceded him in death.

The living translation

I was in a Sunday school class recently where the teacher shared his personal views about translations and versions of the Bible and made the comment that he believed Scripture memorization was on the decline because we have so many versions and translations floating around these days. I'm not so sure that's the reason, but I think we would all agree that to a certain extent, Scripture memorization does not seem to be promoted as heavily as in days past. We applaud the divisions that are bringing the Bible Bowl back as a wonderful way to promote Scripture memorization.

Speaking of Bible translations and versions, I recently came across an article that General William Booth wrote concerning this very matter. In 1885, the English Revised Version of the Bible was released. There were those who applauded it and many who ridiculed it. There are those, even among us today, that feel the only proper version of the Bible is the King James Version. Commissioner Max Feener tells the story of a lady in one of his early corps appointments who told him, "Any other version is a perversion!"

I served in an appointment once where, after

replacing the worn and tattered Bibles that were King James Versions with New King James Versions, a delegation of soldiers visited my office demanding that the real Bible be put back in the pews or they would have me transferred immediately!

When the 1885 English Revised Version was released, General William Booth wrote in the May 30, 1885, edition of *The War Cry* the following words:

"Had the arrangement of the Revision been left with me, I might, nay, I think I should have said, 'While the substance is the same, we will express it as nearly as we can, not in the stiff and ancient language used three hundred years ago, but in that form of speech employed by the people of the present day.'"

William Booth was indeed a radical! He was also a profound thinker and took it a step further:

"I am most interested now in a further translation. I want to see a new translation of the Bible into the hearts and conduct of living men and women. It is the reproduction of the Scriptures in men and women that makes their worth. What will be the value of the Bible in the Day of Judgment apart from the transformations of character it has produced? It is

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of no use making correct translations of words if we cannot get the words translated into life.

"In the living translation every person who bears the name of Christ says thereby, 'My life is a representation of Christianity.' Let us now have some equally correct reproductions of the mind of Christ – some actual flesh-and-blood translations – some living epistles inspired and empowered by the Holy Ghost that can be read and known of all mankind."

First Peter 2:12 says, *Live an exemplary life among the natives so that your actions will refute their prejudices. Then they'll be won over to God's side and be there to join in the celebration when He arrives.* By the way, that's from The Message Version.

Q & A: TSM Dan Hager

Dan Hager is a soldier of the Lake Worth, Fla., Corps and served for several years as the corps sergeant-major there. He later served a term as divisional sergeant-major (DSM) for Florida. At the recent Southern Bible Conference, Hager was installed by Commissioner Max Feener as the new territorial sergeant-major, replacing TSM Kathy Tedford whose term expired. Major Frank Duracher of the Southern Spirit staff recently interviewed TSM Hager to get his perspective as the top-ranking local officer in the USA Southern Territory.

SS: What is your testimony?

DH: I'm 58, and was born in West Palm Beach, as was my father. His mother, my grandmother, Amy Hager, was a longtime Salvationist. She was instrumental in the opening of the Army's corps in Tallahassee many years ago. My mother started going to the corps in West Palm Beach and a few years later, my father did as well.

By that time I was married with children, and my parents would come by to pick up my children for church. Finally, in the mid-1980s I decided to go one Sunday for a couple of reasons: to make my mother happy, and I love history, and became curious about events in the Bible.

I had always been one of those who believed in God, but not in "churches." I was not saved at that point. But when I went back, Major and Mrs. Charles Smith were the corps officers, and after coming for several weeks, he asked me to be the assistant Sunday school teacher. It wasn't long after that, I went down to the altar and asked Christ to be on the throne of my heart because it was time for me to get off of it. I wasn't

doing a very good job running my life. Majors Omer and Ann McKinney followed the Smiths and Major Omer was a spiritual mentor to me. Under Major McKinney's ministry I continued to grow as a Christian. I decided to become a soldier in 1990.

Then on April 10, 2005 (the Founder's birthday), I was at youth councils. I was the DSM and decided to stay over for the Sunday service after my responsibility on Saturday was completed. I was sitting on the back row, with a congregation of some 600 people. The sermon was fine and a lot of people went forward. I wasn't emotional at all and was expecting nothing.

The captain on my left kneeled down and I thought, *You know what, that's a good idea – we might be here awhile!* When my left knee hit the floor, I felt a charge up my arm and throughout my body – it was like sticking a fork into an electrical outlet. God filled me with his Holy Spirit, and there was a swirling, buzzing, warm surge. I'm not a baby, but I just blubbered like an infant. All I could say was, "Oh God! Oh God!"

That time was like a look behind the curtain. It was like God saying, "Have no doubt – I am real!"



SS: What do you do when you are not wearing a Salvation Army uniform?

DH: I'm a member of the Professional Golfers Association (PGA) for over 32 years. I run a busy public golf course in Boynton Beach. I give instruction to golfers and I spend much

of my time on the courses – which is a dream job.

SS: So how did you become TSM?

DH: Well, I got a call from Lt. Colonel (Vern) Jewett, and he told me that my name had been brought up. I said that, of course, I was flattered but that I'd have to pray about it. I have a busy job, and I'd like to check with my boss. More important, my wife (Connie) was just diagnosed with breast cancer, and I needed to be there for her.

SS: What would you like to accomplish during your three-year term as TSM?

DH: We live in a communication age. To me the whole gist of DSINC and TSINC is this: There's a parallel between an Army whose main weapons are love and compassion, and a world where an army is all about bullets and bombs. I see us saying to the world, "You know what, we're paramilitary, where the decisions are completely top-down; but we're trying

to be 21st century in our leadership in that we're trying to empower the soldier. We're trying to give him/her ownership so that they will get on board with what our mission is about."

We therefore have a difficult time on a couple of fronts. One of them is getting the word out to soldiers that you do make a difference. The other is to empower the corps officer by showing him/her that he has soldiers who want to stand alongside him/her in this war against sin and suffering.

To that end, I have a new e-mail address that I want to make available to all soldiers. It is TSMDanHager@gmail.com. When a soldier comes up with an idea or concern, we want them to step up to the plate and share that with us.

We also want to encourage DSINC representatives to get up in front of their crowd on Sunday morning and explain in five minutes or so how DSINCs work and how they are designed to address those two fronts. Likewise, we want each DSM to speak at each officers' councils to share how this process can help them in their corps. Five minutes is all we need! We're on the same side here – please don't feel threatened by what we want to do.

SS: What matters most to you?

DH: I am big on mission. Our mission is what makes The Salvation Army distinctive. Three years from now when I turn the reins over to the next TSM I want to give an Army of soldiers who feel ownership in that mission.

So we must feed and house the homeless; we must go to nursing homes and visit those who are lonely and sick; we must go to the prisons and minister there; we must reach out to every lost soul without the love of God in their lives.

God flexes his muscle best when someone's life is getting changed. When you are standing by and you witness that happening, there's no greater blessing!

The South welcomes General & Commissioner Clifton



General Shaw Clifton is flanked by Commissioner Max Feener and Commissioner Israel L. Gaither at one of the displays at the Southern Historical Center.



Michael Nagy (right), Southern Historical Center director, General Shaw Clifton and Commissioner Helen Clifton looking at collections featured at the museum.

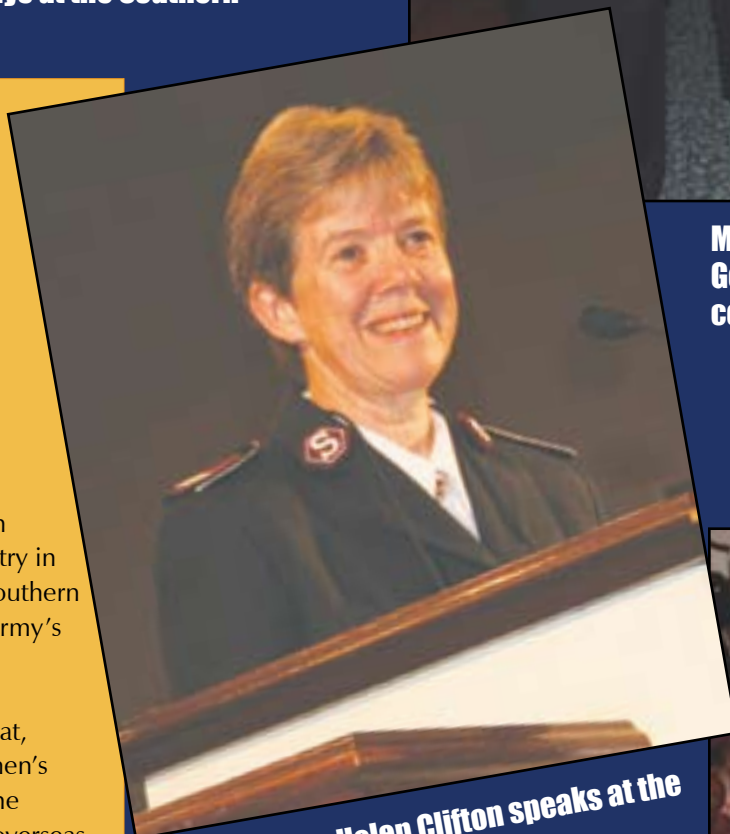
General Clifton announces that Hawleys will open Army work in UAE

By Dan Childs
SOUTHERN SPIRIT STAFF

General Shaw Clifton told territorial department heads in Atlanta that The Salvation Army is planning to open a ministry in the United Arab Emirates in the near future. He said that Southern officers Majors Michael and Teresa Hawley will direct the Army's work, which will be based in Dubai.

The Hawleys have served in Kuwait for the past year, coordinating Salvation Army work in that nation. Prior to that, they served as the New Orleans area commander and women's ministries coordinator as the city recovered and rebuilt in the wake of Hurricane Katrina. The Hawleys also served in an overseas appointment in Germany.

Lieutenants Roberto and Glenis Viera, who have served in Kuwait alongside the Hawleys for the past year, will continue their ministry there.



Commissioner Helen Clifton speaks at the welcome service.



The THQ Gospel Choir performs for General Shaw Clifton and Commissioner Helen Clifton.



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(Right) The Atlanta Peachcrest Praise Dancers bring audience participation to fever pitch through their musical presentation.

(Below right) "Amazing Grace" is the vocal testimony of the Redeemed Men of the ARC.

(Below) General Shaw Clifton is introduced to the congregation gathered at the Soldiers Rally by the National Commander, Commissioner Israel I. Gaither.



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Scores of seekers flock to the Mercy Seat during the invitation following the General's sermon at the conclusion of the Soldiers Rally.

At the Evangeline Booth College, the General's session flag, Blood & Fire, is brought out for a rousing conclusion to a chapel service.

International leaders tour Army landmarks

By Major Frank Duracher
SOUTHERN SPIRIT STAFF

General Shaw Clifton and Commissioner Helen Clifton were lovingly welcomed at four Salvation Army places of interest during their visit to Atlanta Oct. 14-16.

Cadets of the Prayer Warriors and Ambassadors of Holiness sessions lined the main walkway up the sprawling Evangeline Booth College campus to welcome their international leaders. After a brief performance by the school's child care toddlers, the touring party was ushered into the chapel where

the General delivered the morning message. His text was drawn from Revelation 2, emphasizing the mercy, generosity and patience God bestows upon his children who are faithful to him.

The Cliftons then toured The Salvation Army Ray & Joan Kroc Corps Community Center, followed by a walk-through at the training college of the Southern Historical Center and a complete tour of the EBC campus.

The General and Commissioner Clifton ended their day with a visit to the Atlanta Adult Rehabilitation Center. General Clifton seemed very impressed with the appealing layout of the Family Store, and the efficient manner in which donated items are processed in the warehouse. He spent a good deal of time chatting with employees and men of the program.

Although this is their third visit to the USA Southern Territory, and his first official visit as General to Atlanta, the Cliftons availed this opportunity to specifically tour these units.

Photos by Dan Childs, Major Frank Duracher & Brooke Turbyfill

Majors Doug and Wanda Browning

Majors Doug and Wanda Browning were honored in an evening gathering at the Doraville, Ga., Corps, surrounded by family and friends who have shared in their many years of service.

The retirement service was conducted by Commissioners Max and Lennie Feener. Major William Mockabee, Georgia divisional commander, presided. A retirement dedicatory prayer was delivered by Major James Waller. Majors Travis and Myra Israel and Majors Fred and Miriam Musgrave took part in this special time at the worship table.

The Lawrenceville, Ga., Corps band members provided the music, including a special selection, "I Want To Praise You Lord," which was written by Major Wanda Browning.

Major Carolyn Walters and Larry Williamson offered congratulatory remarks, and the Brownings' daughter,

Wanda Kay Newton, spoke in tribute to her parents. Major Doug Browning spoke in response.

Major Wanda Browning was commissioned in June 1968 with the Messengers of Faith and Major Doug Browning a year later with the Evangelists session. They were married in January 1970 and served together as assistant corps officers in Fort Worth, Texas. Major Doug Browning earned his master's degree in social work administration, and they were appointed to social services, where they served a total of 32 years. Their social services appointments included Atlanta, Louisville, Ky.; Oklahoma City and Charlotte, N.C., where they served on the divisional staff.

The Brownings later served in corps appointments in High Point, N.C.; Hampton, Va.; and Washington, where Doug became the executive director for the Harbor Light Center and Wanda served as corps officer of a recovery corps. They concluded their ministry as senior corps officers of the Doraville,

HONORED RETIREMENT



Majors Doug and Wanda Browning are honored by members of the congregation at the Doraville, Ga., Corps in their retirement celebration service.

Ga., Corps.

Major Wanda Browning has written articles for the *Southern Spirit*, *War*

Cry and The Officer and is training for professorship with the Nazarene Bible College online teaching program.

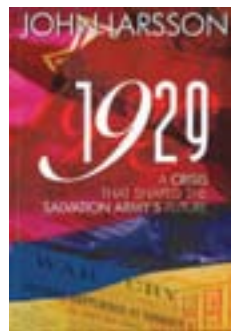
Larsson book chronicles tumultuous time in history of The Salvation Army

• A book review by Major Frank Duracher

Salvationists who also have a love for the Army's history have waited 80 years for a definitive account of events brewing like a tempest around the precedent-setting calling of the High Council, and the subsequent removal from office of General Bramwell Booth.

In his book "1929," General John Larsson lifts the veil for regular Salvationists and history buffs with his day-by-day, and sometimes minute-by-minute, account of the crisis that had the Army on a precipice teetering on extinction.

General Larsson skillfully takes the reader on a roller-coaster ride beginning with events in late 1928



that led to the summons of the High Council, and ending with promised reforms during the administrations of General Edward Higgins

and the 15 individuals since to hold the Army's highest office. In between is a comprehensive diary of twists and turns of a turmoil that hammered away for us the legal ramifications of a worldwide Movement ensuring safe passage of the leadership torch from one generation to the next.

In addition, Larsson's treatment throughout is unbiased and fair. The

pathos of the Booth Family engenders the reader's sympathy; in contrast with an objective understanding of the position of the requisitioning commissioners who found themselves with the distasteful duty of impeaching no less than the man who worked alongside his father, and our Founder, since the Army's days as The Christian Mission.

To make matters worse, for the High Council this was a public relations nightmare. The press devoured every morsel of news to pass on to a riveted public.

"1929" is a must for the casual reader, as well as students of Army history who may have long-wondered about the dirty details of a subject heretofore considered taboo.

JOB BOARD

Kettle musicians Richmond, Va.

The Richmond, Va., Area Command Music Department in the National Capital-Virginia Division is looking for active brass musicians who are uniformed Salvationists to play at kettles throughout the 2009 Christmas season.

Requirements: Able to play for up to seven hours a day. Able to be outside at a kettle for six hours a day. Must be a uniformed Salvationist and a competent musician of a good standard, including being able to sight-read at a proficient level.

Dates: Nov. 27-Dec. 24.

Highly competitive salary, all meals and accommodations provided, travel expenses up to \$250 provided, and high profile concerts and engagements to be part of.

For more information and questions please email Matt Sims at Matt_Sims@uss.salvationarmy.org.

Bell-ringer coordinator Drivers

Montgomery County, Md.

Bell-ringer coordinator and drivers needed in Montgomery County, Md., Corps. Coordinator position begins Nov. 1 and drivers and bell-ringers needed Nov. 13 - Dec. 24, 2009.

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Attendance should include all Divisional Secretaries having responsibility for property matters in their divisions, divisional civilian property staff members, facility managers at the Area Command, and officers currently conducting or anticipating a new construction or major renovation project in the near future.

Questions?
Contact Katie Baxter (404) 728-6700 ext. 438



Hagerstown Men's Club: 'Handymen for Jesus'

The 15 members of the Men's Fellowship Club in Hagerstown, Md., have one thing in common: they are all good at building and fixing things. So Major Robert Lyle and club president Sopheap Sun are constantly on the lookout for projects the group can take on – an average of about one per month. These projects include constructing a bathroom for the chapel at the Maryland-West Virginia Division's Camp Tomahawk; or tackling needed jobs at the home of a soldier or senior citizen. They are shown here with their latest work: a trophy case in the corps hall.

Former NFL player says club could have helped him get better start

The only man in the world with five Super Bowl rings was at the Waxahachie, Texas, Civic Center to speak at the annual Burger Dinner fund-raiser for The Salvation Army Boys & Girls Club of Waxahachie.

Charles Haley, who earned three Super Bowl rings with the Dallas Cowboys and two with the San Francisco 49ers, talked about growing up poor in Lynchburg, Va. His football skills gave him the chance to go to college, but he needed remedial help with reading and writing to make it through. If he had the advantage of being in a Boys & Girls Club as a child, Haley said, things might have been better for him educationally. Haley also shared his personal testimony of coming to know Jesus Christ in the past year. He credits this decision to helping him change his life overall, as he regrets the decisions and choices he once made.

At the end of the program, Haley signed autographs and posed for pictures with event guests. Before Haley's speech, Mayor Ron Wilkinson shared a few thoughts and memories about The Salvation Army. Wilkinson shared with the audience about how The Salvation Army was originally started in London by William Booth. Today, The Salvation Army is worldwide. Wilkinson thanked The Salvation Army in Waxahachie for its hard work and commitment to Ellis County.

During the program, awards were presented to members of The Salvation Army Boys & Girls Club.



Charles Haley, who played on five Super Bowl champion teams during his playing days in Dallas and San Francisco, spoke at a recent fund-raiser for the Salvation Army Boys & Girls Club of Waxahachie, Texas.

Damien Rogers was recognized for the Honor Day Camper award. An award was given to Christian Cooper, who earned the most points during the recent day camp. Logan Holubec received an award for memorizing the most Bible verses.

Heath Simms, county commissioner, conducted a live auction at the event. Simms auctioned off autographed merchandise and a New Mexico vacation package. Guests also enjoyed a silent auction. Proceeds raised from the auctions will directly support The Salvation Army Boys & Girls Club.

The Salvation Army Boys & Girls Club provides a safe and positive environment for children in the Waxahachie community. Children receive academic tutoring, homework assistance, opportunities to be involved in recreational activities, attend character building courses and go on field trips.

Kristin Bowman

OTHER VIEWS

Melancholy Moses

By Major Wanda Browning



I have often felt remorseful about Moses' wilderness finale. Thirty years of wandering with all the upheavals of rebellion to harmonize, and right before triumph "the leader" acts out, and in a solitary second loses the blessing of the Promised Land – the judgment placed upon Moses for misrepresenting God.

How did Moses get to this loftiness of envisioning God independently from himself? How is such behavior of this competent leader analyzed or explained? Did Moses intentionally forget his accountability to model servant leadership? I am suggesting that at this point in life, Moses had become depressed. For 40 years the custody and liability of the Israelites had been Moses' responsibility. He finally lost his line of reasoning and answerability as a result of a loss of hope, which manifested itself in anger and in an accompanying disconnection from God's will. Separating one's self from the influence of God is daunting enough – add to that a full dose of despair, and there's no wonder Moses blew a gasket.

In today's counseling world, one would probably concur that Moses' sense of self-worth plummeted to the point that he gave into depression. While reading the article "Men and Depression" by Dr. Michael R. Lyles, I reflected on Moses as a possible candidate for clinical depression. Dr. Lyles gives strong support to depression in men resulting in irritability, anger and insomnia.

I don't know what Moses' sleeping habits were, but you can imagine that after 40 years of trying to find his bearings, he might well be pretty short-tempered and even annoyed that his followers just weren't facilitating the cause. Moses' slow speech did not limit him on one day. His faulty unwillingness to follow God's instructions to speak to a rock to bring forth water gives credence that Moses was unaware of his degenerate emotional condition. He consequently acted out with the aggressive behavior of hitting the rock twice and insulting the assembly: "Listen you rebels, must we bring you water out of the rock?" (Numbers 20:10 NIV)

Depression is a complex predicament that results from a wide assortment of causes. Had Moses some assistance with his depression through today's cognitive behavior therapy, he might have been more reliable in representing God's instructions. By his impulsive defiance Moses degenerated from the role of magnetic commander to being a person in charge who regards his people as a distraction. Moses' concealed joylessness led him to discredit God before others who were looking for sanctified leadership with guidance and courage to seize control of life on God's terms.

God knew that Moses needed to change his negative behavior. As a result of his "hitting the rock" incident, Moses proved he was not the able leader that was required to lead the Israelites to the end of the journey. God didn't need a behavior therapist to make that call. This illustration presents a confrontation for the reader to take notice of such melancholies as traps towards downplaying the consequence of not being obedient to God's directives.



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