America: One Nation Under God?

In the wonderful world of secularism there are those atheists who have sued to get rid of the words "under God" in our Pledge of Allegiance. They have tried to get rid of some other references to God in our country... such as "in God we trust" on our currency. It is a battle that is not about to go away. It will continue to be waged until one wins or the other surrenders.

Today, I would like to focus our attention upon the phrase — "one nation under God"... as part of our Pledge of Allegiance. I am going to tell you something about the Pledge of Allegiance that I suspect many of you have never heard.

Originally, it was designed as a subversive instrument to turn this nation into a socialist county. The man who wrote it was Francis Bellamy, and he introduced it in 1891. He was a socialist. His cousin, Edgar Bellamy, was an even more noteworthy socialist who wrote the second most popular book of the nineteenth century, which described a move of this nation onward into socialism by the year 2000.

The flag referred to was a flag that was going to be used when the socialist nations of the world combined. The pledge was different from what we have today. It said, "I pledge allegiance to my flag..." No mention of the United States of America, which would be submerged into the world socialist coming order. Of course, there was no mention of God.

When it was introduced into the schools, the people in America became concerned that there was no reference to the United States of America, so they got Congress to change "my flag" to "the Flag of the United States of America"— much to the utter consternation of Francis Bellamy. That was back in the 1920s.

Then in 1954, Congress again acted and declared that we should insert the words "under God" in the Pledge. If Bellamy had still been alive, that would have been the coup de gras for him, and he certainly would have died instantly, on the spot, of a heart attack. What happened is that now the Pledge of Allegiance is exactly opposite from what Bellamy designed it to be. It is a truly patriotic pledge to the United States flag and "a nation under God." So, thank the Lord we won that, and most of us never knew the battle was going on, did we?

Ah, but the war is not over.

There are those today who say that this nation is not a nation under God, that there was no godly foundation. I've heard people say that this was never a Christian nation; it was never founded as such. Ah, my friends, those that say that have little understanding of the historical foundation of America.

Let us review a few things.

If we go back to the beginnings of America, to 1606, we find that in that year there were some people leaving England who came to America and founded Jamestown. Why did they do that? What were they coming for (the Plymouth landing was yet fourteen years away)? Before they left England, they drew up the First Charter of Virginia, and this is what they said: "We greatly commending, and graciously accepting of, their Desires for the Furtherance of so noble a Work, which may, by the Providence of Almighty God, hereafter tend to the Glory of His Divine Majesty, in propagating the Christian Religion to such People..."

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President's Corner

Greetings Foundation members and friends!

We have experienced a hot and very humid summer, along with plenty of rain. I for one have not had to water my garden or lawn all summer; in fact a good portion of my garden has not produced very much due to the wet conditions. Isn’t it pleasant to come into an air conditioned Chapel on Sunday morning when it is hot and humid outside? As we get into the fall months the weather will become very pleasant and personally it’s my favorite time of the year.

Just a reminder to mark your calendars for a couple of very special Sundays coming up in September:

- 6 September - Observance of Labor Day
- 12 September - 9/11 Remembrance
- 19 September - POW/MIA Remembrance Sunday will be observed.

The Foundation remembers the POW/MIA’s throughout the year with a reserved empty pew and a lit candle to honor the memory of our nation’s POW/MIA’s. Additionally, a POW/MIA flag is posted every Sunday as a tribute to these armed forces service members.

My article for this edition of The Snelling Spirit has no main theme, rather it contains some interesting comments from a guest speaker we recently had at the Chapel and a few personal thoughts that I feel our members should be made aware of.

The following email was sent to Chaplain Ken from (COL)
Steven E. Dyess, Command Chaplain of the 81st RSC. Col Dyess was our guest speaker at the Chapel on 18 July.

Ken,
I trust you are doing well at War College and can see the light at the end of the tunnel. I wanted to let you know what a blessing it was for me to worship with your folks at the Fort Snelling Chapel yesterday. They were so delightful. In my civilian position I worship with many different churches. They all could learn from your folks on how to make a visitor welcome. They were all truly proud of their congregation and chapel. Please feel free to invite me back to preach or if you need any pastoral assistance in your absence, I would be honored to be able to help. On a side note, we brought our sister-in-law to worship. Her parents were married in the chapel in 1946!

Blessings!
Steve
CH (COL) Steven E. Dyess
Command Chaplain
81st RSC

We should all be very proud of these words that Col Dyess expressed to Chaplain Ken. This is just one example of what makes the Chapel so special; it is the actions and warm welcome you the members extend to our guests. These words of gratitude from Col Dyess are common and not the exception from our guest speakers,

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as yet live in Darkness and miserable ignorance of the true Knowledge and Worship of God ..."

That is why these first people came here — to further the knowledge of God and the building of the faith. They landed in 1607. Thirteen years after that, in 1620, the Pilgrims landed in America. Before going ashore, they gathered in the captain's quarters and wrote the birth certificate of America — The Mayflower Compact as it is called. Many people would see this as really the beginning of America. The Compact begins with these words. "In the name of God, Amen." (And some say this country had nothing to do with God? That would have come as an amazing bit of news to the Pilgrims.) The Compact continues: "... having undertaken for the glory of God, and advances of the Christian faith, and honor of our king and country, a voyage to plant the first colony in the Northern parts of Virginia ..."

What was the first thing the Pilgrims did upon landing? According to Governor Bradford, who wrote the history of it, he said, "Being thus arrived in a good harbor and brought safe to land, they fell upon their knees and blessed the God of Heaven ..." In Jamestown the first act performed by the settlers was to erect a large wooden cross (by the way, that was on publicly orgovernmentally chartered land), and then they fell upon their knees and thanked God.

Yes, that is the way America started, and it continued through numerous other charters and constitutions down through succeeding years.

If you come to 1643 (only twenty years after the Pilgrims landed), for the first time, all of the settlements, which became the various communities of New England (as it was then called), joined to form what is known as the New England Confederation. There they declared why all of them had come to this new continent. Here is what they said in the New England Confederation of 1643: "Whereas we all came into these parts of America with one and the same end and aim ... namely, to advance the Kingdom of our Lord Jesus Christ and to enjoy the liberties of the Gospel in the purity with peace ..."

Again, and some say this country had nothing to do with God — nothing to do with the Christian faith? Why, nothing could be further from the truth.

If we jump ahead to the Declaration of Independence, we find that a number of times it mentions the Creator. Listen again: "We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain inalienable rights, that among these are Life, Liberty, and the pursuit of Happiness."

Now friends, Bellamy and his kind were associated with the Fabian Socialist movement that had just begun in England two years prior to his writing the pledge of allegiance. Their idea was to move toward establishing the same goal the Marxist revolutionaries tried to do by sudden revolutions. They wanted to do it peacefully and little by little, deceptively deceiving the people, until finally they would achieve their goal — that of the Total State.

You see, if our rights and liberties do not come from God and are not inalienable, they come from the State, and they are very alienable. The State gives and the State takes away what it gives, according to its own pleasure. When you get rid of inalienable rights that come from God, you get very alienable rights that come from a totalitarian State. When the State is the final authority, that is totalitarianism. That is exactly what the French established in France shortly after the American Revolution, that all rights of all people came from the sovereign State — and the blood flowed in the streets of Paris. That is exactly what happened in Nazi Germany and in the Soviet Union. They always talked about the rights of the people; but the people had no rights at all. It was the government that had all the power ... and used it.

When you come to the Constitution of the United States, some people say it never mentions God, yet it states very clearly at the end that this is done in the "year of our Lord 1787." The framers could have simply said 1787 A.D., but they spelled it out. They not only acknowledged Jesus Christ, but they acknowledged Him as Lord; as the One who has divided the centuries in half. Repeatedly, over and over again, individually they make reference to their belief in Him.

Most all of the Founders of this nation were Christians, with very few exceptions — about five percent. In fact, it is hard to find more than five of the 250 people in that whole era who are considered to be Founding Fathers who are not easily

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Special Patriotic/Veterans Events...


Sun, 19 Sept 10 — POW/MIA Remembrance — remembering those who are prisoners of war and those missing in action.

Sun, 7 Nov 10 — Veterans Day Remembrance — recognizing U.S. veterans of all branches of the armed forces.

Sun, 5 Dec 10 — Pearl Harbor Remembrance — recognizing survivors ... with the tolling of the ship bell for those who have passed away since last year.

Mark your calendar with these dates ... and join us at 11:00 a.m.

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everyone deserves a big thank you for continuing to make the Chapel a special place to gather for worship and fellowship.

I feel I am well qualified to speak on just how special the Chapel and its members are to me personally. I am writing this article on the one year anniversary of a stroke I suffered. I was eventually diagnosed with a disease called Thrombotic Thrombocytopenic Purpura (TTP). This rare blood condition is characterized by the formation of small clots within the circulation, which results in the consumption of platelets, and thus a low platelet count. This rare disease affects 3 people per million per year.

I have documented in a previous Snelling Spirit article as well as my testimonial the many forms of ministry and support I was given during my illness. The point I want to make is that here it is a year later and the members of the Chapel have continued to keep me in their thoughts and prayers through the many forms of ministry our Chapel has to offer.

As I mentioned in my testimonial all my get well cards, letters, and of course my prayer shawl continue to be by my bedside. I have read my get well cards and letters too many times to count and to this day they give me the encouragement and strength to face whatever comes my way. Everyone should know that there are many forms of ministry you can be a part of and make a difference to the people in need. Whether it's through prayer chains, "knit one, pray two", get well cards, or a simple phone call to someone who is living alone and would like to hear a friendly voice saying hi how are you. We all have the responsibility to contribute to the ministry of the Chapel when our fellow members are in need, as I mentioned before, as a member who was a recipient of these many forms of ministry I feel I am well qualified to say it made all the difference in the world to me.

I will close with some final thoughts on what the Chapel's support did for me when I was going through this illness and I didn’t know what the final outcome would end up being. There was a lot of fear and unknowns while I was going through this illness but Chaplain Ken and the support of you the members; through your cards and prayers taught me that a way to combat fear was to grow your faith. Faith is confidence in something that you cannot see or at times fully understand. It is putting your trust in the power God to work all things in your life for the sake of goodness. I went through many procedures and times of uncertainty with confidence, in fact the medical staff would often comment, you seem so relaxed and calm. This was a result of my faith being stronger than my fears, when you are in that position faith wins.

Have a great fall season and keep up the great work in making our Chapel what it is today.

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meant nothing like what the ACLU tries to deceive people into thinking it means today. So, one of Washington's early official acts was the first Thanksgiving Proclamation which reads: "Whereas it is the duty of all nations to acknowledge the providence of Almighty God, to obey His will, to be grateful for His benefits, and humbly implore His protection and favor ..." It goes on to call the nation to thankfulness to almighty God. "It is the duty of all nations," said the Father of Our County, "to obey His will."

If you were to read all of the inaugural addresses of all of the Presidents throughout the several hundred years of this country, you would find that every single inaugural address, with no exception, there is mention made of almighty God — either referring to Him as such, or imploring His aid. Yet, some say that God has nothing to do with this country.

Or how about the constitutions of our fifty states? Each one has a constitution. If you were to read them all, you would find that without exception, an appeal or a prayer to the almighty God of this universe is contained in every single one of them.

Or look at the evidence you will find on the monuments of our country ... bearing testimony to our national faith in God.

The cornerstone of our nation's Capitol building was laid by George Washington himself. Later a metal box was inserted that contains the documents they wanted to have preserved and remembered. The dedication of that was given by the great statesman Daniel Webster. He said, "And all here assembled, whether belonging to public life or to private life, with hearts devotedly thankful to Almighty God for the preservation of the liberty and happiness of the country, do unite in sincere and fervent prayer that this deposit and the walls and arches, the domes and towers, the columns and the entablatures, now to be erected over it, may endure forever. God save the United States of America."

If you go inside the Capitol building, you will find scores of sculptures and paintings that mostly have to do with the great Christians and events that took place in the founding of this country.

Or go to the House of Representatives or the Senate, and you will find carved in the wall above the chair where the moderator sits, the words "In God We Trust" (our national motto).

If you go into the Supreme Court building you will find inside the courtroom, where the Justices sit, there are many carvings on the entablature, and one of them depicts Moses holding in his hands the two tables of the law. One attorney general pointed out that there are twenty different pictures, representations, of Moses and the Ten Commandments in the Supreme Court building itself. (And to think that there are those today who say that the Ten Commandments can't be found in one of our state courtrooms.)

Or enter the White House, where the first inhabitant thereof was John Adams, our second President. He had had carved over the fireplace in one of the large dining rooms these words:

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Getting to Know You ...

Willa Studiner is not one to toot her own horn. Modest, quiet and content, this professed "homebody" simply explains, "I don't think I have a very interesting life." But before you call her bet, as in a friendly game of cards, let me warn you. Willa's childhood adventures read like a script from a Walt Disney matinee movie filmed in "Panavision" and "Technicolor."

The story begins on a ruggedly beautiful and remote island in the Pacific Northwest a mere ten miles across and sixty-miles off the coast of British Columbia, named Langara. It's part of the Queen Charlotte archipelago and on it sits a proud but camouflaged lighthouse. After all, it's 1943 and Canada is at war.

Proud as the lighthouse is the lighthouse keeper, William Norman "Norm," Willa's father, a man who loves the sea and works for the Department of Transportation, but dreams of being a sea captain. The two little girls in the foreground in their starched summer dresses and braids are six-year-old Willa and her big sister Norma, age eight.

Their mother Doris, a school teacher by profession, has just finished the girls' home-school lessons for the year and watches anxiously as her daughters skirt the edges of the fifty-foot gorge that lies between their home and the big lighthouse atop the cliff. After the two say "hell-o" to their dad, they stealthily climb the steep tower stairway to the giant glass beacon at the top and look out across the vast expanse of water that surrounds them.

Later on, the sisters trot down to the dock for some exciting fun watching the supply boat being winched up over the rocky ledge from the sea, bringing them everything they'll need for another week. Yet it used to be a six-month wait; that is before the Royal Canadian Air Force arrived. Forty or so radio operators and airmen now occupied Langara in several barracks and together with the lighthouse keeper, his wife and daughters, became one happy family.

Almost daily, Willa and Norma made their way along the wood-paved roads through tall pine trees to the Air Force Camp canteen where their "big brothers" with names like "Doc," the camp doctor, and "Captain Murray" lavished them with chocolate bars and movies. Many of the men, fathers themselves who missed their children, "spoiled us pretty well," said Willa.

There were no phones on the island, only the telegraph and Morse code to send an SOS if necessary. The "keeper's" job was to make sure the lighthouse lamp was always burning and to be on the lookout for Japanese submarines. Although there was never any real military action, the Royal Canadian Navy came and went like the ocean tide brandishing their "big guns" whenever the island went on high alert.

I asked Willa if she and Norma were ever afraid or lonely for friends in those three years spent on Langara. "No," she said. "We had each other and the airmen who doted on us." And of course, their pet cat named "Boots." "It was just real fun for a couple of little girls," she said. "We were too young to know the dangers."

Except for the occasional storm at sea and naval artillery practically outside their front door, the inner life that Willa and her sister lived on the island was much like any other child's; they made their own fun.

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years studying every document that had anything to do with the foundation of this nation. They gave a unanimous nine-judge ruling on the matter, and they said, “All of these, an abundance evidence of various documents show that ‘this is a religious people. This is a Christian nation.’”

Dear friends, I think the time has come to begin to do something about the “termite” in America. It is time for Christians to stand up and reaffirm our national motto — “In God We Trust” — and to reaffirm the words in the Pledge of Allegiance — “One Nation Under God.”

I believe that something can be done. I know of a man who shares those feelings. He said, “There is simply no historical foundation for the proposition that the framers intended to build a wall of separation...” Well now, we know that is true. In fact, we know they didn’t. There is no such “wall of separation” in the Constitution. There is nothing in the First Amendment that talks about a Wall of Separation between Church and States. Read the First Amendment and you will notice what is not there. There is no mention of a wall; there is no mention of the church; there is no mention of a state; there is no mention of separation. Other than that, it is reasonably close.

However, the ACLU managed to get its foot into our jurisprudence in 1947, when ACLU lawyer Leo Pfeffer wrote an opinion and put it on Judge Hugo Black’s desk. Black ran it up a flag-pole, got a 5-4 vote, but it’s not in any of our founding documents — nor was it intended to be.

If I could continue to quote the unmentioned gentleman I just mentioned: “There is simply no historical foundation for the proposition that the framers intended to build a wall of separation [between church and state] ... The ‘wall of separation between church and State’ is a metaphor based on bad history, a metaphor which has proved useless as a guide to judging. It should be frankly and explicitly abandoned.”

I hope you remember who said those words. It is no part of our history; it is no part of our law; it has made chaos out of judging. As was said — “It should be frankly and explicitly abandoned” — The entire country has been indoctrinated with this so-called “wall of separation between church and state.” Who said that? A man by the name of William Rehnquist. He was the former Chief Justice of the United States Supreme Court.

It is my earnest prayer, by the providence of God, that we might have more like-minded judges to restore the foundations of this country as the Founders gave it to us; and that we might know once more of a truth that this, indeed, is “one nation under God.”

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This article is a sermon preached by Chaplain Ken on 19 Feb 06 from the pulpit of the Fort Snelling Memorial Chapel. A DVD of this message is available to order ... along with over two-hundred other messages available for purchase.
Willa recalls one instance when she lost a tooth and placed it carefully among the wild trilliums and pretty-colored stones that decorated a patch of moss they deemed their "fairy land" half a mile from their house. That night after the girls fell asleep, Willa's mom crept silently across the dark and rough terrain to where the tooth lay and secretly replaced it with a coin. This example of a mother's love has impressed Willa ever since.

After the war, the air force and navy cleared out and so eventually did the lighthouse keeper, his wife and daughters. Doris had two more children; both boys, while another family took Norm's place keeping the lighthouse burning brightly and seafarers safe from the rocky cliffs of Langara.

Norma and Willa grew up and went their separate ways but always kept in touch as any pals would through marriage and children. Then in 2002, they returned to Langara, just the two of them, courtesy of a Coast Guard helicopter for a "walk down Memory Lane." Although the Coast Guard could only give them one hour, it was an hour that the two sisters would cherish for the rest of their lives.

"It was so exciting," said Willa. Just like the two little girls they were, the first thing the sisters did was climb the lighthouse tower. Soon they were traveling down the wooden road to the dock where the supply boats used to unload, and finally, they dared to peer over the edge of the forbidding cliff where their mother never let them go.

Willa had married a marine from Minnesota and at one time happened to be next-door neighbors to Dick Studiner when their families were young. Years later, after Dick's wife passed away, Willa, who by then was single again and working at 3M, re-met Dick and the two married in 1984. Together they have eight children, eleven grandchildren and one great-granddaughter.

Every year for the past fifty years Willa has gotten as close as she can to Langara. The restored lighthouse has long since shed its camouflage and stands picturesquely against the sky sheathed in classic red and white. The salty waters below Langara's scenic bluffs are now a premier fly-in destination for recreational anglers who come to fish for salmon and halibut. But, civilians aren't allowed on the island anymore.

So the next best thing for Willa and Norma to do is to walk out on the 1,500-foot pier at the seaside community of White Rock, near Vancouver, B.C., where their family once lived. And although Norm never became a sea captain, in 1970 the sisters scattered his ashes at sea, just as he requested, from the end of that pier. And on every visit since 1991 they've placed flowers at their mother's grave in the cemetery in the nearby town of Burnaby.

When Dick and Willa drive up for the annual family reunions in White Rock, their beloved golden retriever named "Daisy" joins them. "We know all the rest stops from here to the coast," said Willa, "and all the great places to stop for Daisy."

The Studiners live quietly at the end of a quiet street in Oakdale. They enjoy relaxing in their new addition with the fireplace and twelve-year-old Daisy by their side. Not surprisingly, they've traveled to the Canary Islands, Barbados and Hawaii; places surrounded by "lots and lots of water."

Willa's at the stage now of "de-cluttering" the house — donating many of her possessions to charity. Maybe she'll even part with some of the dozens of lighthouses she's collected over the years. Does that surprise you? It shouldn't. Because like any savvy card player, Willa, modest and content, holds her best adventures close to the vest, right where she can find them... in her heart and in her memory.

Submitted by: Barbara Sommerville
Benevolent Giving ...

Exotic vacation — On sale for $13,000 — Amenities included: no running water, no electricity, extreme humidity, no medical facilities, catch and eat a lot of your food, bug bites, crocodile invested rivers, sleeping with possible head hunters, traveling on foot through thick jungles, working eight hours a day, carry in your own supplies.

Requirements: research, investigate and retrieve information and the dog tags of our WWII missing in action (MIA), airmen and soldiers in New Guinea.

You might ask who would do this? There is a dedicated organization, founded in 1990, called the MIA Hunters, a 501 (c) 3 non-profit organization that takes on this challenge. The MIA Hunters mission statement reads: To locate and aid in the return of lost World War II American airmen, bringing them back for burial here in the United States. We are a registered U.S. non-profit organization and each mission we undertake is carefully selected based on extensive research and the probability of success based on that research.

MIA Hunters is comprised of the Moon family - Bryan, Christopher, Donna and Cicely Moon who reside in Minnesota. The organization does all the research to find potential sites (the most important phase in locating missing MIA's); and after that is complete a trip into the field is planned to personally try to locate the lost MIA. Usually, this is the recovery of the remains of the MIA. Moon believes the “window of opportunity” is closing fast as many of the witnesses in the areas where the MIA were last seen are of the age that fewer and fewer of them are alive each year. It is critical to contact people in these areas soon.

U.S. GOVERNMENT VALIDATION? According to Brigadier General Dennis Schulstad, "The Department of Defense recognizes that MIA Hunters is the No. 1 source, the No. 1 civilian assistance organization in helping them to reunite World War II family members with their families. I asked [JPAC] if they knew about Bryan and Christopher Moon. They said, 'Oh yes, they are our top source of information - they can do things and can open doors we can't by ourselves.'"

MIA Hunters has completed 23 missions to locate, recover and return lost World War II American airmen and bring them back for burial in the U.S. "They served our country, it's time to come home," said MIA Hunters Mission Leader, 82 year old, Bryan Moon.

In May 2010, Bryan led a group of thirty men and one woman from Minnesota and Florida to the north coast of Papua New Guinea. It was a spot taken over by the Japanese in 1942 to stage an assault on Australia. Moon said he uses native guides to locate wrecks. Many of the sites have never been seen by white people but have been known by natives since World War II. From there, he researches the information, contacts witnesses and recruits a group to travel. One member of the most recent group was Chapel Foundation member, John Lane. John is also member of the Patriot Guard. He can be found most Sundays standing outside of the Chapel holding the American flag and greeting you as you enter.

I was surprised to learn that John had decided to take the "Exotic vacation!!" So I decided to sit down with him and ask why he would go on such a dangerous and expensive venture. John stated that his interest began when he attended a discussion at the Fort Snelling History Center on the subject of the forgotten war of WWII. The guest speaker, James Campbell wrote the book The Ghost Mountain Boys, which is the story of the march across New Guinea in the forgotten war of the south pacific.

On May 23, 2009 while attending an annual salute to veterans, John overheard Bryan Moon talking about his past experiences with tracking aircraft and crew members from WWII and the experience of his missions. Bryan was also promoting the biggest search for MIA's ever taken. John was so moved, that he

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decided to volunteer to do a mission to New Guinea in May 2010 to help find lost MIA airmen that our government has forgotten about. John’s father also fought in the Philippines with the 124th Infantry.

The mission was to visit 90 sites and divide into 5 groups, consisting of 5 volunteers each. Each site had been researched by paid native guides. The mission was 8 days long. John stated, “the native population was very friendly, considering they live in bamboo huts, no running water, no medical facilities, no electricity and live in the thick jungle with many dangerous and wild animals.” Transportation was in four wheel drive vehicles, on foot and canoes. John visited approximately six sites. The findings included parts of wings and metal scraps, buried in the thick jungle; no remains or dog tags were recovered. The jungle had created its own burial ground. At every site an American flag was laid and prayers were said. The jungle is so thick, that one could hardly see another member of the group 10 feet away. John’s observation, this would have been a hard war to fight. Many men died of disease and/or malaria more so than actual combat wounds.

I asked John what did you come away with from this trip? First, he showed me some very big bug bites that are not healed yet; and then he stated he really had a lot more respect for the men who fought and died on both sides of the war. He has also realized that there is no government memorial for the men of the New Guinea Campaign and is now an advocate in promoting such a U.S. Military Memorial.

Bryan Moon has decided after 20 years of hunting MIA’s and at the age of 82 years old to retire and turn the organization over to his son. There is no set date for the next mission to New Guinea.

In 2008 and 2009, a benevolence request was submitted by the MIA Hunters to help pay for their mission. The request was approved by the Fort Snelling Memorial Chapel Foundation Board of Directors for $500 for each year. I want to thank Bryan Moon and his family, all the MIA Hunter volunteers and our chapel members who have gone on a MIA Hunter missions: John Lane and Karen Johnson. If you would like more information on MIA Hunters or to volunteer for this exotic vacation or to donate, please go to their website: www.miahunters.com.

— Pat Hoy, Chair Benevolence Committee

This congregation tithes (10%) from its plate offerings. If you know of an organization/ ministry ... that is in keeping with our purpose ... please feel free to secure an application to submit for financial support in 2010. Simply call the Foundation Office at 612/970-7856 ... and provide a name and mailing address.

World-Wide Communion

Many Christians differ in the way they interpret the meaning of the Last Supper. There are three main views:

1. The bread and the wine actually become Christ’s body and blood.
2. The bread and wine remain unchanged but that Christ is spiritually with them.
3. The bread and wine unchanged becomes a lasting memorial of Christ’s suffering.

No matter which view, all Christians believe that Christ died on the cross for our sins and will come to us and bring us to His kingdom and glory.

Jesus did tell us to “do this in remembrance of me.”

Join us as we gather on 3 Oct at the Lord’s Table to humbly lift our hearts and feel His restoring grace. Remember to pray for Christians all over the world that they may have the opportunity to gather at the Lord’s Table in peace.

— Kay Schoen

Christian Literature Collection

On Sunday, 3 October we will again be collecting non-denominational Christian literature to be delivered to the International Christian Literature Distributors, Inc. (ICLD) in Minneapolis. The ICLD is a non-denominational, non-profit, ministry dedicated to spreading Gospel literature around the world. They read, sort, package and ship select biblically based materials to people in over 85 foreign countries that lack the money or the opportunity to obtain God’s Word. Acceptable materials are Bibles, Decision magazines, Daily Bread, Upper Room, Bible study books, non-denominational hymnals and tapes of Sunday services. U.S. Postal regulations require materials to be free of advertising.

Bring your items to be donated to the drop box located in the at the Chapel. Thank you.

— Kay Schoen
Chapel Foundation Recognizes Two Milestones/Achievements of Chaplain Ken

On Sun., 8 Aug, the Chapel Foundation President, Bob Bernloehr, formally recognize Chaplain Ken for two recent milestones and achievements: First, Ken's 10 year anniversary as Foundation Chaplain; and secondly, his recent accomplishment of graduating from the U.S. Army War College (AWC) where Ken attaining the prestigious Master's degree in Strategic Studies.

Two years ago, Chaplain Ken was among 500 senior U.S. Armed Forces leaders ... along with civilian and international counterparts ... to be accepted into the AWC. Unlike a traditional advanced resident's course (where you attend classes much like a college setting), Ken was enrolled in the distance education program ... structured around research and authoring papers, extensive reading, and interacting with instructors and classmates online in the evenings, after work and on weekends. The distance education students have to balance their full time jobs along with their demanding AWC curriculum. In Ken's situation he had to balance several full time positions: Command Chaplain, US Army Reserve headquartered at Fort McPherson, Georgia; Chaplain to the Ft. Snelling Memorial Chapel Foundation. To add to the logistics and time management involved with this hectic schedule there is the added logistics of air travel to/from Atlanta each week. All while trying to set aside some personal time for family and friends. On 23 July, Chaplain Ken was awarded his diploma from the AWC ... along with 350 others who completed the program.

In President Bob's words: "Chaplain Ken, it is a great honor for me to represent the Foundation in presenting you with this proclamation and act of appreciation for your diligence in attaining this degree, all without sacrificing your dedication to the Foundation as our Chaplain."

A sheet cake denoted the occasion and was enjoyed by all during the fellowship hour following the worship service.

Explanation of the "Missing Man Table"

On Sun 19 Sept you will see a small table in a place of honor. It is set for one. This table is our way of symbolizing the fact that members of our profession of arms are missing from our midst. They are commonly called POWs and MIAs. They are unable to be with us, and so we remember them.

- The round table symbolizes everlasting concern for missing service members;
- The white tablecloth symbolizes the purity of a service member's motives when called to duty;
- The single red rose in the vase symbolizes the families and loved ones of our comrade-in-arms who keep the faith awaiting their return;
- The red ribbon on the vase symbolizes the continued dedication to account for the missing;
- The candle is lit symbolizing the upward reach of their unconquerable spirit;
- The slice of lemon symbolizes the bitter fate of those captured and missing;
- The pinch of salt symbolizes the tears of those missing and their families;
- The Bible symbolizes the strength gained through faith, sustaining those lost from their country which was founded as one nation under God;
- The inverted glass symbolizes the service member's inability to share in our refreshments; And the empty chair symbolizes they are not here, but missing.

Let us not forget ... until the day they come home.
Fort Snelling Memorial Chapel Foundation

This is a non-denominational Christian church founded in 1967. We invite you to join us for worship each Sunday at 11:00 a.m. at this historic Chapel.

The Fort Snelling Veterans Memorial Chapel is a unique Minnesota memorial — a splendid monument to the patriotism, the moral earnestness and the convictions of the people of this state — a shrine to commemorate those who have died for their country. Weekly Sunday worship is sponsored by the Fort Snelling Memorial Chapel Foundation and is not subsidized by the state.

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