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PURSUING a nation where all chaplains, and those whom they serve, freely exercise their God-given and constitutionally protected religious liberties without fear of reprisal.

On CALL

Representative J. Randy Forbes (R-VA) To Receive Chaplain Alliance Torchbearer Award

Chaplain Alliance For Religious Liberty will honor Representative J. Randy Forbes (R-VA), Senior Member of the House Armed Services Committee (HASC), with the Torchbearer Award for his work in protecting the religious liberties of all military personnel.

The award ceremony will be accompanied by a reception and special presentations by:

- Senator James Lankford (R-OK), a member of the Senate Homeland Security And Governmental Affairs Committee,
- Representative John Fleming (R-LA), a member of HASC, and

- Representative Doug Collins, a member of the House Judiciary Committee

Fox News Correspondent Todd Starnes will moderate the event.

The Torchbearer Award reception is on Tuesday, 12 July 2016 from 5:00 P.M. until 8:00 P.M. Eastern at the Top Of The Hill Club in the Reserve Officers' Association Building, One Constitution Avenue Northeast, Washington, D.C. 20002.

You can see photos from the previous Torchbearer Award reception and RSVP for this year's event on our website atp:

ChaplainAlliance.org/Events

The Torchbearer Award is awarded to individuals who have helped carry high the torch of religious liberty for all service members. This is the second year the award has been issued.

The previous awardees were Representative Buck McKeon, former Chairman of HASC, and Representative John Fleming, a member of HASC.

We are delighted to present our Torchbearer Award to those who faithfully stand up to protect service members' God given, Constitutionally protected religious liberties. No American, especially those who wear the uniform, should be denied their religious liberties.

Did you know?

Chaplain Alliance (CALL) speaks on behalf of over half of the nation's uniformed chaplains. CALL exists to ensure that chaplains can defend and provide for the freedom of religion and conscience that the Constitution guarantees all chaplains and those whom they serve.



In The News:

- June 2016: CALL sent a letter to Major General Wayne Grisby, commander of the First Infantry Division, that calls upon him to renew an invitation to retired Lieutenant General Jerry Boykin to speak at a division prayer breakfast. This letter received national media coverage, both in print and on the radio.

- June 2016: CALL signed an open letter to Congressional leaders urging them to oppose the transgender policies of the Obama administration.

- June 2016: CALL signed a joint letter to the delegates of the National People's Congress in support of Chinese civil society and joined a call to repeal China's law on the management of overseas non-governmental organizations' (NGOs) activities within mainland China.

- May 2016: 43 Republican members of Congress voted with every Democrat on an amendment offered by Rep. Carolyn Maloney (D-NY) to support President Obama's Executive Order requiring federal contractors to obey his definition of sexual ethics, which will result in more persecution of those who hold Biblical views and will hinder Christian ministries in contracting with military chaplains to provide for our military members and their families.

- May 2016: CALL Executive Director CH (COL) Ron Crews, USA (Ret.) was the keynote speaker at Letterkenny Chapel's Armed Forces Day POW/MIA Remembrance Service honoring and respecting those that paid the ultimate sacrifice in the name of duty and freedom.

- May 2016: CALL commended the House Armed Services Committee for passing an amendment offered by Rep. Steve Russell (R-OK) intended to allow faith based contractors to provide services to the military without giving up their religious identity.



Chaplain Conducts Family Day Baptism Service

Fort Jackson, South Carolina — After assignments at Fort Hood, Texas and Camp Jama, Japan, a Free Methodist Church – USA chaplain, CH (CPT) Jim Souza, USA, became the sole chaplain for a battalion of new, entry-level infantry recruits at Fort Jackson, South Carolina, but CH Souza's Unit Ministry Team, UMT, is one of several teams that service the 3-39 Infantry Regiment.

At the end of each training cycle, there is a Family Day in connection with graduation from basic training, and 3-39 Family Day was extra significant for fourteen soldiers who received the Christian sacrament of baptism.

Many soldiers experience a birth or rebirth of faith during basic training and baptism is an outward symbol of that inner faith decision. CH Souza challenged the baptism candidates to live out their faith.

The event was intentionally planned on Family Day so loved ones could share first hand in the celebration of faith, and a special highlight was the baptism of the infant daughter of a soldier and graduate.

This Family Day celebrated a baptismal service with a recently purchased portable baptismal.

We praise the Lord for their faithful and fruitful service.



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