



250
YEARS

SACRED CALL

HEROIC STORIES OF THE ARMY CHAPLAIN CORPS



U.S. ARMY CHAPLAIN CORPS ★ VOYAGE COMICS



FRIENDS,

WHAT YOU HOLD
IS A VIVID TESTIMONY
TO THE 250 YEARS OF
FAITHFUL SERVICE THAT
THOUSANDS OF CHAPLAIN
CORPS MEMBERS HAVE
GIVEN IN SERVICE TO
GOD AND COUNTRY.

SACRED CALL TELLS
THE HEROIC STORIES
OF MEN AND WOMEN
WHO RESPONDED TO A
DIVINE CALL TO SERVE
THEIR COUNTRY ON
THE BATTLEFIELD...

...PROTECTING
RELIGIOUS FREEDOM
AND GIVING SPIRITUAL
AID WHEN IT WAS
MOST NEEDED.

BE
ENCOURAGED
AND INSPIRED BY THE
WITNESS OF THESE
REMARKABLE
STORIES.

MANY OF
THEM GAVE THE
ULTIMATE SACRIFICE
OF THEIR LIVES FOR
THE GOOD OF
OTHERS.

Pro Deo et Patria!

William Green, Jr. 26th

Chaplain (Major General)
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WASHINGTON D.C....

CONNOR, I DON'T KNOW IF I'M READY FOR TOMORROW'S EXAMS.

WHAT DO YOU MEAN, TYLER?

BOTH YOU AND ISAIAH ALWAYS ACE THEM!





C'MON...

...THE **SWITCH**
TO THE GENERATOR IS
IN THE **BASEMENT**.

WE'LL
BE BACK
STUDYING FOR
EXAMS IN NO
TIME!



YOU ALL
KNOW THAT
I COULD USE
MY PHONE'S
HOTSPOT...

...THEN
WE WOULDN'T
HAVE TO GO INTO
THIS **CREEPY**
BASEMENT.



YEAH, THAT
WOULD ONLY
SOLVE **YOUR**
PROBLEMS,
ISAIAH!

WE'RE DOWN
HERE BECAUSE
MY **COMPUTER**
DOESN'T HAVE
A BATTERY!



DON'T
MAKE ME
BREAK OUT MY
JIU JITZU
ON YOU!



CUT IT OUT,
CONNOR!

HEY...

...THERE'S
SOMETHING
DOWN HERE THAT
I HAVEN'T **SEEN**
BEFORE.



IT HAS
LATIN
WORDS
ON IT!

WHAT
IS THIS
PLAQUE?

I THINK IT'S
A MILITARY BADGE
OR SOMETHING--



YOU'RE
RIGHT,
ROSA!

AAAAHH!

WHOOA!

AAAAHH!



I DIDN'T
EVEN HEAR
YOU COME DOWN
THE STEPS,
DAD!

YOU SHOULD
SAY **SOMETHING**
NEXT TIME!



WHAT
IS THIS
PICTURE?

I'VE
NEVER
SEEN IT
BEFORE.



IT WAS
MY **GRANDPA**
JOE'S...

...HE GOT IT
WHILE SERVING
AS A MILITARY
CHAPLAIN.

WHICH
WAR WAS
IT?

WELL, IT
ALL STARTED
DURING WORLD
WAR II...

MY GRANDPA JOE WAS ON THE DORCHESTER WHEN IT WAS HIT BY A GERMAN TORPEDO IN THE MIDDLE OF THE NIGHT...

BOOM

...HE WAS PART OF A TROOP TRANSPORT THAT WAS ON ITS WAY TO GREENLAND.





HEY FRANK...

...WHAT ARE THE FOUR CHAPLAINS DOING?

HOW ARE THEY GOING TO SURVIVE WITHOUT THEIR LIFE JACKETS?



I DON'T KNOW, JOE...

...I WOULD NEVER DO IT!

I'VE GOT A FAMILY TO LIVE FOR!



♪ BARUKH ATA ADONAI! ♪

♪ AMAZING GRACE! ♪

♪ PRAISE THE LORD! ♪



I THINK I KNOW WHY...

...THEY PRACTICE WHAT THEY PREACH.

♪ PATER NOSTER! ♪

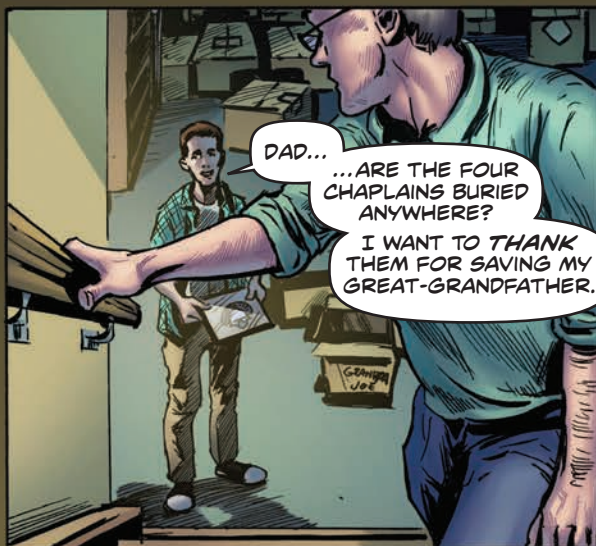


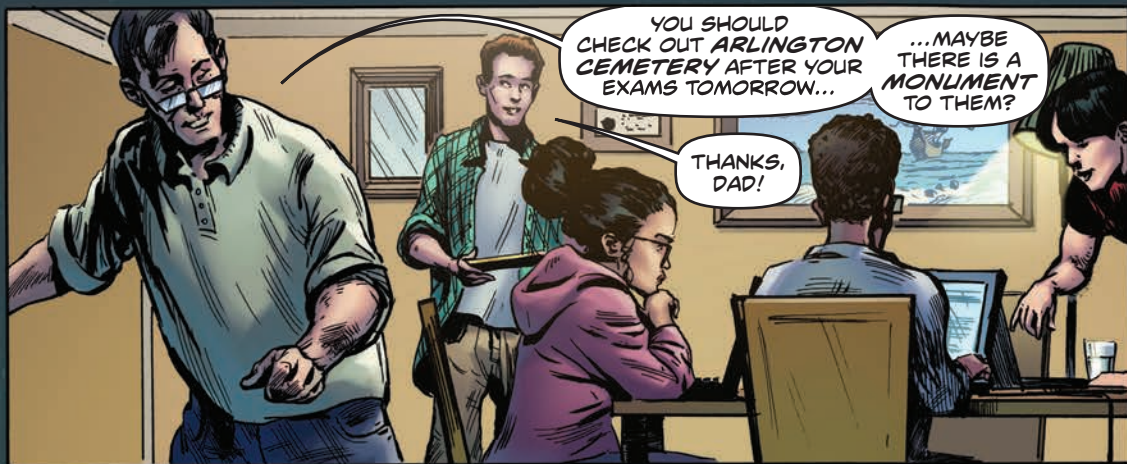
GRANDPA JOE TOLD ME HOW INSPIRING IT WAS TO SEE THE FOUR CHAPLAINS SACRIFICE THEIR LIVES FOR OTHERS...

...HE NEVER FORGOT HOW BEAUTIFUL IT WAS TO SEE A CATHOLIC PRIEST, TWO PROTESTANT MINISTERS AND A RABBI ALL WORK FOR GOD'S GLORY.

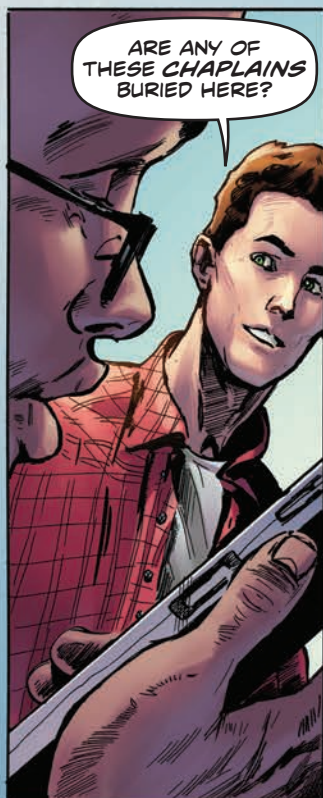
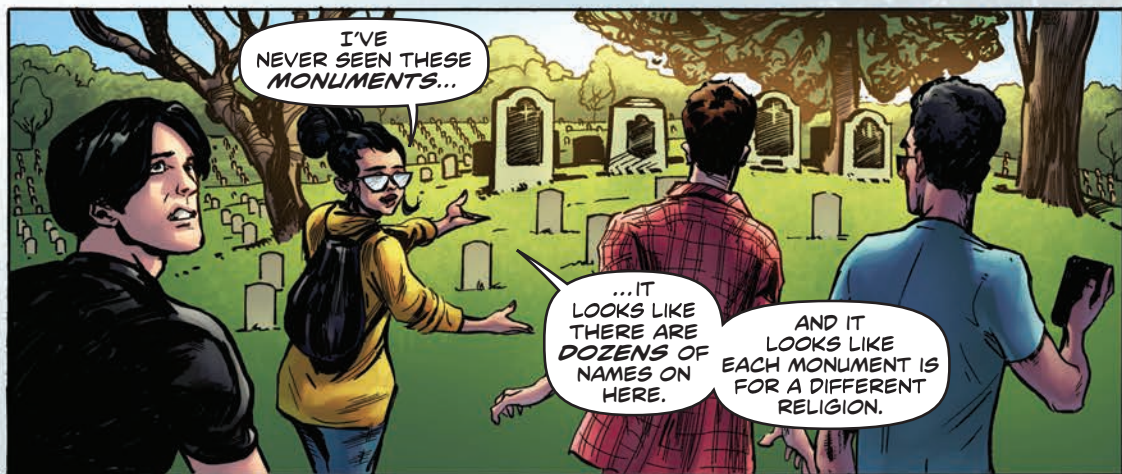
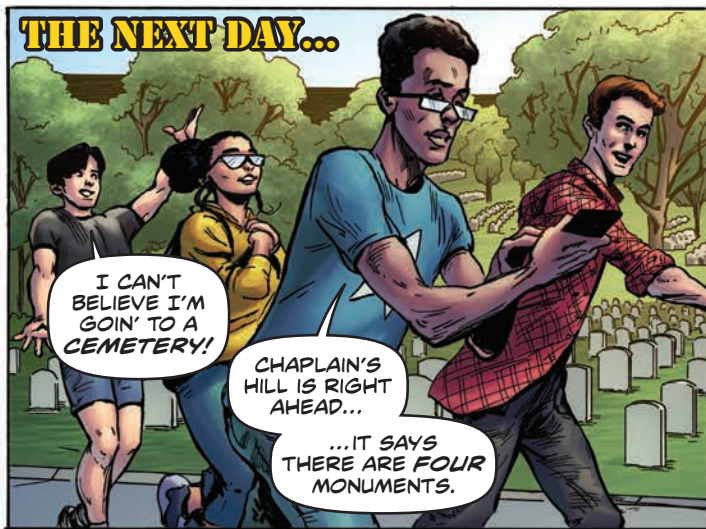


IT'S WHAT INSPIRED HIM TO BECOME A CHAPLAIN HIMSELF!





THE NEXT DAY...







CHARLES WATTERS
WAS PART OF OPERATION
JUNCTION CITY IN 1967...

ARE
YOU READY,
PADRE?

...ASSIGNED AS A
CATHOLIC CHAPLAIN
TO MINISTER TO THE
SPIRITUAL NEEDS OF
PARATROOPERS.



I WAS
BORN FOR
THIS!



GERONIMO!



CHAPLAIN
WATTERS!

THIS
WAY!



WE'VE
BEEN PINNED
DOWN HERE FOR
MONTHS!

TODAY OUR
PLAN IS TO
ADVANCE AS
FAR AS WE
CAN!

RAT-TAT-TAT
BANG BANG
RAT-TAT-TAT





HE WAS THE FIRST CHAPLAIN SINCE THE *CIVIL WAR* TO RECEIVE THE MEDAL OF HONOR.

AND IT SAYS HERE CHAPLAIN **ASSISTANT PFC MAX SIMPSON** SERVED IN THE VIETNAM WAR AND WAS KILLED THAT SAME YEAR.

HIS NAME SHOULD BE HERE TOO.



WHOA...
...BEFORE YESTERDAY I DIDN'T EVEN KNOW MILITARY CHAPLAINS EXISTED!

AND NOW I FIND OUT THEY EVEN HAVE ASSISTANTS!



YOU'RE TELLING ME!

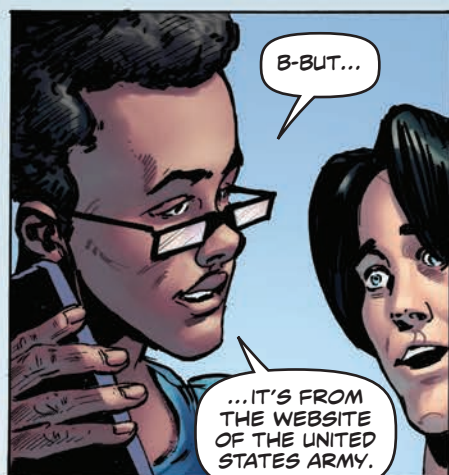
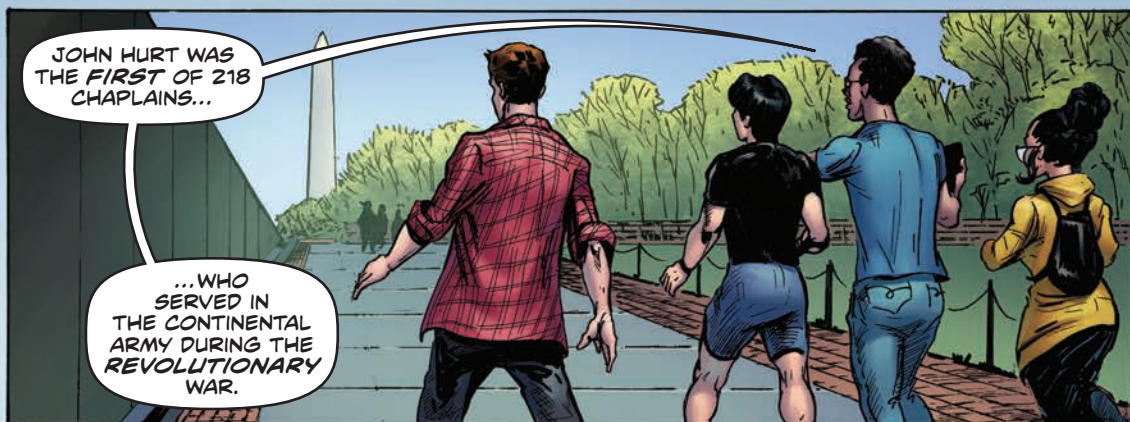
WHAT ABOUT THE FACT THAT THERE HAVE BEEN CHAPLAINS SINCE THE *CIVIL W--*

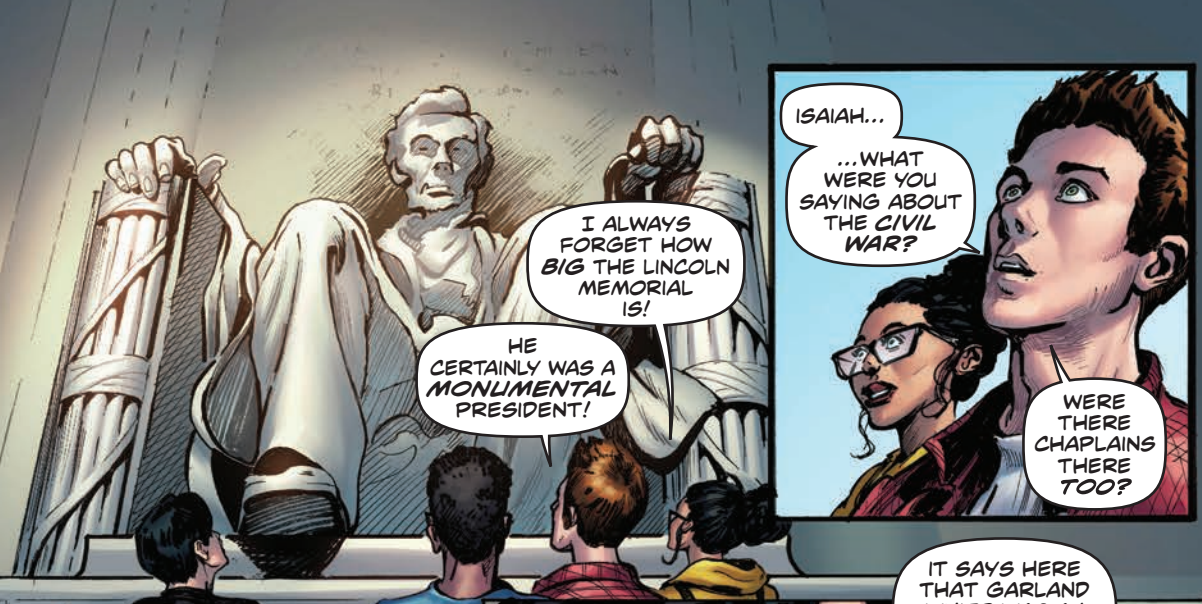


ACTUALLY...

...THERE HAVE BEEN CHAPLAINS SINCE THE **REVOLUTIONARY WAR!**

EVEN BEFORE AMERICA WAS ITS OWN COUNTRY!









CHAPLAIN KAPALIN
WAS FEARLESS
IN THE FACE
OF DANGER.

KEEP YOUR
SPIRITS UP,
SOLDIERS!

BE
PREPARED FOR
ANYTHING!



MAY
GOD'S WILL
BE DONE!



PSST



PADRE!

ARE YOU
OKAY?

HA! HA! HA!



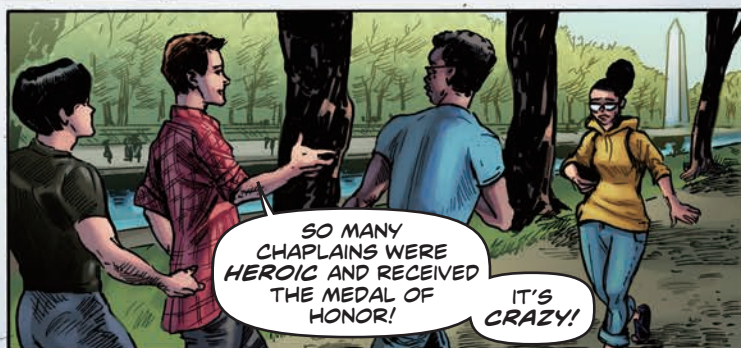
THAT
WAS MY
GOOD
PIPE!

THEY'LL HAVE
TO TRY HARDER
NEXT TIME!



AFTER BEING TAKEN PRISONER...

...KAPALIN MINISTERED TO THE PHYSICAL AND SPIRITUAL NEEDS OF THE PRISONERS OF WAR.





...HE SERVED DURING THE BOXER REBELLION IN CHINA IN 1900.





YOU CAN DO IT, CALVIN!



THANK YOU, LORD!

CALVIN'S FEARLESS ACT OF HEROISM HELPED THE AMERICAN ARMY OVERTAKE THE GATE AND ENTER PEKING...

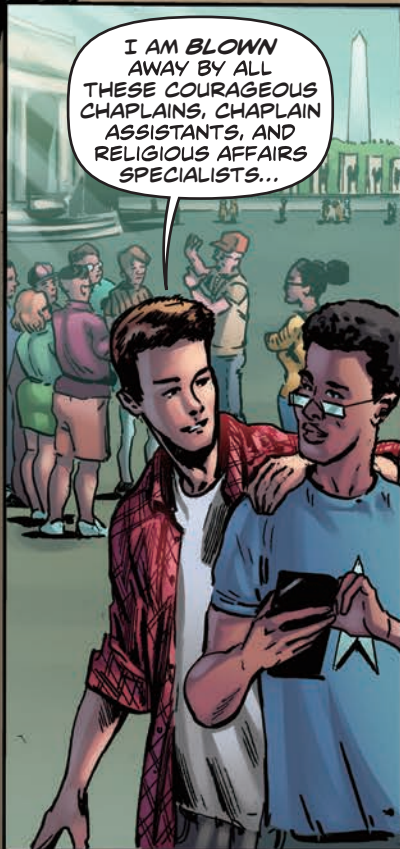


...AND HE RECEIVED THE MEDAL OF HONOR FROM PRESIDENT THEODORE ROOSEVELT.



NOW, DON'T LET THIS GIVE YOU A BIG HEAD!

I AM BLOWN AWAY BY ALL THESE COURAGEOUS CHAPLAINS, CHAPLAIN ASSISTANTS, AND RELIGIOUS AFFAIRS SPECIALISTS...



...BUT WE STILL HAVEN'T FOUND ANY MONUMENT TO THE FOUR CHAPLAINS.

I WANT TO PAY TRIBUTE TO THEIR SACRIFICE.



A FEW HOURS LATER...



FATHER DUFFY SERVED
IN WORLD WAR I WITH
THE "FIGHTING 69TH".

BANG BANG

FATHER
DUFFY!

FATHER
DUFFY!

I-I NEED
TO GO TO
CONFESSION...

...I'M
AFRAID OF
DEATH!

YOU
NEEDN'T
WORRY,
MY DEAR
BOY...

...OUR DEAR
LORD HAS A
SPECIAL PLACE IN
HIS HEART FOR
US IRISHMEN.

IN THE NAME
OF THE FATHER,
AND OF THE SON,
AND OF THE
HOLY SPIRIT.

THANK YOU,
FATHER!

BOOM

AFTER THE WAR, FATHER DUFFY
SERVED THE PEOPLE OF NEW YORK CITY...

...TENS OF THOUSANDS LINED THE STREETS
FOR HIS FUNERAL PROCESSION IN 1932.





SERIOUSLY...

...MILITARY
CHAPLAINS ARE
EVERYWHERE!

THEIR STORIES
ALMOST SEEM LIKE
THEY ARE OUT OF A
COMIC BOOK!



C'MON...

...LET'S GET
TO OUR LAST
STOP BEFORE
THE SUN
SETS.



THIS
IS SUCH A
PEACEFUL
PLACE!



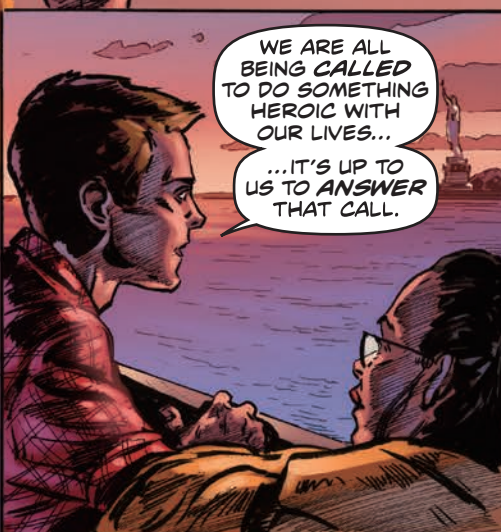
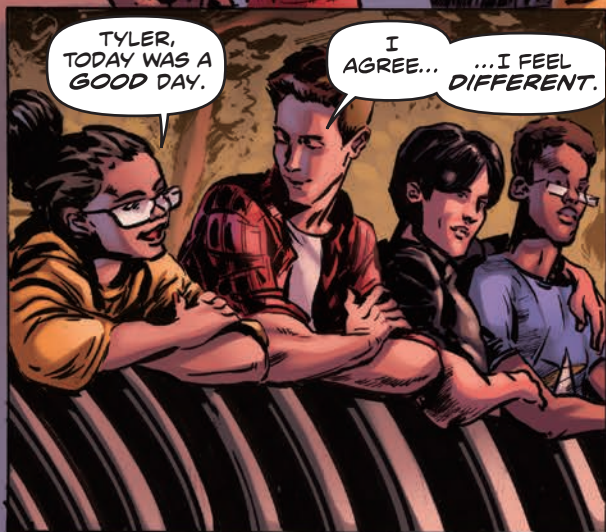
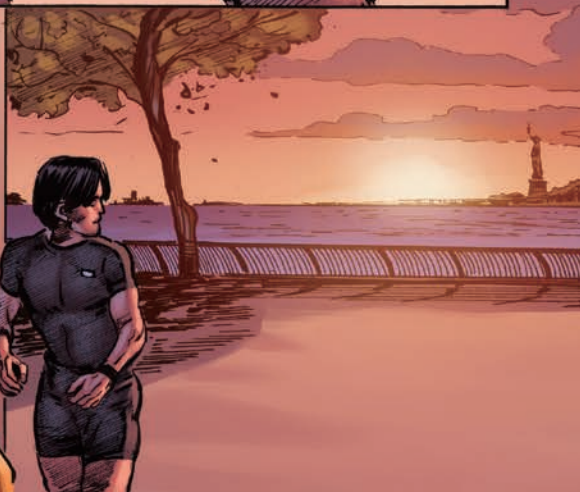
HEY,
ISAIAH...

...CAN YOU FIND
THE NAMES OF THE
FOUR CHAPLAINS?

1941 *** 1945
ERECTED BY THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
IN PROUD AND GRATEFUL REMEMBRANCE
OF HER SONS
WHO GAVE THEIR LIVES IN HER SERVICE
AND WHO SLEEP IN THE AMERICAN COASTAL WATERS
OF THE ATLANTIC OCEAN
INTO THY HANDS, O LORD

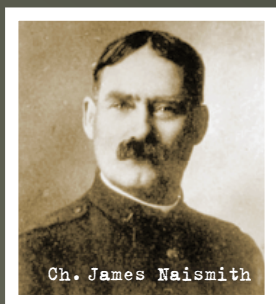


I THINK
THEY'RE ON
THIS PYLON.





250 YEARS OF SACRED SERVICE



Ch. James Naismith

JULY 29, 1775

The Continental Congress established the Chaplain Corps.

MARCH 4, 1791

After serving as a Chaplain in the Continental Army, John Hurt of Virginia became the U.S. Army's first Chaplain.

DECEMBER 21, 1881

James Naismith invented Basketball and later served as a Chaplain in 1916 with the Army National Guard.



Cpl. Calvin Titus

MARCH 11, 1902

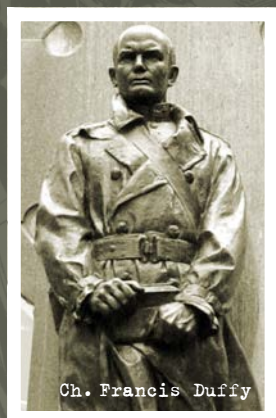
Corporal Calvin Titus was awarded the Medal of honor for his bravery and actions during The Boxer Rebellion.

DECEMBER 28, 1909

Chaplain assistants were authorized to serve as special duty personnel supporting Chaplains.

OCTOBER, 1917

Chaplain Francis Duffy served with the Fighting 69th NY National Guard. In 1932 Duffy died, and one of the largest funeral processions in NY history took place. In 1937, a statue was placed in Times Square between 45th and 47th Streets.



Ch. Francis Duffy

FEBRUARY 9, 1918

The Chaplain School was established at Fort Monroe, Virginia. It was the first fully integrated Army school.

JULY 15, 1920

The Office of the Chief of Chaplains was established by the National Defense Act of 1920, and the Chaplain Corps became an official branch of the Army. Chaplain (Colonel) John Axton became the first Chief of Chaplains.



FEBRUARY 3, 1943

The Four Chaplains gave their lives to save their shipmates when the troop ship Dorchester was sunk by a German U-boat.



MAY 23, 1951

Chaplain (Captain) Emil Kapaun died in Pyoktong, North Korea, while in POW camp caring for prisoners.



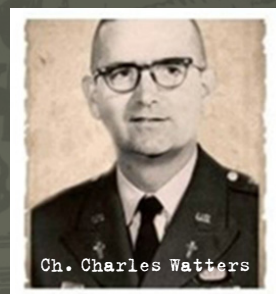
MAY, 1952

Private Berry Gordy, founder of Motown, served in the Korean War as a Chaplain Assistant. His duties included playing the portable organ.



NOVEMBER 19, 1967

Chaplain (Major) Charles Watters gave his life in Vietnam ministering to troops on the front lines. He was posthumously awarded the Medal of Honor.



JULY 8, 1974

Chaplain (Captain) Alice Henderson was commissioned at Fort Hamilton, New York.

1974

The concept of the Unit Ministry Team (UMT) was established in Army doctrine to assign Chaplain and Chaplain Assistant teams to units throughout all components of the Army.

OCTOBER 1, 2017

Chaplain Assistants were redesignated Religious Affairs Specialists.

JUNE 1, 2023

The U.S. Army Chaplain Center and School was redesignated the U.S. Army Institute for Religious Leadership.



JULY 29, 2025

The Chaplain Corps celebrates its 250th Birthday.

ANSWERING THE SACRED CALL

I hope this comic was educational, entertaining, and inspiring. The stories in these pages are just a few of the countless heroes who make up the tapestry of over 250 years of Sacred Service. The United States Army Chaplain Corps celebrates its 250th birthday on July 29, 2025. It is a significant milestone and represents our ongoing commitment to care for the spiritual needs of our Army Family.

General George Washington recognized the importance of the free exercise of religion and acknowledged the need for Soldiers to receive spiritual care on the battlefield. It is why the order to establish the Chaplain Corps was issued only six weeks after our Army was established on June 14, 1775. He knew that having Chaplains serving alongside Soldiers would boost their morale and give them hope during the darkest of hours.

Since the founding of our nation, significant changes have occurred in the world and within the United States Army. However, our core values have remained consistent and we have expanded our care. We now have Chaplains, Religious Affairs Specialists, Directors of Religious Education, and other Army Civilians who all serve the single purpose of tending to the spiritual needs of our Soldiers.

This multifaceted approach is necessary as it provides each Soldier with the opportunity to worship according to their own unique practice of religion. As they go into battle to defend our country, it gives them peace of mind to know that they are supported by a team of religious professionals who walk alongside them to meet their spiritual needs.

For the past 250 years, the Army Chaplain Corps' sacred service has been an inspiration, yet it is the next 250 years that will sustain and support Soldiers and their Families into the future. The stories contained in this comic should motivate each of us to share stories of faith and freedom and respond to our unique Sacred Call.

Pro Deo et Patria!

Brandon R. Moore

Chaplain (Colonel) Brandon R. Moore
Office of the Chief of Chaplains
U.S. Army Institute for Religious Leadership
Fort Jackson, SC



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This action-packed, full-color comic book includes several heroic stories that honor the faithful service of thousands of Chaplains who have served in the Army Chaplain Corps during the past 250 years.

From George Washington's founding to the present day, this comic book brings to life the stories of men and women who responded to a divine call to serve their country on the battlefield, giving spiritual aid when it is most needed.

Prepare to be encouraged and inspired by the heroic witness of these faith-filled Chaplains. Many of them gave the ultimate sacrifice of their lives for the good of others.

Pro Deo et Patria!



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