



NEWS OF SOUTHERN OFFICERS AND LAY PERSONNEL SERVING AROUND THE WORLD

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HOME-GOING FOR THREE ANGELS: "Moments when they touched my life (for the first time)" Evelyn Repass



Major Evelyn Deuel was the seventh child in her family, living in Ocala, FL, and went without a name other than "baby" until she was 12 when she chose to be called Evelyn Amelia, after her heroine Amelia Earhart. Entering Training to be an Officer in 1953, she met James Deuel. After their marriage, they served in various appointments from West Virginia to Texas DHQ. When appointed to THQ in 1970 to "Overseas Child Sponsorship" she had contact with many children's homes overseas. During these years is when I first "met" her, being stationed in South America then. In 1986, Evelyn and Jim were appointed to **Brazil** and thus she was given the handling of funds received from sponsoring territories and found herself on the other end of what she had been doing for many years! Back to Atlanta in

1990, she was appointed to Officer's Health Services and continued serving there, even after retirement in 1996, for 10 more years. Evelyn was a faithful soldier of the Gainesville, GA Corps, showing love to all who entered there.



Commissioner Louise Morris was born in Beckley, West Virginia. Even before entering Training from Charleston, she had felt God leading her life to someday serve in **Japan**. She was commissioned to become an Officer in 1953. After marriage to Ted, they served happily in an appointment in Texas, but God had not forgotten Japan. They told their leaders that they were willing to serve there, and after almost two years, word came that they had been accepted. Commissioners Ted & Louise served 26 years there, leaving as the Territorial Commanders and retiring in 1998. After retirement they were involved in providing pastoral care to officers and Louise continued to do this as long as she could, after her husband was promoted to Glory in 2004. As a very young person, I have vivid

memories from Camp Happyland and of Lt. Louise Holmes, with her white uniform and blond hair and beautiful smile. I was certain that she was an Angel!



Martha Lucille Anthony came from a small community near Kept, TX where her parents were migrant farm pickers and share-croppers. She was part of a very large family. At the time of her Promotion to Glory, she had 24 great grandchildren. Martha loved all children and whether they were family or not, she helped to raise and mentor those she could. Because of her wanting to be of service, in her 40's, she completed her high school education and enrolled in Nursing School. After graduation, she offered herself to serve as a missionary and work with children. The Salvation Army sent her to a Children's Home in **Suriname, South America**, where she served for almost 3 years. Upon returning she continued her nursing career with the City of Dallas Health Department, but she was always involved in doing things at the corps and in the community. Her children always had a hard

time locating her, even after they got her a cell phone! One of my treasures is a beautifully hand written note that she sent in 2009, requesting information and photos to put on a missionary prayer board in her corps (Dallas Pleasant Grove). She stated "I have permission from my Corps Officer".

A WORD FROM LT. COLONEL KAROL SEILER

Two and a half years ago I was appointed to the role Director of International Personnel Services for the Southern Territory. My primary responsibility is to support officers who are currently serving overseas, those who are preparing for international service, and those who have recently returned to the US. This has been one of the most challenging and rewarding positions I have ever held.

It is challenging when visas are delayed or denied, resulting in delayed or cancelled deployments. It is challenging to know that officers or their children are struggling to learn a language or adapt to a culture. It is challenging when situations arise in an appointment that cause the officers to become discouraged or disillusioned. It is challenging to assist officers who must return home unexpectedly.

But there are also rewards. It is rewarding to come alongside officers as they go through the many steps necessary to apply for an international appointment, and to share their joy when the application is accepted, and an appointment is received. It is rewarding to help the officers and their families with practical things once they arrive in their appointment. It is rewarding to assist in finding funding for special projects and other needs of their appointments. It is rewarding to hear about victories in their ministries and accomplishments in their families.

One thing I have learned in this role is that the best way to support our international officers and their families is to pray for them. Prayer is the true source of power, influence and connection. Please join me in this challenging and rewarding work!

*Nor what I wish to be nor where I wish to go,
For who am I that I should choose my way?
My Lord shall choose for me; 'tis better far, I know;
So let Him bid me go or stay.*



MISSIONARY TRIVIA
Martha Anthony served in Suriname from 1980 through 1982. Has anyone else served there from the Southern Territory?

PRAYER CONCERNS: As it is here, everyone is struggling with situations brought on by COVID-19 that deal with limitations in ministry, loss of income, and how to cover daily expenses. After you pray, why not drop the person, or persons, prayed for a line; or send an email of encouragement and blessing. (Most are on Facebook)

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

MAJORS TIM & BETHANY DELANEY in SOUTH AFRICA along with their children - Jubilee (15), Zoe (14) & Israel (12). Corps Officers of the Goodwood Corps in the Western Cape Division. Church services have been online since mid-March and now they are celebrating in person services. They were blessed to have time with much of their family during their four-week time in the US over the holidays. They are now safely back in South Africa and preparing for the kids to begin their new school year, all in the same school again. As this newsletter was being prepared, the Delaneys were informed to expect another 30-day level 4 lockdown (back to where they were in May, with no church or school and may-be no charity shop). Please keep them in your prayers surrounding this pandemic. delaneyandbeyond@gmail.com

MAJORS ALAN & MARY GONZALEZ in SPAIN: Pray that the process of merging the 2 corps where they have been serving will continue to run smoothly. They continue using social media to provide spiritual and emotional support to their people. They have been spending some time in the States visiting family and friends over the holidays and will be returning to Spain next week. Alan.Marype22@gmail.com

LT. COLONELS STEVE & WENDY MORRIS: to be deployed to **JAPAN** April 1 as Territorial Commander and Territorial President of Women's Ministries with the rank of Colonel. Pray for their preparation and their family as they transition to their new responsibilities.

CAPTAINS ASHISH & SANDRA PAWAR in AUSTRALIA along with their daughters, Priya Grace (9) and Alina Rose (7). They are Corps Officers in Auburn (close to Sydney). They are enjoying serving this very multicultural community, as COVID-19 has created opportunity to minister, especially to those with refugee or asylum-seeker status. They hope to begin in person services soon. sandrapawar@yahoo.com

CAPTAINS ROBERT & GLENIS VIERA in UNITED ARAB EMIRATES along with daughters, Alana (10) and Leyla (9). Corps Officers as well as Regional Commanders for the Middle East Region. They have virtual meetings and are keeping communication with their people. Many are having difficulties because of not being paid, being laid off, and/or visa situations. They have been able to have some furlough in the States over the holidays and enjoyed time with family here. Vierarobert32@gmail.com

CAPTAINS CHRISTOPHER & JESSICA WELCH in ITALY along with sons, Raphaël Zane (4) and Liam Matteo (6). Corps Officers of the Torre Pellice Corps, Italy and with added responsibility as youth coordinators for the Command. Here's a link to a short concert Chris made on the Marimba! <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IWQIDAqfswl>
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MAJORS DIETER & BARBARA ZIMMERER in SPAIN along with daughter Christina (21). Corps Officers of the Denia Corps and Directors of Camp Saron Conference Center. They are doing well. Christina was able to start college this past November. COVID-19 is still raging wild. They are worried about the upcoming summer, as they already went through a year without income, but are amazed at God's provision helping them. dieterzimmerer@hotmail.com

We would like to recommend also that you pray, from time to time, for those other who are serving out of the Territory; not on "foreign" service, but sometimes may feel like it!

Colonels Kelly & Donna Igleheart (USA West)
Colonels Ken & Paula Johnson (NHQ)
Lt. Colonels Jonathan & Barbara Rich (USA Central)

Captains Matthew & Jamie Satterlee (NHQ)
Major Jason Swain (NHQ)
Captain Valentina Wearmouth (UK)
(along with husband, Captain Richard)

Please share with others these needs as your prayers do make the difference.

SPECIAL DATES COMING UP
(Birthdays unless otherwise noted)

JANUARY

16 Captain Ashish Pawar
AUSTRALIA

FEBRUARY

1 Lt. Colonel Michele Matthews
NHQ

5 Captains Robert & Glenis Viera
UAE (Anniversary)

6 Captain Robert Viera
UAE

9 Priya Grace Pawar (10)
In AUSTRALIA with parents

MARCH

23 Jubilee Delaney (16)
In SOUTH AFRICA with parents

APRIL

12 Major Alan Gonzalez
SPAIN

14 Liam Mateo Welch (7)
In ITALY with parents

30 Lt. Colonel Donna Igleheart
USW

30 Captain Jessica Welch
ITALY

ANSWER TO TRIVIA QUESTION



NO

She is the only one.

I've read a few autobiographies of missionaries, and they run the gamut from the sublime to the ridiculous (the latter being mainly written to say, "look at all I did"). One that I just finished reading, *South American Romance*, by Mary McCombe Orr, (Zondervan, 1960) is surely among the former. A novel which paints true pictures of 3 cultures, poor classes of people, and the Gospel (and its enemies). I myself recognized much of this story.