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## From the Major' Desk

*Therefore, if the Son shall make you free, you will be free indeed."*  
*John 8:36*

Freedom. This word is thrown around by a lot by **people who, sometimes,** have no idea what it means. There is a difference between freedom and license, for instance. License allows us to do whatever we want without being held to account. There are many in our nation who would like to be able to do what they want without being held to account. There are many who try living **however they want** without regard to the law of the land or even simple courtesy to their neighbors.

License is free. Liberty has a price. During July, we are reminded that there were men who were willing to sacrifice their very lives for the

idea that all men are created equal and how we were created is free. **Fifty six men, by signing the Declaration of Independence,** proved they were willing to put their very lives on the line for the idea that we should be free. Many hundreds more gave their lives during the American Revolution to give us that **freedom, and countless thousands more have died to keep us free.**

During my years of service in the U. S. Navy, I travelled to many parts of the world where people are not as free. **They do not have the opportunities we have as Americans to do and be their best.** We have an obligation and a duty to preserve our freedom. An obligation to those who have gone before us and have at great cost, handed down a free nation to us. We have a duty to future generations to preserve our freedom and our way of life, so that they too, may know what it is to live as free men and women.

**But, even more, we need to understand,** as did many who fought to create and preserve this freedom, that our freedom is not simply an act of political will. **This comes from freedom in Jesus Christ.**

It was Jesus who first died for freedom. The freedom we gain from Him is most important, because it is freedom from sin. We can be free of those evils that would chain us and prevent us from being who and what God intended for us to be.

Let us celebrate with great joy and enthusiasm, our freedom as Americans. **But,** may we even more celebrate the new life we have in Jesus Christ. If you do not know Him, do not delay in seeking Him and finding liberty for your soul!!

May God bless you!!  
Major Harold Poff



## Divisional Older Adult Camp information announced



Do you recognize this pair of wacky, southern musicians? If you do, you are going to love the Older Adult Camp. You must be 55 or older to attend.



Please join us for  
The Salvation Army's  
"Hee-Haw" Older Adult Camp  
September 6-9, 2013  
Hidden Falls Camp  
Bedford, IN

### Your \$60 Registration Fee includes:

- Room! Food!
- Bible Study! Worship!
- Fellowship! Games!
- Auction! Surprises!



August 18, 2013, is the date your registration and money are due to Major Lynnetta Poff.

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*A description of death*



A sick man turned to his doctor as he was preparing to leave the examination room and said, "Doctor, I am afraid to die. Tell me what lies on the other side?"

Very quietly, the doctor said, "I don't know."

"You don't know? You are a Christian man and you don't know what's on the other side?"

The doctor was holding the handle of the door; on the other side came a sound of scratching and whining. As he opened the door, a dog sprang into the room and leaped on him with an eager show of gladness.

Turning to the patient, the doctor said, "Did you notice my dog? He's never been in this room before. He didn't know what was inside. He knew nothing except that his master was here and when the door opened, he sprang in without fear.

I know little of what is on the other side of death, but I do know one thing... I know my Master is there and that is enough.'



*Hope is just a trip down the rabbit hole.....*

The Salvation Army is hosting its fifth annual fall fund-raiser on September 28, 2013, at 1:00pm. This year, we will be throwing an Alice In Wonderland inspired event: The Mad Hatter's Tea & Charity Auction. The event will feature food and beverages from local establishments, as well as silent auction items from community businesses. One hundred percent of all proceeds will go to families in need in Allen County through The Salvation Army's Social Service programs.

Tickets now on pre-sale for our Mad Hatter Tea & Charity Auction. Tickets are \$10.00 and include tea party ticket, auction seat and bidders pass.

For more information, email [Jama\\_Smith@usc.salvationarmy.org](mailto:Jama_Smith@usc.salvationarmy.org) or go to [www.safortwayne.org](http://www.safortwayne.org) (Events, Charity Auction)



*Summer day camp off to a great start*



Sixty-five percent of 2012's summer day camp attendees returned this year to new opportunities for recreational fun and learning. Two new partnerships were formed for this summer's camp. Collaborating with the Lifetime Sports Academy will enable the youth to learn how to play golf, tennis or to take swimming lessons. Lamplighter's Hockey comes in every Monday morning to teach floor hockey skills and do devotions with the kids. Wade Meadows, Summer Camp Director said, "We very much appreciate their donation of time and effort for our campers." For Colton Summers, "Playing hockey is the most fun I have at camp."



Corbin Grames-Sanchez is dressed in protective gear and ready to play.

Interestingly, for half of the campers, English is their second language. Fun is universal and the youth have gone to the Roller Dome, Pro Bowl, Bounce Mania, Lawton and Franke Parks, as well as the Fort Wayne Children's Zoo.



**Opportunities in July**  
**Women's Ministry**  
 Wednesday evening programs beginning at 7:00 p.m.

- July 3:** Dairy Queen-Dutch Treat
- July 10:** Craft
- July 17:** Card Bingo-Bring Gifts
- July 24:** Planning Meeting
- July 31:** Quarterly Birthday Party



**Salvation Army volunteers recognized in May**

*Anonymous Angels*

*“For you to do such work anonymously, without fame or promotion, giving the greater good without seeking glory and in anonymity...that is the most selfless, beautiful gift of all...”*

The Salvation Army honored our Anonymous Angels (selfless volunteers) on Tuesday, May 7, 2013, with a Masquerade Dinner held at the Fort Wayne Corps. This annual dinner gives us the opportunity to say a heartfelt “Thank You” to our volunteers who support us through out the year.

"The volunteers at The Salvation Army are often referred to as the "army behind the army." Without them, we would not be able to function as a corps, let alone serve so many in the community," says Jama Smith, Development and Volunteer Services Director.

The estimated dollar value per hour per volunteered is currently at \$22.14. In 2012, The Salvation Army logged 12,715 volunteer hours, saving a whopping \$281,150 on man-hours that can now go directly to our community.

**2012 Volunteer Awards**

- Outstanding Family Award** – Porter Family
- Outstanding Youth Award** – Arianna Vowles and Holly Fox
- Outstanding Individual Award** – Jacqueline Burkhart
- Development Award** – Matt Schomburg
- Queen of Hearts Award** – Matilda Jane
- Fashionable Heart Award** – NIPSCO
- JoAnn Stoker Social Service Award** – Barb Clifton
- Christmas Spirit Award** – Ben and Thelma Cox and Sister Carole Langhauser

**Generous Giving Award** – Keith Neuhauser, Henry Achor, Tom Reithmiller, Scot White c/o Independent Honda



*Staff from Matilda Jane Clothing received the Queen of Hearts Award for their donations and time they gave to the Queen of Charities Pageant.*

**Outstanding Giving Award –**

Bill Bean and Bruce Dye

**Christmas Kettle Award – Youth** – Armaund Jones

**Christmas Kettle Award – Most Raised in Two Hours** – Schnipke Family

**Christmas Kettle Award – Most Raised in One Hour** –

Indiana’s News Center Evening Team

**Christmas Kettle Spirit Award** – Time Corners Kiwanis and Homestead Key Club

**Christmas Kettle Award – Contestant in World Bell Ringing Competition** – Steve Batzka

The following volunteers received recognition from the Fort Wayne Corps and won divisional awards for the state of Indiana.

**Divisional Headquarters Outstanding Family Award** – Porter Family

**Divisional Headquarters Outstanding Youth** – Arianna Vowles and Holly Fox

**Divisional Headquarters**

**Outstanding Individual** – Jacqueline Burkhart

*Thank You!*

**The story of The Salvation Army’s Doughnut Girls (Part I)**



Evangeline Booth was the daughter of William and Catherine Booth.

When President Wilson declared war against Germany on April 7, 1917, Americans were psychologically unprepared to participate in the "war to end wars".

Evangeline Booth (USA National Commander 1904-1934) summoned a Salvation Army National War Council and

created a National War Board to meet the needs of American soldiers. She appointed national, territorial, and provincial war secretaries so that the entire Salvation Army was placed on a war-service basis.

The Army set up service centers and hostels, adjacent to United States military camps. But Evangeline wanted to do more than serve military in the United States.

Evangeline Booth exclaimed, “American boys are going to France,” she said. “We must go with them.”

She sent Lt. Colonel William S. Barker to France to find out how The Salvation Army could best serve the American troops.

Barker found that American Expeditionary Forces, upon landing in France, did not go to the front at once.

Soldiers who had expected to be participating in great battles found themselves drilling in mud from morning to night. An epidemic of homesickness spread through the troops.

Barker cabled: "SEND OVER SOME LASSIES." Evangeline determined to send only the very best. "I felt it was better to fall short in quantity than to run the risk of falling short in quality," she stated. " Quality is its own multiplication table. Quality without quantity will spread, whereas quantity without quality will shrink."

*(Part II will be in August’s newsletter.)*

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**REGULAR SCHEDULE OF EVENTS**

**“Return Service Requested”**

**SUNDAY**

9:30 am United Sunday School Opening  
9:45 am Sunday School  
10:45 am Worship Service  
6:00 pm Open gym and game night (first Sunday of the month)

**WEDNESDAY**

6:00 pm Adult Bible Study  
7:00 pm Women’s Ministry and Band  
7:30 pm Praise and Worship

**THURSDAY**

4:30-6:00 pm Character Building activities (Sept. through May)  
6:00-7:00 pm Junior Soldiers and Corps Cadets (September through May)

**SOCIAL SERVICES EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE HOURS**

Food Pantry-Tuesdays & Thursdays from 1:00-3:00 pm  
CURF- Tuesday morning walk-ins (*call for more information*)  
Other assistance provided by appointment (744-2311)

**YOUTH PROGRAMS**

After-school programs-please check the calendar for other events.



The Salvation Army, an international movement, is an evangelical part of the universal Christian church. Its message is based on the Bible. Its ministry is motivated by the love of God. Its mission is to preach the gospel of Jesus Christ and to meet human needs in His name without discrimination.

***Help us prepare area school children for school***

The Salvation Army is now accepting donations of new school supplies for the Tools for School program. This program provides basic school supplies for students whose families need assistance. The Salvation Army provided over 1,000 youth with 26,177 new school supplies in 2012. In the last five years, we have served over 6,500 children by providing 154,320 school supplies.

“The Salvation Army strives to help alleviate the financial burden for families and allow parents to know that their children are going back to school equipped with the tools they need to succeed in the classroom.” Said Jody Lepley, Mrs. Queen of Charities, at the program kickoff.

Donations will be accepted until August 5th. Visit [www.safortwayne.org](http://www.safortwayne.org) to see a list of donation drop off sites. Monetary donations are also accepted online and at 2901 N Clinton. Families seeking assistance must apply on August 13th and 14th. For more information please contact The Salvation Army or visit our website.



Jody Lepley, Mrs. Queen of Charities, Amarra Nester, Little Miss Queen of Charities, and youth who attend The Salvation Army’s Summer Day Camp were present at the Tools for Schools kick-off on June 20, 2013.

