NEW YEAR MESSAGE 2015 FROM GENERAL ANDRÉ COX

“Today my mind goes back 150 years to New Year in 1865. I wonder – did William Booth have any sense of the amazing work that God was about to start through him?” The Salvation Army is celebrating 150 years of service.

General Cox's Dream for The Salvation Army

- "I dream of a committed, effective and joyful Army, rooted and confident in the Word of God and on its knees.
- I dream of an Army that truly reflects the mind of Jesus in our commitment to the poor and the marginalized.
- I dream of an Army that practices what it preaches from the top leadership down, an Army that is a visible and living example of kingdom values.
- I dream of an Army that values its youth, where our young people feel that they have a voice.
- I dream of an Army with strong, relevant and streamlined administrative structures and a much more effective use of our financial and material resources.
- I dream of an Army where all cultures are equally accepted and celebrated through the spiritual ties that bind us all together."
INTERNATIONAL SECRETARY SENDS MESSAGE OF SUPPORT TO PRESIDENT OF FRANCE

COMMISSIONER Birgitte Brekke-Clifton, The Salvation Army’s International Secretary for Europe at International Headquarters in London, has written to the President of France on behalf of the worldwide Salvation Army, expressing condolences for the loss of life in the terror attack on the Paris offices of the magazine Charlie Hebdo, while assuring the president of prayers and support as his country comes to terms with the tragedy.

The commissioner’s letter to President François Hollande – copies of which have been sent in French and English – says:

I write on this National Day of Mourning in France, to express The Salvation Army’s shock and horror at yesterday’s tragic shootings in Paris. We send our sympathy and condolences to all affected.

Please be assured that we are remembering and praying for all those affected by this tragedy: the victims, colleagues, families, first responders and government leaders, and I confirm that Salvationists across France are participating in 'Moments of Remembrance and Prayer' today and our organisation stands at the ready to assist if needed.

In the midst of this crisis it is our hope that you will find a level of comfort and peace in knowing that Salvationists throughout Europe and around the world are praying for all involved.

I leave with you the words of Psalm 46:1 as recorded in Scripture: ‘God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble.’

May God grant you wisdom and discernment as you lead.

God bless you.

THE SALVATION ARMY CONTINUES 'RESPONSIVE AND APPROPRIATE' REACTION TO EBOLA EPIDEMIC

THE Salvation Army is continuing to address and monitor the Ebola epidemic in West Africa, with particular focus on the countries of Sierra Leone and Liberia, the two countries that are most-affected by the outbreak. At least 2,220 people have died from Ebola in Liberia, with a further 890 deaths recorded in Sierra Leone. There is not currently Salvation Army ministry in Guinea, the third most-affected nation.

As with many emergency situations around the world, The Salvation Army has the advantage of already having personnel on the ground, meaning that it can react quickly to any changes in the situation and that it is aware of the reality of people’s fears and concerns. Its response to the Ebola epidemic is being managed at International Headquarters, where a monitoring team is in daily contact with Salvation Army leaders and project officers.
running the Ebola response in West Africa. The team is providing a weekly report to General André Cox, who is taking a close personal interest in the ongoing situation.

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**SATERN KS & W. MO goes to Southeast Kansas Amateur Radio Club, Pittsburg, KS:**

Communications Vehicle “105” (upper images); Henry Monton WØIE Assistant SATERN Coordinator (above left); Anna Monton WØAJM (center left); Steve Lester KDØEKS (center right); Mike Asselta KDØCDQ (right).
Joe Porter WØMQY Southeast Kansas Amateur Radio Club President (upper left); Mike Asselta presenting the SATERN experience (center); Henry Monton & club members (above right) pictured.

Steve Lester instructing members (lower images).
This is the second in our series of profiles of employees of The Salvation Army Emergency Disaster Services Office. This month’s profiled employee is Steve Leiker who is The Salvation Army Metro Kansas City Emergency Disaster Services Coordinator.

Steve Leiker at his desk at EDS Headquarters

Steve may be familiar to many of you in SATERN. Steve attended last year’s Ararat “Hambash” supporting our SATERN operation there. Steve assisted with our SATERN tour last year for our SATERN partners from Nebraska. Steve also made brief comments at one of our Kansas City Metro Area SATERN/ARES Meetings.

Steve Leiker came to The Salvation Army in March 2014. Steve was with the local Kansas City Office of the Red Cross for 20 years prior to joining The Salvation Army. Steve stressed that he was with the local office of the Red Cross noting at the local level you tend to get people “pulling together.” During Steve’s time with the Red Cross he responded to local disasters, approximately 40 a month. These disasters involved all types of incidents even including residential fires where the Red Cross passed out food, drink and clothing as well as providing shelter for those in need.

As The Salvation Army Metro KC Emergency Disaster Services Coordinator, Steve has the responsibility for handling Disaster Services in the KC Metro Area. This includes disasters such as tornadoes and flooding. This also includes fires where The Salvation Army provides food and drink to first responders/firefighters. He spoke of a recent incident which had been in the news of authorities looking through the remains of a burned out Kansas City residence looking for an unaccounted person. Steve noted The Salvation Army was there to support those conducting the search.

Steve’s job involves making sure The Salvation Army has adequate volunteers and supplies to meet its mission and that the volunteers and supplies are ready to go to support disaster operations. He is also responsible for ensuring that The Salvation Army vehicles are working properly and are ready when needed. Steve would also support Sean Tyson (EDS Director) and Deb Abner (Assistant EDS Director) in response to Divisional disasters of all kinds.

Steve also conducts the annual inspections of canteens at Corps that have canteens in Kansas City, MO; Olathe, KS; Kansas City, KS and Independence, MO. He further has helped us with the maintenance of our SATERN Communications Vehicle.

Another of Steve’s responsibilities is the Kansas City Honk and Holler Ministry. Honk and Holler is a mobile outreach program that distributes hot meals, snacks, personal care items and other necessities to the homeless three times a week in Kansas City. Steve explained that more than half his time is spent with this program.

I noted Steve used the word ministry. Steve explained he would call it that because, “We do more than just feed.” Steve mentioned they try to get to know the person served on a personal basis. Steve noted besides feeding the homeless, providing personal hygiene kits, blankets and clothes, they also pray with those on the street. The Honk and Holler volunteers also provide the homeless with referrals for housing and other services, according to Steve. Steve explained it is hoped that through this ministry the person being served can eventually get off the street when that person is ready to do so.
I asked Steve how many homeless they serve. Steve responded that it was generally 40 to 100 a night, three nights a week. According to Steve, two of the nights regular Honk and Holler volunteers provide the services to the homeless. Steve noted on the third night they partner with a Salvation Army adult rehabilitation facility. He mentioned that persons being treated in the rehabilitation program work with the Honk and Holler volunteers to serve the homeless on that night. Steve said a lot of the “guys” who assist from rehab have lived on the street themselves. He explained those in rehabilitation can understand what those on the street are going through and relate to the homeless better than he or others can.

Another of Steve’s responsibilities is community events. Steve mentioned from March [when he came to The Salvation Army] through December 2014, they have provided food and drink at 19 community events. Some of these events included the “VA Stand Down,” Salvation Army Bellefontaine Corps Block Party, Salute to Veterans, preparedness fairs, etc.

Steve also assists in the supervision of four American Association of Retired Persons (AARP) volunteers who work at The Salvation Army EDS Office. He noted the volunteers wash vehicles, make sandwiches, perform office work, etc.

Steve is married and has two daughters. One of his daughters is a sophomore in college. The other is a senior in high school preparing to go away to college.

We thank Steve for allowing us to interview him and look forward to working with him in the future.

Rich Britain
SATERN Divisional Coordinator

**SATERN High Frequency Radio Nets Try Some!**

14265 KHz SSB 1500Z Monday through Saturday - National/International Net
Ontario SATERN IRLP Net on Monday's at 21:00 Eastern Time, Conference Node 9032
14.065 MHz - 0000Z and 1600Z Week Daily - Digital Modes Net Info.
14.065 MHz - Saturday Noon, Central Time - Southern Territory Digital Net, Olivia 8/500
7.265 MHz SSB 1400Z Saturday - Eastern Territory
7.265 MHz SSB 1530z Saturday - Central Territory
7.262 MHz SSB 1600Z/1500Z (ST/DST)Saturday - Southern Territory
5330.5 KHz SSB 0400Z Daily - Alaska (Alternate frequency 5346.5 KHz )
5330.5 KHz SSB 1900CT Thursday - Central Area (Alternate frequency 5346.5 KHz)
3740 KHz SSB 2000CT Monday - Canada & Bermuda Territory
3.820 MHz SSB 2030CT Tuesday - Kansas & Western Missouri Division
3.977.7 MHz SSB 0400Z Sunday - Western Territory
3.963 MHz SSB 1830CT Tuesday - Missouri
3.903 MHz SSB 0900CT Daily - Oklahoma
Ontario SATERN IRLP Net Monday evenings at 21:00 Eastern. Reflector 9032

7.100 MHz SSB 0030Z 0930ZLocal Sunday - Australia
Times remain the same when Daylight Savings Time is in effect (Except Arizona). Everyone is welcome to check in.

**Wichita Area SATERN 2 Meter Net reminder**

When: 
Sunday, 22 February 2015 07:30 PM to 08:00 PM (GMT-06:00) Central Time (US Canada)

Where: 
146.79 MHz (Negative Offset)

Notes: 
Listen for Roger, N6ZOP, as net control.

From: 
SATERN-KS Calendar

**ACCESS SATERN NET VIA PERSONAL COMPUTER/SMART PHONE**

For those SATERN members who are not able to reach one of the SATERN nets through a repeater, or through HF, you might wish to consider using “EchoLink.” This system allows amateur radio operators to access some repeaters, simplex frequencies, and other hams through a personal computer/smart phone from nearly any location. An opportunity exists to use “EchoLink” to check into one of the SATERN Divisional Nets each week. The Kansas City Divisional Two (2)-Meter Net is held every Tuesday night on the WA0NQA repeater (145.130 MHz -) in Kansas City at 7:30 p.m. The WA0NQA repeater is accessible via “EchoLink.” Best of all, the “EchoLink” program is free. Please consider joining us on the net. For more information on “EchoLink” please go to www.echolink.org.

**MONTHLY NET AND VOLUNTEER HOURS REPORT**

The monthly net and volunteer hours reports are now located as files which have been uploaded to our SATERN Yahoo Group at https://groups.yahoo.com/neo/groups/SATERN-KS/info. We thank Jim, KI0CT, and Henry, WOIE, for their continued efforts in putting these reports together for our group.

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