



**OUR MISSION:** To assist in the development of Christian leaders in the armed forces of the world and in the establishment and growth of military Christian fellowships.

## TRAINING THAT CAN CHANGE A NATION: Chaplains Interaction 2019

Sixty hours of classroom training, multiple discussions among international and U.S. chaplains (and those who serve as chaplains), and an abundance of fellowship and prayer marked this year's Chaplain Interaction program in San Antonio, Texas.

Led by ACCTS staff member Chaplain Ron Huggler, participants from Antigua and Barbuda, Barbados, Ghana, Haiti, Liberia, Paraguay, Peru, Portugal, and Uganda learned new ways of ministering and developed plans for ongoing outreach in their home nations. In addition to classroom sessions, the group visited a VA hospital, which was a highlight for many participants, as Chaplain Huggler reports: "The chaplain staff at the VA hospital provided the delegates several presentations on issues dealing with ministry to veterans, to include moral injury, polytrauma ministry, and death and dying ministry to veterans and staff."

Before graduating from the program, participants spent prayerful time developing plans of action to increase chaplain ministries in their nations. Please pray for them as they bring spiritual growth and truth to their nations' military forces.



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## Participant Comments:

*“With this training conducted and the courses offered it has brought a lot of transformation into my personal life, ministries, and chaplaincy that I believe, when this is offered in my Liberian context and applied, has the ability to change our whole army. Also, especially when dealing with our own military, the role of chaplain is not clear to many commanders but with what has been taught in this course commanders will now get to know who is a chaplain and the role of the chaplain when we get back... All the instructors did a very good presentation on each subject and almost all the courses offered can be used in my Liberian context.” - Chaplain Gboyah, Liberia*



*“I identified aspects in my chaplaincy which need to be improved and was provided the methods to do so... This course has identified...ways in which to give greater structure and effectiveness to the chaplaincy in my country.” - Rev. Sandiford, Barbados*

*“During these two weeks of training, it has caused me to evaluate myself in terms of the ministry I do and some positions I need to take in the military chaplaincy.” - Chaplain Goncalves, Portugal*



*“This course has prepared me for the implementation of a chaplaincy in my country.” - SSGT Huggins, Antigua and Barbuda*

*“The course taught me the importance of a military chaplaincy for our command.” - Colonel Cano, Peru*

*“Today I thank God and give Him glory that through ACCTS training now I am confident that ‘Principles & Roles of Military Chaplain’ will be fulfilled according to God’s calling.” - LTC Turyahabwe, Uganda*



*“This course was very important to our service as a chaplain, I think all the instructors were used by God to improve us. I get many skills to use in my daily service in my Armed Forces.” - LTC Forneron, Paraguay*

*“This course is of great value to me and I will do all I can to share the knowledge acquired with members of my military.” - Brig. Gen. Akpatsu, Ghana*

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## Chaplains Interaction Topics Covered:

- Biblical View of the Military Profession
- The Call to Chaplaincy
- Universal Principles and Roles of Chaplains
- Critical Incident Stress Debrief
- Ethics and Ethical Decision-Making
- Code of Conduct for Chaplains
- Suicide Awareness and Prevention
- Working with Parachurch Organizations
- Leadership
- Caring for the Caregiver
- Inductive Bible Study Method
- Conversational Prayer Method
- Spiritual Preparation
- Ministry to Persons in Hospitals and Prisons
- Professional Excellence
- Chaplain as Staff Officer
- Priorities and Relationships
- Chaplain-Commander Relations
- Challenges Facing the Chaplaincy
- Working in a Pluralistic Society
- The Chaplain in Combat
- Certification in Prepare & Enrich: A pre-marital and marriage counseling tool
- Developing a Plan of Action



# LEADERS OF CHARACTER AND INTEGRITY:

## Leadership Development at Waterloo to World War II

The busy pace of a military cadet's life leaves little time to think about the fundamental questions of life: Who am I? What is my purpose? How will I live my life?

**ACCTS' Waterloo to WWII trip in March enabled young military cadets to learn more about themselves, their purpose, and how they will live as leaders during their careers in the armed forces.** With ACCTS' director, Colonel Phil Exner, and MMI's chief executive, General Roddy Porter, in the lead, six British and American cadets participated in the week-long tour of over 30 historic sites in Belgium and France.

This year the cadets represented a cross-section of spiritual beliefs, from strong Christian to agnostic-searchers. "The diversity of backgrounds and beliefs made for some wonderful interactions as we talked about basic worldview issues," reports Phil Exner. "Helping young cadets think about their worldview before they have started their career is vital. This tour allowed us to have great discussions about the framework with which they interpret and process life. The first place we stopped was Fort Breendonk, a WW1 fort and WW2 holding camp for shipment to death camps. It was a dark, sobering reminder of the evil side of humanity. I talked with the cadets about how the Nazis' views about the value of humanity affected their decisions, and how those assumptions are in direct contrast to Christian views like loving others and being humble submissive, and obedient to the Higher Power, God.

"We talked about the importance of the cadets integrating their beliefs and faith into their military careers, and how worldviews make a difference in whether people will be ethical leaders of character or leaders with inconsistent values."

During their travels to multiple battlefields and historic sites, Phil and Roddy cited examples of leadership at every level -- from private to field marshal -- and gave examples of courage, fear, and cowardice. "We discussed the elements of good leadership, the importance of military

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leaders having initiative and being prepared, and the fundamental importance of character and integrity,” Phil states. “I was thankful that Roddy came with us. His vast experience was of particular interest to the cadets.

“We learned a lot, we talked about military strategies and operational tactical, but I hope the cadets also went away with a number of questions that everyone should be willing to face and revisit in their lives: What are my core values? What is my purpose? What will I do with my life? Asking these important questions will help them become leaders of character and integrity.”



## Chaplain Tim Meador Joins Staff



We are pleased to announce that LtCol (CHC, USA, Ret.) Tim Meador has joined the ACCTS staff as comptroller. Chaplain Meador will be assisting Bernhard Kaltenbach, ACCTS’ deputy director and director of finance, with accounting-related responsibilities for the ACCTS organization.

## May Prayer Items

- Since the 17th of April, ACCTS staff members and volunteers have led an English Language Training program in Mongolia in partnership with the MOD of Mongolia and the military Christian fellowship. Although Bible studies aren’t a part of this program, there are informal times for students and teachers to talk and discuss matters of interest. This program ends on 4 May – pray that, in these last few days of the program, students will be led by the Holy Spirit to ask questions about Jesus and our staff members’ personal faith in Him.
- From 4-15 May an ACCTS staff member and volunteer are on a mission trip to an East Asian nation. Pray for their safety and ask that the Holy Spirit guide them to people who are interested in Christ.
- From 24-26 May the military Christian fellowship of Sweden celebrates its 90th anniversary. Give praise for this testimony of faithfulness and pray that the MCF will continue to bring military personnel in Sweden to Christ.

*ACCTS also sends out weekly prayer items by email. If you want to sign up to receive these, please email us at [accts@accts.org](mailto:accts@accts.org).*

## Upcoming Ministry Events

- **1-4 May** Conclusion of Mongolian English Language Training program, ACCTS/MOD/MCF of Mongolia
- **4-15 May** Staff member mission trip, East Asian nation
- **24-26 May** Swedish military Christian fellowship's 90th anniversary program (ACCTS staff participating)
- **5-19 June** ACCTS' Interaction-Rocky Mountain High leadership training program, Colorado
- **13-16 June** RIMP Chaplains Conference, France (ACCTS staff participating)
- **17-24 June** Military Evangelism Observation, South Korea (ACCTS staff participating as teachers)
- **29 June - 9 July** Moldovan English Language Training program (ACCTS and MCF of Moldova program)
- **14-21 July** Ukraine English and Bible Camp (ACCTS and MCF of Ukraine program)
- **29-31 August** East Asia Conference, Japan (ACCTS staff participating)
- **19-25 September** AMCF Latin American Conference, Panama (ACCTS staff participating)
- **5 October** AMCF Day of Prayer
- **6-11 October** ACCTS-hosted AMCF Quinquennial meeting for AMCF leaders and ACCTS/MMI/MSO leaders, White Sulphur Springs, PA



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