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The Voice for Chaplaincy - Chartered by Congress - Serving Since 1925

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MCA Scholarships Apply Now!

The Congress of the United States issued the MCA our charter in 1950. This charter continues to guide us as an organization today.

The Congress mandated our purposes to be -

- 1 - to safeguard and strengthen the forces of faith and morality of our Nation;
- 2 - to perpetuate and deepen the bonds of understanding and friendship of our military service;
- 3 - to preserve our spiritual influence and interest in all members and veterans of the armed forces;
- 4 - to uphold the Constitution of the United States;
- and 5 - to promote justice, peace, and good will.

One means by which we accomplish these purposes is to award scholarships to those seeking to become military chaplains. By encouraging and enabling new chaplains we help to safeguard and strengthen the forces of faith and morality in our nation and deepen the bonds of understanding within our military service.

MCA scholarships are in the amount of \$1,000.00 each and are provided to the educational institution the candidate attends. An individual may receive successive awards from one year to the next as he or she prepares for the chaplaincy.

To be eligible, an prospective chaplain must be enrolled in a degree program acceptable to the military to qualify as a chaplain and be endorsed by a DOD recognized endorser for the military chaplaincy.



Chaplain Lorraine Potter, a founding member of Women United in Ministry which now helps fund MCA scholarships

We can award up to five scholarships this year - one of which is funded by the generous donation made by Women United in Ministry to support women desiring to serve as chaplains in our nations armed forces.

Applications for 2017-2018 scholarships are now being accepted. You may access an application [here](#) or one can be mailed by requesting from the MCA office at chaplains@mca-usa.org. All necessary information is contained on the application form.

Please get the word out to any CCPOs or others currently matriculating and desirous of becoming a chaplain for life. Thanks for helping to build our future.

Lyman Smith
Executive Director



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PBS Documentary Military Chaplains

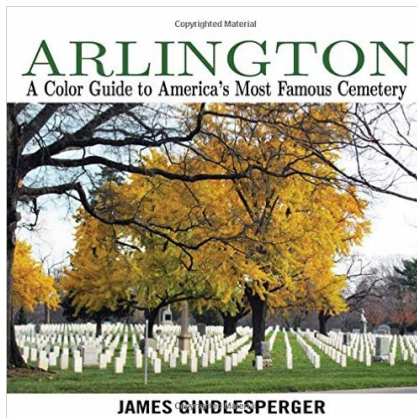
[Blink Films](#) is currently producing a new documentary season for PBS. The 6-episode series is called *We'll Meet Again* and will follow individuals on a journey to be reunited with someone from their past who they have lost touch with. The film maker will feature stories of ordinary people who have been separated or brought together by events of historic significance - family members separated by conflict and migration, armed forces who lost touch after their service or strangers brought together during emergencies, political movements and shared causes.

In one episode of the series Blink would like to celebrate men and women serving in the U.S. Armed forces in the Persian Gulf War. To offer an alternative perspective on this moment in history

they are especially keen to find a Chaplain who would like to be reunited with someone that they served with or someone that they helped in the field. Blink is also looking for military personnel who may like to be reunited with a chaplain from their time in the Gulf.

If you would like to participate or know someone who would, please contact Alice Smith at alice.smith@blinkfilmsuk.com

[Brochure](#)



[**Arlington: A Color Guide to America's Most Famous Cemetery**](#)

available for review

This book tells the stories of 250 different people buried in Arlington National Cemetery. Each entry is accompanied by a color photograph and GPS coordinate to aid in location. The entries are about battlefield heroes, people who survived the war to achieve major accomplishments, the well-known like President John Kennedy, the unknown soldiers, and the lesser-known who still led fascinating lives.

To review please contact chaplains@mca-usa.org

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Church Executive Director Position Open Covenant United Methodist Church Greer, South Carolina

The Executive Director of Covenant United Methodist Church in Greer, South Carolina, will serve in support of the Senior Pastor and the Staff Parish Relations Committee (SPRC) in the administration of the business functions of the church. Areas of oversight will include Human Resources, Facilities, and Finances of the church.

This position will report to the SPRC for business administration of the church and will coordinate with the Senior Pastor for ministries and ministry staff needs. This person will work in unison and cooperation with all Pastoral Staff, Ministry Leaders and Committee Groups led by Church Leaders.

To apply, contact Laura Geloni at lgeloni@covumc.org.

For the full position description click [here](#)



Dates for Your Calendar

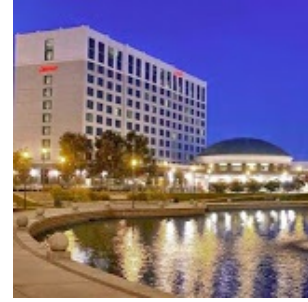
April 28th - *Chaplain Gaylord T. Gunhus* will be laid to rest at a graveside (only) ceremony at Arlington National Cemetery. An informal reception will be held following the service at the Memorial (Main Post) Chapel.

May 29th - Memorial Day Service at Arlington National Cemetery. Plan to attend and carry the MCA flag or National Ensign as part of the parade of colors we remember and honor those who have given their lives in service to our nation. Please indicate your intention to attend by sending a note to chaplains@mca-usa.org

MCA National Institute 2017

October 23 - 26, 2017
[Newport News Marriott at City Center](#)
Newport News, Virginia

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If you missed the February 22nd edition of the Newsgram [click here](#)

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