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Vision – Toward 2025 MCF-A Chair, Steve Neuhaus

There is an Advertisement on TV where this vet is working on a furry animal in his surgery only to discover when he puts on his glasses that it is a furry hat.

We all look at life through particular lenses and this even colours and shapes our understanding of the Bible and how we respond to its message. If we are able to recognise those then we can approach the throne of Grace in a more open and humble way.

Many years ago I came across this verse written above the door into a lecture theatre at Canungra, "*Where there is no vision the people perish*" (Proverbs 29:18). This verse struck me and has remained with me since then, one of things highlighted on this course was 'the fog of war' and how if we have a vision we can continue to move forward despite the challenges. To that end it was decided that in the MCF we needed to relook at our vision – our mission statement - and ensure that we were on the right track. Many years ago *Operation Fruitful Tree* was released by Jamie Van Heel and as we look towards 2025 a succinct version of this has been developed so that we can move forward in our ministry of building the Kingdom of God in the ADO.

This is an attempt to ensure that we do have our glasses on and are putting energy into the right areas for the right purpose and despite what the Adversary tries to throw in our path we can keep moving steadily forward.

Can I encourage you to have a read of Toward 2025 (attached) and consider what is said prayerfully and please respond if there is something you want to discuss or where you would like to contribute.

Finally please pray for our brothers and sisters in Christ in the Military Christian Fellowship of Ukraine (they are a vibrant and active group) as they undergo a trial by fire brought about by evil men, may they be able to witness for Christ in these trying times.

Godspeed

Steve MCF-A Chair

New MCF Member Rep



SGT Steven Cutts (Full bio)

Steven enlisted in the RAAF in 1995 an Aircraft Structural Fitter and was introduced to MCF shortly after posting to Amberley in 1997. His level of involvement has varied throughout the years, but he has been an MCF-A Rep at RAAF Richmond and ADFA and is currently sharing that role at RAAF Edinburgh and DST. Steven has had a life-long love of God's Word and enjoys the discussion that small groups of people have when looking intently into what God has to say to us. Steven is just an ordinary bloke who is trying to follow Jesus and is ably supported in his endeavours by his wife Debbie.

Ukraine MCF info

Please find attached a letter (26 Feb) from the head of the Ukraine MCF, along with some other info out of Ukraine.

Graphic Designer

Are you or someone you know a Graphic Designer, or have an interest in this and like to help out MCF-A? The Exec are looking for someone (or a couple of people) to help advise them with various projects in 2022. For more info contact the MCF Office: mcf.office@defence.gov.au

Christian Army Chapel Services online

These services have been filmed so that there is an easy to access Christian resource available to army personnel that can be accessed conveniently. Services run about 30 minutes and include Prayer, Bible Reading, Topical Message and Contemporary Christian Music. They are available on Facebook – Army Christian Services or via the website - www.armychristianservices.com Services are now uploaded to YouTube to make them more accessible to all.

Attention all ladies

Solid Rock is a place of support and encouragement for Christian ADF wives/partners and female serving members.

Over the last few months, Solid Rock has transitioned from being part of The Navigators to being its own not-for-profit organisation - Solid Rock Defence Ministry Australia Inc.

They also have a new website and a new logo. Groups meet in person in Townsville, Adelaide, Canberra

and Brisbane. Sometimes there are online events and they are always looking to start groups in other areas. Contact coordinator@solidrockministry.org.au for more info or to sign up for their eNews.

Bible Society Australia Easter Campaign



You, your MCF Small Group or your Church might be interested in the Bible Society's upcoming ***'Jesus All About Life'*** campaign, which is a way Bible Society Australia is serving and equipping churches this Easter. They will be sharing **free Easter resources** plus giving you an opportunity to purchase, at a very reduced price, our beautiful 'New Beginnings Bible' to gift to new believers or seekers in this Easter season. The MCF Exec encourage you to check out the info and sign up at Jesus all about life - Bible Society Australia

Other items

Have you posted or moved house?

Please update your details HERE

Membership

Membership is free and ***open to every Christian***. If you've not had an association with the ADF you can be an associate member. MCF is supported through freewill donations by members and supporters. Please look at Supporting MCF in prayer, with your time and through financial support.
Note that donations (over $2) to MCF are tax deductible.

Prayer requests

To put forward prayer points for inclusion in the calendar please email the MCF Prayer Coordinator Dr Brendan Pell: brendan.pell@dst.defence.gov.au
You can also send through **urgent prayer points** that are sent on to the MCF Prayer Warriors or enquire about becoming an MCF Prayer Warrior by contacting Brendan.

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