



# The Four Chaplains Memorial Foundation

*SPRING 2020*

## *Newsletter*



*Jim McIngvale—Gallery Furniture*



*George H.W. Bush Presidential Library  
February 13, 2020*



*George P. Bush—TX Land Commissioner*



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**PRESIDENTIAL START**  
**TO 2020**



*Morrill & Karen Worcester  
"Wreaths Across America"  
Gold Medallion Recipients*

*The 52nd Annual Awards Banquet  
February 6, 2020*



*The Four Chaplains Memorial Foundation  
Board of Directors*



*June Robbins  
"Thanks, Plain and Simple"  
Humanitarian of the Year*

The Four Chaplains Memorial Foundation had a great start to 2020. On Thursday, February 6 we honored Karen and Morrill Worcester, Gold Medallion and June Robbins, Humanitarian Award at our 52nd Annual Banquet in Philadelphia. The following week on Thursday, February 13 the Board of Directors honored First Lady Barbara and President George H.W. Bush (Posthumously) with our Gold Medallion at the Presidential Library, College Station, TX.

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## ***Our Mission:***

***To preserve the legacy of interfaith cooperation and selfless service of the Four Chaplains through our Four Core Programs.***

## **A PRESIDENTIAL START TO THE NEW YEAR**



As chairman, it is my pleasure to inform you that the Four Chaplains Memorial Foundation has been moving forward with its mission of preserving the legacy of the Immortal Chaplains. The new year began with almost 400 people attending the 52nd Annual Awards Banquet in Philadelphia. The foundation recognized the founders of Wreaths Across America with the Legion of Honor Gold Medallion for their nationwide remembrance of Veterans. The “Rosie the Riveters,” working women of WWII, represented by June Robbins, was recognized with the Humanitarian Award.

The foundation also honored this year’s 12th-grade scholarship winner, Isabella Ross, Maritime Academy Charter High School, with a \$1,000 check and an opportunity to read her essay at the banquet. Other ceremonies were held around the country in memory of the Four Chaplains. Of note was the 70th Consecutive Annual Four Chaplains Memorial Mass held by John Waciolek, American Legion Post 154 in Thompsonville, Connecticut. The post, its commander, and members of the Funeral Honor Guard all were recipients of the foundation’s Legion of Honor Award.

On February 13, Executive Director Bill Kaemmer and Capt. Lou Cavaliere, Board Vice Chairman, and Board Members Larry Herrmann, Esq. and Charles Ynman, Jr. and myself went to the Bush Presidential Library in College Station, Texas, for the presentation of the posthumous awarding of the Legion of Honor Gold Medallion to President George H.W. Bush and First Lady Barbara Bush for their lives of selfless service.

Jim “Mattress Mack” McIngvale, last year’s Gold Medallion Recipient and a close friend of the Bushes, gave a stirring account of how Lt. George Bush, the youngest U.S. Navy Pilot in WWII, was shot down and rescued after a daring bombing raid on a Japanese-held island in the Pacific, destroying vital radio towers. Even though Bush was saved, the loss of his two crewmembers left him with a question he said he asked himself each morning, “Why me?”

The Gold Medallions were accepted by their grandson George Prescott Bush, the Texas Land Commissioner, who was also presented with the Legion of Honor Bronze Medallion for his charitable works. Finally, the Four Chaplains Foundation presented two Santa Fe, Texas, school police officers with the Charles W. David Jr., Lifesaving Medallion for stopping a school shooter and saving lives. The foundation thanks Charles Ynman, Jr. of Houston, for planning and organizing the event, as well as George H.W. Bush Presidential Library Director Warren Finch and his staff for sponsoring the event.

In 2020, we will continue to recognize, serve and teach individuals and organizations through our Legion of Honor, youth scholarship, Chaplain training and Veteran Outreach, Programs. In order to fulfil our mission, I would like to thank our faithful donors and ask for their continued support in the future. We need your help, lest the Chapel fail to survive and continue sharing the story of the Four Chaplains.

To increase our ability to receive grants and donations from major corporations, we are changing our IRS designation from a religious- to a veteran-orientated nonprofit. We will keep you posted.

Respectfully,

Howard C. Schaeffer  
Chairman

#### FROM THE DESK OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



#### **Dual Status**

When I served in the Oregon National Guard, I filled a “dual status” position. I was hired as a Civilian Federal Technician to be a Military Science Professor at Portland State University to instruct ROTC Cadets. But in order to hold the position, I also had to serve in the Oregon Guard. In the Guard, I held the position of the state’s Senior Master Religious Affairs Specialist. Basically, I had to be “in the Guard” to fill the Civilian Fed Tech position. Thus, “dual status.”

Well the Four Chaplains Memorial Foundation also holds a “dual status” role in Philadelphia. The Chapel of Four Chaplains hosts Veteran Symposiums, weddings, funerals, memorial services, lectures, concerts, church services, tours and, just recently, the Archdiocese of Philadelphia’s Scout Spring Retreat (during which I earned two ribbons, shown below). So, the Chapel has a vital role in serving Philadelphia. It is truly becoming a “City Center” for the Navy Yard. Yet, the Four Chaplains Memorial Foundation plays a much bigger role. Its mission is to:

**“Tell the story of the Four Chaplains to promote interfaith cooperation and selfless service in individuals and organizations.”**

We often recognize individuals and organizations through our nationwide Legion of Honor Program, which is highlighted each year at our annual banquet.

As the Executive Director of The Four Chaplains Memorial Foundation and Chapel of Four Chaplains, I know what a special organization this has been since its inception in 1951. Yet, during this coronavirus pandemic, I need your help. During this trying time, I hope our members, friends and the Philadelphia community will continue to support our organization, through memberships and donations. We will need your thoughtful support during this time to help us continue to function in our “dual status” role. I believe our message is needed more now than ever before. The message of HOPE.

In the U.S. Army, every officer, except the Chaplain, goes into battle as a combatant. The Chaplain is not only a noncombatant, but he or she is the only officer whose job is to bring hope, faith and salvation to the fight as their primary weapons. I have worked with hundreds of Chaplains in my 29-year career in the Army Chaplain Corps. Each and everyone knew the story of the Four Chaplains. I often speak to Chaplains about “living their call,” meaning, “Are you called to the ministry? Are you called to serve soldiers?” Because when the ship is sinking you will not have time to decide. The Four Chaplains were “called” and knew exactly what they had to do February 3, 1943: Give soldiers, seamen and civilians hope!



I also believe others can be called to serve. I hope during these challenging times you not only feel called to support the foundation but are called to support those in your workplace and neighborhood. As a religious affairs specialist, my role was to support the Chaplain so he could focus on preaching, counseling and praying for soldiers. I need you to help me fill the role of a religious affairs specialist in your community and help bring needed support to friends, family and neighbors.

MSG (USA Ret) Bill Kaemmer







### **Core Program 3:**

***The Annual Dr. Fred K. Honigman National Student Scholarship Program -  
For students in grades 5th – 12th.***



**The Friends of the Four Chaplains is partnering with Bricks R Us  
in a campaign to complete our: "Lost at Sea Memorial"**

**The Four Chaplains Memorial Foundation's Mission is to:**

**"Tell the Story of the Four Chaplains to encourage and recognize acts of interfaith  
cooperation and selfless service in individuals and organizations."**

Help us tell that story by honoring your hero on the grounds of the Chapel of Four Chaplains on the Navy Yard in Philadelphia, PA. We call the monument the "Lost at Sea" to literally honor Sailors, Coast Guard Members, Merchant Marines and all personnel who were lost at sea.

Even so, we use this platform to honor other heroes such as police, fire, medical personnel, other first responders and Veterans. Please join us by honoring your hero by donating a brick.

**4 x 8 = \$250**

**12 x 12 = \$500**

On Saturday, September 19 we will host the 7th Annual Four Chaplains Open House and Family Day in which we will recognize all those who have been added to the monument in 2020. So please order by August 15th so we can have your honoree's brick placed in the monument for the ceremony. **OUR GOAL IS 400 BRICKS!**

### **Order Online**

**<http://www.bricksrus.com/donorsite/fourchaplains>**

My brick will honor my dad, Robert Kaemmer, for his service during WWII in the Army. Plus, my mom, Marge Kaemmer, for her lifetime service to her community.

Please join me.

Bill Kaemmer  
Executive Director



## Core Program 4:

**The Veterans Outreach Program - Provides programing and supports requests by service members and veterans.**

## WAYS TO SUPPORT THE CHAPEL OF FOUR CHAPLAINS

Please show your support for the continuance and preservation of our mission and programs by contributing in the envelope included. Your support is vital and greatly appreciated.

1.  Becoming an Annual Member.

Membership includes:

- Membership Card (similar to this one) 
- Quarterly Newsletter: containing brief summaries of events and information from all across the country
- Discounted rates to Four Chaplains Events for members of the Contributor level or higher
- Publicity: post your events and related information on our social media platforms at no additional cost
- Networking: Opportunities to network and build business-to-business connections

2.  Supporting The Chapel of Four Chaplains at No Cost to YOU through AMAZON SMILE!

The Chapel of Four Chaplains has a unique Amazon Smile link that makes it easier for you to find and support our organization? This is our link: <http://smile.amazon.com/ch/23-1458015>

When you click on our unique link, you skip the process to search for the organization among over 1 million eligible charities. Instead, you are taken to smile.amazon.com and are automatically asked if you want to support The Chapel of Four Chaplains.

Copy and use the link today - yet another way to support the foundation.

## HONOR A BELOVED VETERAN

The "Lost at Sea" Memorial in front of the Chapel of Four Chaplains on the Navy Yard was dedicated on Armed Forces Day, May 20, 2017. Please join the hundreds who have already placed a brick around the monument in honor of a Veteran or loved one.

Please order online at:

<http://www.bricksrus.com/donorsite/forchaplains>  
or contact our office and Michelle Nolfi will be glad to assist you.

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or go to our website—[www.fourchaplains.org](http://www.fourchaplains.org)

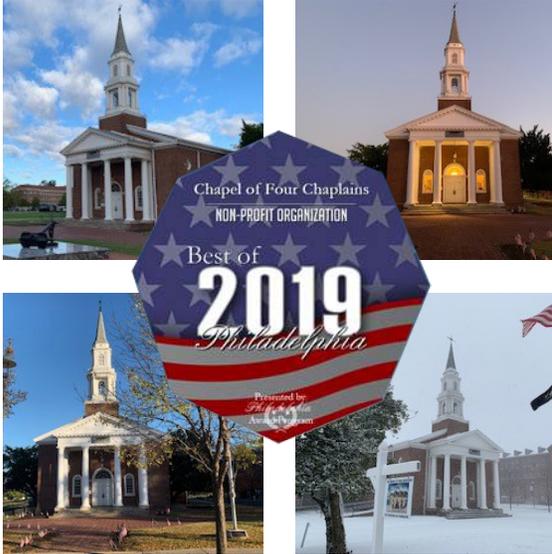


**Did you know—\$.91 of every \$1.00 donated goes to our programs**



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*Our award winning organization is busy serving our Veterans...  
Winter, Spring, Summer and Fall—both day and night*

## UPCOMING DATES:

**DUE TO THE UNCERTAINTY OF THE CORONAVIRUS OUTBREAK, PLEASE CONFIRM DATES WITH THE CHAPEL**

**4th Annual  
Veterans Health Symposium**  
TBD  
The Chapel @The Navy Yard

**"The Knock at the Door"  
Book Lecture By  
Ryan Manion, Gold Star Sister**  
TBD  
The Chapel @The Navy Yard

**7th Annual Family Day &  
Open House**  
Saturday, September 19, 2020  
9:00am - 4:00pm  
The Chapel @The Navy Yard

**2nd Annual  
Veterans Financial Symposium**  
Thursday, October 8, 2020  
9:00am - 1:00pm  
The Chapel @The Navy Yard

**BE SURE TO CHECK OUT OUR NEW WEBSITE: [WWW.FOURCHAPLAINS.ORG](http://WWW.FOURCHAPLAINS.ORG)**

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### WE NEED YOUR HELP

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