

Dear Servicemembers and Veterans,

It is with gratitude that I share this invitation with you to consider joining our office of Veterans Services at Andrews University to create a display highlighting our SDA service members/veterans of all backgrounds, fields, specialties, ranks, branches, length of service, age and action seen or unseen.

The James White Library at Andrews University may be a quaint location to be featured in appreciation, but the impact and significance that can be made is far larger than our eyes may see right now in this lifetime. Our humble office of Veterans Services at Andrews University would like to share a small part of your stories and how you saw God move and guide you through your service. Perhaps you have miracle or angel stories of God protecting or providing for you in a moment when all hope seemed lost. Perhaps He showed you His faithfulness in the humbling, seemingly mediocre or repetitive tasks, but the obedience He taught you through consistently showing up and following orders every day were a testimony of His commitment to persistently pursuing you, regardless of how unglamorous it may be at times for Him to do so.

There have been many experiences had that are crucial to share because they relate and connect us to one another in ways that God uses to weave together the tapestry of His victory banner in this Great Controversy. So many other children of God who may feel they have similar "mundane" or "extraordinary" encounters with God in their lives, that need your testimonies to encourage and inspire us to faithfully and dutifully follow the calling that our incredible God has placed upon our hearts to pursue. The encouragement to press onward under the immense weight of leadership in times of darkness because if God carried you through the valley of the shadow of death, then surely He is willing and desiring to do so for them too.

The vision we're attempting to achieve in this display is photographs of our service members/veterans in uniform. Along with the photograph, a small bio and testimonies of various lengths. We would like to feature as many service members/veterans as we are able to fit within the display. If we receive more than can fit within the space that would enable us to petition for a larger space to continue highlighting our men and women who have answered the call to serve in whatever capacity our Lord inspired or led them to.

If you choose to accept our invitation, please send us your testimonies and portraits that you are comfortable being displayed to veterans@andrews.edu in the highest quality you're able to email. Or if you're nearby the Andrews University area and would like to deliver them in person, please email us at the same address so we can coordinate a time to meet up with you.

We sincerely appreciate your time to read this invitation and hope that you would be willing to join us in sharing some of your testimonies for the display.

With gratitude,

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