

CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

Trust God in all that you do.....

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The time clocks have started afresh and the New Year is now in full swing. What are your goals and resolutions?

What was so pressing to make and take actions in doing the very thing you set your heart and money to do? I hope and pray that

your goals come to pass and prosperity is at your door step.

For those who didn't have resolutions there is a solution.

Our world sends many conflicting signals on the important issues of life. How should we approach anger? Is discipline a good thing or not? What is true wisdom?

In kindness, God has answered all of these questions – and many more – in the

pages of His Word, the Bible.

Whatever our needs, we can find in scripture the principles we need to address the issues we face. This is so great of a commission that God, Himself made a love sacrifice to lead the way in giving us His perfect will through His Son.

Think about it. Weddings are on the roster, birthdays, vacations, promotions, graduations, and so many more that we can't

have pages to list all that the year holds and yes, even unplanned events. However, I say to everyone who reads this, to trust God in all that you do and watch the manifestation of God's promises reveal itself.

Remember to stay focused and when in doubt call a friend, local pastor or your chaplain.

Blessings for you on a New Year's beginning.

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Church, 2001 Hardy Street, 601-583-4898.

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Latter-day Saints

Sunday, 9 a.m., Latter-day Saints Meeting House, 1618 Broadway Dr., 601-268-2438/ Hall: 601-268-9706. Contact the Post Chaplain.

Episcopal

Sunday, 8 a.m., Trinity Episcopal, 509 West Pine St., 601-544-5551

Jewish

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Mamie Street, 601-545-3871. Every Friday at 6 p.m.

Muslim

Contact Post Chaplain

Others

Church of God at Bellevue, Hwy. 589, Hattiesburg
Jesus Christ of LDS, 2215 Broadway Drive, Hattiesburg

Motorcycle safety is of utmost importance....

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Motorcycle crashes claim the lives of more than 2,000 riders each year, and military riders are no exception. Motorcyclists are 16 times more likely than passenger car occupants to die in a traffic accident and about four times as likely to be injured. While only 20 percent of car crashes result in injury or death, an astounding 80 percent of motorcycle crashes involve injury or death according to the statistics from the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA).

All drivers of cars or large vehicles have a responsibility to watch out for the motorcycle riders who use the highways alongside them. Many drivers fail to notice motorcycles on the roadways because of distractions such as cell phones, other

large vehicles on the road or simple negligence. Remember that motorcycles can be easy to miss! Motorcycles are already more difficult to spot than cars because of their smaller profiles, and drivers are conditioned to look for other cars, not motorcyclists.

Traffic, weather and road conditions require motorcyclists to react differently than drivers, so it is often difficult to judge and predict when riders may take evasive action. This means car drivers must always be aware of their surroundings. Remember to turn and look instead of relying on rear view mirrors which have huge blind spots that can obscure motorcyclist and even other cars..

Car drivers are more likely to be involved in an accident with a motorcycle when performing common driving tasks, such as making a left turn in front of a rider or failing to

notice a motorcyclist riding in a blind spot. The chances for accidents go up exponentially when hazardous road conditions are present. Potholes, wet leaves, railroad tracks and other obstructions may force a motorcyclist to take unexpected evasive action or sudden emergency maneuvers, and unless a driver is paying attention and maintaining good situational awareness, the motorcyclist may appear to "come out of nowhere." This is especially true when operating sport utility vehicles, delivery vans, and large trucks that may block motorcyclists from view.

If you ride a motorcycle, using the following preventative measures will help if you are involved in a motorcycle crash. The most important factor for reducing injury if involved in an accident is the proper wear and use of personal protective gear. Gloves, leather clothing, proper footwear, eye protection and helmets

are designed to minimize injury, but they are only effective when worn. The helmet is by far the motorcycle rider's most important piece of safety equipment because it protects against head and brain injuries.

The Department of Defense (DoD) requires the use of a helmet by all personnel who operate motorcycles, even in areas where helmets are not required by state law. The helmet must be Department of Transportation (DOT) certified and must fasten under the chin properly. Novelty style helmets that do not meet DOT standards are prohibited due to safety concerns, and may not be worn.

Another requirement all military and civilian riders need is operator's education. The DoD requires completion of a Motorcycle Safety Foundation (MSF) approved course prior to operating a motorcycle on Federal Military installations.

Motorcycle Safety relies on the rider being aware of other motorists at all times, and making sure that other motorists are aware of him. Motorcyclists also have the responsibility of avoiding activities that cause accidents such as speeding, drinking and driving, being under the influence of drugs, disobeying traffic laws, etc. Remember to ride within your own abilities and stay within your bike's safe capabilities.

The Camp Shelby Joint Forces Training Center Safety Office conducts Motorcycle Safety Foundation approved motorcycle safety courses on a periodic basis for all personnel who intend to operate motorcycles on the installation.

For more information about these courses and other safety-related materials, contact the installation Safety Office at 601-558- 2614.

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