



Chaplains Corner

COMBAT READY

EPHESIANS 6: 10-18

BY CHAPLAIN SCHNICK

The aim of a good military organization is to be ready when the order is given to move out. The expression, "Combat Ready", as far as personnel are concerned, carries with it the supposition that every man is properly trained for combat, and that the organization is up to strength. This is as it should be, considering its mission.

Applying the same idea to the warfare of the spiritual life, it is also true that we should be "Combat Ready". It means that we are properly trained to give the Devil a good fight and that there are no empty places when we move out. To move out understrength puts a strain on the rest of the Spiritual Body of Christ, His Church. Until everyone of us finds his place in the Kingdom of God, we are not completely ready for spiritual warfare, or "Combat Ready." It is possible individually to be ready, however. Hear the exhortation of the Apostle Paul when he says: "Finally, be strong in the Lord, and in the strength of his might. Put on the whole armor of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the Devil. For our wrestling is not against flesh and blood, but against the principalities, against the powers, against the world-rulers of this darkness, against the spiritual hosts of wickedness in the heavenly places. Wherefore take up the whole armor of God, that ye may be able to withstand in the evil day, and, having done all to stand. Stand therefore, having girded your loins with truth, and having put on the breastplate of righteousness, and having shod your feet with the preparation of the gospel of peace; withal taking up the shield of faith, wherewith ye shall be able to quench all the fiery darts of the evil one. And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the Word of God: with all prayer and supplication in all perseverance and supplication for all the saints."

SUNDAY DIVINE SERVICES SCHEDULE

PROTESTANT

Songs and Bible Stories for Children	Play Room	0845
Troop Service	Forward Recreation Room	0915
Cabin Passenger Service	Passenger Lounge	1030

ROMAN CATHOLIC ROSARY

Troop Service	Forward Recreation Room	1000
Cabin Passenger Service	Passenger Lounge	0945

LATTER DAY SAINTS

Troop Service	Troop Chaplains Office	1030
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DAILY SERVICES SCHEDULE

Songs and Bible Stories for Children	Play Room	0845
Protestant Devotional Service	Passenger Lounge	0900
Catholic Rosary	Passenger Lounge	0930

 The services conducted in the passenger lounge daily are for both cabin class passengers and troops. Troops desiring to attend will muster on the quarter deck near the troop office with the senior NCO 5 minutes prior to the service and go as a group to the lounge.