



Celebrate With Us!
EASTER SUNDAY
 *7:15 AM, Chapel – Sunrise
 *8:30 AM, Sanctuary – Contemporary
 10:00 AM, Sanctuary – Family Service
 *11:15 AM, Sanctuary – Traditional
 11:15 AM, Chapel – Spanish
 5:00 PM, Chapel – Fifth Service


*Howard Edington preaching
The Empty Tomb | John 20:1-18

Childcare is provided at
 all services except the Sunrise Service.

↑ easter.mdpc.org

↓ newspringcenter.org

Newspring Art Auction 2014
Thursday, May 1 | 6:30-8:30 PM
Newspring Art Studio:
8945 Long Point Road, Suite 100



Today in worship, you'll watch a video about Newspring Art Studio, a ministry to Spring Branch students and their families. Between services, some of the participants from the video will be at the Newspring art display in the Sanctuary Lobby. Stop by to meet them, see their art, and learn more about the upcoming Newspring Art Auction, one of their major annual events. All proceeds from the auction go directly to the student artists. We hope to see you there!

↓ outreach.mdpc.org




Kids' Meals
 Monthly Service Opportunity

Help feed hungry children by making sandwiches for Kids' Meals. Please bring two loaves of white or wheat sandwich bread to the project.

Wednesday, April 9
5:00 PM | Fellowship Hall

↓ mdpcblog.org



Have you visited the MDPC Blog?

You'll find posts from members, staff, and pastors on topics from dating to dog hair to the digital church.

Go to mdpcblog.org, or access the blog through the MDPC app (free in the App Store, Google Play, and Windows Marketplace).

All-Church Lunch
 Today, 11:00 AM-1:15 PM | Fellowship Hall
Everyone is welcome!

Entrée Selections (\$10): Stuffed Pork Loin with Artichokes and Hearts of Palm or Grilled Salmon with Raspberry-Chili Glaze
 Served with Asparagus with Herb Butter, Sautéed Swiss Chard & Spinach, and Rice Pilaf with Golden Raisins, Cranberries, & Pecans

Entrée Salad (\$8.50): Tuna-Stuffed Avocado
Children's Menu (\$4): Fresh, Homemade Pizza

Lunch prices include coffee, iced tea, milk for children, and a selection of desserts.

↑ food.mdpc.org

↓ outreach.mdpc.org

April is MAM Month at MDPC

MDPC ministry partner, **Memorial Assistance Ministries**, offers items to help families stretch their budgets. Needed items include: **bars of soap, 4-pack toilet paper, powdered laundry detergent, household cleaners, deodorant, disposable razors, adult toothbrushes, and 6-oz. toothpaste.**

In April, please drop donations in the grocery carts located around campus, or in the Outreach Ministries office.



↓ concerts.mdpc.org



MDPC Concert Series
 2013-2014
MERCURY: VIVALDI EXTRAVAGANZA

This Saturday, April 12
2:30 PM | Chapel

Tickets may be purchased at the door, by calling 713-533-0080, or at mercuryhouston.org.

For information on the Concert Series, contact Tracy Curtis (tcurtis@mdpc.org or 713-490-0946) or visit concerts.mdpc.org.

↓ ogden.mdpc.org

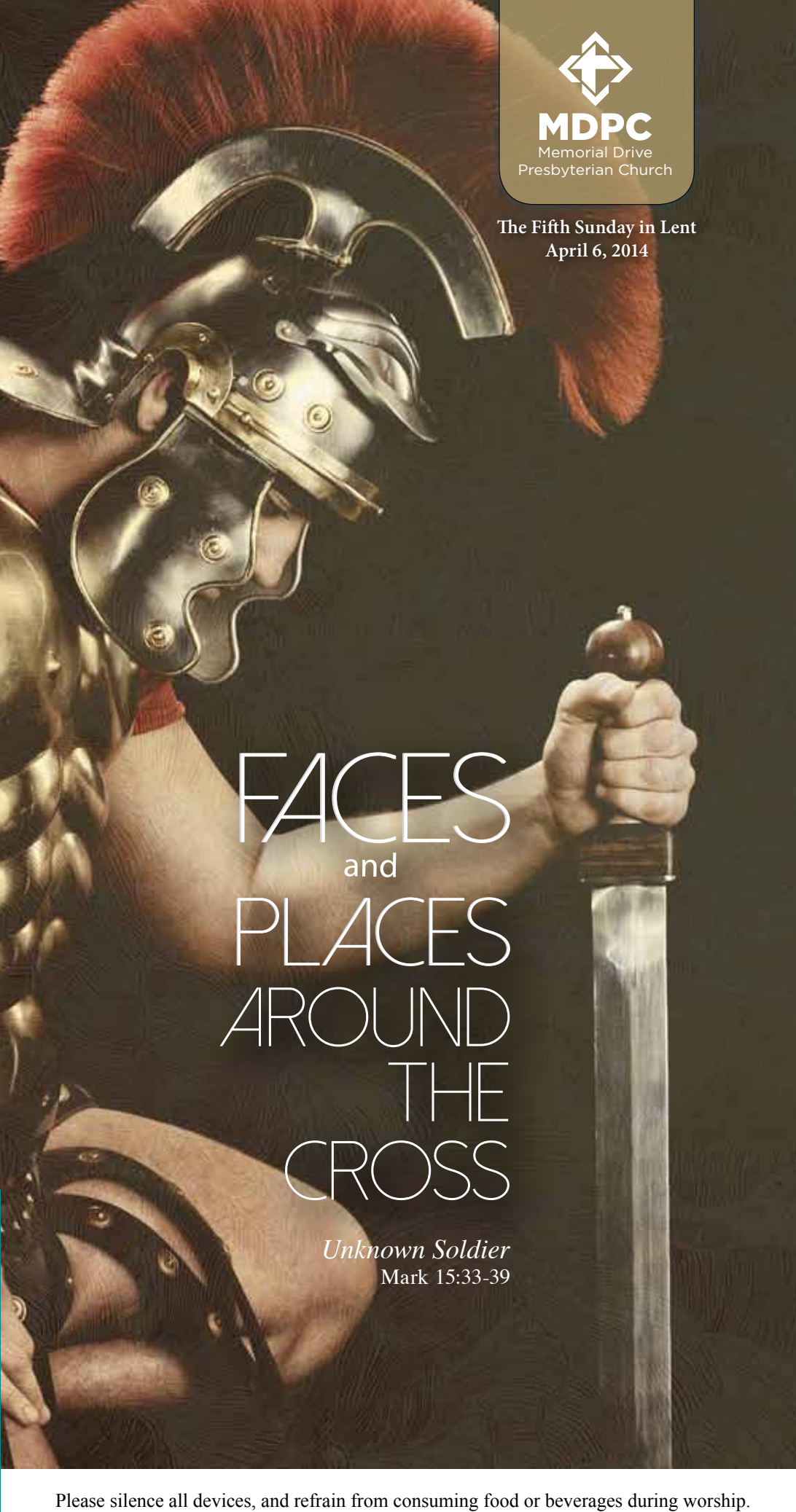
RELATIONAL TRANSPARENCY:
The Power of Small Groups



Wednesday, April 30
7:00-9:00 PM | MDPC Chapel

Greg Ogden, author of five books, including *Discipleship Essentials: A Guide to Building Your Life in Christ*, will speak on small groups, "the most effective way to create a transparent, reproducing, relational environment for transformation into Christlikeness."

ogden.mdpc.org



FACES and PLACES AROUND THE CROSS

Unknown Soldier
 Mark 15:33-39

Please silence all devices, and refrain from consuming food or beverages during worship.



MDPC HIGHLIGHTS

Holy Week Services

Maundy Thursday, April 17 | 7:00 PM, Chapel – A Living Lord’s Supper
Good Friday, April 18 | Noon, Chapel – Vicky Jones preaching

Easter Lily Dedications

Lilies may be purchased (\$9 each) in honor or memory of a loved one. These names will be inserted in the Easter worship bulletin. **Deadline to buy is this Friday, April 11.**
Visit flowers.mdpc.org or pick up an order envelope at the Front Office.

Purely Parenting: Fostering Resiliency in Children & Adolescents

Presented by Jill Gilbert, MA, LPC, LMFT, as part of the Purely Parenting class series. These stand-alone discussions are opportunities for the exchange of new ideas and proven strategies.
Today at 11:15 AM | Amphitheater | Free
Contact Patty Leonard: pleonard@mdpc.org or 713-490-0931

Powerful Tools for Caregivers

An educational program shown to reduce caregiver guilt, anger, and depression; improve caregiver self-care and communication skills; and increase use of community service.
April 10-May 15 | 1:00-3:00 PM | Parlor
To register, contact Bitsy Cleveland, LPC: bcleveland@mdpc.org or 713-490-9542

The Spoken Word

Whether you participate as a reader or a listener, plan now to experience The Spoken Word. Spots are filling up fast, so sign up today!
In the Chapel during Holy Week: April 14 at 6:00 AM through April 17 at Midnight
Commit to a 15-minute increment by visiting spokenword.mdpc.org.

Pizza Party for 4th & 5th Grade

Come eat pizza and play games with your friends!
Saturday, April 12 | 6:00-8:30 PM
Contact Mallory Moore: mmoore@mdpc.org or 713-490-9262

Palm Sunday Offering for Living Water International

MDPC will continue its tradition of collecting a special offering to benefit our ministry partner, Living Water International (www.water.cc).
Next Sunday, April 13 | All Services

Prime Timers presents The Styles and Colors of Spring

Join us for the annual Prime Timers Spring Fashion Show featuring the newest fashions and colors from Coldwater Creek.
Tuesday, April 15 | Fellowship Hall | Free Program 10:30 AM, Lunch (\$9.50) Noon
Your check (\$9.50) is your lunch reservation. Checks must be received at the Front Office by April 9.

Stroke Scan

Receive multiple screenings for a fraction of what it would cost in a hospital! A Stroke Scan rep will be in the Sanctuary Lobby on Sunday, April 13 and 27 to answer questions.
Screenings: Tuesday, April 29 | 9:00 AM-8:00 PM | Summit Room
Complete Package: \$135 (includes kidney, thyroid, liver, and gallbladder scans; an AFIB screening; and (for women) a bone density scan)
Visit health.mdpc.org for additional details. To make an appointment, call 281-646-7766.

Check In and Check Out MDPC on Facebook!

As long as you have your cell phone or tablet device on, why not use it to spread the Word? Check In and share your thoughts about today’s message on Facebook. You can also follow us on Twitter (@MemorialDrivePC). *He said to them, “Go into all the world and preach the gospel to all creation.” - Mark 15:1*
Login to MDPC’s Wifi (MDPCGuest) to enhance your connectivity. The password is available at the Front Office or Connection Center.

MDPC WORSHIP

* Please stand if able.		CCLI # 182374
8:30 BLENDED SERVICE		
WELCOME		Dave Steane
*SONGS OF PRAISE	<i>Joyful, Joyful Lord We Adore You</i>	arr. Hall
	<i>Rock of Ages</i>	Toplady/Hastings
*PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE OF PARDON		Kristin Huffman
YOUTH TESTIMONY		Christian Ott
OFFERTORY	<i>Oh Love That Will Not Let Me Go</i>	arr. Seay
MESSAGE	<i>Unknown Soldier: The Man Who Saw It All and Said It All</i>	Howard Edington
SONG OF RESPONSE	<i>A Mighty Fortress Is Our God</i>	EIN’ FESTE BURG

9:45 CONTEMPORARY SERVICE		
*SONG OF PRAISE	<i>Your Love Never Fails</i>	McClarney/Skinner
	<i>Our God</i>	Tomlin/Reeves/Myrin/Redman
*PRAYER OF CONFESSION		Kristin Huffman
YOUTH TESTIMONY		Craig Hannon
WELCOME		Dave Steane
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11:15 TRADITIONAL SERVICE		
PRELUDES	<i>Lord Jesus Christ, Be Present Now</i>	J.S. Bach
	<i>O Man, Bewail Thy Grievous Fall</i>	J.S. Bach
WELCOME		Dave Steane
*CALL TO WORSHIP		
*HYMN OF PRAISE	<i>Beneath the Cross of Jesus</i>	#91; Vs. 1-2 ST. CHRISTOPHER
*PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE OF PARDON		
*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH	The Apostles’ Creed	
ANTHEM	<i>God So Loved the World</i>	Bob Chilcott
	Lisa Borik, soloist	
YOUTH TESTIMONY		Craig Hannon
OFFERTORY	<i>Let Us Ever Walk With Jesus</i>	Dan Forrest
MESSAGE	<i>Unknown Soldier: The Man Who Saw It All and Said It All</i>	Howard Edington
*HYMN OF RESPONSE	<i>A Mighty Fortress Is Our God</i>	#260; Vs. 1 EIN’ FESTE BURG
POSTLUDE	<i>Voluntary</i>	Quentin Thomas

OTHER WORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES		
SPANISH SERVICE	11:15 AM Chapel	fuente.mdpc.org
FIFTH SERVICE	5:00 PM Chapel	fifthservice.mdpc.org

ABOUT MDPC

Coordinating Team

Mauricio Chacón | Associate Pastor for Fuente
Howard Edington | Interim Senior Pastor
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Gena Kooken | Sr. Leadership Ministry Coord.
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Rachel Poysky | Children’s Ministries Dir.
Becky Riggs | Business Administrator
Dave Steane | Executive Pastor & Head of Staff
Kathryn White | Coordinating Music Dir.
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Gary Bowker | Pastor Emeritus

MDPC Foundation
*For information, contact Business Administrator
Becky Riggs at briggs@mdpc.org or 713-953-2570.*

Ministry Partners

Pray for these MDPC partners working to make a difference in the lives of others:
Cho-Yeh was established in 1947 by Presbytery of New Covenant. It’s a Christian camp and retreat center in Livingston, Texas, where Jesus Christ transforms lives through meaningful relationships and outdoor adventures.
cho-yeh.org

Martha’s Way is a vocational training program offered by Christian Community Service Center. It helps low-income women increase their earning potential through education and hands-on training, as well as with the support necessary to begin and operate a professional housekeeping business.
ccschouston.com

Berea Bible Institute (Monterrey, Mexico) is a small Bible college that began as one family’s dream to educate young leaders in Scripture. Students are ingrained with a love for serving their communities and also teaching those communities to reach out in service to their neighbors. Each year, graduates are sent into remote parts of Mexico where they lead churches and teach the sacrificial love of Christ through the way they live.
institutoberea.org



Praises and Prayers

The Red Rose is in honor of:

- Piper Kate Gaide, born March 15, 2014, to Brandon and Kelly Gaide.

Senior Pastor Nominating Committee
Please pray for the committee and the congregation during this time of transition. Prayer cards are available at the Front Office. Visit pnc.mdpc.org for updates on committee progress.

Births, Deaths, and Hospitalizations
Please notify Kakki Thompson in Caring Ministries of births to parents who are MDPC members, of member deaths, and of hospitalizations: kthompson@mdpc.org or 713-490-9541

Did You Know...
...that MDPC has a 501(c)(3) Foundation? It was founded in 1994 for the purpose of accepting outright gifts and/or gifts through your last will and testament. *Contact Becky Riggs for info: briggs@mdpc.org or 713-953-2570*

WEEKLY FINANCIAL UPDATE	
OPERATING INCOME	
2014 Budget	\$ 10,550,000
Expected Income to date	\$ 2,365,837
Actual Income to Date	\$ 2,183,418
Current Income Deficit	\$ 182,419

FACES and PLACES AROUND THE CROSS

UNKNOWN SOLDIER: THE MAN WHO SAW IT ALL AND SAID IT ALL Mark 15:33-39 | Howard Edington Preaching

³³ At the sixth hour darkness came over the whole land until the ninth hour. ³⁴ And at the ninth hour Jesus cried out in a loud voice, "Eloi, Eloi, lama sabachthani?" —which means, "My God, My God, why have You forsaken Me?" ³⁵ When some of those standing near heard this, they said, "Listen, He's calling Elijah." ³⁶ One man ran, filled a sponge with wine vinegar, put it on a stick, and offered it to Jesus to drink. "Now leave Him alone. Let's see if

Elijah comes to take Him down," he said. ³⁷ With a loud cry, Jesus breathed His last. ³⁸ The curtain of the temple was torn in two from top to bottom. ³⁹ And when the centurion, who stood there in front of Jesus, heard His cry and saw how He died, he said, "Surely this Man was the Son of God!"

Some moments are longer than others. Some moments pass unnoticed, like when we're asleep, or watching TV, or busy at work. But other moments demand our careful attention and pass very slowly, like when we're awaiting that final chord in a symphony, or saying goodbye to an old friend, or tasting a great dessert.

This passage describes a very long moment, perhaps the longest moment in history. It is the moment God died. The bizarre and dramatic events that surround His death appear to happen in a split second, but are so incredible that those who witnessed them would not soon forget them, and could likely replay them again and again in their minds. Something utterly tragic has just taken place. The centurion's confession, sadly, is in the past tense: "Truly this was the Son of God." The death of God's Son appears to be the death of hope itself. Our challenge is to enter into this tragic moment, but to do so with an eye toward Sunday – toward the resurrection of Jesus, and, with Him, hope.

- Verse 51 appears to describe a significant earthquake in the heart of Jerusalem. Earthquakes are not entirely uncommon in Israel. In fact, some might label this earthquake a timely coincidence rather than a divinely orchestrated event. We'll almost always be tempted to see certain events as mere coincidence instead of being orchestrated by God. What event have you seen in your life – however small – that causes you to wonder if it was something more than a coincidence? What would it mean if you knew God had authored it?
- Jesus lived a relatively quiet life: born in humble circumstances, raised by a carpenter and his young wife, and did almost nothing to capture the attention of His biographers (Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John) until He was about 30 years old. However, with His final breath, the world witnessed cataclysmic events. Why might His death be surrounded by such drama? Read Romans 8:20-23. According to this passage, why does the earth itself appear to react to Jesus' death? How do you see the earth being a player in the coming Kingdom of God?
- What was unique about the curtain being torn in verse 51? According to Exodus 26:31-33, what was the purpose of this curtain in the Temple? If that which kept humans from God has been torn, what might be the significance of the tearing of the curtain?
- Verses 52-53 are among the most bizarre verses in the Bible. Whatever else they mean, Matthew uses these verses to point to the imminent resurrection of Jesus Christ. It's clear (graphically clear) that Christ's victory over death also is made available to the "saints." Do you ever have doubts about your own resurrection? What creates those doubts in you, and what helps assure you of your own future resurrection with Christ?
- The confession of Jesus' identity comes from an unlikely source in verse 54. At a time when all of Jesus' disciples have abandoned Him, it takes an outsider, a Roman centurion, to rightly understand Jesus. Neither Jesus' disciples nor the religious elite in Jerusalem saw Jesus rightly. Sometimes, as insiders, we need the perspective of outsiders to realize what's happening under our own noses. What are those outside the Church saying about it that's different from our own understanding? What are some ways we can listen humbly and search for truth in what they're saying?
- The centurion calls Jesus the "Son of God." This is certainly accurate, but it is not the only name we can use for Jesus. Scripture uses all sorts of them: the Lamb of God, the Word, the Son of David, the Light of the World, the King of the Jews, etc. We also can give Jesus a more personal name: Friend, Brother, Savior, Redeemer, Mediator. If you were to choose a name for Jesus (other than "Jesus"), what would you call Him, and why?

Prayers for Our Military

Please pray for these men and women serving in the Armed Forces, at home and abroad.

Candice Alexander's nephew:

Lieutenant **Brian P. Alexander** | Navy

Craig Behm's son-in-law:

Jeremy Fleming | Marines

Dick Berry's grandson:

Corporal **John Hird** | Marines

Naomi Black's son:

Chaplain Lieutenant **Peter W. Dietz** | Navy

Second Lt. **Mark Bressler** | Army Reserves

Betsy Clark's grandson:

Christopher Lenze | Marines

Tom and M.A. Dunscombe's son-in-law:

Commander **Stephen W. Burgher, MD** | Navy

Paul and Susan Galvin's nephew:

Major **Joseph Galvin** | Army

Bob and Carol Giles' daughter and son-in-law:

Captain **Ellen Giles Jones** | Army

Captain **Robert Willard Jones** | Army

Scott Gilley's brother:

Captain **Stephen R. Gilley** | Marines

Sergeant **Kyle Hinton** | Army

Alice Horn's nephew:

First Lieutenant **Paul Early** | Marines

Captain **James Howell** | Army

Bud and Janet Hughes' son:

Chase Hughes | Navy

Sharon Johnson's son:

Staff Sergeant **Richard Johnson III** | Army

Willie and Jody Jordan's grandnephew:

Lieutenant **Josh Kash** | Navy

Carolyn and Grant Judge, Jr.'s son-in-law:

Chaplain Lieutenant **Jeffrey Quinn** | Marines

Larry and Margaret Kelminson's son-in-law:

Major General **Kevin Kennedy**

Ken and Joe Ann Kingdon's son:

Lt. Commander **Kenneth M. Kingdon** | Navy

John and Kay Krebs' son:

Lieutenant **Kory Krebs** | Navy

Barbara Mourglia's nephew:

Staff Sergeant **Brandon Macken** | Air Force

Maryann Munroe's grandnephew:

Private **Perry Connor** | Marines

David and Shannon Perry's son:

First Lieutenant **Sean Perry** | Air Force

Deborah Pruitt's son-in-law:

Major **Neil McMullin** | Marine Surgeon

Don and Virginia Russell's grandson:

Sergeant **Joseph Russell** | Army

Brian and Tanya Schneider's nephew:

Holden Jenkins | Army

Joe and Jean Simmons' grandsons:

Specialist **William Bruce Berry** | Army

PFC **Joseph Thomas Turner** | Marines

Jane Ann Smeck's son:

BUCA **Cameron Freeman** | Navy

Dave and Jenny Steane's son

and daughter-in-law:

PFC **Tyler Steane** | Army

Private 2 **Kate Steane** | Army

Harvey Trammell's nephew:

Shawn Blake | Marines

George and Dot Uthlaut's grandnephews:

Major **David Uthlaut** | Army

Captain **Chris Uthlaut** | Army

Alejandro and Raquel Vasquez's son

Private **Alan Bejarano** | Army

Bart and Barbara Westmoreland's family:

Captain **Justin Westmoreland** | Air Force

Captain **Nicole Westmoreland** | Air Force

Lt. Commander **Andrew Cain** | Navy

Major **Brian Deas** | Air Force

Ralph and Mary Wheeler's nephews:

Philip Newman | Army

Andrew Wheeler | National Guard

Pauline Wolcott's grandson:

ET3 **Robert Leeland** | Navy

David Word's son:

Captain **Andrew N. Word** | Army

An up-to-date list always is available at military.mdpc.org. We strive for accuracy and sincerely regret any errors. Edits and additions may be sent to Eva Kaminski at ekaminski@mdpc.org. Please notify us when you are blessed with the return home of your loved one.



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