

CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

The God of Second Chances....

It was small enough to overlook. It was only two words. I probably have read this passage a thousand times, but I'd never seen it.

Will I miss it again? Don't think so. It has been highlighted yellow in my mind and underlined red in my heart.

Mark 16:7 *"But go, tell his disciples and Peter that he is going before you to Galilee."*

Did you see it? "But go."

Only two words, but they spoke volumes to Peter. Is this not a hidden treasure? If I might paraphrase the words, "Don't stay here, go tell the disciples and especially tell Peter, that he is going before you to Galilee."

What a line. It's as if all of heaven had watched Peter fall that night. He heard the rooster crow. It's as if all of heaven wanted to help him back up again. "Be sure and tell Peter that he's not left out. Tell him that one failure doesn't make a flop."

No wonder they call it "the gospel of the second chance."

Some say these types of things indicate that the Gospel of Mark is really the transcribed notes and thoughts of Peter. If this

is true, then it was Peter himself who included these two words!

And if these really are his words, I can't help but imagine that the old fisherman had to brush away a tear and swallow a lump when he got to this point in the story.

It's not every day that you get a second chance. With a marriage which is in trouble, a teenager who is on the run and finances which are out of control, God gives second chances. If anyone knows that God is a God of second chances, Peter must have known that. The next time he saw Jesus, he got so excited that he ran and jumped into

the cold water of the Sea of Galilee. It was also enough, so they say, to cause this backwoods Galilean to carry the gospel of the second chance all the way to Rome where they killed him.

If you've ever wondered what would cause a man to be willing to be crucified upside down, maybe now you know.

It's not every day that you find someone who will give you a second chance and much less someone who will give you a second chance every day. But in Jesus, Peter found both. Peter never forgot what God did for him.

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Remember safety when out hunting

By 1st LT. RODNEY HALL
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Tree stands pose a higher injury threat to hunters surpassing other variants including firearms, according to a study done by Ohio State University Medical Center.

While awareness has continued to increase regarding weapon handling, the injuries hunters sustain while hunting in tree stands have remained prevalent. This notion is further bolstered by hospital trauma division statistics revealing during a period of 10 years, 50 percent of injuries resulted from falls and 92 percent of these falls resulted from tree stand falls.

Moreover, approximately 20 percent of hunter accidents were results from gunshot wounds. Further illustrating the direness of tree stand accidents, surgery was required for 81 percent of fall-related injuries.

Understanding the severity of an accident occurring, it is imperative soldiers exercise proper hunting technique ensuring all proper protective equipment is used when participating in outdoor and hunting activities.

By investing in proper equipment and instituting safe measures, we can

continue to participate in activities we enjoy fulfilling our obligation to the mission and our families. With the hunting season open, below are a few tips to reinforce hunter safety:

- Wear a full-body harness approved by the Treestand Manufacturer's Association (TMA) attached to the tree. Don't wear single-strap waist or chest belts.
- Never carry equipment while climbing. Use a haul line to raise gear, including bow (with broadheads covered) or unloaded gun.
- Use a climbing belt.
- Avoid using homemade stands. Wood quickly weakens and nails work loose.
- Hunt from healthy, living trees and never put all your weight on a single branch.
- Follow the three-point rule – always have three points of contact to the steps or ladder while climbing up or down.
- Always tell someone where you plan to hunt and when you plan to return.
- Carry a cell phone.

While these tips are not all inclusive regarding hunting, they serve as a reminder to always take the necessary precautions when required.

Collins is assistant billeting officer

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First Lt. Sidney Collins is the assistant billeting officer at Camp Shelby Joint Forces Training Center. He is responsible for assisting with issuing and retrieval of troop issued billets, monitoring the installation of the Smart Metering system and scheduling the use of facilities.



Collins

Two and a half years ago, Collins suffered many third-degree burns, lung collapse, broken and cracked ribs and internal lacerations on his liver as a result of a car crash. He has undergone many skin graft operations to his arm, face and hand, physical and occupational therapy to regain use of his hands and repair injuries to his shoulder. Now, he said he has fully recovered.

"I have passed several PT tests in a row now," he said Feb. 14, as he was moving into his new office in the new billeting Building 2101.

He enlisted in the National Guard 17 years ago because the service offered a way out of his small hometown of Natchez. He is proud to have been named the Distinguished Honor Graduate at Basic Training, a title that earned him a promotion to the rank of private.

"I found the order and discipline of military life to be very beneficial to me," he said.

Collins has deployed several times in his military career. He deployed as a light infantryman in

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support of the Invasion of Panama in 1990. In 1991, he was recalled to active duty to serve in support of Desert Storm to fill out a composite unit of mechanized infantry. He served as a patrol supervisor with the 113th Military Police Company, headquartered in Kaiserslautern, Germany, for Bosnia Support in 1996. His last deployment was from 2009 to 2010 in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom with the 113th and 114th Military Police Companies where he trained the Iraqi Police in modern law enforcement techniques.

Currently, alongside his job at CSJFTC, Collins is an engineer officer in the 890th Engineer Battalion, headquartered in Gulfport.

He earned a bachelor's degree in child development in 1994 and a master's degree in family studies in 1995, both from the University of Southern Mississippi. He earned his Certified Playground Safety Inspector license in 2006. He is currently working toward his doctorate from the University of Tennessee located in Knoxville, Tenn.

In the civilian workforce, he runs a small construction company called "The Crayon Years," that specializes in code compliant playgrounds. In addition, he is the only zip line installer in the state.

He now resides in Dixie Community with his wife, Julie, and two children, Emily, 10 and Keith, 7. In his spare time, he likes to build things and work with his hands.



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