

PERSPECTIVES

Glossary of Salvation Army Terms



Adherent - a person who regards The Salvation Army as his/her church but has not made a commitment to Soldiership.

Adult Rehabilitation Center (ARC) - an institution that provides a residential setting for the rehabilitation of men and women who may be alcoholics/addicts/homeless. The treatment includes a work program, medical care, counseling and spiritual support. The Family stores are a part of this program

Adult Rehabilitation Centers Command (ARCC) - The command unit responsible for administration of the Adult Rehabilitation Centers in the territory

Auxiliary Captain - a Salvationist, who experiences a call to full-time service in The Salvation Army but prevented by circumstances from entering officer training, volunteers to meet specific conditions for appointment to spiritual and administrative responsibility and has been accepted for such service

Bandmaster – a person in charge of the corps band

'Blood and Fire' - the Army's motto: refers to the Blood of Jesus Christ and the Fire of the Holy Spirit

Cabinet Members - Territorial Commander, Chief Secretary, Personnel Secretary, Business Administrator, Program Secretary, and their spouse, functions as the territorial management team

Cadet - a Salvationist in training to become an ordained minister (Officer) in The Salvation Army.

College For Officer Training (CFOT) - a school of The Salvation

Wisconsin. The Salvation Army operation in the United States is divided into four territories which are the Central, Eastern, Southern, and Western Territories.

Territorial Commander (TC) - The Salvation Army officer with ecclesiastical and administrative responsibility for all Salvation Army programs and functions within a geographical area designated as a territory.

Territorial Headquarters (THQ) - A territorial headquarters of The Salvation Army

Trade Central - a department of Territorial Headquarters responsible for obtaining and selling to The Salvation Army units and members uniforms, equipment and supplies needed for the ministry of The Army

Women's Ministries - a fellowship designed to influence women in the creation and development of Christian standards in personal and home life

Young People's Sergeant Major – a person responsible for the youth programs of the corps

- Cadet - One (first year) or two (second year) red bars (on blue epaulettes)

Salvation - the work of grace which God accomplishes in a repentant person who trusts in Christ as Savior to forgive sin, thus giving meaning and new direction to life and strength to live as God desires. The deeper experience of this grace, sometimes called *Sanctification*, is the outcome of wholehearted commitment to God, by His help, living a Christ-like life in harmony with His love and holiness.

Salvationist - lay member (solider) or officer of The Salvation Army

Shelter - a residence for persons needing protection or emergency accommodations.

Soldier - a lay member of The Salvation Army 14 years or older who subscribes to the doctrines and practices of The Salvation Army and has signed the 'Articles of War'/Soldier's Covenant

Soldier's Covenant - (Previously called Articles of War) the statement of beliefs and promises which every intending soldier (member of the church) is required to sign before enrollment.

Sunbeams - the junior section of the Girl Guard organization, similar to the Brownies

Territory - prescribe geographical area established and organized for administrative purpose with a territorial headquarters and under the leadership of a Territorial Commander; The Central Territory consists of eleven central states - Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Michigan, Missouri, Minnesota, Nebraska, North Dakota, South Dakota and

Army (there are four in the United States of America) where cadets receive training to become Salvation Army Officers

Colors - the tricolor flag of the Army. Its colors symbolize: the Blood of Jesus Christ (red), the Fire of the Holy Spirit (yellow), and Purity (blue).

Commission - a document conferring authority upon an officer or upon an unpaid local officer (example, Corps Treasurer, Bandmaster, etc)

Commissioning/Ordination - the public acknowledgment that a cadet is received into The Salvation Army as an Officer and given the rank of Lieutenant

Corps/Community Center - a Salvation Army center (church) established for the sharing and spreading of the gospel- generally with a central meeting-place and under the leadership of one or more officers (Corps Officer)

Corps Sergeant Major - the chief elder/deacon of the corps/community center (church), he/she assists the corps officers with meetings and needs of the congregation

Division - a number of corps grouped together in a prescribed geographical area under the direction of a Divisional Commander

Divisional Commander (DC) - The officer in command of a division of The Salvation Army

Divisional Headquarters (DHQ) - a headquarters responsible for all corps community centers and service extension programs of The Salvation Army within a designated geographical area

Divisional Director of Women's Ministries (DDWM) - an officer

responsible for all women's activities and programs within a division

Envoy - a Salvationist employed to provide full time spiritual, administrative and programmatic leadership to Salvation Army corps or programs

The General - an officer elected to the supreme command of the Army throughout the world. All appointments are made and all regulations issued under his/her authority

Girl Guards - a youth character building program for girls age 11-18; similar to the Girl Scouts

Holiness - the application of the doctrine of sanctification in an individual's life

International Headquarters (IHQ) - the offices located in London, England in which the business connected with the command of the world-wide Army is transacted

Junior Soldier - a boy or girl between the ages of 7-14 who, having accepted Jesus as their Savior, signs the Jr. Soldier Promise, becoming a Salvationist

Kroc Community Centers - The Salvation Army Ray and Joan Kroc Corps Community Centers provide facilities, programs, and services located in underprivileged areas, which promote educational enrichment, life skills development, and spiritual and physical wellness

Local Officer (LO) - a (solider) Salvation Army lay member appointed to a position of responsibility and authority in the corps. He carries out the duties of his appointment without being separated from his regular employment or receiving remuneration from the Army.

National Commander - the chairperson of the board of all Salvation Army corporations in the United States of America, chairperson of the Commissioners' Conference and official representative of The Salvation Army to national organizations and at national functions

National Headquarters (NHQ) - the National Headquarters of The Salvation Army, located in Alexandria, Virginia, which provides consultative services and is the coordinating office for the four territorial headquarters

Officer - a Salvationist who has left ordinary employment and, having been trained and commissioned, is engaged in full-time Salvation Army service; an ordained minister, trained at the College for Officer Training

Outpost - a locality in which Army work is carried on from time to time and which it is hoped will eventually develop into a corps

Promoted to Glory - the Army's description for the death of Salvationists

Ranks of Officers & Insignia

- General - Crest with laurel leaves above bar, all in gold, on maroon epaulettes
- Commissioner - Crest with laurel leaves above bar with another bar above the "S", on maroon epaulettes
- Colonel - Crest above bar with another bar above the "S"
- Lt. Colonel - Crest above bar
- Major - Crest
- Captain - Two stars
- Lieutenant - One Star