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Scott McChrystal

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Chaplain (COL) Herbert J. McChrystal III (nickname Scott) was born in Frankfurt, Germany on October 26, 1948. At this time, his father, Herbert J. McChrystal Jr. was stationed in Germany as part of the Occupation Army following the close of WWII. The patriotism of Scott's heritage is also evidenced in the service of his grandfather, Herbert J. McChrystal who served as a career Army officer.

After four years of ROTC at Washington & Lee University, Scott graduated on June 5, 1970, and was named a Distinguished Military Graduate. He commissioned as a 2nd Lieutenant in the infantry and entered active duty the same day. At Fort Benning he completed the Infantry Officer Basic Course, Airborne School and Ranger School.



Prior to departing for Vietnam in 1971 as an infantry platoon leader in the Americal Division, Scott received sage advice from his dad, a veteran of three combat tours. "Always tell the truth. Never exaggerate". This advice still holds true today.

With innumerable experience around the world, one that stands out is his two-year assignment in Seoul, Korea, a city at that time with a population of 8.5 million. Scott served as the Pastor of Hannam Village, a government owned installation of 5,000 people. He was enriched by a setting where many of the American servicemen were married to Korean women. Entrenched in many cultures, the McChrystals were rewarded not only by experiences and knowledge few receive first-hand, but also by many friendships they still enjoy today.

Scott's last Army tour occurred at West Point where he served as senior chaplain from 1998-2005. During this period, he had the opportunity to interact and influence thousands of cadets, many of whom are still serving today.



In July 2005, Scott moved to Springfield, Missouri, to serve as the Military and VA endorser for the General Council of the Assemblies of God. For the next fourteen years, he and Judy traveled across the world to minister to AG military and VA chaplains and families. An additional critical responsibility included recruiting and training candidates for the military and VA chaplaincy.

Particularly rewarding for Scott and Judy has been their association with the Assemblies of God Theological Seminary since 2005. Scott served as a member of the adjunct faculty, specializing in courses designed to train future military chaplains. Simultaneously, Judy shouldered the important responsibility of training and ministering to the spouses of chaplain candidates. From 2005 to 2019, Judy hosted wives and children for a weekly bible study at their home.

As partners in life as well as in ministry since their marriage in 1973, Scott and Judy continue to work together to support military men and women and their families. They passionately help these amazing people deal with the challenges and hardships of military life. Scott has teamed with Judy, a dedicated teacher, mentor, speaker, and writer, to co-author a six-volume devotional series called Daily Strength for the Battle. These devotionals have been used in military settings around the world. To date they estimate that 200,000 copies of these devotionals have been distributed as a means of providing practical spiritual guidance and life lessons for military members and their families.

Scott served as Managing Editor of The Warrior's Bible which was released in 2014. With Judy at this side to both edit and write, they led a team of 100 contributing writers to produce an application bible to help the military community read, study, and apply the truths of Scripture to daily living. To date, over 230,000 copies of The Warrior's Bible have been distributed.

The McChyrstals have four children, two sons and two daughters. Both sons are graduates of West Point and presently serve as career Army officers. Rob currently commands the 2nd Armored Cavalry Regiment in Germany. Josh serves as Brigade Operations Officer in the 10th Mountain Division. Beth, the oldest daughter, is a career teacher/educator. Mary is a Physician's Assistant working in an orthopedic practice as part of the Mercy Health Care System. Both daughters reside in Springfield, Missouri, with their families. Although distance separates Scott and Judy from some of their family, they work hard to cultivate close relationships with their children, twelve grandchildren, and one great grandchild.

