



LUTHERAN MILITARY
SUPPORT GROUP
Shoulder to Shoulder in Service

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Spiritual Retreat for Christian Warriors – Lutheran Military Support Group designed this event to provide individual support and encouragement to veterans who struggle with posttraumatic stress from the moral injuries attributed to their military service. Each aspect of the Retreat is centered on Christ and addresses the spiritual, mental, and physical ramifications associated with PTS. Financial assistance for travel is available to those who need it. A gift of \$300 supports one veteran to attend.

NEW for 2023! Spiritual Retreat for Christian Warriors and Their Spouses – Posttraumatic stress impacts families as well as service members. Family members may struggle with their own mental health and wellbeing as they interact with affected service members. Spouses are also viewed as an anchor point by some affected veterans. Our Spiritual Retreat for Christian Warriors and Their Spouses will build on our Retreat for individuals by including sessions devoted to the struggles that impact spouses and marriages. The estimated cost per couple is \$500.

Christian Service Members' Handbook –The Christian Service Members' Handbook was designed in collaboration with the WELS Military Services Committee and Northwestern Publishing House to provide active duty and reserve Warriors with specific spiritual tools for personal or group use while deployed. The CSM Handbook includes Scripture, prayers, devotional orders, hymns, and portions of Luther's Small Catechism to encourage our service members while they are away from their home congregations.

Called Worker Support – Lutheran Military Support Group recognizes that active-duty and prior service military personnel provide a unique perspective to our congregations and schools as called workers. Several grant opportunities exist within LMSG to support service members in their transition from the military to public ministry at our ELS and WELS called worker training institutions.

LMSG provides financial support for the WELS Military Contact Pastor Conference each year. The goal for each of these initiatives is to better equip pastors, other called workers, and lay leaders as they serve the military families in their congregations and communities.