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Secretary Cohee:

My name is Jon Zamber, and I am a medical student in Memphis TN caring for a Korean War vet who is eligible for this presidential citation. Can you please let me know how to get this ribbon? It would mean a lot to him and his wife.

Thank you.

Jon Zamber
UT School of Medicine, M3
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Mr. Zamber:

I assume you are referring to the Korean Presidential Unit Citation. If you have verified that the veteran is authorized to receive that citation, you can request it from www.usmedals.com, 1-800-308-0849.

You can also request it by going to our web site, www.kwva.org. On the right side of the home page, click on "How to request military service records or prove military service." That will bring up a link that will also allow you to request information on medals.

Best regards,

Frank Cohee
National Secretary, KWVA

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From Our Chaplain...

Like many folks I know, I exchange a lot of things with my friends. I received the following from a Minister friend of mine in Montgomery, Alabama. "Pastor Susan" has the gift of "Common Sense." She sent the following to me on May 7, 2008. Her comments seemed appropriate for the membership of the Korean War Veterans Association to take into consideration during and following this year's election.

We could each make a concentrated effort to get rid ourselves of the "Stuff" that is interfering with open and honest communication of our different views of how our organization should conduct its business.

"Nothing spoils a confession like repentance." Anatole France (1844-1924)

Yesterday I spent several hours in my office cleaning out old files and straightening up the clutter. As I was going through "stuff," I realized that I had kept materials for years that had once been meaningful to me but long ago piled up underneath other papers and gotten lost. They no longer serve me or the church, so they got pitched. I've still got a long way to go to feel like real organization has taken place, but I can see the progress and something about that makes me feel great. I'd been looking at that stuff for years, meaning to get to it "someday"...and I finally did!

As I was thinking about the process, I realized that there have been things in my life that are like those old papers. Some things get buried in my heart and I just leave them there to collect with the other clutter that keeps me from experiencing God's best for me. It may be a hurt that I experience; it may be a hidden sin; it might even be an attitude that everyone can see but me. But the effect of it is all the same: my heart is full of stuff that keeps God's Spirit out and the result is spiritual frustration and emotional despair.

Confession is a wonderful thing. It helps us to acknowledge what is wrong in our lives and it targets what needs to change. It is the first step to God's healing. But confession does not finalize the deal. Repentance, turning in a new direction, is the key. It is like taking all of those old papers off my shelf and putting them in the trash. Repentance helps us to begin again, to clean out all of the old, nasty stuff that doesn't belong in a precious, beloved child of God. It gives us the ability to see ourselves with God's eyes and to become those whom we have been created to be.

Acknowledging what doesn't belong in our lives can only happen as we take the time to see ourselves as we really are. Quiet moments are necessary, because noise and activity have a way of distracting us. This is prayer, as we place ourselves in a posture to listen to the still, small voice within. And then, once we've been able to see and then acknowledge what needs to go, we must be bold enough to risk it. Letting go of anger, bitterness, sorrow, hurt, addiction, self-hatred or hatred of another is hard work. And yet, the result is freedom! Beauty! Joy! Purpose! Let's see...what would I rather have filling my life?

Let's move not only to confession...but repentance. It is the key to the life God promises for those filled with the Spirit.

Blessings,

Rev. Dr. Susan Ward Diamond