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Fort Hunter Liggett joins the Nation in prayer for National Day of Prayer

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FORT HUNTER LIGGETT, Calif. –The National Day of Prayer breakfast at Fort Hunter Liggett today welcomed a special visitor, United States Army Reserve Command, Command Chaplain, (Col.) Kenneth Beale.

Beale asked all in attendance to join him to listen once again to the Military oath that we all raised our hands to in defense of our nation and especially emphasized the last four words, “so help me God.”

Beale explained each word with a brief description, “The use of ‘so’ may be thought of in this way, having taken into consideration all that I have repeated thus far, I call upon God to help me fulfill my solemn commitment. The word ‘Help’ includes divine resources such as wisdom and strength that are needed daily while serving in the Military, God’s help is often delivered in different forms and is experienced in and through his often mysterious ways, who would not want God’s help to support and defend America against all enemies? ‘Me’, it is your signature that’s put on that Military oath, and after subscribing to your oath, you become responsible for actions and obligations as members of the U. S. Armed Forces. The word “God” you join with those who have entered into the Armed Forces to call upon God to help in one of the most important days of your lives.”

“Your Military oath must be upheld and respected from the day you place your signature under it,” said Beale.

The Chaplain also delivered words from the Army Reserve Commander Lt. Gen. Jack Stultz, who said that Fort Hunter Liggett is his premier post, that is worthy of any and all resources that can be sent this way, because it’s preparing the already finest Army to execute its mission and equipping you and training you in a way that we trust will spare our lives and help us achieve and accomplish our mission.



United States Army Reserve Command Command Chaplain (Col.) Kenneth L. Beale Jr. addresses patrons at the Fort Hunter Liggett Hacienda during the National Day of Prayer breakfast on May 3. U. S. Army Photo by Staff Sgt. James Blaine

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