

GOD AND COUNTRY

July 6, 2008

(SUGGESTED) ORDER OF SERVICE for the Special Fourth of July Service

- 1. Welcoming Remarks**
- 2. Posting of the Colors:** Ask the congregation to please stand for the posting of the colors. Post the United States Flag and the Christian Flag at the front of the sanctuary. The flags should be posted with the US flag to the right of the speaker/to the left of the congregation. The Christian flag should be on the opposite side. For posting the colors, the following suggestions are offered: a color guard from a military installation; high school ROTC color guard; an American Legion or VFW color guard; two uniformed military personnel as available; a color guard from a Boy Scout troop; or two persons (veterans if possible) from the local church.
- 3. Pledge of Allegiance:** Lead the congregation in the *Pledge of Allegiance*. (Congregation standing.)
- 4. Song:** National Anthem/*Star Spangled Banner* (Congregation remains standing to sing.)
- 5. Presentation of the five-minute PowerPoint** included in your packet or downloadable from www.cogchaplains.com. (To facilitate viewing of the PowerPoint presentation, you may consider allowing the congregation to be seated.)
- 6. Receive a special July 4th offering.**
- 7. Recognition of Military Personnel and Veterans:** Have all military service members and veterans in the congregation to stand and be recognized for their service to God and country.
- 8. Testimonies** – Share the testimonies from the bulletin insert, or if you have a Veteran in your congregation, have him/her testify. You may also download and print a color version of this bulletin from our website: www.cogchaplains.com.
- 9. Scripture:** Psalm 91
- 10. Introduction of special guest speaker (as applicable)**
- 11. Sermon**
- 12. Retiring of the Colors:** Have congregation stand for the retiring of the colors.
- 13. Benediction**

***Please send us the name and email addresses of military personnel connected with your church (members or friends) so we can add them to our website's military prayer list. Include their names, rank, email address and church affiliation. As much as is possible, we will have our chaplains make contact with them. Our email address is Chapcm@bellsouth.net.**