



# Spokane County Sheriff Chaplaincy

## April 2025 Newsletter

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Chaplain Office in the  
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### Sheriff Chaplain's Corner

#### "THE FATE OF OLD OBSERVANCES"

Old observances, holidays, and remembrances that are based on historical events tend to die out. It's inevitable. Just think of V-E Day, AKA Victory in Europe Day (May 8th). Who celebrates it today – I mean, really celebrates it, with kids off from school and the like? Who celebrates V-J Day – Victory over Japan Day (August 14th)? Only one state, Rhode Island, continues to formally observe this day. But even Rhode Island will one day discard it as an irrelevant relic of the past.

Other significant events take place and overshadow the old events that were once celebrated but are now a distant memory. That seems to be the fate of Pearl Harbor Day, December 7th. September 11th has taken its place. Those few who remember Pearl Harbor are a dying breed. September 11th has been so charged with grief and anger that it eclipsed December 7th.

The fact is that unless a historical observance is bolstered with a day off from work and the support of the government, it's going to fade away. New generations arise that didn't experience that historical event and cannot possibly appreciate it. The old generations that lived through the event died out.

There is *one* exception to this phenomenon – Easter, AKA Resurrection Sunday. There seems to be no incentive to observe Easter. It offers no day off from work. In the military, I've known people who deployed on Easter Sunday – so it gets no support from the government and it's got plenty of competition. And so much of academia has dedicated itself to proving that no such event as the Resurrection ever took place. So our Western culture is hostile to it. But the worst thing about Easter is that it celebrates an event that took place so long ago that no one alive today could have possibly lived through it. Right?

*Wrong!* Millions today have lived through it and continue to feel its power in their lives. All true believers in Jesus have experienced the Resurrection for themselves when they were born again by the Spirit of God.

Everyone whose night has been turned to day, everyone whose sorrow has been turned to celebration, and everyone whose despair has changed to inexpressible joy has experienced Christ's Resurrection.

*That's why Resurrection Sunday is alive today! It's the living experience of everyone who's been touched by the power of Jesus. As Paul the apostle explained, "just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glorious power of the Father, now we also may live new lives" (Romans 6:4, NLT). And despite 2,000 years of persecutions, competition, and cultural revolutions, Easter Sunday continues to reign as the "Super Holy Day" of Planet Earth. The Resurrection of Jesus continues to change the lives of all people who put their faith in Christ. Its celebration will never cease.*

**PRAYER:** Dear Lord Jesus, to You, I open the door of my heart and life. Please change me, free me, and save me with Your resurrection power. In The Name above every name, Amen.

(From *The 593rd ESC Book of Inspiration for Spiritual Resiliency*)

# TRAINING MATTERS

Gain real-world skills, receive immersive hands-on training, and become one of the most qualified first responder chaplains anywhere. Learn from seasoned experts, experience genuine fellowship, and transform your ability to provide essential emotional and spiritual care. Spots fill quickly—join now and make a profound difference!"



FIRST RESPONDER  
CHAPLAIN ACADEMY

Date: August 11-15, 2025

Location: Valleyford Community Church - Valleyford, WA

Details & Registration: [firstresponderchaplainacademy.org](http://firstresponderchaplainacademy.org)

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## An Introduction to Probationary Chaplain: **Anthony Rogers**

Hello, I'm Anthony Rogers!

Born in Inglewood, California, my early years were shaped by my parents' service in the US Navy. Their military commitments led to our family experiencing long separations, eventually resulting in my parents' divorce. Afterward, my Mother and I relocated to Denver, though I spent each summer through college with my Father in Los Angeles.

I earned a Bachelor's degree in Political Science from Regis University, a Jesuit Catholic school in Denver. Driven by a strong family legacy—including parents who served in the Navy, a great-great-grandfather who escaped slavery to enlist in the U.S. Infantry, a Great Uncle who was a Tuskegee Airman, and a cousin who passed away as a Green Beret—I enlisted in the U.S. Army. My intended four-year commitment became ten memorable years as an Infantryman and Paratrooper. During this time, I traveled to over a dozen countries and completed 45 airborne jumps.

After military service, I lived in Seattle, the Bay Area, Denver, Jacksonville, FL, and currently reside in Spokane, WA.. My diverse career experiences include corporate recruiting, hands-on trades, teaching elementary and middle school, working as an EMT, volunteer firefighter, and earning a Master's in Acupuncture. Presently, I am pursuing a Master's degree in Social Work at Grand Canyon University.

Today, I am excited to follow my calling as a Chaplain with the Spokane County Sheriff's Office. While the path ahead may be uncertain, I am confident it is where I'm meant to be, and I look forward to working with all of you.

## Talk to a Chaplain

Whether you're an officer, county employee, community member, or just need someone to talk to, our chaplain team is here for you.

- 24x7 Support Spiritual
- Guidance & Referrals
- Pastoral Counseling
- Conversation
- Crisis Intervention
- Weddings & Funerals

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