**FOUR CHAPLAINS 75th REMEMBRANCE NARRATIVE:**

1030: AFCC Doors open to Guests and Attendees.

1045: 282ND BAND PLAYS PRELUDE MUSIC

1050: OIC assembles Official Party in waiting room to brief sequence of events.

1055: NARRATOR:

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, THE REMEMBRANCE CEREMONY WILL BEGIN SHORTLY. PLEASE TAKE THIS TIME TO TURN OFF OR SILENCE ALL CELL PHONES AND ELECTRONIC DEVICES. AS A REMINDER, THIS IS AN INDOOR CEREMONY -- DURING THE PLAYING OF TAPS, PLEASE COME TO THE POSITION OF ATTENTION – SALUTES WILL NOT BE RENDERED INDOORS.

1100: NARRATOR:

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, PLEASE STAND FOR THE ENTRY OF THE OFFICIAL PARTY, AND REMAIN STANDING FOR THE INVOCATION GIVEN BY CH (MAJ) VIRGINIA EMERY

*OFFICIAL PARTY ENTERS THROUGH AISLE. 282nd BAND DRUMROLL.*

*(ORDER OF OFFICIAL PARTY IS: DCCH, CMDT)*

INVOCATION: CH (MAJ) VIRGINIA EMERY *moves to podium and delivers the invocation.*

LET US PRAY.

AMEN.

1105: NARRATOR:

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, PLEASE BE SEATED.

*WAIT FOR THE AUDIENCE TO TAKE THEIR SEATS*

NARRATOR:

GOOD MORNING AND WELCOME TO THE FOUR CHAPLAINS 75th

REMEMBRANCE CEREMONY.

ON BEHALF OF CHAPLAIN (COLONEL) JEFFREY HAWKINS, COMMANDANT OF THE UNITED STATES ARMY CHAPLAIN CENTER AND SCHOOL, COMMAND SERGEANT MAJOR TIMOTHY LOWE, COMMAND SERGEANT MAJOR FOR THE UNITED STATES ARMY CHAPLAIN CENTER AND SCHOOL, I EXTEND A SPECIAL welcome TO OUR DISTINGUISHED GUESTS: REAR ADMIRAL MARGARET KIBBEN, CHIEF OF CHAPLAINS OF THE NAVY; CHAPLAIN (BRIGADIER GENERAL) TOM SOLHJEM, DEPUTY CHIEF OF CHAPLAINS OF THE ARMY; REAR ADMIRAL BRENT SCOTT, DEPUTY CHIEF OF CHAPLAINS OF THE NAVY; REAR ADMIRAL PHILIP “ENDEL” LEE, JR. , DEPUTY CHIEF OF CHAPLAINS FOR RESERVE MATTERS; CAPTAIN STEVE MOSES, COMMANDING OFFICER, NAVAL CHAPLAINCY SCHOOL AND CENTER; CHAPLAIN (COLONEL) DAVE GIAMMONA, IMCOM CHAPLAIN; SERGEANT MAJOR RALPH MARTINEZ, REGIMENTAL SERGEANT MAJOR; OTHER DISTINGUISHED GUESTS, AND FRIENDS

NARRATOR:

Ladies and gentlemen, CHAPLAIN (COLONEL) JEFFREY HAWKINS.

BRIEF REMARKS – LEAD INTO VIDEO

VIDEO \*\* Wait for CMDT to end comments and play video immediately after\*\*

1115: NARRATOR:

AS WE REFLECT ON THE ULTIMATE SACRIFICE MADE BY THE FOUR CHAPLAINS, FOUR CURRENTLY SERVING CHAPLAINS OF THEIR RESPECTIVE FAITH GROUPS WILL LIGHT CANDLES IN THEIR MEMORY

CHAPLAINS MOVE FORWARD TO LIGHT CANDLES AND REMAIN STANDING BEHIND CANDLES UNTIL NARRATOR READS ALL FOUR REFLECTIONS.

NARRATOR:

CH (CPT) DRESSLER NOW MOVES FORWARD TO LIGHT THE FIRST CANDLE IN MEMORY OF CHAPLAIN GEORGE L. FOX.

George L. Fox, the oldest of the four, knew all about war. Lying about his age in 1917, he enlisted in the Army, and served as a medical corps assistant during WWI. A resident of Vermont, he was a successful accountant and family man when he heard God's call to the ministry and was ordained as a Methodist minister. When war came, he told his wife, "I've got to go. I know from experience what our boys are about to face. They need me." Fox began active duty on August 8, 1942, and served until the fateful morning of February 3, 1943.

CH (CPT) MESSINGER NOW MOVES FORWARD TO LIGHT THE SECOND CANDLE IN MEMORY OF CHAPLAIN ALEXANDER D. GOODE.

Alexander D. Goode was an outstanding athlete and scholar, followed his father's footsteps and became a rabbi. After WWI, our nation’s ceremonial return of the body of the Unknown Soldier had a profound effect on Goode. He attended the ceremony, choosing to walk the thirty miles out of a profound sense of respect. Goode said goodbye to his childhood sweetheart when World War II broke out. He served on active duty from August 9, 1942 until February 3, 1943.

CH (MAJ) KOEMAN NOW MOVES FORWARD TO LIGHT THE THIRD CANDLE IN MEMORY OF CHAPLAIN CLARK V. POLING.

Clark V. Poling, the youngest of the Four Chaplains, was a seventh generation minister in the Dutch Reformed Church. He was determined to enter the war as a combatant until his father reminded him, that chaplains have the highest mortality rate of all. “As a chaplain you’ll have the best chance in the world to be killed. You just can’t carry a gun to kill anyone *yourself*.” Clark Poling left his pastorate, and enlisted as a chaplain. Just before he left for active duty, Clark asked his father to pray for him – “not for my safe return, that wouldn’t be fair. Just pray that I shall do my duty…and have the strength, courage, and understanding of men. Just pray that I shall be adequate.” Poling began active duty on June 10, 1942, and served until February 3, 1943.

CH (MAJ) IJEOMA NOW MOVES FORWARD TO LIGHT THE FOURTH CANDLE IN MEMORY OF CHAPLAIN JOHN P. WASHINGTON.

John P. Washington grew up poor, scrappy, and determined in the toughest section of Newark, New Jersey. He was blessed with a sunny disposition, a beautiful singing voice, and a love for music. He was a leader of a street gang when he was called to the priesthood. When war came along, he went with the boys of his parish into the Army. He began active duty on May 9, 1942. His comforting voice could be heard until his final moments on February 3, 1943.

NARRATOR:

CH (MAJ) TIMOTHY CROSS WILL NOW DELIVER A SHORT REFLECTION ON THE SACRIFICE OF THE FOUR CHAPLAINS

CHAPLAINS MOVE BACK TO SEATS

CH (MAJ) CROSS DELIVERS A SHORT (4-5 MIN) REFLECTION ON THE MEANING OF THE FOUR CHAPLAINS SACRIFICE.

1135: NARRATOR:

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN WE ARE HONORED TO HAVE CHAPLAIN (BRIGADIER GENERAL) TOM SOLHJEM, DEPUTY CHIEF OF CHAPLAINS OF THE ARMY, SHARE WITH US NOW

THE DCCH SPEAKS BRIEFLY

NARRATOR:

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, PLEASE STAND FOR THE 282ND ARMY BAND’S PLAYING OF “ETERNAL FATHER, STRONG TO SAVE”, LAYING OF THE WREATH AND A MOMENT OF SILENCE, DURING WHICH A BELL WILL TOLL ONCE FOR EACH OF THE 4 CHAPLAINS.

282ND ARMY BAND PLAYS “ETERNAL FATHER, STRONG TO SAVE”

THE DEPUTY CHIEF OF CHAPLAINS AND THE COMMANDANT LAY A WREATH IN HONOR OF THE FOUR CHAPLAINS. UPON CONCLUSION OF THE HYMN THEY BOW THEIR HEADS.

RP1 JOHNNIE HOWARD, UNITED STATES NAVY, WILL RING THE BELL FOUR TIMES, COMMEMORATING THE DEATH OF EACH CHAPLAIN.

1145: NARRATOR:

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, PLEASE REMAIN STANDING FOR THE BENEDICTION, offered by CH (MAJ) RANDY CURRY, FOR THE PLAYING OF TAPS AND THE DEPARTURE OF THE OFFICIAL PARTY, FOLLOWED BY OUR DISTINGUISHED VISITORS.

BENEDICTION CH (MAJ) RANDY CURRY.

LET US PRAY.

AMEN.

TAPS

USHERS MOVE FORWARD TO SIGNAL THE OFFICIAL PARTY TO EXIT

USHERS SIGNAL THE DISTINGUISHED VISITORS TO EXIT

NARRATOR:

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, THANK YOU FOR ATTENDING TODAYS REMEMBRANCE CEREMONY. PLEASE DEPART IN SILENCE.

DEPART IN SILENCE