

Memorial Chapel

In memory of all alumni, faculty and staff who gave their lives to protect the American way of life and our future





Cadet Prayer

O, God, our Father, Thou Searcher of men's hearts, help us to draw near to Thee in sincerity and truth. May our religion be filled with gladness, and may our worship of Thee be sincere.

Strengthen and increase our admiration for honest living and clean thinking. Encourage us in our endeavors to live above the common level of life. Help us choose the harder right instead of the easier wrong. Endow us with the courage that is born of loyalty to all that is noble and worthy. Protect our homes, our loved ones and those engaged in defending the liberty of our nations. All this we ask in the name of the Great Friend and Master of Men. Amen.

Cadet Resolution

My goal in life is to achieve in my profession and become a citizen of the highest integrity in my community. To this end I resolve that:

Honesty and integrity in thought, word and deed shall characterize my relationships with others.

Excellence shall be the hallmark of my endeavors.

Respect and consideration for all persons and their property shall be my resolve.

Strength of character shall be my objective as I strive to achieve greater self-discipline and the highest physical, mental, spiritual and moral development at MMA.

Responsibility shall be my watchword, both in my obligations to others and my commitment to my own objectives and ideals.

Remembering that noble thoughts inspire noble deeds, and I shall aspire to a life of honor and able service to my family, self, community and country.



Six white columns stand guard outside Missouri Military Academy's Memorial Chapel, formidable yet regal. Much like the chapel itself, the pillars serve an essential role: They are a source of strength that supports what leans on them, regardless of the world outside their reach.





Intended as a memorial to honor alumni, cadets, faculty, and staff killed in action during the wars leading up to its construction, the dream of countless cadets and faculty members was realized when the chapel's doors officially opened with a special service in 1961. During the service, then-Alumni President George Cline '46 commended the Academy for continuing its tradition of spirituality.

** They marched from this campus to war and gave the last full measure of devotion to this country. ** - George Cline Jr. '46

The chapel later memorialized cadets, faculty, and staff who died in the War on Terror and first responders who lost their lives in dedicated service to others. Seniors graduating during the war years had begun the fund for the chapel with class gifts, and alumni and friends contributed over the years.

Sharing a wall with the chapel's vibrant red brick exterior, the narthex (antechamber) serves as an explicit remembrance of brothers lost and recognition for those who contributed to the chapel's construction. The names of cadets who fell in war are inscribed on bronze tablets near the entrance, and the names of 440 donors are listed on rolls.











A step into the sanctuary reveals a wash of white interrupted by rich wood topping the pews and trimming the baseboards and ceiling. A stained-glass window from the old Episcopal church in Mexico that features Jesus holding his staff in one hand and a lamb in the other watches over the altar and colors it in shades of blue, red, green and gold. The altar and lectern had also been housed in the same Episcopal church, later donated to the Academy.

Just past the pews and before the altar, a plaque designates The Stribling Chancel, donated by Col. Stribling and his wife in memory of their parents. Col. Stribling and his son spearheaded the chapel's original construction efforts, and a bust of the former stands in the chapel's front yard.





Stained glass, salvaged from the local Episcopal church after it was lost to fire, provides a beautiful backdrop for the altar.

After a half of century of use took a toll on Memorial Chapel, renovation began in 2014 with the goal of not only reviving the space but enhancing it to build upon what was started by MMA brothers decades before. The Academy set a goal of \$300,000 in gift support to underwrite the cost of renovating the priceless haven and critical component of the Academy's 360° Education that develops mind, body and spirit.

The restoration began with stripping away old paint and finish. Original craftsmanship and beautiful woodwork began to shine through. A year of hard work transformed the chapel's dated appearance.

Updated paint, wood refinishing and new flooring have restored the chapel to its former glory.

Sets of flags representing MMA's 125th anniversary (photo, right) and each branch of the U.S. military were installed, and an eternal memorial flame was added near the altar.



Within Memorial Chapel, flags representing each branch of the U.S. military are displayed in order of their founding, paying homage to our military history.

Replicas of the type of eagle used during the Revolutionary War, one-of-a-kind flag holders in Memorial Chapel were specially commissioned from a wood crafter in Philadelphia and took one year to make. Ornately carved and gleaming with gold leaf, the eagles capture American history and inspire patriotism.



Above the doors of the sanctuary, the Missouri Military Academy logo commemorates the Academy's 125th anniversary. As chapel-goers exit, the logo serves as a reminder of MMA's lasting legacy and promises a future as bright as its eagle's gilded feathers.





To recognize the fundraising efforts of loyal MMA alumni, friends, community groups, corporations and foundations, the Missouri Military Academy Society of St. George was established in 2016 as part of a \$350,000 fundraising campaign. St. George, known best for the legend of slaying a dragon, is regarded as one of the most prominent military saints and one of the most revered saints in all of Christianity.

In order to maintain Memorial Chapel for the future, the support of our generous community is vital. Thank you for your continued support of the Academy.

Order of St. George

The **Order of St. George, Knight Commander** is the Missouri Military Academy's highest and most prestigious personal decoration. It is awarded to recognize those who distinguished themselves through superior acts of selfless service, courage, accomplishment, professional performance, meritorious service, philanthropy, honor, character and or outstanding commitment and service to the Missouri Military Academy.

The medal is awarded by the president of Missouri Military Academy at his or her discretion on behalf of the institution and or its board of trustees. The medal consists of a scarlet and gold neck ribbon with a hanging decoration and gold star on the ribbon. This award will most often be awarded to non-employees, but there may be exceptions approved by the president and or the board or its chairman.

The **Order of St. George** is the Missouri Military Academy's second highest and most prestigious personal decoration made to those outside the MMA organization and the highest employee award made by the Missouri Military Academy. The order may be awarded to recognize those who distinguished themselves through superior acts of selfless service, courage, accomplishment, professional performance,

meritorious service, philanthropy, honor or character. The medal is awarded by the president of the Missouri Military Academy at his or her discretion on behalf of the institution and its board of trustees. The order consists of a scarlet and gold (draped) ribbon with a hanging decoration.

Recipients include ...

U.S. Senator John McCain (May 2018), OSGKC Sen. Jeannie Riddle (Sept. 2018), OSG Mr. Steve Erdel (Dec. 2018), OSG Mr. Charles McGeorge (May 2019), OSGKC.



Two levels of recognition exist within MMA's Order of St. George the Order of St. George Knight Commander (OSGKC) and the Order of St. George (OSG).



Each year, a cadet is selected as the Keeper of the Flame, protecting the eternal flame so that we may never forget those who have fallen in service to our country. The Keeper is distinguished by his scarlet sash, representing the sacrifices of those memorialized. In 1961, during the Memorial Chapel's opening service, the Glee Club, directed by Maj. Cherches, sang "God of Our Fathers" and "Now the Day Is Over." We follow suit in the order of service shared here.

Processional Hymn #189, "God of Our Fathers"

God of our fathers, whose almighty hand Leads forth in beauty all the starry band Of shining worlds in splendor thro' the skies, Our grateful songs before thy throne arise.

Thy love divine hath led us in the past, In this free land by Thee our lot is cast; Be Thou our ruler, guardian, guide, and stay. Thy Word our law, Thy paths our chosen way.

From war's alarms, from deadly pestilence, Be Thy strong arm our ever sure defense; Thy true religion in our hearts increase, Thy bounteous goodness nourish us in peace.

Refresh Thy people on their toilsome way, Lead us from night to never-ending day; Fill all our lives with love and grace divine, And glory, laud, and praise be ever Thine.

Recessional Hymn #159, "Now the Day Is Over"

Now the day is over, Night is drawing nigh; Shadows of the evening Steal across the sky.

Jesus, grant the weary Calm and sweet repose; With thy tend'rest blessing May our eyelids close.

Grant to little children Visions bright of Thee; Guard the sailors tossing On the deep-blue sea. Comfort ev'ry suff'rer Watching late in pain; Those who plan some evil From their sin restrain.

When the morning wakens, Then may I arise Pure, and fresh, and sinless In Thy holy eyes.



Aaronic Benediction

The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you; the Lord lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace.



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