

## *FOLLOWING THE STARS*

We are at the beginning of our holiday season, it is the time of the year that we gather together with family and friends to give thanks for our many blessings.

It is also a time that we remember three wise men following a star to find a Baby born in a stable. A Baby who came to save mankind.

Just as those wise men followed that star to find the Baby; on Veterans Day we must remember there were men and women who followed stars on a flag to protect this Country and its freedoms. These Veterans have given us one of the best gifts one can receive from man, FREEDOM. So on Veterans Day take the time to honor and thank our veterans. Thank GOD for instilling in the heart of each veteran a willingness to follow the flag with the stars and for their bravery and sacrifices. "All gave some, some gave all."

We then transcend into Thanksgiving where we gather to share great meals, memories and loads of football with family and friends; but for many there will be an empty chair due to the sacrifice that their Veteran has made for that precious gift called FREEDOM. They followed the stars on the flag

Later we get busy baking, shopping and going to holiday parties; all leading to the celebration of the Birth of Christ. A Baby born in a stable, who came to save mankind, just as Veterans serve to save this country and keep it safe. There will be many families who will be celebrating without a loved one, whether it be from death or from

serving our country on domestic soil or in a foreign land . They have all given us that precious gift called FREEDOM. They all followed the stars on the flag.

As you set down to enjoy your Thanksgiving dinners and unwrap your gifts during the Christmas Holiday, remember to say a prayer for our Veterans and their families.

Always giving thanks to our GOD for those who gave us the precious gift of FREEDOM by following the stars.

Happy Holidays and May GOD Bless each of you and your loved ones during this season .

Barbara Waller  
MOPH Region 6 Chaplain

**All gave some, some gave all**

