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**From:** "Shwedo, Kevin" <Kevin.Shwedo@scdmv.net>

**Date:** November 25, 2013 at 10:37:50 AM EST

**To:** "Veldran, Katherine" <KatherineVeldran@gov.sc.gov>

**Subject:** RE: Ft. Jackson's Chaplin to be able to pronounce the Benediction at the Governor's Carolighting

Kevin and Beth Shwedo

Ms. Donnell Baker – widow of Medal of Honor Recipient, MSG John Baker

Major General Ross E. Ridge - Deputy Commanding General, Initial Military Training Center of Excellence (Bio attached)

Sitting with the Governor

Brigadier General Bradley Becker and his wife Sherri (Bio at URL Below)

General Becker and his wife Sherri have two sons – Derek (20) and Andrew (17).

<http://www.jackson.army.mil/sites/leaders/pages/419>

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**From:** Veldran, Katherine [mailto:KatherineVeldran@gov.sc.gov]

**Sent:** Monday, November 25, 2013 10:31 AM

**To:** Shwedo, Kevin A

**Subject:** RE: Ft. Jackson's Chaplin to be able to pronounce the Benediction at the Governor's Carolighting

You're the best!!

Please email who with titles will be attending with you.

Thanks, KV

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**From:** Shwedo, Kevin A [<mailto:Kevin.Shwedo@scdmv.net>]

**Sent:** Monday, November 25, 2013 10:29 AM

**To:** Veldran, Katherine

**Subject:** RE: Ft. Jackson's Chaplain to be able to pronounce the Benediction at the Governor's Carolighting

**Katherine – we have a Chaplain – proper spelling below, followed by his biography if needed.**

**Kevin**

## **CH (COL) David Colwell**

Chaplain (COL) David Colwell was born in Bedford Massachusetts in February 1956. He grew up in Lexington, Massachusetts where he graduated from high school in 1974. In 1978, Chaplain Colwell graduated from the University of Massachusetts at Amherst with a Bachelor of Art in Political Science. In 1984, he graduated from Boston University School of Theology with a Master of Divinity. In 2002, he graduated from Catholic University of America in Washington, DC with a Masters in World Politics. Chaplain Colwell entered active duty in 1984.

Chaplain Colwell previous assignments include serving as chaplain to the following organizations, 535<sup>th</sup> Quartermaster Battalion, Fort Bragg, North Carolina (1984-1986); 1/505<sup>th</sup> Infantry Battalion 82 (ABN) Division, Fort Bragg, North Carolina (1986-1987); 197<sup>th</sup> Ordnance Battalion, Siegelbach, Germany (1987-1990); 2/35 Armor Battalion 4<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division, Fort Carson, Colorado (1991-1993); 3rd Brigade, 4<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division, Fort Carson, Colorado (1993-1994); Deputy Division Chaplain 24<sup>th</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Infantry Divisions, Fort Stewart, Georgia (1994-1997); 6<sup>th</sup> CAV Brigade, Camp Humphreys, South Korea (1997-1998); Research and Congressional liaison officer, Chief of Chaplains Office, Washington, DC (1998-2002), 1<sup>st</sup> Cavalry Division Chaplain, Fort Hood, Texas (2002-2004), Area II Chaplain Yongsan, Korea (2004-2006); Installation Chaplain, Fort Campbell, KY (2006 – 2007); U.S. Africa Command Chaplain, Stuttgart Germany (2007-2010), and Command Chaplain 3rd Army (Army Central Command), Shaw Air Force Base, SC (2010-2011). He became Commandant of USACHCS on 9 December 2011.

Chaplain Colwell's awards include the Legion of Merit, Meritorious Service Medal (4<sup>th</sup> OLC); Army Commendation Medal (3<sup>rd</sup> OLC); Army Achievement Medal; National Defense Service Ribbon; Army Service Ribbon; and Overseas Service Ribbon (4<sup>th</sup> OLC). His military education includes the Chaplain Officer Basic and Advanced Courses; Combined Arms Service School; Command and General Staff College; Army Force Management Course, Division Chaplains Course, the Defense Strategy Course and the Army War College.

Chaplain Colwell is married to the former Carol Korody of Buffalo, New York. They have two daughters, Alexandra and Gabriella. Chaplain Colwell is endorsed by the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ).

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**From:** Veldran, Katherine [<mailto:KatherineVeldran@gov.sc.gov>]

**Sent:** Friday, November 22, 2013 12:33 PM

**To:** Shwedo, Kevin A

**Subject:** Ft. Jackson's Chaplin to be able to pronounce the Benediction at the Governor's Carolighting

Ft. Jackson's Chaplin to be able to pronounce the **Benediction** at the 47<sup>th</sup> Annual Governor's Carolighting.

**EVENT:** The 47<sup>th</sup> Annual Governor's Carolighting

**DATE:** Monday, December 2, 2013

**TIME:** 6:00 PM Ceremony

**LOCATION:** Statehouse – North Side Front Steps

Please confirm with the chaplin name and title for the program.

Thank you,  
Katherine

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