

# SALVATION ARMY HISTORY



In the book, *Born to Battle* by Sallie Chesham, we read: “Most people today are aware of The Salvation Army. Fewer perhaps, are familiar with its beliefs, objectives, or the extent of its services. The motivation for this organization...is love for God and a practical concern for the needs of humanity, expressed by a spiritual ministry.”

The history of The Salvation Army is very interesting. Did you know that a sixteen year old girl was responsible for beginning the work of The Salvation Army in the United States?

As you work on this emblem, you will learn about the history of The Salvation Army and its goals and services for today.

## REQUIREMENTS:

1. \_\_\_\_\_ **Discover Salvation Army structure and organization.**
2. \_\_\_\_\_ **Learn about the doctrines of The Salvation Army.**
3. \_\_\_\_\_ **Discover the history of The Salvation Army.**
4. \_\_\_\_\_ **Give a short oral report to your Adventure Corps section about a famous Salvation Army personality.**

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## REQUIREMENT #1 - The Salvation Army

Before you get into Salvation Army history, you first must be familiar with what The Salvation Army is, as well as its terms and structure. **Take a moment or two and write what The Salvation Army is to you. Share your definition with your leader.**



The Salvation Army is:

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With the assistance of your leader, define the following terms:

Officer	
Soldier	
Corps	
Jr. Soldier	
YPSM	
DHQ	
THQ	
IHQ	
LOM	
Cadet	
General	
Cartridge	

Where is your DHQ located? \_\_\_\_\_

Who is the General and what does that person do?

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### The Corps Officer

Interview your corps officer and have him/her explain the following subjects:

- Officer rank system
- Why the Army has a military structure
- What a division is
- Why he/she became an officer
- What his/her responsibilities are



Write a one page report explaining what you learned from this interview.

### REQUIREMENT #2 - The Doctrines of The Salvation Army

The doctrines of The Salvation Army are the foundation of what we as members believe. They are brief statements of faith for The Salvation Army. **In your own words, explain the meaning of each doctrine to your leader.**

1. We believe that the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments were given by inspiration of God, and that they only constitute the divine rule of Christian faith and practice.
2. We believe that there is only one God, who is infinitely perfect - the Creator, Preserver, and Governor of all things and who is the only proper object of religious worship.
3. We believe that there are three persons in the Godhead - the Father, the Son and the Holy Ghost, undivided in essence and co-equal in power and glory.
4. We believe that in the person of Jesus Christ the Divine and human natures are united; so that He is truly and properly God, and truly and properly man.

5. We believe that our first parents were created in a state of innocency but, by their disobedience, they lost their purity and happiness; and that in consequence of their fall all men have become sinners, totally depraved, and as such are justly exposed to the wrath of God.
6. We believe that the Lord Jesus Christ has, by His suffering and death made an atonement for the whole world, so that whosoever will may be saved.
7. We believe that repentance towards God, faith in our Lord Jesus Christ, and regeneration by the Holy Spirit are necessary to salvation.
8. We believe that we are justified by grace, through faith in our Lord Jesus Christ; and that he that believeth hath the witness in himself.
9. We believe that continuance in a state of salvation depends upon continued obedient faith in Christ.
10. We believe that it is the privilege of all believers to be 'wholly sanctified', and that their 'whole spirit and soul and body' may 'be preserved blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ' (I Thess. 5:23)
11. We believe in the immortality of the soul; in the resurrection of the body; in the general judgment at the end of the world; in the eternal happiness of the righteous; and in the endless punishment of the wicked.

### **REQUIREMENT #3 - Salvation Army History**

The Salvation Army is rich in tradition and history, both internationally and locally. For this requirement you will discover the history of your corps, as well as the worldwide beginnings of The Salvation Army. **Research and answer the following questions:**

**Who started The Salvation Army? Where was it started?**

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**Why did he start The Salvation Army?**

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**The Salvation Army was founded in 1865, but it was not known as The Salvation Army at first. What was it called?**

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**In what year did the name change to The Salvation Army? \_\_\_\_\_**

**How did The Salvation Army begin in the United States and where?**

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**Who came with George Scott Railton to officially open the work of The Salvation Army in 1880?**

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**In how many countries is The Salvation Army now operating? \_\_\_\_\_**

**Discuss with your leader and Adventure Corps section the various types of programs that are conducted within The Salvation Army (corps/church programs and social programs).**

#### **REQUIREMENT #4 - Oral Report**

**Choose one famous Salvation Army personality and present a short oral report to your Adventure Corps section. Your leader will help you to find the proper resources for this report. Here are a few examples to choose from:**

William Booth  
George Scott Railton  
Joe the Turk  
Paul A. Rader

Catherine Booth  
Samuel Logan Brengle  
Eva Burrows  
Josef Korbel