

PROCLAMATION

Four Chaplains Day February 3, 2021

WHEREAS, February 3, 2021, will mark the 78th anniversary of the sinking of the troopship U.S.A.T. Dorchester, which carried to their deaths four U.S. Army Chaplains who stood united in prayer as the ship went down; and

WHEREAS, these four Chaplains, from diverse religious backgrounds, gave their own life jackets to four soldiers and, thus, sacrificed their own lives to save the lives of others; and

WHEREAS, the heroic deeds of Chaplains Lieutenant George L. Fox, Lieutenant Alexander D. Goode, Lieutenant Johnny P. Washington, and Lieutenant Clark V. Poling, and their combined act of supreme devotion and sacrifice for American liberty and human freedom, will be an inspiring and ever-shining example of real brotherhood for all time to the people of the world; and

WHEREAS, we must all see to it that their supreme sacrifice, along with that of all servicemen and women, to the common cause of human freedom and justice for all shall not have been in vain.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Alexander D. Johnson II, Mayor of the City of Albany, Oregon, do hereby proclaim February 3, 2021, as

Four Chaplains Day

in Albany, Oregon, and call upon all our citizens to commemorate the day with appropriate observances.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the City of Albany to be affixed this 27th day of January 2021.

A handwritten signature in black ink, which appears to be "Alex Johnson II", is written over a horizontal line. The signature is enclosed in a large, hand-drawn oval.

Alexander D. Johnson II, Mayor