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## Volunteers of America Chesapeake and Carolinas Welcome New Chaplain in Durham

**Durham, NC** – Volunteers of America Chesapeake and Carolinas has announced the hire of Joe Bachota as Chaplain of the Carolinas Territory.

Affectionately known as "Chaplain Joe", he will lead the charge in counseling and supporting staff & veteran residents in Durham, NC. In addition to creating a rich worship experience during weekly chapel services, Chaplain Joe's "Weekly Devotion" – practical lessons with a Biblical foundation - are shared via VOACC's social media platforms (Facebook and Twitter).

A retired veteran, Chaplain Joe served in the army for 20 years with four combat tours (three in Iraq and one in Afghanistan). While serving in Iraq, he pastored the Gospel service and has co-pastored many services while deployed, in churches all over the world, including South Korea, Hawaii, Alaska, Washington state and Virginia.

"We are excited to have Joe Bachota join our Volunteers of America Carolinas team," said Tiana Joyner, Vice President, Carolina Territory." His vast background and experience will be a tremendous asset to our organization."

Joe and his wife currently reside in Wake Forest, North Carolina, with their two children – Alec and Nia. And, no family is complete with a four-legged friend, for the Bachotas, it's a little beagle named Kirby.

"The Lord has allowed me to serve all over the world and I look forward to continuing to serve here, at Volunteers of America Chesapeake & Carolinas," stated Chaplain Joe.

## About Volunteers of America Chesapeake & Carolinas

Volunteers of America Chesapeake & Carolinas, Inc. is a faith-based, non-profit organization whose mission is to empower self-reliance and inspire hope. As a church without walls, we do this through personalized housing, ministry, health, and human services that benefit vulnerable individuals, their families and the community.

Through a dedicated and committed team of management, staff and volunteers and guided by our Core Values: **V**isionary, **O**ne Body, **I**ntegrity, **C**ompassion, **E**xcellence and **F**aith.