

Community Thanksgiving Prayer Luncheon



COL Christopher M. Benson (center), Commander, USAG Ansbach, models cultivating community with CSM Mark A. Kiefer and Mr. Chuck Walls, Deputy Garrison Commander over a catered meal in the Chapel Fellowship Hall.



Chaplain (LTC) Robert Kent Walker reminds those gathered of the many benefits of giving thanks regularly and challenges all to cultivate community centered around the attitude of gratitude.

Summary: On 19 November 2015 the USAG Ansbach Religious Support Office hosted a community Thanksgiving Prayer Luncheon in partnership with 12th Combat Aviation Brigade Unit Ministry Teams. Approximately 120 Soldiers, Family members and Department of the Army Civilians rallied in the Katterbach Chapel. Participants heard prayers of thanks for blessings we enjoy, for freedoms we cherish, for our community, for our Armed Services, and for our nation. Moreover, they enjoyed special music and heard a challenging and insightful message by Chaplain Walker. The presence of Garrison leadership (pictured above) demonstrated Command's commitment to support chaplain-led programs that build and maintain individual and Family readiness, resilience, and moral well-being (10 USC 1789) (AR 165-1, paragraph 1-10). In addition, the RSO utilized this as an opportunity to perform monthly UMT training and conducted a formal after action review in order to capture sustains and improves. The community Thanksgiving prayer luncheon is one way the Religious Support Office supports the USAG Ansbach Garrison Commander's Lines of Effort 1 *Mission Command*, 3 *Community Support*, and 4 *Ready and Resilient*.

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