

# The Kirschenbaum's

## CRU Military Ministry

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### Partnership & Connections

“Tinker Strong” is a phrase I have heard very often when we are on base. It is the greeting when you enter base, it is the closing comment on Tinker communication letters. Last month it changed to “**STRONGER TOGETHER**”. One of the recent goals of the leadership at Tinker is to try to do a better job of connecting people and building community among military.



Bingo Night Tie-Breaker

In response to that, the Navy Religious Team partnered with our church to plan a fun Bingo night on base with free food and amazing prizes. We passed out lots of flyers on base, posted on social media sites, and extended lots of personal invitations. One of the military wives that I have been meeting with did a great job of making sure we could get the flyers distributed to all the housing areas. Even with all of that, it can be hard to draw people out to come to things that are offered, even if it's completely free. We had about 45 people show up to play Bingo that night, it was a

really fun group. My favorite part of the night was listening to the song playlist in the background during Bingo, which included the Muppet song “Mah Na Mah Na”-- I was laughing so much! IYKYK!



Bingo Night Crowd

Lots of great connections were made. One of the military couples that came was very open about their life and struggles, and the wife has met with me a couple of times already for coffee. She is not a believer but is open to spiritual things. Several others that attended have gotten connected to the church and the Bible study groups - pray for people's hearts to be open to Jesus at Tinker and that He would give us opportunities to share the gospel!



### Ladies Bible Study



Passing out Flyers to Sailors

My friend Jill and I spent a full day passing out coffee, muffins, and flyers at the entrance of the Navy building, inviting women sailors to a Bible study being offered during lunch hour where they work. I am “testing the waters” to see what kind of interest there is, so far there are about 3-4 women sailors showing up for the study. We have been using a Bible study book called “Spiritually Fit, Ready to Serve” which is specific for military. One of the ladies attending has never studied the Bible before and seems to be learning new things. Another woman attending is an officer and wants to have more Christian influence on service members that she leads. A new girl came last week

and seemed excited about attending the study -she shared about how important it was to know where we stand with God, especially if she got deployed (she is a brand new pilot for one of the Navy aircraft). Considering all that has happened this week, I am even more motivated to share the gospel with service members as many of them are facing danger to serve our country.

### Serving as Ombudsman



One of the ways I get to serve our Navy service members at Tinker is through being the Navy Ombudsman for STRATCOMM WING 1. An Ombudsman is an appointed volunteer authorized by the Commanding Officer to serve as the vital communication link between command leadership and the Navy families. Because of this role, I am able to interact with the Navy leadership to give feedback on issues affecting families and the overall health/morale of the unit. Pray for me as I serve in this volunteer role, that God would shine through me as I interact in this role, it is a privilege and I want to actively demonstrate God’s love to these families.

Thank you for your prayers and partnership in ministering to military members and their families!

In Christ,

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