

Jeffrey named U.S.A. National Commander

Following recent changes in international leadership, Commissioners David and Barbara Jeffrey were appointed USA national leaders and Commissioners Donald and Debora Bell as territorial leaders in the South, effective Nov. 1.

The Jeffreys currently serve as territorial leaders in the South and the Bells as territorial leaders in the New Zealand, Fiji and Tonga Territory.

As the new national leaders, the Jeffreys return to National Headquarters having previously served as National Chief Secretary and National Women's Ministries Secretary, respectively.

Before entering the College for Officer Training, the Jeffreys were in charge of a corps outpost in West Virginia. As cadet-lieutenants and following their commissioning, the couple served at corps in West Virginia and Maryland.

They held divisional staff appointments including divisional youth leaders, divisional secretary and assistant Home League secretary, and general secretary and Home League secretary. He also served as Metro Area Commander in the Georgia Division, including oversight of 11 corps, five boys and girls clubs, six emergency services offices and a 250-bed homeless shelter. She also led the Atlanta chapter of the Women's Auxiliary.

The Jeffreys served as the personnel directors, and then as the assistant principal and director of special services at the Evangeline Booth College. In addition, they have served as the divisional commander and director of women's ministries for the Kentucky and Tennessee and Texas Divisions.

The Jeffreys were married in 1969 and have two sons, David and Mark.

Commissioners Bell were appointed territorial commander and territorial president of women's ministries for the New Zealand, Fiji and Tonga Territory in March 2009, after eight months' service as chief secretary and territorial secretary of women's ministries there. Since August 2012, he has also served as President of Bible Society New Zealand.



Prior to their appointments in New Zealand, the Bells served as chief secretary and territorial secretary for women's ministries for the USA Western Territory. They have 35 years in ministerial and administrative positions with the Army in California, Arizona, and at National Headquarters in Alexandria, Va.

The Bells were married in January 1979. With this appointment, their active service is extended to October 2017.