

# TRAINING WARRIORS THEN AND NOW

**AIR ARMY**

**In the early 90's, Mr. Novotny was a combat arms officer with the United States Army.**

He trained and led Vulcan Gun and Stinger Anti-Aircraft Missile soldiers stationed in Fort Polk, Louisiana, with the Fifth Infantry Division and the Second Armor Division.



First Lieutenant Stephen Novotny (left) sitting

as platoon leader of the 1st Platoon, 3rd Battalion of the 3rd Air Defense Regiment. Pictured is one of three of his anti-aircraft guns. The radar and rotating 20 mm cannon can be seen on the upper left.

on the hood of one of his platoon's Humvees. Beside him is Specialist Rick Bowen, a radioman and key member of his headquarters' squad.



Stephen Novotny, having just been commissioned as a U.S. Army Officer, stands for a photo with his young nephew, Timothy. The commissioning was part of the commencement ceremony for Liberty University featuring President George H.W. Bush.

**CYPRESS  
CHRISTIAN  
SCHOOL**

**Today, Mr. Novotny continues to train young warriors in his service as Head of School of Cypress Christian School.**



Mr. Novotny utilizes a map, lantern, sword, and compass to incorporate his message to elementary students that the

Bible is the most important map we can follow! The Word is a lamp unto our feet and a light unto our path.



Mr. Novotny leads prayer on the steps of the Supreme Court during the annual eighth grade trip to Washington, D.C.



During secondary chapel, Mr. Novotny reads the Bible alongside a high school student.

FROM THE

# Head of School

STEPHEN NOVOTNY, J.D.

## We Are Warriors

It is no accident that the Cypress Christian School emblem is that of a Warrior. It reflects one of the realities of our world for which we try to prepare our students. We are not to be lulled to sleep or be fooled into believing we are in a place of safety simply because those around us repeatedly use words such as "tolerance," "inclusiveness," and "sensitivity." Indeed, it is quite evident that there are many with belief systems that are alien to the foundational biblical values of our country who are intolerant of our national heritage and wish to erase the faith of our founding fathers from our national memory.



Stephen Novotny, Head of School

There exists an aggressive campaign for pagan religions to be acknowledged as being equally true or superior to Christianity. With a little imagination, you can almost hear Daniel and his friends being told to simply bow down and acknowledge the Babylonian gold image as deity when the music stops. At the same time, even modest assertions of the virtues of our historic Christian culture are regularly assailed as oppressive or threatening, and efforts relentlessly continue to remove any remaining copies of the Ten Commandments or other vestiges of our heritage from courthouse walls and public venues.

So, the battle lines are drawn, and the battle is very real. However, just because the battle is real does not mean it is always conventional in nature, or able to be quantified by counting physical artillery pieces or infantry regiments. This should be of no surprise. It is well known that the greater balance of meaningful action in the Cold War, one of the most dangerous conflicts of human history that lasted for decades, was in philosophical discussion on college campuses in America and in back rooms and cafés in Europe, not in missile silo drills that became routine as though totally detached from reality.

The Apostle Paul said it succinctly, "For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the powers, against the world forces of this darkness, against the spiritual forces of wickedness in the heavenly places" (Ephesians 6:12). Truthfully, long before a physical battle occurs where bullets fly on a battlefield, smoke rises from the chimneys of a place like the Auschwitz concentration camp, or debris falls from the ruins of a structure like the World Trade Center Towers in New York, there is always a spiritual battle that is first waged in culture and in the heart of man.

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The Bible consistently admonishes us that we, too, are to be warriors for the kingdom. As Christians, we are told to put on the whole armor of God, to be prepared to suffer hardship as a good soldier of Jesus Christ, and to be willing to give our all to fight the good fight. See Ephesians 6:11; II Timothy 2:3; II Timothy 4:7.

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At Cypress Christian School, we believe the Bible. We are committed to the battle. We are Warriors.