*On Veteran’s Day ABS’ Armed Services Ministry, in partnership with ministries all over America,   
launched a 12-month, nationwide, Bible reading challenge for the military community   
called the Operation 500 Campaign. Over the course of 2021 we are challenging Service members, Veterans, and their families to join with 500,000 individuals around their country to read their Bible every day for just 20 minutes.* [*We hope you’ll join us*](https://militarybiblechallenge.net/operation500)*.*

**OPERATION 500 SMALL GROUPS: THE GOLD STANDARD**

**Research shows that creating or changing habits is hard. It also shows that one key way of making it a bit easier is encouragement and accountability. This happens best when we work together to make changes or, in this case, take on a daily Bible reading challenge.**

Whether you’re separated by deployment or by quarantine restrictions, you can still take advantage of the encouragement and accountability that comes through meeting as a group. With these free options, you can create a space to just remind everyone of what reading or lesson you’re on, or share insights, observations, and prayer requests.

**Basic Group Chat Options**

[Facebook Messenger](https://www.messenger.com/) (now linked with Instagram messenger)

[GroupMe](https://groupme.com/en-US/)

[WhatsApp](https://www.whatsapp.com/)

[Signal](https://www.signal.org/) (secure text messaging)

Text Group created using participant’s cell phone numbers

**Enhanced Groups with Conversation and File Sharing**

[Facebook Groups](http://www.facebook.com)

[Google Groups](https://groups.google.com/)

[Discord](https://discord.com/)

These are just a few of the many free options available in today’s interconnected world. The most important thing is signing up and finding a few friends to take the challenge with you. Don’t hesitate to contact us with any questions about the campaign. You can [click here](https://militarybiblechallenge.net/operation500) to sign up with your team today.

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