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Mid-Atlantic Region report to the annual meeting of the Chaplain Corps Advisory Council, Civil Air Patrol for the 2023 National Conference.

Chaplain Corps Mission Statement for Mid-Atlantic Region: *“To provide Chaplain Corps Services Support across the full spectrum of Civil Air Patrol operations. We do this by assisting the Commander in ensuring the free exercise of religion and by providing spiritual, moral and ethical leadership for the Mid-Atlantic Region and its culture. We also do this by being mission capable in emergency operations, aerospace education and the cadet activities.”*

Chaplain Corps Growth:

Chaplains

Wing	Chaplains FY23	Chaplains FY 22	Growth
DC	4	3	+1
DE	0	1	-1
MD	7	7	--
NC	17	19	-2
SC	5	7	-2
VA	8	10	-2
WV	3	3	--
MAR Staff	3	2	+1
Total	47	52	-5

Character Development Instructors

Wing	FY23	FY 22	Growth
DC	7	8	-1
DE	7	7	--
MD	29	31	-2
NC	39	36	+3
SC	16	13	+3
VA	25	24	+1
WV	19	21	-3
MAR Staff	2	1	+1
Total	147	141	+6

Total MAR HC Strength:

FY23	194
FY22	193
Growth:	<1%

Unit chaplain or CDI coverage:

Wing	Units	Units with Chaplain or CDI	Percentage	Reported Percentage in FY 2022	Growth Over FY 2022 (in percent of units covered)
DC	8	8	100%	87.5%	0%
DE	8	6	75%	62.5%	0%
MD	30	22	73.3%	80%	-12.5%
NC	41	30	73.17%	69.2%	+3.93%
SC	23	11	47.83%	45.5%	+2.33%
VA	27	20	74.07%	70.4%	+3.67%
WV	15	13	86.7	86.7%	0%
Region Total	153	111	72.55%	70.7	+1.85%

Mission Readiness:

Qualification	Active	Trainee	Total	FY 22	Growth
CSSCS	16	8	24	24	--
CSSDS	4	7	11	9	+2
MCCS	13	0	13	13	--
MCDS	0	6	6	4	+2

Education and Training:

Percentage of Chaplains with Level 4 and CDIs with Master Rating:

FY23	FY 22	Growth
65.96%	57.69%	+8.27%

Summary:

The Mid-Atlantic Region Chaplain Corps growth is stagnant. Recruitment of chaplains does not keep pace with attrition, and is barely offset by additional CDIs. Despite stagnation in total strength, coverage of units has increased marginally. Mission readiness and education and training are both moving in a positive direction, with significant room for growth.

Notable Accomplishments:

Several of the MAR chaplains served as chaplains on duty with the virtual COVID19 National Incident Command Post which met each night.

Chaplain Support Teams supported encampments in North Carolina, Virginia, South Carolina, West Virginia, and the Triwing (DC, MD, DE) encampment- every encampment in the region had chaplain coverage.

In addition, chaplains within the Region are continuing to meet and participate throughout the past year at local squadron meetings and participate as appropriate in CAP activities.

Region Goals for FY24:

1. Hold an in-person CCRSC.
2. Participate in 2024 Mid-Atlantic Region Search and Rescue College. We would like to have Chaplain Support Teams participating in this event.
3. Provide full Chaplain Corps support to all encampments and most wing and region activities.
4. Provide wings and units with resources on best practices for recruiting chaplains into the Civil Air Patrol at the unit level.

Respectfully submitted,

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