



**NORTH CENTRAL REGION
CHAPLAIN CORPS REPORT
CHAP LT COL DONALD MIKITTA JR., NCR/HC
CHAP LT COL EUGENE “GENE” ABRAMS NCR/DHC
CHAP LT COL C. DANIEL HUDSON NCR /SC
CHAP LT COL KENNETH VAN LOON NCR/FA
CDI LT COL ANNA MARIE BISTODEAU NCR/CDI
AUG 2022 - JUL 2023**

Status of Wing Chaplain Positions

Wing Chaplain Counterparts:

- ▶ IA Wing-Ch Lt Col Jeffrey Williams - jwilliams@hc.cap.gov
- ▶ KS Wing- Vacant
- ▶ MN Wing- Ch Lt Col Jill Holm - jholm@hc.cap.gov
- ▶ MO Wing-Ch Capt Mark Bradshaw - mbradshaw@hc.cap.gov
- ▶ ND Wing-Ch 1stLt Mary Bowles - mbowles@hc.cap.gov
- ▶ NE Wing-Vacant
- ▶ SD Wing-Chap Lt Col Gary Rae - grae@hc.cap.gov

NCR Staff

- NCR Chaplain - Ch Lt Col Don Mikitta- dmikitta@hc.cap.gov
- NCR Deputy - Ch Lt Col Gene Abrams - desotoabrams@aol.com
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- NCR CCSC Finance director - Ch Lt Col Ken Van Loon - kvanloon@hc.cap.gov
- NCR CDI - CDI Lt Col Anna Marie Bistodeau - abistodeau@hc.cap.gov

NCR Chaplain Corps Region Staff College

NCR Chaplain Corps Staff College of Professional Development 2023

The North Central Region (NCR) Chaplain Corps Staff College of Professional Development 2023 of the Civil Air Patrol (CAP) was directed by Ch., Lt Col, Dan Hudson, PhD, 24-28 April 2023 at the Columban Fathers Retreat Center, Bellevue NE. The NCR Chaplain, Lt Col, Donald Mikitta hosted the college, while Ch., Lt Col, Gene Abrams served as Staff Chaplain. We had the Civil Air Patrol (CAP) Chief of Character Development Instructor, Lt Col Shirley Rodriguez, and a former CAP Chief of Chaplains, Ch., Col., David Van Horn, MO -117 & former Deputy CAP Chief of Chaplains, Personnel, Ch., Lt Col., Ron Tottingham join in the event.

Our key training event theme, "Onward and Upward", highlighted recent changes to the Chaplain Corps with the newly revised CAPP 40-80, Specialty Track Guide and CAPR 80-1, CAP Chaplain Corps Regulation. CDI Rodriguez session's motivated the Chaplain Corps members to better prepare to serve the members and clients in ministry and helped us better understand the new joint chaplain corps operations. Chief of Chaplain, Colonel, Linda Pugsley presented via Zoom, the vision for an ever changing chaplain corps mission. Lt Col, Jeffrey Williams led a class on Ethics in CAP, and Ch., Lt Col, Kenneth Van Loon presented on the changes to the application system, redesigned to facilitate better movement through the application process. CDI, Lt Col, Anna Marie Bistodeau, NCR CDI supported with sessions on Protocol, Uniform and Awards. Other sessions were led by CMsgt (ret.) Bob Dandridge on Customs & Courtesies and Emergency Services. Chaplain Abrams led sessions on the Diversity in Religion, Chaplain Van Loon on Mentoring and Chaplain Wilkinson reminded us of the 21 Laws of Leadership. Chaplain Maj. Mark Bradshaw addressed the Ministry of Presence at long term activities. Ch., Lt Col, Don Mikitta provided a status briefing on the NCR Chaplain Corps. Ch., Lt Col, Dan Hudson served as the safety officer as well as the director. Additional Chaplain Corps sessions on Cadet Programs, Aerospace Education and Education & Training. were conducted. The daily devotions were used to focus the students on their ministry of presence.

During the class photo session, the college dedicated a paver in the meditation grotto. Lt Col Barbara Van Horn, Chaplain David's mother was a member of the Salina County (MO) Composite Squadron since 1990, and a supporter of the NCR Chaplain Corps, serving as the Bookstore manager, providing an important service to our membership.

A desired base tour was not able to be arranged due to the ongoing pandemic, but students were able to visit the Military Clothing Exchange.

The graduation banquet was held at the Papillion (NE) Latter Day Saint Stake Center. The Banquet speaker was Chaplain, Colonel, David Van Horn former Chief of Chaplain (1993-1996) and a long-time friend of the North Central Region Chaplain Corps. The Color Guard was from drawn from attending students.

Graduates received certificates of attendance, four students graduated, and Staff College Staff received certificates for their support.

The 2024 event is scheduled 26-28 April.

- **The State of the NCR Chaplain Corps 2023**

Year	2023	22	21	20
• Chaplains	32	40	54	47
• Character Development Instructors	71	67	52	37
• Total	103	109	106	84

• Training level	5 -	23	19	14	13
	4 -	15	15	10	21
	3 -	22	19	11	11

Slotting

Members	Chaplain	CDI	Chaplain	CDI	In Process
NCR	3	2			
IA	2	5			
KS	2	5	+2		
MN	8	25			
MO	11	9			
NE	1	11			
ND	2	6			
SD	2	6			

Mission rated

		Chaplain Support	
NCR	2	0	
KS	1	0	
IA	2	1	
MO	3	2	
MN	3	2	
NE	1	1	
ND	0	0	
SD	1	1	

Chaplain Corps Statistical Reports (Jul to Dec 2022)

CAPF 34					Jun to Dec 2022	
	activities	hours	miles	expense	Chaplain R	CDI R
IA Wing	94	369	2240`	\$486.00	3	4
KS Wing	114	279	2299	\$71.00	2	4
MN Wing	607	2204	15506	\$4,199.00	12	16
MO Wing	130	561	5774	\$594.00	12	8
NCR	46	359	1300	\$300.00	4	2
ND Wing	234	312	30	\$0.00	0	3
NE Wing	31	35	139	\$16.00	2	11
SD Wing	60	40	0	\$0.00	3	6
	1316	4159	25048	\$5,666.00	38	54

Chaplain Corps Statistical Reports (Jan-Jun 2023)

CAPF 34					Dec to Jun 2023	
	activities	hours	miles	expense	Chaplain R	CDI R
IA Wing						
KS Wing						
MN Wing						
MO Wing						
NCR						
ND Wing						
NE Wing						
SD Wing						

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Lt Col Donald S. Mikitta, Jr.

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Percentage of Units in Wing with a CDI or Chaplain	Number of Mission Chaplains - MC-CS/DS
62.62 %	41.94 %
Units with CDI or Chaplain: 67 Total Units: 107	MC-CS/DS: 13 Total Chaplains: 31

Number of Chaplain Support Specialist - CSS-CS/DS	Number of Chaplains with Level 4 and CDI with Master Rating in Specialty Track
13.51 %	54.84 %
CSS-CS/DS: 10 Total CDIs: 74	Chaplains with Level 4 and CDI with Master Rating: 17

Chaplain Vision, Mission, Standards and Goals

Foreword

Chaplains are ensured the constitutional right to the free exercise of religion for themselves, and those military members, and their families that they serve. The Wing Commanders rely on the chaplain leadership to strengthen the spiritual and emotional integrity of those in their command.

In this light, the Chaplains of NCR will orient and direct their services to fulfill the responsibilities of the Chaplain Corps to their Wing/Group/Unit and any appropriate areas requested.

Vision Statement

- ▶ The Chaplains of NCR will be a representative of the Holy in all the missions in their units and the Civil Air Patrol (CAP). And, if authorized, will do the same for the United States Air Force, and civilian entities as part of an assigned CAP mission.
- ▶ The CDI's of NCR will be proficient in assisting the chaplains in leading the Character Development Classes and in any emergency services missions in which they are qualified to participate in with the chaplains.
- ▶ Chaplains and CDI's will be encouraged to pursue all training avenues to achieve and maintain Mission Chaplain and Chaplain Support Specialist ratings in order to extend the provision of chaplain services in emergency situations.
- ▶ The Chaplains and CDI's of NCR will aggressively progress through their Professional Development areas and achieve the Master Level in their Specialty Tracks.

Mission Statement

The Chaplains of NCR will:

- ▶ Provide spiritual and moral counsel to the commander, senior members and cadets
- ▶ Provide moral guidance through the Character Development program and as personally requested by any members
- ▶ Provide/coordinate opportunities for unit members for the worship services of their preference when on actual ES missions or field training activities
- ▶ Provide support for members and victims during emergency service missions
- ▶ Provide chaplain support, if authorized, to the United States Air Force, and civilian entities when requested

The Character Development Instructors of NCR will:

- ▶ Assist the Chaplains in providing the CD classes in the units

- ▶ If they are participating in emergency services missions with the chaplains, assist the Chaplains with coordinating all administrative, supply, communication, transportation, lodging and worship service needs

Guiding Standards for NCR Chaplains/CDI's

- ▶ They will be committed to maintaining impeccable personal moral standards to mentor excellence in moral leadership.
- ▶ They will be professional and approachable in their duty performance.
- ▶ Chaplains will be faithful to their individual religious traditions and practices.
- ▶ They will be respectful of others who hold spiritual beliefs and religious practices different from themselves.
- ▶ They will work together in ministering to others.

NCR 2023-2024 Chaplain goals

- ▶ Wing Chaplain in all Wings, and a Chaplain or Character Development Instructor in all units
- ▶ Visit all Wings, either conference, encampments or training activity

