

# **PACIFIC REGION CHAPLAIN'S REPORT**



**REPORTING PERIOD FY 2023**

Submitted by:  
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## PCR Region HC Staff (as of 5 May 2022)

Region Chaplain – Ch, Major Michael Morison  
Deputy Region Chaplain – Ch, Lt Col William Adam  
Region CDI – Lt Col David Snyder  
Region Chaplain Emeritus – Ch, Lt Col Richard Nelson

## PCR Wing Chaplains

Alaska Wing Chaplain – Ch, Captain Kevin Bottjen  
California Wing chaplain – Ch, Captain AnnaMae Taubeneck  
Hawaii Wing Administrator – Major Christine Everhard  
Nevada Wing Chaplain – Ch, Lt Col Elizabeth A. R. Tattersall  
Oregon Wing Chaplain – Ch, Major David King  
Washington Wing Chaplain – Ch Captain Richard Olsen

## Region Vision Statement

***To care for our CAP Airmen more than anyone thought possible.***

Chaplains and CDIs by Wing:

	<u>Chaplains</u>	<u>CDs</u>	
Alaska	3	5	
California	15	51	
Hawaii	1	1	
Nevada	5	12	
Oregon	3	2	
Washington	<u>4</u>	<u>19</u>	
	31	80	Total HC 111

## New HC Region Initiatives (Ch Morison)

1. Monthly Video will be released for Chaplains and CDIs from the CCRSC each month.
2. Region Chaplain Support Team Coordinator facilitates team building and working with Wing Chaplains to promote MC/CSS training and event coverage for CAP event.

## Chaplain Corps Region Staff College 2023

Chaplain, Major Michael Morison and Chaplain, Major Dave Knight were co-directors. Deputy PCR Region Chaplain, Lt Col William Adam served as the college Dean.

The CCRSC was conducted as a cooperative operation between the Pacific and Rocky Mountain Region. It was conducted at Joint Base Lewis-McChord from May 8-11, 2022. and staff brought the number attending to twenty-nine. The program was conducted at the Chapel One Annex. The base provided superior support for the program. Housing was on base through the Holiday Inn on the Army side of the base.

The training offered was excellent, clearly presented, and practical. Topics included: Processing Grief, Cadet Suicide “Postvention,” Resilience and Post-traumatic Growth, Enhancing Resilience Among Your Airmen A New Understanding of Wingmanship, Spiritual Fitness, Pluralistic Prayer, Chaplain recruiting, The Differences Between the Roles of Pastor and Chaplain, and The Ministry of Presence. For our aerospace activity, the USAF 62nd Airlift Wing provided a tour of the base, flight line, and support facilities.

The C-17 *Figure 1 CCRSC Attendees and C-17 Flight Crew*

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crew provided a tour of their C-17.

1st Lt Scott McDonald, CDI said this of his experience: “Chaplains College was truly an amazing experience. I was pleasantly surprised at the depth and applicability of the information we were presented with. The ‘trauma response’ techniques will be invaluable in my continued ministry. Making what I know will be lifelong friendships was an extra added bonus. This was well worth the effort to attend.



See attachment from the Transmitter for more details.



Edwards AFB

## The Edwards Project

The U.S. Air Force is charged with meeting the needs of its airmen and civilian employees in many ways, including spiritually and emotionally. When Air Force Chaplain (Lt. Col.) Michael Bram at Edwards Air Force Base, California, wanted to ensure their spiritual needs are being met, he looked to the Air Force's Total Force partner for a force multiplier, the Civil Air Patrol.

"In a fresh approach to the use of the CAP Chaplain Corps as a force multiplier, CAP chaplains will focus on the large number of Air Force civilian airmen assigned in their designated squadrons, thus providing a broader range of chaplain support for both military and the large number of civilian airmen in the 412th Test Wing units."

This year the two CAP Chaplains assigned to this Air Force Assigned Mission (AFAM) are Chaplain Michael Morison (POC), Chaplain and Ron Martin. They spend their time providing spiritual and emotional care for military and civilian airmen. The program has been so successful that Edwards has asked to renew for a third year (FY2024).

Ch (Lt Col) Bram noted in a briefing, "As I mentioned in the meeting yesterday, we've had a partnership for the last two years to utilize Civil Air Patrol chaplains to augment our active-duty team and provide care for heavily civilian units. They each come for three days a month, providing fantastic care and they are fully integrated into their units. We definitely want to continue this in the future."

A summary of CAP Chaplain support to Edwards AFB from 1 September 2021 through 30 May 2023. Total 188 days or 6.2 months of service).

Chaplain, Major AnnaMae Taubeneck

FY 2021 – 2022	26 Days of Service
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Chaplain, Captain Ronald Martin

FY 2021 – 2022	36 Days of Service
FY 2022 – 2023	<u>17</u> Days of Service (Missed three months due to injury)
Total	53 Days of Service

Chaplain, Major Michael Morison (Point of Contact for CAP)

FY 2021 -2022	36 Days of Service
FY 2022 -2023	<u>51</u> Days of Service
Sub Total	89

Commuting Days	+ <u>20</u>
Total	109 Days of Service



## USAF Resilience workshop (adapted for Cadets)

Two years ago, Julie Wilbanks (Community Service Coordinator – Edwards AFB), Josh Heinz (Lead Resilience Coordinator), and Ch. Michael Morison (USAF Master Resilience Trainer) recognized the need for a resilience training program for youth (USAF and CAP). They recognized that having age-appropriate resilience training, based on the USAF workshop, facilitates personal skills and communication with peers and family. TSgt Heinz took the lead in adapting the program with ideas from Julie Wilbanks and Chaplain Morison. The program was beta tested with three groups of military youth at Edwards AFB. It was then decided that it was time to beta test with a group of CAP Cadets. The teen workshop is modeled after the USAF Resilience Workshop and provides the same concepts with an age-appropriate presentation. The concepts, skills, and terminology are common between the workshops. This facilitates a common vocabulary and understanding between adults and teens in resilience.

### Cadet Feedback:

**Seven Cadets** of eight have indicated that they want to become ***Cadet Resilience Training Apprentices***.

### Scale of 1 - 5 (5 Highest)

Responses	<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>5</u>
1. What was your overall experience?				6	2
2. Was the workshop helpful?				5	3
3. Was the workshop valuable for you?				1	7



Figure 4 Classroom view of CAP Cadets.



One Cadet had to depart early and did not have a chance to provide a survey.

**What was your takeaway?**

1. I will remember the importance of listening to others and celebrate good news to build relationships.
2. Becoming a better me is in my hands.
3. Big key: perspective. You may think you have the full story, but nine times out of ten, you don't.
4. Take better care of myself and remember to look at the big picture.
5. Good skills to learn (helpful life tips).
6. I have a lot of stuff to work on, but now I have the tools to work on it.
7. Understand your body and mind.
8. I'm hoping to better celebrate good news with others.

**Additional Comments:**

1. Take this course to learn how to deal with different situations and gain skills to deal with problems in your life.
2. I think everyone should learn these things.
3. The skills you learn here will help you improve every aspect of your life.
4. I think [this workshop] would play an immense role in self-growth and development.
5. It [workshop] helps with letting your emotions and thoughts out. You learn how to live and communicate with others.

This has been a very successful beta test of the Cadet Resilience Workshop. The fact that seven Cadets wish to become Cadet Training Apprentices is an indication of the value of the program for Cadets. As the program develops Cadets will be teaching Cadet. It follows in our method of developing leadership in our Cadets.

## **PCR Region Staff Activities**

**Ch, Major Michael L. Morison**

1. Attended the California Wing Encampment backfilling as a Chaplain.
2. Invocation for two Change of command Ceremonies at Edwards AFB.
3. Chaplain member of National Health Services Advisory Team (weekly meeting).
4. National Team Leader for HC Spiritual Resilience Team (Resilience Videos).
5. Member of the National HC/HS/Safety Collaboration Team.
6. Air Force Assigned Mission as Chaplain and POC to 412<sup>th</sup> Test Wing, Edwards AFB, CA
7. Serves as a Master Resilience Trainer on the Edwards AFB Resilience Team.
8. Together with TSgt Josh Heinz, Edwards lead Resilience instructor, they facilitated a **beta test** for CAP Cadet Resilience Workshop adapted to be age appropriate from the USAF Resilience Workshops.
9. Facilitated diversity recruiting trip in California with Ch Grossman. One rabbi joining.

10. Attended HIWG and CAWG Education Conferences and Facilitated Resilience Workshops.
11. Attended CAWG CPC as a mentor Chaplain for Ch Gozenback.
12. Emergency backfill chaplain for CAWG Encampment 2023.
13. NESA staff instructor for ChESS.

#### **Ch, Lt Col William Adam**

1. At request of the 62nd AW Chaplain at JBLM, I coordinated and officiated two different full honors memorial services for two decorated USAF veterans.
2. Completed the CAP Auxiliary Chaplain Course through the CAP Chaplain Corps College, Maxwell AFB, recognized for having the Highest scores/academic achievement in the class.
3. Assisted with the organization as well as instructing at the Joint WAWG & PCR Conference for 2022.
4. Organized and officiated the largest Wreaths Across America ceremony in the PCR with over 260 participants and 3,500 in attendance.
5. Attended the 2022 CCRSC at Edwards AFB, CA.
6. Organized and officiated the Passing of the Stole ceremony at McChord JBLM for the WAWG Chaplain Corps.
7. Attended and completed both the basic and the advanced ChESS courses at NESA and was the honor graduate for both courses.
8. Contacted by the USAF and assisted PCR HC with the investigation regarding the impersonation of a chaplain.
9. Served as Dean and assisted with the coordination, organization, and instruction of the 2023 Joint PCR/RMR Chaplain Staff College at McChord JBLM where I also served as the College Dean and the College Medical Officer.

#### **Lt Col Dave Snyder, CSS**

1. Facilitated 13 Character Development forums - 12 at my home squadron and 1 at a neighboring squadron.
2. Facilitated 3 beta tests of the new resilience curriculum.
3. Participated as a member of a CST at the Edwards AFB airshow. Participated in the 2023 PCR/RMR CCRSC at McChord AFB.JBLM. Served as Safety Officer.
4. Mentoring a CDI in AK WG working toward Master level.
5. Serving as the Deputy Commander of my home squadron. Also serve as the Testing Officer and Aerospace Education Officer. Finance Committee member.

#### **Ch, Lt Col Richard Nelson (PCR HC Emeritus)**

1. Providing mentoring and guidance to Region Chaplain.
2. Providing guidance to HIWG CDI.

3. Providing CD lessons to home squadron.
4. 4. Completed military honors course.

## **PCR Wing Chaplains**

### **AKWG – No-response**

### **CAWG**

1. Ch Taubeneck appointed CAWG Chaplain (May 2022)
2. Ch Taubeneck, PCR CCRSC, Instructor for two sessions: 1. Five Pillars of Wellness & Resilience and 2. Moral Injury and Pastoral Care.
3. Ch Taubeneck has served with distinction as a force multiplier with the Religious Support Team at Edwards AFB as part of the Edwards Project. Three days per month on base with her assigned unit.
4. Ch Taubeneck, Ch Martin, and Ch Vance served as chaplains at the CAWG Encampment.
5. Ch Ronald Martin has served with distinction as a force multiplier with the Religious Support Team at Edwards AFB as part of the Edwards Project. Three days per month on base with her assigned unit.
6. Ch Taubeneck and Martin attended the USAF Resilience Workshop.
7. Lt Col Anthony Hamill attended and was certified as a Resilience Training Assistant for the USAF Resilience Program.
8. Three USAF Resilience Workshops provided for the CAWG.

### **HIWG**

1. Major Christine Everhard appointed HIWG HC Administrator.
2. 1Lt Araki continues as HIWG CDI.
3. CDIs Maj. Everhard, 1Lt Araki, and Lt Col Herrera (CD Class instructor for encampment) provided emotional support for the HIWG encampment 2023.
4. Major Everhard and 1Lt Araki are project officers for PCR CCRSC for 2024 to be hosted by HIWG.

### **NVWG**

1. Ch. Lt Col Elizabeth Tattersall is appointed as the new Wing Chaplain in November.
2. Ch Prosser became a Mission Chaplain.
3. Ch Prosser supported Glider rides.
4. Ch Prosser supported the Nelis Air Show.
5. Supported the Wreaths Across America.
6. Delivering CD lessons to local squadrons
7. Ch Prosser attended the Nevada Wing Conference.



## WAWG

1. Chaplain and CDI attendance at Cascade Falcon and Desert Eagle.
2. Added chaplains at McChord, Tri Cities, Dungeness squadrons.
3. Added 5 new CDIs.
4. Supported two families with death notification and ongoing support.
5. Olsen was confirmed as WAWG/HC on 17May2022 and stole ceremony at 62<sup>nd</sup> AW Chaplain Support Facility on 1June2022.
6. SUI criteria inspections for CDI coverage confirmed at all WAWG squadrons.
7. Provided VIP transportation at joint PCR/RMR Chaplain College.
8. Provided on-site chaplain coverage at Cascade Falcon encampment by Ch Elliot of Deer Park Composite Squadron.
9. Ch Anderson transferred/Army PCS to NY Wing.
10. Ch Olsen in first graduating class of joint USAF/CAP Auxiliary Chaplain Course and received first-ever Murdoch writing award.
11. Submitted formal wing chaplain communications call sign proposal to CAP Chief of Chaplains at her request in May (no feedback to date).
12. Former National Chaplain of the Year Dave Franklin retired.
13. Supported numerous Wreaths Across America observances.
14. Several chaplains provided confidential advisory support to unit commanders who requested assistance with personnel issues.
15. Ch Olsen facilitated by CAPNTC and operational as first WAWG CAP Direct Message Center Station.

