

ROCKY MOUNTAIN REGION CHAPLAIN CORPS 2023 REPORT



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PEOPLE WHO MAKE IT POSSIBLE

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MTWG – VACANT

UTWG – Ch, Capt Camille Barlow – cbarlow@hc.cap.gov

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RMR MEMBERSHIP METRICS

Current Overall: 3968

Current Cadets: 2022

Current Seniors: 1682

Current Cadet Sponsors: 17

Current Patrons: 44

Current Legislators: 177

Current 50 Years: 22

Current Indefinite: 1

This is the area of ministry which CAP Chaplain Corps in the Rocky Mountain Region serves. What are the metrics which the Chaplain Corps in the Rocky Mountain Region have in order to meet their Ministry of Presence mandate?

RMR CHAPLAIN CORPS

TOTAL UNITS	UNITS WITH CDI OR CHAPLAIN	PERCENTAGE
76	52	68.42
NUMBER OF MC-CS/DS	TOTAL CHAPLAINS	PERCENTAGE
8	15	53.33
NUMBER OF CSS-CS/DS	TOTAL CDI	PERCENTAGE
5	64	7.81
NUMBER OF CHAPLAINS WITH LEVEL 4 AND CDI WITH MASTER RATING		
	10	66.67

WING	% OF UNITS WITH CDI OR CHAPLAIN		
	UNITS WITH	TOTAL UNITS	PERCENTAGE
COWG	23	33	69.7
IDWG	5	10	50.0
MTWG	5	8	62.5
UTWG	9	14	64.3
WYWG	9	10	90.0

MISSION CHAPLAINS

WING	# OF QUALIFIED	TOTAL # OF CHAPLAINS	PERCENTAGE
COWG	1	5	20.0
IDWG	1	3	33.3
MTWG	0	0	0.0
UTWG	2	2	100.0
WYWG	2	2	100.0

CHAPLAIN SUPPORT SPECIALISTS

WING	# OF QUALIFIED	TOTAL # OF CDIs	PERCENTAGE
COWG	1	30	3.33
IDWG	2	6	33.3
MTWG	0	7	0.0
UTWG	1	11	9.1
WYWG	1	8	12.8

CHALLENGES

Though Rocky Mountain Region is the third largest region in CAP, we still cover 517,412.3 square miles. For the region staff and wing chaplains, most squadrons are fairly easy to reach. However, there are those squadrons which require some planning, time, and funds in order to serve. It is a blessing that we live in a time when we can communicate over the internet. Yet, that can be challenging in more rural settings due to lack of access or bandwidth. We work with what we have.

With the recent changes in CAPR 80-1, CAPP 40-80, CAPF 80-1, and CAPF 80-1, I have had to make sure that I know what the changes are and to be sure that those chaplain corps personnel in the region, from my staff to the wing chaplains know them and can pass them on to their people.

One challenge is keeping everyone moving in the same direction. It requires patience and a willingness to teach the same lesson several times, if necessary.

Another challenge, that I face, is the lost the driving force of CISM in the region, Lt Col Laura Furness who died earlier this year. I had worked closely with her in the MTWG when I was wing chaplain, and then later as she was also RMR CISO and I region chaplain. During 2020-2021, we worked closely together dealing with suicides which several squadrons had to deal with during that time and other problems facing the squadron. The MTWG and region really need someone to step up and show similar fire and passion to help those in need. She was also one of my terrific CDIs.

The biggest challenge is recruiting chaplains. I thank God for our CDIs. They do yeoman work in the region. However, more chaplains would make the job a lot easier for the chaplains we have in the region.

HIGHLIGHTS

I am thankful for the people who fulfill the Ministry of Presence in the Rocky Mountain Region. They are the ones who make this work. My staff and the wing chaplains do an outstanding job. The CDIs and chaplains at the squadron level continue to do their great jobs teaching and demonstrating CAP's Core Values.

This year was the first year that Rocky Mountain Region teamed up with Pacific coast Region for the CCRSC. This year it was held the 8-11 May, at Joint Base Lewis/McChord in Tacoma, WA. There were 28 in attendance with 11 from RMR. It was a great experience for everyone. We learned a lot and had a great time getting to know one another.

Under the direction of Ch, Col Jeff Johnson, we have two, chaplain corps region publications, *The Receiver* and *Ethics in Leadership*. The first one usually deals with a certain topic like perseverance, suicide, forgiveness and letting go, complacency, and other topics. The later is by Chaplain Johnson, at the request of the region commander, for the purpose of providing ethical guidelines for the leaders in the region.

Another activity was University of Rocky Mountain Region (URMR) held at the Air Force Academy Prep School in Colorado Springs, CO. I was the chaplain for the first part of the ten days and Ch, Lt Col Gary Brieg was on-call for the rest. The courses offered was Region Cadet Leadership School, Cyber, Vol U-Level IV & V. At the latter, two of our CDIs attended the Level V class and one of our chaplains and one of our CDIs were instructors. Overall URMR went very well with few problems.

Then there are the encampments around the region which our people cover.

GOALS

I am keeping it simple this year.

1. Getting our people use to filing our After Action Reports (AARs) following various CAP activities in which they participate. This will be challenging to say the least, but it's good practice.
2. Improving the lines of communication in the region. The purpose of this so that we all know what is happening, the good, the bad, and the ugly.
3. Encourage the region's chaplain corps folks to advance in the specialty track and the professional development.

