

SOUTHEAST REGION CCAC REPORT 2023



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**Vision Statement:**

The Chaplains of Southeast Region will be representatives of the Holy in all missions of their respective units (groups, wings, region). If authorized, will do the same for the United States Air Force and civilian entities as part of the CAP mission.

The Southeast Region Character Development Specialists will be proficient in assisting the Chaplains in teaching of Character Development Classes and will support the Chaplains in any emergency services missions in which, they are qualified to participate with the Chaplains.

Chaplains and CDS's will be encouraged to pursue all training avenues to achieve and maintain Mission Chaplain (MC) and Chaplain Support Specialist (CSS) Emergency Services ratings in order to extend the provision of Chaplain services in emergency situations. The Chaplains and CDS's of the Region will aggressively progress through their Professional Development areas.

Mission Statement:

As representatives of America's religious community, the Southeast Region CAP Chaplain Corps will:

- Support the overall mission of the Civil Air Patrol Chaplain Corps.
- Provide resources and personnel to enable the free exercise of religion by CAP members.
- Promote the role of the CAP core values in all CAP activities through education, presence, and advice.
- Respond to emergencies with skill and professionalism.
- Conduct themselves with compassion and respect toward all members of CAP
- Provide CAP and USAF (including Guard and Reserve) members with:
 - Opportunities for worship, liturgies, rites, and ceremonies that enable them to exercise their faith and fulfill their religious requirements.
 - Spiritual resources and religious programs that serve the educational, humanitarian, and personal needs of the CAP community and individuals.
 - Advice that helps CAP leaders address spiritual needs, religious requirements, and ethical issues as they impact mission, quality of life, and First Amendment rights for CAP
- In addition, the Character Development Specialists of the Region will:
 - Assist the Chaplains in providing the CD classes in the units.
 - Assist Mission Chaplains as Chaplain Support Specialists, if qualified and participating in emergency services missions with the mission Chaplain.



Guiding Standards for all Region Chaplains and CDS's:

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

Goals for the Southeast Region Chaplain Corps:

- ▶ RECRUITING: Establish an active and effective Chaplain Corps recruiting program that will attract, assign, and prepare at least one Chaplain and/or one Character Development Specialist for service in each unit, in each respective wing.
- ▶ MINISTRY of PRESENCE: Chaplains and Chaplain Support Specialists will support and participate in unit, group, and wing ES missions/SAREX's, bivouacs, and other scheduled CAP training. (NOTE: All Winter and Summer Encampments will be staffed by a Chaplain Team)
- ▶ CHARACTER DEVELOPMENT: Monthly Character Development classes will be presented in each cadet/composite squadron, and at other cadet activities and training sessions as schedules permit.
- ▶ ES RATINGS: Over the next three years, 50% of Chaplains and 50% of Character Development Specialists in each wing will achieve at least the MC/CSS (CAP Support) qualification in Emergency Services.
- ▶ PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT: Over the next three years, at least 50% of all Chaplains/CDS's will complete Level IV in the Professional Development program, and at least 50% will achieve a Master Level rating in their respective Chaplain Corps Specialty Tracks.



Goals for the Southeast Region Chaplain Corps:

Recruiting:

Chaplains

Capt Jeffrey LeMay – Gawg

1Lt Zelmir Todorovic - FLwg

CDI's

Maj. Susan Barnett FLwg

2Lt Eddie Boyd – TNwg

Capt Doss Bucalew – Alwg

Lt Col Donald Clark - TNwg

Capt. Thomas Davis - ALwg

Capt Edward Ducey – TNwg

2Lt Laura Gordon - FLwg

2Lt Anthoney Hinkel – MSwg

C MSgt Dillon Johnson – FLwg

2Lt Jazz Jules - FLwg

Capt. Kristen Miller – FLwg

Capt Daniel Notzinger – TNwg

Maj Ramon Roman – PRwg

Lt Col Johnny Santos – PRwg

Capt. Nicholas Smith – Alwg

2Lt William von Dohlen – TNwg

2Lt David Wells – TNwg

Maj Charlton Young - TNwg

2Lt Richard Wieland - MSwg



Emergency Service Ratings ChESS MC/CSS CAP Support:

Chaplain Support Specialist

2Lt Sharon Fuentes – FL (Bsc)

Lt Col Edward Junk – FL (Adv)

Professional Development:

Level 5

Ch, Lt Col James Fogal - ALwg

CDI Capt. Belinda Lewis - TN

CDI MSgt Miguel Vasquez – PR

Level 4

Ch,Maj Christopher Findley – TN

CDI 1Lt Joellen Flannery - GA

CDI Maj Nicholas Marcantonio - FL

CDI Maj Kristen Miller - FL

CDI 1Lt Rachel Pridgen - AL

CDI Maj Charlton Young – Tn

Level 3

Ch, Maj Robert Ott - FL

CDI Maj Anthony Evangelista - GA

CDI 2Lt Sharon Fuentes

CDI 1Lt Amy Grammer -GA

CDI Lt Col Paul Lambertson - AL



SER–NER Joint Chaplain Corps Staff College 2023

The Southeast and Northeast Regions came together at a Historic Chaplains Corps Staff College, May 15–18 at Port Canaveral, Florida. The staff college was historic because it was the first in–person Chaplain Corps Staff College since the start of Covid and the first joint staff college between the Northeast and Southeast Regions.

Chaplains Lt. Col. Van Don Williams (SER Chaplain), Lt. Col. Marcus Taylor (SER Deputy Chaplain), and Maj. Jacob Hill (NER Deputy Chaplain) served as Deans for the college. Chaplain Taylor provided an excellent the curriculum, while Chaplain Williams did the overall planning.

There were 21 participants from the Southeast and Northeast Regions, including an attendee from the Middle Atlantic Region, Virginia.

The overall theme for the conference was “Back To Basics.”

It has been so long since we had a get–together of chaplain corps personnel, so we planned to concentrate on the basics that we all knew but may have forgotten. These included:

- Uniform and Personal Appearance
- Customs and Courtesies
- The Duties of the CAP Chaplain
- The Duties of the CAP CDI
- Professional Development Levels, Specialty Tracks, and more
- Managing your own Professional Development
- The New Character Development Program
- Recruiting Chaplain Corps Personnel

We were blessed to have some CAP National Officers give instruction this historic college. Our Chief of Chaplains, Ch, Colonel Linda Pugsley, our National CDI, Lt. Col Shirley Rodriguez, as well as Lt Col Mike Bryant, Provost, VoLU and Colonel Lisa Robinson, SER Director of Finance.

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The training included numerous sessions with our Chief of Chaplains, Col Linda Pugsley, reviewing CAPR 80-1, CAPF 40-80, and CAPCARRS. Lt Col Rodriguez gave a briefing on the state of the CDI program, and Lt Col Bryant provided us with an update on the Professional Development program. Colonel Lisa Robinson and Chaplain Pugsley hosted a panel discussion entitled “The Relationship between Commander and the Chaplain.”

Our outing was a trip to the Kennedy Space Center at Cape Canaveral. All agreed that we did not spend enough time there!



Although 2022 and the beginning of 2023 were trying times in the Southeast Region, the Chaplain Corps continued to stay engaged with the CAP Missions with the VICP Mission Support and Hurricane/Tornado disaster response. We also continued a “Ministry of Presence” in every Wing using all available technological resources for Character Development lessons and Counseling.

May God Bless the Civil Air Patrol and the Southeast Region.

