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Report to the annual meeting of Chaplain Corps advisory County, Civil Air Patrol at the August 2023 Annual Conference in Seattle, Washington.

**Chaplain Corps Mission Statement for Southwest Region:** To provide Chaplain Corps Services support across the full spectrum of Civil Air Patrol operations which includes emergency services operations, aerospace education, and the cadet program activities. This is done by assisting the Commander in ensuring the free exercise of religion and by providing spiritual, moral and ethical leadership for the Southwest Region.

**Wing Chaplains:**

|            |                                   |
|------------|-----------------------------------|
| Arkansas   | Chaplain (Lt Col) Larry D Killian |
| Arizona    | Chaplain (Maj) Thomas Tostenson   |
| Louisiana  | Chaplain (Capt) Larry Beane       |
| New Mexico | Chaplain (Lt Col) Lawrence Burns  |
| Oklahoma   | Chaplain (Maj) Anthony E Barros   |
| Texas      | Chaplain (Lt Col) David Northcutt |

**METRICS**

**Current number of personnel:**

|            | Total #<br>Squadrons | W/CDI or<br>Chaplain | % Coverage   | Chaplains | MC        | CDIs       | CSS       |
|------------|----------------------|----------------------|--------------|-----------|-----------|------------|-----------|
| AR         | 13                   | 8                    | 61.54        | 7         | 3         | 9          | 1         |
| AZ         | 27                   | 17                   | 62.96        | 9         | 1         | 25         | 2         |
| LA         | 20                   | 14                   | 70.00        | 6         | 3         | 15         | 2         |
| NM         | 22                   | 14                   | 63.64        | 7         | 3         | 14         | 0         |
| OK         | 17                   | 11                   | 64.71        | 4         | 1         | 13         | 3         |
| TX         | 72                   | 51                   | 70.83        | 32        | 7         | 59         | 6         |
| <b>SWR</b> | <b>172</b>           | <b>116</b>           | <b>67.44</b> | <b>67</b> | <b>20</b> | <b>139</b> | <b>15</b> |

**Activities Report:** The activity report was intentionally omitted since we are no longer going to be using this data for reports in the future.

### **EMERGENCY SERVICES:**

Chaplain Support Specialist (CAP Support) 15 (two more from last year)  
Chaplain Support Specialist (Disaster support) 2  
Mission Chaplain (CAP Support) – 20 (one more from last year)  
Mission Chaplain (Disaster Support) – 1  
CISM – 16 Total; 13 Chaplains, 3 CDIs

### **SOUTHWEST REGION AWARDS**

|  |                                  |
|--|----------------------------------|
| Chaplain of the Year                         | Chaplain, Capt Blanchard Jacobus |
| Character Development Instructor of the Year | Capt Michael T Probus            |
| Exceptional Service Award                    | Capt Frontis Ergle               |
|  | Chaplain, Lt Col Thomas D Bauder |
|  | Chaplain, Lt Col Nancy Smalley   |
|  | Lt Col Jane Smalley              |
| Meritorious Service Award                    | Chaplain, Capt John Tober        |
|  | Lt Col Jane Smalley              |

### **SOUTHWEST REGION CHAPLAIN CORPS STAFF COLLEGE 2022**

The Southwest Region Chaplain Corps Staff College 2022 was cancelled due to inability to get the minimum number of students. Those wishing to attend were referred to online colleges.

### **EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES:**

The Southwest Region Chaplain Corps was still recovering from Covid. Cadet activities were experiencing outbreaks of covid, the omicron variation. Encampment numbers were high due to Cadet Programs helping cadets to continue their CAP careers. The following chaplains served as Encampment Chaplain during 2022: Ch Tom Bauder and Ch Thomas Tureman – AZ WG Encampment; Ch Blanchard Jacobus and Ch Nancy Smalley – TX WG Encampment; Ch John Rollyson – OK WG Encampment; Ch John Tober – NM WG Encampment; Ch Larry Killian – AR WG Encampment; Ch Larry Beane – LA WG Encampment.

The number of approved applications for Character Development Instructor was nineteen, with the approved applications for chaplain was eleven. Less than a handful of chaplains and CDIs have attended the online or in person ChESS training from the Southwest Region.

### **CONCERNS FOR THE FUTURE**

**Mission Chaplains** – Thirty percent of Southwest Region 67 chaplains are qualified as mission chaplains. However, only Eleven percent of its 139 CDIs are qualified as Chaplain Support Specialists. During the last year only 1 new chaplain became qualified and two

CDIs. More training needs to take place in SWR and go through the normal emergency services training process. Even with online training few members can attend the month long training and the real world experience is lacking. Waiting for ChESS or the traveling training is not workable and should be changed.