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A MESSAGE

**From the Chief of the
CAP Chaplain Corps**

Chaplain (Colonel) John Murdoch

Greetings, Chaplain Corps,

As I write today, I want to express to all of you my deepest appreciation for your prayers and concern for me and my family over the past few months. I am happy to share that I have tested negative for COVID and that my last chest Xray showed my lungs clear of pneumonia. This is truly an answer to all the prayers that have been said on my behalf!

The COVID and double pneumonia have taken my energy and I am slowly recovering and still tire easily. So please keep praying.

During this time, I have been able to follow the instructions of the Psalmist in Psalm 46:10 where we are instructed to "Be still and know that I am God."

During my quiet time I have been strengthened by Isaiah's words found in Isaiah 40:29 where he taught about God's faithfulness and said, "He giveth power to the faint and to those who have no might He increaseth strength." God's strength and your prayers and support have been a great source of encouragement! THANK YOU!!

I am also excited about how you are living out my original challenge where I shared my "Three E's: Excellence, Expedience, and Exhibit." You are truly making a difference. As you read this edition of the Transmitter, you will receive training material and updates on new programs that are being developed.

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You will also have the opportunity to remember and reflect on the life of our former Chief of Chaplains, Chaplain (Colonel) J. Delano Ellis II, who has graduated to his Eternal reward. He was a personal friend and a compassionate chaplain.

As we move forward, I would encourage you to be that ministry of presence of the Holy to those with whom you come in contact. Be that one who makes a difference in the lives of the Cadets and Senior Members with whom you serve.

Also, be encouraged that you are making a difference and our Chaplain Corps has a bright future.

For all our Veterans, past and present, THANK YOU for your service! We are free today because you were there yesterday and today. May God bless you and the United States of America.

Your fellow Servant

Chaplain (Colonel) John B. Murdoch
Chief of Chaplains

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Chaplain (Lt. Col.) Gary Eno

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*CAP National Commander
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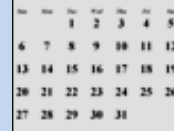
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Chief of Chaplains
Col. John Murdoch

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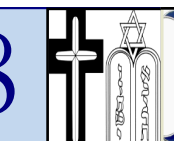
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CIVIL AIR PATROL CHAPLAIN CORPS

OUR IDENTITY....

- We are representatives of America's religious community.
- We are CAP senior members.
- We are committed to the well-being of people within the missions of CAP

OUR VISION....

The CAP Chaplain Corps will become the model of excellence and effectiveness for the rest of Civil Air Patrol.

OUR MISSION....

The CAP Chaplain Corps will promote the role of CAP core values in all CAP activities through education, presence and advice.

OUR CORE VALUES....

- Integrity
- Volunteer Service
- Excellence
- Respect



2021 EVENTS

EMERGENCY SERVICE TRAINING

ONLINE, ZOOM GENERATED CAP SUPPORT CHESSE COURSES
are offered for CAP Chaplains and Chaplain Support Specialists

Classes will be held on Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday evenings

A New Series of Training Groups will begin in February 2021

Course Directors: mtaylor@hc.cap.gov/lpugsley@hc.cap.gov/vwilliams@hc.cap.gov

Course Prerequisites:

- Complete GES - General Emergency Services training
- ICUT - Introductory Communications User Training
- Completion of the Current CAP Chaplains Course (221-A) (CHAPLAINS ONLY)
- CAPT 117 Parts 1,2,3

Familiarization and Preparatory Training

- IS100 - Introduction to Incident Command System (ICS)
- IS200 - ICS for Single Resources and Initial Action Incidents
- IS700 - Introduction to National Incident Management System (NIMS)

See the article reviewing the Alpha CAP Support Class CHESSE Course by Maj. Jonathan Luysterborghs in the Summer 2020 issue of the Transmitter, p. 17.

https://capchaplain.com/downloads/Transmitter_Summer_2020.pdf

2020 ON-LINE TRAINING LEADERS OF CADETS (TLC)

January 16, April 17, and October 16, 2021

Course is offered quarterly by the Chaplain Corps.

Registration opens some weeks before <http://caphclub.us>.

LOOK FOR ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE CHIEF'S ROUNDTABLE

Chief of Chaplains (Colonel) John Murdoch
with an update on the State of the Corps

CHAPLAIN CORPS MOURNS THE PASSING OF FORMER CHIEF OF CHAPLAINS J. DELANO ELLIS II



Former Civil Air Patrol Chief of Chaplains J. Delano Ellis II died on September 26, 2020, after a brief illness. He was 75. Ellis served as Civil Air Patrol Chief of Chaplains from 2012–2014. He was laid to rest on September 25, 2020 in Cleveland, Ohio, following a viewing and service of Apostolic Liturgy at his home church, the Pentecostal Church of Christ.

A leader in Black Pentecostal churches, Chaplain Ellis led the "High Church Pentecostal" movement. He introduced high church order and clerical dress to the church, opened it up to women clergy, and engaged in ecumenical outreach.

After working to organize the United Pentecostal Churches of Christ, he served as its president until stepping down in 2004 when diagnosed with leukemia.¹

In tribute to his leadership, the city of Cleveland honored Ellis by renaming two blocks of Chester Avenue J. Delano Ellis Way on September 6, two weeks before his death. Said Ellis, attending, "I've just one word to say. To God be the glory."²

Chaplains (Lt. Col.) Marcus Taylor and Van Don Williams represented the Civil Air Patrol Chaplain Corps at the "Home-Going" memorial and funeral service of the Church of God in Christ for Chaplain Ellis in Memphis, Tennessee on Sunday, September 27. Confirmed attendees included former U.S. President Bill Clinton. Following the service, Chaplains Taylor and Williams issued the following joint statement to the Chaplain Corps:



Chaplains Van Don Williams (l.) and Marcus Taylor (r.) attended the public viewing for former Chief of Chaplains J. Ellis in Memphis. Photo by Chaplain (1st Lt.) Jason McCracken, (MSWG).

We, in the Civil Air Patrol Chaplain Corps, were sadly impacted, two weeks ago, upon hearing of the passing of one of our former Chiefs of the Chaplain Corps, Ch, Col J Delano Ellis, II. His years of service and dedication to our Black Pentecostal Chaplain Corps will not be until stepping down easily or soon forgotten. Chaplain Ellis made an indelible mark and impact on our Corps, and impacted the lives of many in CAP, and was a mentor and guide to many of us in the Chaplain Corps.

Because our current Chief, Chaplain (Col.) John Murdoch, was unable to be present, due to illness, to take part in the "Celebration of Life" activities that were planned, he requested the assistance of myself, Chaplain (Lt. Col.) Marcus L. Taylor, and Chaplain (Lt. Col.) Van Don Williams (SER/HC), to attend those events. We were able to attend and happy to serve as his representatives as well as to represent our Chaplain Corps. Because of our personal schedules,

we attended the scheduled public viewing for Chaplain Ellis held on Sunday, September 27 at the Pentecostal Temple Institutional Church of God in Christ, in Memphis, Tennessee, at 4:00 pm. We were also joined there by Chaplain (1st Lt.) Jason McCracken, of the Mississippi Wing, who assisted us and served as our photographer. Although we were not permitted to take any photographs during the viewing or interact directly with the family, we were able to make our presence known, and take the attached photograph outside the facility that confirms our presence. We are thankful for this opportunity to represent Chaplain Murdoch and the Civil Air Patrol Chaplain Corps.



Apostolic Liturgy of the Pentecostal Church of Christ of Christ in Cleveland Celebrating the Life of former Chief of Chaplains J. Delano Ellis, September 25, 2020.

Chaplain Alvianette Kennedy, attending the service of Apostolic Liturgy at Ellis' Cleveland home church, the Pentecostal Church of Christ, reported on the gathering and order of the service. A video of this Official Celebration of Life is available on YouTube and the program on the Pentecostal Church of Christ site.³

Chief Ellis enriched Chaplain Corps members and commanders by his gift of presence. Chaplain Kennedy recalls Bishop Ellis' engaging manner at the Middle East Region Conference during her Chaplain of the Year Award ceremony. Ellis took a sabbatical from his Cleveland church during



Chief of Chaplains, Chaplain (Col.) J. Delano Ellis II bringing word of encouragement to cadet members of the Fort McHenry Composite Squadron (MDWG)

January 22-29, 2012 to tour local squadrons in the MER to get a first-hand look at the work of Chaplains and Character Development Officers. Present during the Chief's Fort McHenry Composite Squadron visit, Maryland Wing Chaplain (Lt. Col.) Edco recalled Ellis' firm handclasp and observed, "Chaplain Ellis is wise, engaging, compassionate, strong, and motivating. He absolutely enjoys his role and seeks to make a lasting contribution during his time in office. This is contagious."⁴

Chaplain Ellis is survived by his wife, Sabrina Ellis, pastor of the Cleveland Pentecostal Church of Christ, six children, and many grandchildren.

¹ "High-Church Pentecostal Leader J. Delano Ellis Dies at 75," By Adele M. Banks, Religion News Service, September 21, 2020, <https://religionnews.com/author/adellebanks/>.

² "Church Pentecostalism," by Daniel Silberman, Christianity Today, September 21, 2020.

³ YouTube video of the Official Celebration of Life for Bishop J. Delano Ellis II in Cleveland, <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=F5WnfQZciHo>.

For the program for the Celebration of Life Service:

https://issuu.com/jdellisministries/docs/jde_celebration_program?fr=sZGYwZTIwMTM5NDg

⁴ "Chief of Chaplains Pays Visit to Local Squadrons," Transmitter, p. 5, Spring 2012, https://www.gocivilairpatrol.com/media/cms/Transmitter_Spring_12_9E6C1342865AE.pdf

CHAPLAIN CORPS NEWS

National Commander (Maj. Gen.) Mark Smith Records Video Series on Core Values



National Commander Major General Mark Smith has released a series of videos focused on Civil Air Patrol's Core Values. General Smith recorded these YouTube videos as a five-week series, the first segment, "Intro to Core Values Series," announced in the October 7, 2020 issue of PROPS, CAP's weekly newsletter.¹

Remarked General Smith, "There is an ethical framework within Civil Air Patrol that we hold all of our members to. By understanding and embracing these core values, it helps us to work at a level of excellence and professionalism that we can be proud of, and our partners can be proud of as well."

(Editor's note: These videos, running a little over a minute each, could be an effective tool for our Chaplain Corps Character Development Sessions.)

Intro to Core Values Series

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=M6H2OLAWyo&list=PLdMrRd0MHKUVy9tCSomvF561vguzIWrpO&index=31>

Respect

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=O7gg67yyfOo&list=PLdMrRd0MHKUVy9tCSomvF561vguzIWrpO&index=27>

Excellence

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3Ycc_KDOCvM&list=PLdMrRd0MHKUVy9tCSomvF561vguzIWrpO&index=28

Volunteer service

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=H_oGLWy5EAo&list=PLdMrRd0MHKUVy9tCSomvF561vguzIWrpO&index=29

Integrity

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qwLOQ2-OR7s&list=PLdMrRd0MHKUVy9tCSomvF561vguzIWrpO&index=30>

¹<https://www.cap.news/propsnewsletter> Oct. 7, 2020.

Congratulations 2019 Chaplain Corps of the Year Awards Winners!!!

Winners of the following 2019 Chaplain Corps Of The Year awards were announced at the 2020 Civil Air Patrol Virtual National Conference: (Photos from virtual conference site)



Chaplain (Lt. Col.) Robert W. Harris
PCR/CAWG
Senior Chaplain of the Year



Chaplain (Col.) Kenneth W. Parris
PCR
Squadron Chaplain of the Year



Capt. Christel M. Houston
RMR/COWG
Character Development
Instructor

FIRST STUDENTS TEST AUXILIARY CHAPLAIN COURSE MATERIAL

by Chaplain (Lt. Col.) Timothy Miner

Special Advisor to the Chief of Chaplains for Social Media

At the end of September 2020, the first test students from the Civil Air Patrol Chaplain Corps entered the “virtual gates” of the Air Force Chaplain Corps College at Maxwell AFB to begin studying as part of the new Auxiliary Chaplain Course. This collaboration between the USAF Chaplain Corps and the CAP Chaplain Corps started a mere 90 days after the initial discussions between the Chief of Chaplains for CAP, Chaplain (Colonel) John Murdoch and the Commandant of the USAF Chaplain Corps College, Chaplain (Colonel) Michael Newton, USAF. Chaplain (Lt. Col.) John Tillery of the Texas Wing is the director for this visionary effort to provide CAP chaplains the same training that newly commissioned USAF and ANG chaplains receive.



The Auxiliary Chaplain Course uses recorded classroom instruction given by active-duty instructors to new USAF chaplains going through their eight weeks of Basic Military Training. The video is supplemented by reading and mentoring by retired USAF chaplains and officers. This two-pronged effort provides the knowledge and the professional development that allows CAP chaplains to train to the same standards as all other chaplains in the USAF Total Force.



Chaplain (Lt. Col.) John Tillery, director of the new Auxiliary Chaplain Course

During the beta test, three students are studying the courses in Military Honors and Funerals, Ministering in a Pluralistic Environment, and Confidentiality for Military Chaplaincy. Based on the results of this test, other USAF courses will be added to the program. At that point, the Auxiliary Chaplains Course will begin training volunteers who want to complete the program leading to the possibility of being Auxiliary Chaplains to military units around the United States.

Editor’s Note: Chaplain (Lt. Col.) John Tillery participated in the July 2020 Joint Chaplain Corps Region Staff College session:

“2020 Joint CCRSC Panel on Aux Chaplain Course and Ethos in CAP.”

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6wrM82jNJ5Y>

US SPACE FORCE PROGRAM MISSION SUPPORT

CAP Chaplain to Provide CAP's First Mission Support to the U.S. Space Force

by Chaplain, Lt. Col Timothy Miner, CAP



The United States Space Force was created in late 2019 under the Department of the Air Force, to organize, train, and equip space professionals to serve the warfighting needs of the U.S. Space Command and other joint combatant commands of the Department of Defense in the domain of space.

On 3 September 2020, the Civil Air Patrol began its first Air Force Assigned Mission to support the United States Space Force, the nation's newest military service, which stood up in 2019 under the Department of the U.S. Air Force. Chaplain (Lt. Col.) Timothy Miner, CAP, the wing chaplain for the Virginia Wing and the advisor to the Chief of CAP Chaplains for social media, will begin that assignment. Miner will assist the office of the command chaplain of the USSF to stand up and implement its social media presence to support the needs of the new space professionals located in garrisons all over the world.

Chaplain (Colonel) Paul D. Sutter, USAF, USSF command chaplain, requested Miner's services in a letter to Virginia Wing commander, Colonel Dean Gould. Sutter cited "Chaplain Miner's background as a trained CAP PAO along with the experience of standing up the CAP Chaplain Corps' social media platforms." Sutter also noted that Miner's experience "serving as the Advisor to the CAP Chief of Chaplains for social media provides unique abilities that my office would like to use."

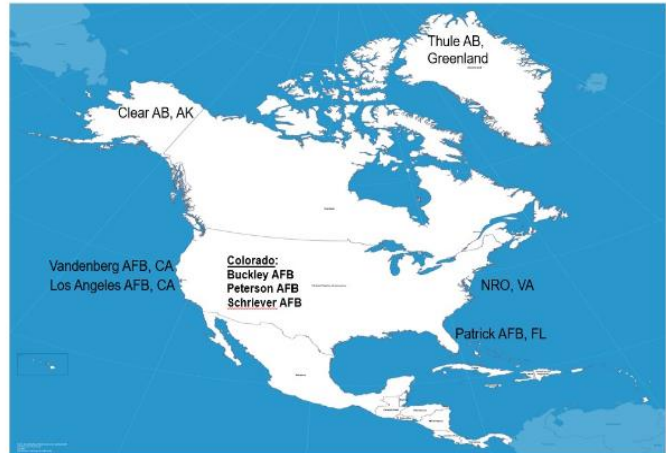
The mission required the approvals of the Virginia Wing commander, the Chief of CAP Chaplains, Chaplain (Colonel) John B. Murdoch, CAP, and CAP-USAF personnel. Chaplain Miner will spend the next year assisting Chaplain Sutter and his staff as they become comfortable with a media presence that ministers and improves the readiness of the personnel assigned to the USSF.

In what may be an important insight into future space support, Chaplain Sutter said, "We appreciate Ch. Miner's willingness to volunteer his expertise for the benefit of the Office of the Space Force Chaplain. I will continue to consider the Civil Air Patrol an Auxiliary of the U.S. Space Force by extension of our Chaplain Corps personnel remaining organic to the U.S. Air Force."



Unclassified

Space Force Chapel Teams



"Semper Supra"

Chaplain (Lt. Col.) Timothy Miner, CAP, the Virginia Wing chaplain will provide the first support from CAP directly to the new United States Space Force effective immediately.

CHAPLAIN (LT. COL.) JEFFREY WILLIAMS TO LEAD CYBER ETHICS EFFORTS

by Chaplain (Lt. Col.) Timothy Miner

Beginning in October 2020, Chaplain (Lt. Col.) Jeffrey Williams, the Deputy Chief for Internet Technology (IT), will lead the corps in examining Cyber Ethics issues for Civil Air Patrol cadets and senior members. This effort expands the initial work in core values for STEM programs begun during the summer's Joint Chaplain Corps Region Staff College. This initiative introduced chaplains and CDIs to the issues of Space Ethics. Chaplain Williams' first venue will be using social media, but there will be other opportunities when in-person meetings resume.

Cyber Ethics will include several components. It consists of teachings about individual responsibilities to live according to the CAP core values while online. It also discusses the implications of new technologies like robots and automation in everyday lives in the future. Each advancement will come with a host of moral and ethical implications for CAP cadets who will be the leaders of the future.



Chaplain (Lt. Col.) Jeffrey Williams, Deputy Chief for Internet Technology

Chaplain Williams is uniquely suited to do this work. He notes, "Back when I was a real person, before becoming a pastor and chaplain, I was part of the computer science departments at AT&T Bell Laboratories. Some of the things we worked on in the early 1980s are just now becoming mainstream." He also wrote the "first book" on what would become the internet.

Before joining the Chief of Chaplains' national staff, Williams was the Rocky Mountain Region Chaplain and the Colorado Wing Chaplain. He now supports the Iowa Wing as its wing chaplain.

The national Cyber Ethics program has the CAP National Cyber Program staff's blessing, who welcomed the chaplain corps' involvement. This program will join with other STEM-based moral leadership instruction as part of the growing education mission to make the core values relevant to every facet of life.

To Find Chaplain Williams' Cyber Ethics Lessons



#CYBERethics
&
The Chaplain Corps Facebook Page

"Cyber-ethics for
Civil Air Patrol"



Lesson 1 <https://www.facebook.com/CAPchaplains/photos/a.412600008882498/1908448675964283>

Lesson 2 <https://www.facebook.com/CAPchaplains/photos/a.412600008882498/1916717928470691>

(For additional lessons see Chaplain Corps Facebook Page
https://www.facebook.com/groups/16639568303/?notif_t=group_r2j)

2020 VIRTUAL JOINT CHAPLAIN CORPS REGIONAL STAFF COLLEGE

Session Review: Chaplain Corps Education and Training



Deputy Chief of the Chaplain Corps, IT
(Lt. Col.) Jeffrey Williams
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gTuXe9hSmFA&t=18s>

Deputy Chief of Chaplains (Lt. Col.) Jeffrey Williams's presentation at the Joint Chaplain Corps Regional Staff College provided information on the Chaplain Corps Development Program changes under the new CAPR 80-1. The YouTube video link provides Williams' PowerPoint and narrative. The editor recommends the video to those seeking further details.

- I. Chaplain Williams presented proposed Goals for the Chaplain Corps Region Staff Colleges:
 - a. A national college will replace the Regional Colleges.
 - b. The new college will be aligned with Volunteer University modules, using specific Chaplain Corps resources.
 - c. Volunteer University will award credit on modules completed, rather than hours of instruction;
 - d. College completion will count toward Level III requirements.

- II. Williams also revealed plans for the new Chaplain Corps Handbook and Specialty Track Guide (CAPP 40-80).
 - a. The guide will consolidate all specialty track materials into one pamphlet.
 - b. CAPP 40-80 will also provide a ready resource for handling Chaplain Corps members' duties, text for specialty track level requirements, and opportunities to recognize members for service, materials, and knowledge.

- III. The Role of Chaplain Support Teams (CSTs)
 - a. Under CAPP 80-1, Character Development Instructors will become Chaplain Support Specialists (CSSs), members of the Chaplain Corps team. CSSs will focus on education and also support.
 - b. 80-1 also provides the Chaplain Support Team Concept and the revised Values for Living 2.0 character development materials.
 - c. Chaplain Support Teams will provide ministry support resources for emergency service settings, employing two chaplains and one CSS. In normal operations, CSSs will deal with all ministry concerns except religious rites and sacraments.

Deputy Chief Williams also provided details for the chaplain and CSS specialty track requirements proposed for CAPP 40-80.

Training			
Chaplain		CSS	
Technician	GES TLC Basic Facilitators Course	Technician	TLC Basic
Senior	Become Mission Chaplain Attend ARCCC (former CCRSC)	Senior	ES-CSS or Tech Cadet Programs Attend ARCCC
Master	Complete ARCCC (former CCRSC) Complete CISM or similar	Master	Complete ARCCC (former CCRSC)

One of several clips on Specialty track requirements included in Chaplain Williams' PowerPoint

2020 VIRTUAL JOINT CHAPLAIN CORPS REGIONAL STAFF COLLEGE Session Reviews



A Chaplain in the New Education and Training Volunteer University

Chaplain (Lt. Col.) David N. Poland
Level 2 Chair for Online Learning Programs

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1_ob_MRhuiQ

Chaplain (Lt. Col.) David Poland, Ohio Wing Chaplain, spent the last decade teaching the National Online Squadron Leadership School. He now serves as Volunteer University's Level 2 Chair for Online. In this session, Poland described his role as dean for Level 2 online education. He went on to outline the professional development tracks for all levels for Senior Members in the new CAP Volunteer University. Volunteer University is divided into an Online School and an Onsite School, every school having a chair for each of the five levels of the CAP professional development program. As Dean for Level 2 Online, Poland manages both its pool of online instructors and assistants and its classes and course materials.

In addition to serving on the staff, Poland advocates for the Chaplain Corps' role in Volunteer University. He sees a real need for every Chaplain Corps member to apply to be an instructor. Every level has modules on Core Values, and Poland asks us to take ownership of these modules. At Level 1 particularly, every unit will need qualified instructors. We teach in these units and can support our squadrons by serving as Volunteer University instructors.

Poland described paths open to new CAP Senior Members in their professional development. Launching candidates in Level 1, Volunteer University prepares them in Levels 2-5 for further promotion and increased responsibility. Training may be online or onsite, or mix and match, completing some online and some onsite. Onsite modules can be taught in any unit by Volunteer University trained instructors. Online modules are completed at the member's pace and reviewed by an instructor.



Professional Development Transformed

Colonel Regia Aye

Volunteer University Chief of Education and Training

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OLclpW1ErtI&feature=youtu.be&fbclid=IwAR2_6iW7BH-3zynU6ywwzSq83xBgOopW7939GC2duQKch8rian2JzmdJtgRQ

In a separate presentation at the Joint Chaplain Corps Regional Staff College, Col. Regina Aye provided comprehensive information on Volunteer University's new CAP Senior Member Professional Development program, codified under CAPR 40-1 (4 August 2020).

As well as charting the program's Level 1-5 training, Aye gave further details on the specialized instruction for commanders and training events such as region staff colleges afforded by the program. Teaching here employs modules rather than courses, adapting well to adult learning.

Aye's presentation serves as an aid to members seeking to become familiar with and implement the educational and training resources of the new CAPR 40-1.

CHAPLAIN AND CDI APPOINTMENTS

July 2020 – September 2020

CDI APPOINTMENTS

2nd Lt. Charles R. Augustine (SER/ALWG)
2nd Lt. Brian Brinkmeier (GLR/ILWG)
2nd Lt. John J. Cann (NER/NJWG)
1st Lt. Vincent C. Cannon (GLR/INWG)
2nd Lt. Jonathan A. Crosier (PCR/WAWG)
MSgt Faun A. Davis (SWR/OKWG)
2nd Lt. Barbara C. Emaus (MAR/NCWG)
2nd Lt. Julie A. Filter (MAR/NCWG)
Capt. Laivi Y. Grossman (GLR/ILWG)
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SM Abbigail N. Harbin (GLR/ILWG)
2nd Lt. Amy Hines (SWR/NMWG)
Maj. Jered M. Horn (NCR/MOWG)
SMSgt. William J. Jackson (MAR/SCWG)
2nd Lt. Bradley n. Luepke (NCR/MNWG)
1st Lt. Victoria M. Mahan (MAR/DEWG)
Col. William J. Moran (NER/NHWG)
1st Lt. John R. Niemi (MAR/NCWG)
Lt. Col. Patrick B. O'Neal (MAR/NCWG)
2nd Lt. Lauren A. Owens (SER/TNWG)
1st Lt. Karen L Padgett (PCR/AKWG)
1st Lt. Jeffrey M. Pierce (NER/MEW)
2nd Lt. John W. Ray (MAR/NCWG)

CHAPLAIN APPOINTMENTS

Editor's note: There are no new chaplain appointments. COVID restrictions have prevented access to confidential records at CAP National Headquarters. To avoid delay, Chief of Chaplains (Col.) John Murdoch encourages applicants to ask schools to send transcripts electronically directly to the Office of the Chief of Chaplains.

CDI APPOINTMENTS (continued)

Maj. David L. Rinehart (MAR/NCWG)
1st Lt. Kara L. Saliba (SWR/AZWG)
1st Lt. Timothy W. Sperry (NER/NJWG)
Capt. Mary K. Starnes (SWR/TXWG)
1st Lt. Jeffrey D. Stath (SER/TNWG)
Maj. John E. Stoll (MAR/SCWG)
2nd Lt. Tricia A. Troyer (GLR/ILWG)
2nd Lt. Joshua N. Umbriaco (GLR/MIWG)
2nd Lt. Rebecca-Anne D. Walsh (NCR/MNWG)
Lt. Col. Robert M. White (SWR/LAWG)

**Wreaths Across America Day
December 19, 2020!!!**

For information on Civil Air
Patrol's Partnership with
Wreaths Across America,
fundraising, COVID
considerations:

<https://www.gocivilairpatrol.com/fieldfr/wreaths>



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PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT AWARDS

January-October 2020

Level 5 – Gill Robb Wilson Award



Lt. Col. Anna-Marie Bistodeau – NCWG
Lt. Col. Benjamin Booth – ALWG
Lt. Col. Beverly Carlson – RMR
Chaplain (Maj.) Aharon Cohn – OHWG
Maj. Darlene Cray – NHWG
Maj. Jon Domke – CAWG
MSgt. Gwendolyn Gajewski – WIWG
Maj. Shawna Hoekstra – MIWG
Chaplain (Lt. Col) Jill Holm – MNWG
Maj. Jered Horn – MOWG
Maj. Jan Johnson – WYWG

SMSgt. Charline O'Neill – MOWG
Maj. M. Mia Ottesen – FLWG
Lt. Col. Thomas A Rehman – GLR
Lt. Col. Mark Schadt – AZWG
Maj. Edwin Segura – AZWG
Chaplain (Lt. Col.) Arthur Slagle – NCWG
Lt. Col. Jane B. Smalley – TXWG
Maj. Arnold Staton – ALWG
Lt. Col. Catherine Twyford – DEWG
Lt. Col. Robert White – LAWG

Level 4 – Paul Garber Award



Maj. Steven Angus – CAWG
Capt. Herman Bayter – NYWG
Chaplain (Maj.) Jack Bennett – KYWG
Capt. Nicholas Birt – KYWG
Maj. Deborah Bolden – TXWG
Chaplain (Maj.) Larry Byrd – TXWG
Maj. Charles Case – WWG
Maj. Jimmy Chism, Jr. – FLWG
Capt. Phillip Crocker – NJWG
1st Lt. Kimberly Culp – COWG
Maj. Diane Edmondson – TNWG
Maj. Mark Eudy – SCWG
Chaplain (Maj.) James Fogal – ALWG
Maj. Andrew Franklin – TXWG
Capt. Steven Gillespie – TNWG
Maj. Kurt Glaesemann – MOWG
Capt. Nicholas Greenman – KYWG
Maj. Tammy Hallihan – NCWG
Maj. Carl Hendriksen – ILWG
Maj. Jennifer Herrington – HIWG
Chaplain (Capt.) Jacob Hill – NYWG
Capt. Matthew Holt – ALWG
Chaplain (Capt.) William Jenkins – KYWG
Maj. Jim Kelly – WAWG

Maj. Carl Knox – ORWG
Capt. David Luther – OHWG
MSgt. Kristopher Matthews – ILWG
Maj. Michael Menard – MDWG
Maj. Eric Milles – KYWG
Maj. Lynda Parker – COWG
Capt. Randall Parker – TNWG
Maj. Donald Peacock II – KSWG
Maj. James Plunkett – NJWG
Chaplain (Capt.) Peter Preble – MAWG
Capt. Roger Reed – TXWG
Capt. Lester Reid – COWG
Maj. Leigh Saville – WWG
Maj. Olga Simoncelli – CTWG
Maj. Cory Setera – UTWG
Chaplain (Capt.) Christopher Slack – MAWG
1st Lt. Timothy Sperry – NJWG
Maj. David Stansfield – CTWG
Maj. James Sullivan – FLWG
Capt. Ryan Uhles – CAWG
Maj. Agatha Vogelgesang – MDWG
Maj. Heather Weaver – NER
Chaplain (Maj.) Mark Wilkinson – MOWG
Chaplain (Maj.) Kenneth Young – AZWG

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Level 3– Grover Loening Award



Chaplain (Capt.) Jeffrey Adkins – WVWG
1st Lt. Brenda Barnes – NCWG
Chaplain (Capt.) Camille Barlow – UTWG
Maj. Kent Borchelt – COWG
Capt. Wiley Brady – UTWG
Capt. Mary Bryant – KYWG
1st Lt. Wendy Cameron – TXWG
Capt. Brett Cole – MDWG
Maj. Jonathan Crosier – WAWG
SMSgt. Jeffrey Cummings – MIWG
1st Lt. Renee Cyr – KSWG
Capt. Bruce Dawson – WVWG
Capt. Jeffrey Deery – TXWG
1st Lt. Eran East – NMWG
1st Lt. Jo Lynn Fenasci Ergle – LAWG
Capt. Evan Floyd – PAWG
Capt. Kathleen Girard – TXWG
1st Lt. Phyleasha Grauman – MNWG
Chaplain (Capt.) Michael Hammett – SCWG
1st Lt. Jayson Hansen – PAWG
Lt. Col. Terry Howlett – TXWG
Chaplain (Capt.) Wesley Hulvey – ARWG
1st Lt. Michael James – FLWG
Chaplain (Capt.) Williams Jenkins – KYWG
1st Lt. Carlos Jimenez – WAWG
1st Lt. Craig Kise – OHWG

Chaplain (Maj.) James Law – CTWG
Chaplain (Capt.) Chanoch Lebovic – NYWG
1st Lt. Kevin Levy – NJWG
Capt. Tracy Loftis – TNWG
Capt. David Luther – TNWG
Capt. Nicholas Marcantonio – FLWG
Maj. Michael McEntyre – ALWG
Chaplain (1st Lt.) Teresa McNeil – VAWG
Chaplain (Maj.) Terry McIlvain – KSWG
Capt. William Moore – NCWG
Capt. Mark Ober – INWG
Chaplain (Maj.) Manuel Otero III – FLWG
1st Lt. Chanelle Pearson – GAWG
1st Lt. Jeffrey Pierce – MEWG
Capt. Robert Proefrock – NYWG
Capt. Gary Reckart – KYWG
1st Lt. Susannah Sbragia – ORWG
1st Lt. Christopher Schwarzen – TNWG
Maj. Marybeth Slocumb – COWG
Capt. Mechell Smith – NCWG
Lt. Col. George Stanley – SCWG
Capt. Carol Stoltz – DEWG
Capt. Joseph Szumowski – NJWG
Capt. Melody Terry – DCWG
Chaplain (Lt. Col.) John Tillery – TXWG
Chaplain (Maj.) John Tober – NMWG
Capt. Ceti Vergara – NJWG

For guidance in pursuing your Professional Development, consult

**CAPR 40-1, CAPP 221 (For Chaplains); CAPP 225 (For CDIs)
(CAPPs 221 & 225 soon to be replaced by the new CAPP 40-80)**

See also: Two Articles on CAP Volunteer University on page 13 in this issue:

**“A Chaplain in the New Education and Training Volunteer University”
“Professional Development Transformed”**

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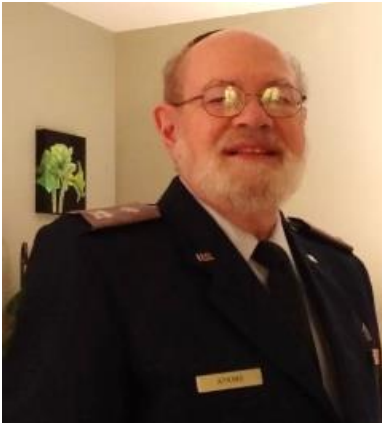
Level 2 – Benjamin O. Davis Award



2nd Lt. Charles Augustine – ALWG
1st Lt. Tricia Bagnall – INWG
Chaplain (Maj.) Steven Bailey – ARWG
2nd Lt. Lynn Baxter – WYWG
1st Lt. Harold Benfield – NCWG
2nd Lt. Joshua Bowers – INWG
Chaplain (Maj.) Aaron Campbell – INWG
1st Lt. Deborah Cauthen – NCWG
1st Lt. James Chan – DCWG
Chaplain (Capt.) Richard Chronis – MNWG
Chaplain (Maj.) Rochelle Coles – NJWG
1st Lt. Dean Courtney – DCWG
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Chaplain (Capt.) Douglas Davis – NJWG
Chaplain (Capt.) Kevin Dieckilman – CAWG
Chaplain (Capt.) Randle Dixon – VAWG
1st Lt. Donald Durbin – ILWG
1st Lt. Tamera Ekstrand – MNWG
Chaplain (1st Lt.) Dolores Elliott – WAWG
1st Lt. Mark Eyal – NYWG
Lt. Col. Richard Ferguson – TXWG
2nd Lt. Julie Filter – NCWG
2nd Lt. Douglas Gardner – WAWG
Chaplain (Capt.) Alan Gates – CAWG
Chaplain (Capt.) David Grossman – ILWG
1st Lt. Brian Hawkins – PAWG
1st Lt. Kelly Higdon – NCWG
Chaplain (1st Lt.) Michael Ireland – MNWG
Chaplain (Capt.) Menachem Hoffman – NJWG
Maj. Brian Killian – TXWG
1st Lt. Delores Konrad – WIWG
Chaplain (Capt.) Phineas Jacobus – TXWG
Capt. Paul Larson – PAWG
Lt. Col. Roger Lenard – NMWG
Chaplain (Capt.) David Levitin – NJWG
Maj. Wayne MacKirdy, Jr. – COWG
1st Lt. Victoria Mae Mahan – DEWG
1st Lt. Debra Jones Mann – FLWG
Lt. Col. Valerie Martindale – NHQ
Chaplain (Capt.) Thomas Marshall – NCWG
1st Lt. Sheila McClung – OHWG
2nd Lt. Lynn McCord – PAWG
1st Lt. P. Scott McDonald – PAWG
1st Lt. Sherry Moitoza – MDWG
1st Lt. Hope Morante – NJWG
1st Lt. Kristie Morris – VAWG
1st Lt. Lisa Neal – MIWG
Chaplain (Capt.) Kenneth Oster – TXWG
1st Lt. Karen Padgett – AKWG
2nd Lt. Stephen Perschke – GAWG
1st Lt. David Peterson – MIWG
Capt. Martha Anne Pickard – NYWG
2nd Lt. Rachel Pridgen – ALWG
1st Lt. Ellen Randolph – ALWG
2nd Lt. Brian Ronsayro – PAWG
Chaplain (Maj.) Isaac Rosenberg – FLWG
Chaplain (Lt. Col.) Donald Roy – LAWG
Chaplain (Capt.) David Sain – ILWG
Chaplain (Capt.) Preston Smith – NCWG
1st Lt. Jeffrey Stath – TNWG
1st Lt. Elaine Stewart – COWG
Chaplain (Capt.) Benjamin Stillwell-Hernandez – FLWG
1st Lt. Linda Stokes – AZWG
1st Lt. Michael Stolle – TXWG
Chaplain (Capt.) Ronald Thompson – LAWG
2nd Lt. Catherine Vargo – NYWG
2nd Lt. Linda Vecchiarelli – COWG
1st Lt. Rebecca-Anne Walsh – MNWG
Chaplain (Capt.) John Whelan – WIWG
1st Lt. Sherry White – MIWG
Chaplain (Maj.) David Wike – SCWG
Chaplain (Capt.) Philip Williams – ALWG
1st Lt. Gary Wilson – ALWG
2nd Lt. Michael Wimmer – PAWG

SOME THANKSGIVING THOUGHTS

by Chaplain (Capt.) Gary Atkins, New Hampshire Wing Chaplain



Rabbi Atkins was born on December 19, 1945 in Cleveland, Ohio. After college, he enlisted in the U.S. Air Force. During his military service, Atkins became seriously interested in his Judaism and, after completing his service, studied and was ordained at the Rabbinical School of the Jewish Theological Seminary of America. He returned to the Air Force as a chaplain and served as Area Jewish Chaplain for the Far East, stationed at Clark Air Base, Philippines. In the chaplaincy, he developed and lived an outlook of interfaith cooperation, respect, and sharing, which has been part of his life ever since. After his honorable discharge from the Air Force, Rabbi Atkins served pulpits in Georgia, Pennsylvania, and Connecticut. Upon retiring from the pulpit, he and his wife, Iris, moved to New Hampshire to be near family and friends and the seacoast. Learning that there was a need for a chaplain for the Civil Air Patrol, and was appointed the New Hampshire Wing Chaplain in 2019.

As I write these words, it's only about a month until we observe the holiday of Thanksgiving. Even in these stressful times of pandemic, we need to channel our thoughts into this positive holiday.

The Thanksgiving celebration, Thursday, November 26 this year, is rooted in both the Jewish harvest festival of Sukkot and the holiday of Hanukkah, this year starting the evening of December 10. The Puritans were greatly influenced by the Biblical narrative of celebrating the Sukkot holiday as they planned their first Thanksgiving observance. Sukkot was the harvest festival in ancient Israel, and the Puritans resonated with that idea.

So how can Thanksgiving be connected with Hanukkah as well? Many scholars feel that the Maccabees' "first" celebration of the victory over Antiochus and his Syrian Greek forces, with the rededication of the Temple in Jerusalem after it had been desecrated, became a delayed celebration of Sukkot. You can read this account of this victory in the book of Maccabees, part of the Apocrypha.

The act of "thanksgiving" is a universal religious value. Actually, we really shouldn't need a "special" day to give thanks, because gratitude should be part of our ongoing, daily spiritual practice. Prayers on the theme of thanksgiving are a basic part of every religious tradition I am aware of. Psalm 92, for example, which is recited every Friday night in the synagogue, opens with the words, "It is good to thank God." What a simple and beautiful sentiment. Gratitude shouldn't be and can't be confined to a given time or place. Gratitude does not have a proscribed amount. It is simply good to thank God.

Every morning, my prayers include Psalm 100, one of the shorter, ecumenical, and most beautiful of the Psalms. Do consider saying it at your Thanksgiving celebration:

A Psalm of Thanks

Raise a shout for the Lord, all the earth;
Worship the Lord in gladness
Come into God's presence with shouts of joy
Acknowledge that the Lord is God
God made us and we are God's
God's people, the flock God tends
Enter God's gates with praise
God's courts with acclamation
Praise God!
Bless God's name!
For the Lord is good;
God's steadfast love is eternal
God's faithfulness is for all generations.

Have a joyous Thanksgiving!

INTERFAITH CALENDAR

Major Religious Holidays**

November 2020

- 1 All Saints Day - Christian
- 2 All Souls Day - Catholic Christian
- 7 Buddha' descent - Buddhism
- 11 Veterans Day
- 11-16 Diwali - Hindu, Jain, Sikh
- 12 Birth of Baha'u'llah* - Baha'i
- 26 Thanksgiving - Interfaith USA
- 26 Day of the Covenant* - Baha'i
- 28 Ascension of Abdu'l-Baha * - Baha'i
- 29-Dec 24 Advent - Christian
- 30 Birthday Guru Nanak - Sikh

December 2020

- 1 Civil Air Patrol Birthday
- Nov 29-Dec 1 CAP Sabbath/Sunday (Fri-Sun)
- 8 Feast of the Immaculate Conception (RC)
- Bodhi Day (Rohatsu) - Buddhism
- 11-18 Hanukkah - Jewish*
- 19 Wreaths Across America
- 24 Christmas Eve - Christian
- 25 Christmas - Christian
- 25 Srimad Bhagavad Gita Jayanti - Hindu
- 26 Zarathosht Diso - Zoroastrian
- 31 Watch Night - Christian

January 2021

- 1 New Years Day - Interfaith *
- 1 Gantan-sai - Shinto
- 6 Epiphany - Christian
- 7 Christmas - Eastern Orthodox
- 14 Makara Sankranthi - Hindu
- 15 Martin Luther King Birthday
- 20 Guru Gobindh Singh birthday - Sikh
- 28 Tu B'Shevat - Jewish*
- 28 Mahayana New Year - Buddhist

For Transmitter article on Diwali by Yale Prof Asha Shipman:

https://capchaplain.com/downloads/Transmitter_Summer_2020.pdf

See also the following Transmitter articles by Lt. Col. Karen Semple (CDI):

Autumn Holidays: https://capchaplain.com/downloads/Transmitter_Summer_2017.pdf

Chanukah: https://capchaplain.com/downloads/Transmitter_Fall_2017.pdf

* Holy days generally begin the previous sundown. Dates may vary due to differences in the lunar, Gregorian & Julian calendars.

** This list is intended to be a general guide drawn from the following sources and is not intended as an inclusive list of special holy days recognized by all religious bodies:

Boy Scouts Calendar of Religious Observances: <https://www.scouting.org/resources/relationships/religious-observances/2019-2/>

Harvard Divinity School: <http://hds.harvard.edu/life-at-hds/religious-and-spiritual-life/multifaith-calendar>. *Useful description of holidays.*

Hebcal: <https://www.hebcal.com/holidays/>. *Useful description of holidays and listing of major and modern holidays.*

*** Those observing these holidays refrain from participation in non-religious activities. In Judaism this also applies from twilight Friday through nighttime Saturday (Shabbat)

SOME USEFUL ITEMS FOR THE CHAPLAIN CORPS “TOOL BOX”

The Chaplain Corps National HQ Site <https://capchaplain.com/>
CD lessons, past Transmitter issues, and other resources

Chaplain Corps Blog <https://capchaplain.com/blog/>

The Chaplain Corps on Twitter <https://www.twitter.com/CAPChaplains>

Chaplain Corps Internal Facebook Page (Closed Group)
<https://www.facebook.com/CAPChaplains>

CAP Chaplain Corps Library <http://caphclib.us/wordpress/>
Chaplain Corps resources, event registration

Chaplain Corps Prayer Team supporting every CAP member & their family
Email requests to chapel@capchaplain.org

The Transmitter Newsletter Issues
<https://capchaplain.com/transmitter-newsletter/>

CAP Mission Chaplain Training Program
<https://capchaplain.com/mission-chaplain-program/>

CAPP 80-3 The New Senior Member Character Development Curriculum 7 Nov 2019
https://www.gocivilairpatrol.com/media/cms/CAPP080_003_7_October_2019_Core_Va_0D2A2FF3A1D38.pdf
<https://www.capnhq.gov/CAP.LMS.Web/Default.aspx>

Link to new Values for Living 2.0 Lessons. Go to the link below for instructions to enter the Axis Learning Management system. Access to copyrighted videos is now limited to chaplains, CDIs, and commanders.
<https://www.gocivilairpatrol.com/programs/cadets/library/character>

Values for Living 2.0 Facilitator Training Course <https://www.capnhq.gov/CAP.LMS.Web/Default.aspx>

CAPP 80-4 Wellness and Resilience: Handbook for the Five Pillars of Wellness and Resilience
https://www.gocivilairpatrol.com/media/cms/CAPP_804_58A6566D3AF9D.pdf

CAP Chaplain Corps Spiritual Resiliency <https://capchaplain.com/resiliency>

CAP CISM Wellness and Resilience Training <https://www.gocivilairpatrol.com/programs/emergency-services/critical-incident-stress-management-cism--resiliency>

CAPP 221 Chaplain Specialty Track https://www.capmembers.com/media/cms/P221_F28D3A31A9924.pdf

CAPP 221A Technician Level https://www.capmembers.com/media/cms/P221A_5FC4131B0F475.pdf

CAPP 221B Senior Level https://www.capmembers.com/media/cms/P221B_C5812A0221682.pdf

CAPP 221C Master Level https://www.capmembers.com/media/cms/P221C_4F00E2E614797.pdf

CAPP 225 CDI Specialty Track February 2016
https://www.capmembers.com/media/cms/P225_3E1B2C993E723.pdf

CAPR 265-1 The Civil Air Patrol Chaplain Corps 5 April 2015
https://www.capmembers.com/media/cms/R265_001_538BD6B239386.pdf

CAP Picture Sharing (Flickr has been acquired by SmugMug)
<https://civilairpatrol.smugmug.com/>

CAP Chaplain Corps and Air Force Chaplain Corps Book of Prayer
https://www.gocivilairpatrol.com/media/cms/BookOfPrayers_093F10A091CAE.pdf

Armed Forces Chaplain Board (AFCB) List of Ecclesiastical Endorsers
Ecclesiastical endorsers meeting requirements for chaplain appointment under CAPR 265-1 § B.6.b
<http://prhome.defense.gov/M-RA/MPP/AFCB/Endorsements/>

U.S. Department of Education Database of Accredited Postsecondary Institutions and Programs
A starting point in evaluating programs and credentials
<http://ope.ed.gov/accreditation/Search.aspx>

