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## A MESSAGE

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

**Chaplain (Colonel) Linda Pugsley**

Greetings to our wonderful Chaplain Corps,

We have gone through quite a challenge with COVID affecting our meetings, training and travel. But through it all, our spirits remain high, and with the help of the Almighty, we will prevail. As your new Chief of Chaplains, I want to assure you that that I am deeply committed to our own wellness and resilience, as well as for those we serve.

The Chaplains, CDIs, and Chaplain Support Specialists (CSS) that comprise our Corps are some of the finest and most dedicated people I've ever had the privilege with which to work. You have such servant hearts, and that can work against us as much as it works for those we serve. My prayer is that we would all take heed to the teachings and counsel we give others in taking care of themselves in stressful times, and make sure we apply it to ourselves. Our work in comfort care, counseling, emotional care, and conflict mitigation can take a toll on us. Proceed with caution.

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As we continue with the work of CAP, may we develop the “team” mindset, using the new concept of Chaplain Support Team (CST). The Chaplains, CDIs, and CSSs, working side by side, not only at the squadron level, but in Emergency Services missions and in cadet activities. We are a needed entity in them all.

There are many new horizons for our Corps, from assisting the VA with doing military funeral honors for our veterans; to providing Chaplain presence with the requesting ROTC units; to the new program where some of the Air Force Chaplain Candidates will be joining CAP as CDIs to serve as part of their internship. Exciting days are here, and many new ones are ahead.

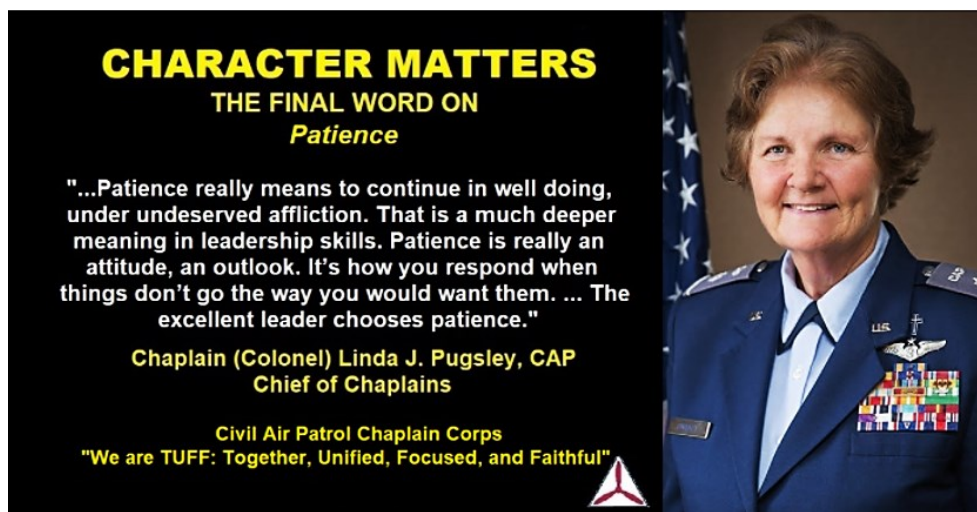
With all of this work in mind, I would like to encourage us all to give the gift of appreciation to one another; and that each one would work hard to advance in your specialty tracks and Education and Training journey. If everyone does a little, then one or two won't have to do a lot.

I would also like to remind us that we are an all-volunteer Corps. Let's try and be aware of each other's schedules, religious duties, and family responsibilities. Those emails and reports are important, but we must be led by God's wisdom in responding in a timely but judicious manner.

Romans 12, verse 3 says it all for me, and hopefully for you, *For through the grace given to me, I say to everyone among you not to think more highly of themselves than they ought to think; but to think so as to have sound judgment, as God has allotted to each a measure of faith.*

Stay tuned, there is much more to come. God is with us. God bless you all richly. You are in my prayers each day.

Chaplain (Colonel) Linda J. Pugsley  
Chief of Chaplains



**CHARACTER MATTERS**  
THE FINAL WORD ON  
*Patience*

"...Patience really means to continue in well doing, under undeserved affliction. That is a much deeper meaning in leadership skills. Patience is really an attitude, an outlook. It's how you respond when things don't go the way you would want them. ... The excellent leader chooses patience."

Chaplain (Colonel) Linda J. Pugsley, CAP  
Chief of Chaplains

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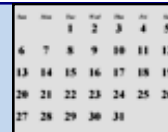
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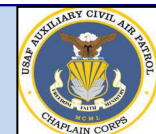
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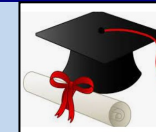
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### **OUR IDENTITY....**

- 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



## **THE TRANSMITTER**

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## 2022 EVENTS

Look for Announcements for Training Opportunities from HC-NHQ

### **Chaplain Training Practicum**

To qualify to perform Military Honors for VA funerals

### **Auxiliary Chaplain Course**

To provide further support to military  
Training conducted by CAP retired AF chaplains

## **2022 CHAPLAIN CORPS STAFF COLLEGES**

**NORTH CENTRAL REGION 25-28 April 2022**

**Columban Fathers Retreat Center, Bellevue, NE**

**Contact: NCR Chaplain Donald Mikitta**

## **2022 ON-LINE TRAINING LEADERS OF CADETS (TLC)**

Course is offered quarterly by the Chaplain Corps.

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



*Preliminary Announcement by the  
Military Chaplains Association*

*The MCA will meet in conjunction with the*

## **CAP NATIONAL CONFERENCE**

**August 25-27, 2022**

**Galt House Hotel, Lexington, KY**

# 2021 NATIONAL CONFERENCE CHAPLAIN CORPS SESSIONS



Those registered for the 2021 CAP National Conference, sessions can access sessions at <https://civilairpatrol2021.pathable.co/>

## **Chaplain Corps Forum**

Chaplain (Col.) John Murdoch & Chaplain (Col.) Linda Pugsley

<https://civilairpatrol2021.pathable.co/meetings/virtual/66Aed2ZBNJRH3MqA2>

**Commander's Call to Prayer** see details on page

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**Chaplain Awards Panel** see details on page

Chaplain (Maj.) Linda Berz, TSgt. Gerald Martin. Chaplain (Lt. Col.) Tim Miner, and Chaplain (Col.) John Murdoch.

<https://civilairpatrol2021.pathable.co/meetings/virtual/YsZEuKEAszo8YGQd4>

## **Exploring Space Ethics, Cyber Ethics, and Stem Ethics**

Chaplain (Maj.) TJ Jenney, Chaplain (Lt. Col.) Tim Miner and Chaplain (Lt. Col.) Jeff Williams

<https://civilairpatrol2021.pathable.co/meetings/virtual/wvirPkXpTkWzFruAr>

## **Character Development Forum; Imparting Virtue Ethics Through Facilitative Learning**

1<sup>st</sup> Lt. Wes Foreman & Chaplain (Col.) Charles Sattgast

<https://civilairpatrol2021.pathable.co/meetings/virtual/ufnPu9tEDNxsgm9Wd>

## **Reasonable Accommodation**

Joanna Lee, Susie Parker, Juan Rodriguez, and Chaplain (Col.) Charles Sattgast

<https://civilairpatrol2021.pathable.co/meetings/virtual/93xjff3sXcajhG38g>

## **OTHER:**

### **Opening Assembly: State of the Organization & Celebrating Our Proud Past**

Maj Gen Mark E. Smith, National Commander & CEO

<https://civilairpatrol2021.pathable.co/meetings/virtual/FsxcKcicQmSHk8f7b>

### **Keynote: Envisioning Our Futures: Maj Gen Edward Phelka**

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### **General Phelka on Servant Leadership**

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## 2021 NATIONAL CONFERENCE

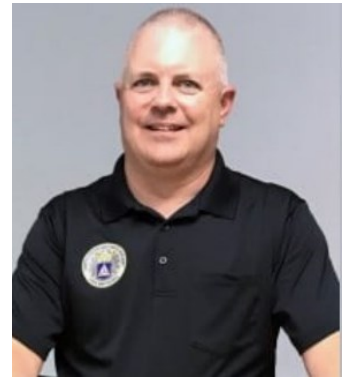
### OF YEAR AWARDS



**Senior Chaplain of the Year**  
**Chaplain (Lt. Col.) Tim Miner**  
Virginia Wing



**Squadron Chaplain of the Year**  
**Chaplain (Maj.) Linda B Berez**  
Milwaukee Composite Squadron  
Wisconsin Wing



**CDI of the Year**  
**TSgt. Gerald Martin**  
Coeur d'Alene Composite Squadron,  
Idaho Wing

The 2021 Chaplain Corps of the Year Awards were presented at the 2021 Civil Air Patrol National Conference in a virtual Ceremony Conference registrants can see awardees speak of their CAP service at the Chaplain Awards Panel Session at <https://civilairpatrol2021.pathable.co/meetings/virtual/YsZEuKEAszo8YGQd4>

## 2021 NATIONAL COMMANDER'S CALL TO PRAYER

Traditionally, the first morning of the National Conference opens with the Commander's Call to Prayer. Speakers who led prayers for the Friday, 13 August 2021 Commander's Call to Prayer included:

**INVOCATION** Chaplain (Col.) Charles Sattgast, Former Chief of Chaplains

**WELCOME** Major General Mark Smith, CAP National Commander, recalled the words of Joshua at a time of change:

*Be Strong, Be courageous, Do not be afraid, for I am with you.*

**GREETING:** Chaplain (Brig. Gen.) Randy Kitchens, Deputy Chief of Chaplains, USAF

**OPENING WORDS** Brig Gen Edward Phelka, CAP National Commander designee,

General Phelka announced his selection of Chaplain Linda Pugsley as the next Chief of Chaplains

**PRAYER OF PRAISE:** Lt. Col. Shirley Rodriguez, National CDI Designee

**PRAYER FOR OUR CAP MEMBERS:** Chaplain (Lt. Col.) Gary Eno, HC Deputy Chief for Plans & Programs designee

**PRAYER FOR OUR NATION AND ITS LEADERS:** Chaplain (Capt.) David Grossman

**PRAYER FOR OUR UPCOMING LEADERSHIP:** Chaplain (Maj.) James Fogal, HC Chief for Personnel designee

**INTRODUCTION OF THE OUTGOING CHIEF:** Chaplain (Lt. Col.) Eric Cooter, Chaplain Corps Deputy Chief designee

**REFLECTION:** Chaplain (Col.) John Murdoch, Chief of the Chaplain Corps, on the Prayers of David as Commander

**DISMISSAL IN PRAYER:** Chaplain Linda Pugsley, Chief of the Chaplain Corps designee

To access the Commander's Call to Prayer, go to <https://civilairpatrol2021.pathable.co/meetings/virtual/66Aed2ZBNJRH3MqA2>

## MEET THE EXECUTIVE TEAM



### Chaplain (Col.) Linda Pugsley

#### Chief of Chaplains

Chief of Chaplains Colonel Linda Pugsley joined CAP in the Florida Wing in 2003 and served notably as Florida Wing Chaplain and Southeast Region Chaplain in 2016. In 2018, Pugsley assumed the position of Deputy Chief for Plans and Programs and Deputy Chief of the Chaplain Corps in 2019.

A mission chaplain, Pugsley has served ADY at MacDill AFB as support for Hurricane Recon and other disasters. A key member of the ChESS (Chaplain Corps Emergency Service School) team, she served as an instructor for NESAs-based mission chaplain (MC) and chaplain support specialist (CSS) training for both CAP and Disaster scenarios.

Chief Pugsley's career, varied and spirit-led, began with her early training at Boston City Hospital School of Nursing. Assignments in the emergency room and trauma centers led her to enlist in the USAF Reserves at Hanscom AFB in 1967 and then volunteer for two tours as an Air Evacuation Flight Nurse in Vietnam.

Pugsley's memories of her Vietnam service are the subject of a PBS documentary, "The Vietnam War: Voices from the Bay, Linda Pugsley's Story."<sup>1</sup> The video documents her call to service. "Things were really getting hot over here. I have the skills. I'm already in the military. I need to go. So, I volunteered to go to a unit in Texas being deployed to Vietnam."<sup>1</sup> Pugsley recalls her experiences vividly with the wounded that would shape her future ministry.

In 1978 Pugsley resigned her position as Flight Nurse with a rank of Major to pursue a career in ministry. Ordained in 1989 at Great Hope Christian Fellowship Church, she still serves the church as Associate Pastor and has received a Doctor of Biblical Studies degree from Colorado Theological Seminary.

Pugsley's passion for her work with veterans is well known. She is frequently called on to speak to veteran's groups and officiated on November 11, 2013, at the 20<sup>th</sup>-Anniversary Celebration of the Vietnam Women's War Memorial.<sup>2</sup> She recalled in a video the veterans' experiences and heart, "I will remember those young men forever. I would do it all over again in a heartbeat."<sup>3</sup>

On serving in chaplaincy, Pugsley reflects, "It's like coming full circle. As a young flight nurse, I tended to the physical wounds of soldiers. Now, as a chaplain, I tend to the spiritual and emotional wounds."<sup>4</sup>

<sup>1</sup> <https://www.pbs.org/video/linda-pugsleys-story-awv44b/>

<sup>2</sup> <http://www.vietnamwomensmemorial.org/past-events.php#>

<sup>3</sup> <http://www.vietnamwomensmemorial.org/videos/linda-pugsley.html>

<sup>4</sup> <https://www.cap.news/cap-chaplain-served-two-tours-as-flight-nurse-during-vietnam-war/>

## MEET THE EXECUTIVE TEAM



### **Chaplain (Lt. Col.) Eric Cooter**

#### **Deputy Chief of Chaplains**

Chaplain Cooter was named Deputy Chief of Chaplains, National Headquarters, Maxwell AFB, AL, on 1 September 2021. As Deputy Chief, Chaplain Cooter assists the Chief of Chaplains with developing and implementing plans and programs for the Chaplain Corps.

Chaplain Cooter joined CAP as a cadet in 1979 and served until 1987, earning the Gen. Carl A. Spaatz Award in 1984. Chaplain Cooter completed Air Education Training Command Familiarization Course as a cadet in 1981, Chaplain Corps Region Staff College in 2016, and National Staff College in 2017. Chaplain Cooter has served as the Squadron, Group, and Wing Chaplains in Florida Wing and served as the Southeast Region Chaplain. In 2020, after a ministry-related relocation to Oklahoma, Cooter was named Deputy Region Chaplain – Southwest Region.

Chaplain Cooter is rated as a Mission Pilot, Mission Pilot Check Pilot, Instructor Pilot, Orientation Pilot, and Mission Chaplain (CAP Support). He holds a Commercial Pilot Certificate (AMEL/ASEL, Instrument), Certified Flight Instructor Certificate (Airplane, Instrument, Gold Seal), Ground Instructor Certificate (Advanced), UAS Remote Pilot Certificate.

Cooter served as previously as a unit and group Chaplain in the Florida Wing. He was named Florida Wing Chaplain on 29 August 2017 and Southeast Region (SER) Chaplain on 14 September 2018. Transferring to the Southwest Region, he was assigned the SWR Deputy Chaplain on 16 July 2020. His major awards include the 2015 Florida Wing Chaplain of the Year Award and the 2017 SER Chaplain of the Year Award. In September 2020, he was awarded the Military Chaplains Association Distinguished Service Award. Attending the Military Honors Course in June 2021, he received the class Academic Achievement Award.

Chaplain Cooter currently serves as Canon to the Ordinary for the Bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of Oklahoma. He has also served as Canon for Ministry Development in the Episcopal Diocese of Southwest Florida and has served as Rector of two different Episcopal Churches.

Eric is an author and has published two books: "Misfits, Pioneers, and Mission," a book about his ministry journey, and "A Pilot's Logbook: A memoir of aviation adventures," a compilation of short stories about his flying adventures. Eric also loves to write short stories about aviation and is a content creator on YouTube, publishing videos about some of his and his spouse Terri's travel adventures.

## MEET THE EXECUTIVE TEAM



### An interview with the new NHQ Character Development Officer Lt Col Shirley Rodriguez.

#### Why are you a CDI?

I attended a three-day joint training session (Suicide Prevention and Awareness) with members from the Kansas Army National Guard and the Civil Air Patrol. On the second day after our training session was over for the day, Kansas Wing Chaplain Charles Sharp approached me and asked if we could talk about CAP. We talked for over an hour; he gave me a website to visit and a pamphlet on the CAP Chaplain Corps.

I went home that evening and looked over the pamphlet. I visited both the Florida Wing website and the NHQ website and was very impressed with what CAP and the Chaplain Corps were doing. That evening I gave the decision to join CAP a lot of thought. I was working full-time and also serving as a member of the Kansas Army National Guard. The next day after our training session was over, Chaplain Sharp asked me if I was ready to join CAP, but more importantly, prepared to become a member of the Chaplain Corps. I said yes, and he walked straight over to his briefcase and pulled out an application form. As they say, “the rest is history.”

#### What is your role as the National CDI?

I fully support our new Chief of Chaplains, Ch Linda Pugsley, and her vision for the Chaplain Corps. I appreciate Chaplain Pugsley's motto for the Chaplain Corps: WE ARE TUFF Together, United, Focused and Faithful.

Chaplain Pugsley is continuing the legacy of the previous Chief of Chaplains, a forward-thinking approach taking the Chaplain Corps into new mission opportunities supporting our joint efforts with our Active and Reserve counterparts. My direct role is to support that vision as Ch Pugsley's CDI and to act as the other half of her Chaplain Support Team (CST).

#### What are your particular interests?

Working with cadets – I am TDA back at my very active Composite Squadron where I will be involved with all our activities. I will continue to attend national conferences and training events and assist in online training sessions with Seniors and Cadets.

Admin – As part of my new duties, I will gather data, prepare reports, and complete various administrative tasks. My over 20 years in the Human Resources field will serve me well.

ESS opportunities for CDIs – I fully support Chaplain Pugsley's vision for the CST concept and her goals of having a CST (1 Chaplain, 1 CDI) located at each Group, Wing, and Region and present at encampments and over-night events.

Hopes/plans during your tenure: Work with the Chaplain Corps Executive Staff to further our agenda and provide guidance and support for all of our CDIs and CSTs in the field. Hopefully, when my appointment has ended, I will not only have mentored my replacement, but I can look back at all we have accomplished and say to myself, “Job well done.”

# CHAPLAIN CORPS NEWS

## Chaplain (Major) TJ Jenney named 2021 CAP Recipient of MCA Distinguished Service Award



Chaplain, Major Theodore “TJ” Jenney was selected by the Military Chaplains Association as the winner of its 2021 Civil Air Patrol Distinguished Chaplain Award. Jenney currently serves as Indiana Wing Chaplain and the 84th Composite Squadron Chaplain.

Endorsed by the United Church of Christ, Jenney serves as Senior Pastor of Immanuel United Church of Christ in Lafayette, IN. He graduated from Evangel University, majoring in Religious Studies, and went on to receive his MDiv and STM from Yale Divinity School. Chaplain Jenney also completed a Ph.D. in Educational Psychology and Higher Education Administration from Purdue University. A board-certified chaplain, he completed a CPE Residency at Bon Secours Maryview Medical Center in Portsmouth, VA.

Chaplain Jenney currently serves on the Civil Air Patrol National Task Force for Wellness and Resilience. He also serves on a First Air Force Task Force to leverage technology for use in tele-chaplaincy. Additionally, Jenny serves as an instructor with the CAP Chaplain Corps College of the Air Force’s Air University. He was a contributing editor to Eerdmans Bible Dictionary (1989) and the Eerdmans Dictionary of the Bible (2000).

*Reprinted from the 18 August, 2021 MCA Newsgram*

## Military Chaplains Association National Institute and Annual Meeting Held in Columbia, SC



I to r: Chief of Chaplains Emeritus (Col.) John Murdoch; Chaplain (Maj.) TJ Jenney, recipient of the 2021 MCA Civil Air Patrol Distinguished Service award; GLR Chaplain (Lt. Col.) Gary Eno (CAP Representative to MCA Board of Directors)

The Military Chaplains Association (MCA) held its 2021 National Institute and Annual Meeting on October 5, 2021, at St. Martin’s-in-the-Field Episcopal Church in Columbia, SC.

The agenda for the day included the Annual Memorial Service, National Institute Presentation by Chaplain Alan “Blues” Baker, Awards Presentations, and the Annual Business Meeting and Elections. The Association made its 2021 Distinguished Service Award to Chaplain (Maj.) Theodore Jenney in a presentation by the Civil Air Patrol’s Chief of Chaplains Emeritus (Col.) John Murdoch.

The MCA announced that it will hold its 2022 Annual Meeting in conjunction with the Civil Air Patrol Chaplains August 25-27 at the Galt House Hotel in Louisville, KY



Join MCA at  
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*Photo and information appeared in MCA Newsgrams of 22 September and 6 October, 2021*

## CAP MISSION CHAPLAINS SERVE ON “MASTER TEAMS”

by Chaplain (Major) Chanoch Lebovic, New York Wing



*Chaplain Major Chanoch Z. Lebovic joined CAP in the end of 2018 and hit the ground running. He attended the 2019 Great Lakes Region Chaplain Corps Region Staff College and basic encampment in Kentucky.<sup>1</sup> Then, at the National Emergency Services Academy (NESA) in Indiana he received his Mission Chaplain CAP Support (MC-CS), Mission Chaplain Disaster Support (MC-DS) ratings. Lebovic has participated in numerous national and regional conferences as well as many professional development training sessions. Chaplain Lebovic was appointed the New York City Group Chaplain at the end of 2019. He is now assisting the Northeast Region Chaplain to implement in the region the new Chaplain Support Team (CST) system developed by Chaplain Marcus Taylor.*

<sup>1</sup>See Chaplain Lebovic’s article “Focus on Service,” in Metropolitan Airport News, about his experience at the Kentucky encampment: <https://metroairportnews.com/to-focus-on-service/>.

We regularly see many kinds of teams: at work, sports, first responders, etc. What sticks out to me about the Civil Air Patrol (CAP), the US Air Force Auxiliary, is what I call the “Master Team.” CAP has many small local teams scattered around the country highly trained for search and rescue, disaster response, etc. Each has its strengths and weaknesses. Periodically, one or two team members will go to an intensive training event like Hawk Mountain, NESA, Region Staff College, to step up their training and bring back that expertise to their squadron or group. All members grow in their expertise.

The “master teams” take the best members from around the state or region and put them together as a team. They may never have met and possibly never heard of each other, but they work perfectly together. That is due to CAP members volunteering for the same selfless goals, standardized training, and outstanding leaders around the country. I have seen this at NESA, encampments, and numerous other events and missions around the country. I can walk into a CAP meeting or training exercise anywhere at any time and understand what they are doing and why. I fit right in and even assist them with my own expertise. That truly is a Master Team!

One incident commander told a chaplain, “I appreciate venting my frustration to chaplains during high pressure times, since I can say whatever I want and nobody will ever find out.”

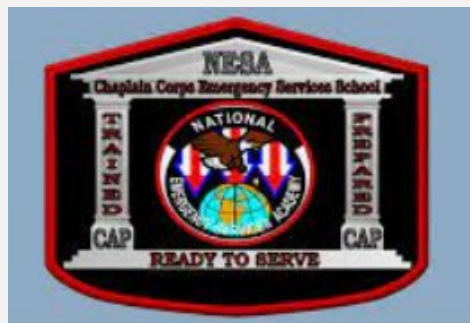
I am proud to belong with so many selfless and courteous volunteers in Civil Air Patrol. Besides the outstanding work with aerospace education and teens (cadets), these teams truly stand out during disaster response and search and rescue with their knowledge, experience, and professionalism. They are everyday neighbors and friends donating their time and resources to ensure the community and region have a team nearby to assist in times of disaster.

Besides highly trained ground teams, command staff, communications staff, and aircrews, CAP has a highly trained chaplain support team (CST) to assist with team members' and survivors' spiritual and emotional well-being. Civil Air Patrol understands the emotional trauma and devastation caused by disasters and has trained chaplains and chaplain support specialists to US Airforce standards.

This past June, these trained chaplains were put to the test during a Northeast Region (NER) training exercise set up over a multi-day and multi-wing reconnaissance training mission. Many tasks were set out for the aircrews and command staff, and the chaplains were there to assist and support the base and teams. In teams set up by the NER Chaplain, Chaplain Wissell, chaplains participated in all mission and command staff briefings, remaining in constant contact with incident commanders and other command staff. They met with aircrews before and after their sorties to offer a ministry of presence, ensure that all airmen were safe and hydrated, and remain available for counseling when requested. One incident commander told a chaplain, "I appreciate venting my frustration to chaplains during high pressure times, since I can say whatever I want and nobody will ever find out."

The TRAEX was a great success. All tasks completed, many expressed appreciation for the assistance and professionalism of our chaplain teams. The chaplains were very happy to serve our selfless members so dedicated to the safety and well-being of our fellow Americans as they train regularly to be mission ready. They look forward to proudly serving in the future on training and actual missions. Kudos to our dedicated chaplain master teams!

**LOOK FOR ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE  
CHAPLAIN CORPS EMERGENCY SERVICE SCHOOL (ChESS)  
For Mission Chaplain/Support Specialist (CSS) ratings**



**Online/Virtual Basic ChESS (CAP Support) Course TBA**

**ChESS at NESA 2022**

**Advanced Disaster Support Course**

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# VIRTUAL CHAPLAIN CORPS REGION STAFF COLLEGES

## Decades in the Making

By Chaplain (Lt. Col.) Jeffrey Williams, Iowa Wing Chaplain



*Ch (Lt. Col.) Jeff Williams joined CAP in 1977 as a member of the Kansas Wing. He served as the first Project Officer for the Kansas Blood Transportation Program with the Red Cross. He later moved to Illinois where he was the commander of the Fox Valley Composite Squadron in the western suburbs of Chicago. After completing seminary in 1992, he was appointed a chaplain in the Kansas Wing. His duties included unit chaplain for Air Force ROTC (AFROTC) Det 270 (Kansas State). Following a sabbatical to finish his doctorate in education, he was active as a unit chaplain, wing chaplain, and region chaplain in Colorado. From 2016 to 2021 he served as the Deputy Chief of Chaplains for Information Technology. Awards include several saves, several finds, Air Search and Rescue ribbon, plus training*

In 2020 and 2021, the Chaplain Corps sponsored several virtual Chaplain Corps Region Staff Colleges (CCRSC). Why was the Chaplain Corps prepared to tackle these classes on such short notice? From the beginning of the shutdown because of COVID until the first online CCRSC was less than sixty days. Although we were not anticipating something as large as a CCRSC, we had been in the “virtual classroom” business for several years.

You need three pieces of technology to run a successful virtual classroom. This does not include the content which will be taught. Using technology to enhance learning, such as the proper use of presentation graphics, is a topic worthy of study on its own. However, as helpful as presentation graphics may be in a virtual classroom, having slides and videos are not absolutely necessary.

Content and presentation software aside, you need a way of tracking your students, a way of providing for handouts and discussion, and a communication package to allow people to participate. While others were scrambling to define their needs, the Chaplain Corps was already comfortable with the virtual classroom.

The online CCRSC was built on the work that started in the fall of 2017 when several senior members in Utah desired to become Character Development Instructors. Rocky Mountain Region is unique in both geography and weather. The Cadet Programs team in Utah had tried for two years to schedule and complete a TLC Basic course. Each time it was scheduled, storms made traveling to the course impossible. Three times in two years, the course was scheduled and cancelled due to weather.

One state east, in Colorado, the state Department of Transportation defines the winter driving season as starting on September 1 and ending on May 31. Every year several passes in the high country will have snow in August, and frequently the higher passes may not be open until mid-June. And, believe it or not, winter driving in Colorado is actually more reliable than winter driving in the northern wings in the region.

Thus, to recruit CDIs, the Region Commander, Colonel Tom Kettell, approved a TLC Basic using a virtual classroom. Cadet Programs at National was, at first, a bit reluctant. However, they gave their permission for the Rocky Mountain Region to host a single session.

The course material exists for TLC Basic. We were able to use the course as available from the CAP website. With content available, our first problem was solved.

Next, we had to ask, “How do we register and track our students?” Some courses use commercial products such as EventBrite, but that wasn’t feasible for something as small as a single TLC Basic. After all, we expected only ten to fifteen students. Therefore, having done database programming and having developed interactive websites, I wrote a simple registration system and hosted it on one of my servers. The second problem was solved.

With the content set and a registration system in place, how do we send handouts and provide for discussion? While working on my dissertation, I used a Learning Management System (LMS) called Manhattan Virtual Classroom. It is Open Source (free software) and runs nicely on inexpensive hardware. Because I had experience with this LMS, I installed a copy on my server. Our students could introduce themselves, upload their documentation showing they completed several required tasks, as download course handouts as they needed. It was a simple solution.

That left our communications software. In 2017 we did not have much that was appropriate. Certainly, there were some “free” applications on the web, but these “free” applications paid their bills by skimming information from course participants. Privacy issues suggested we find a better solution. Colorado Mountain College in Leadville, Colorado, allowed all CAP members LMS to use their virtual classroom software (WebEX) on Saturday when it would not impact their students.

The first TLC Basic class was successful. Over thirty students completed the class, and many became CDIs. Although there were a few minor problems, the course went well. More importantly, we now had a cadre of Chaplain Corps members who understood how to run a virtual classroom.

Word spread. Many others asked for a similar session. We began to offer a quarterly TLC Basic in 2018. Several CAP members who could not attend Saturday sessions asked for Sunday sessions, which we provided. Every session improved our ability to use the infrastructure. WebEX gave way to Zoom, Manhattan Virtual Classroom was retired in favor of the Moodle LMS. The simple registration system had evolved into a system where we could generate the CAPF 11 “Course Director’s Report” and graduation certificates and import our student information into the Moodle LMS.

Then the pandemic hit. The Mid Atlantic Region was the first to ask for help in setting up an online Chaplain Corps Region Staff College. If memory serves, they had over 40 people attend and graduate. Five or six other regions decided to hold a joint CCRSC in July 2020, with over 150 participants. Chaplain Tim Miner had the “big” Zoom account, but we used the same registration system and LMS we used for TLC.

Our experience with over 100 participants showed that the servers were inadequate, which was easy to fix. We had been using “virtual servers,” individual systems that share common hardware. We moved to small dedicated servers for registration and the Learning Management System, which was the only change we needed in the infrastructure.

In 2021, when several regions canceled their in-person CCRSCs, we were able to plug into the existing systems simply. No CCRSC had over 100 participants, so we did not have to bother Chaplain Minor for his Zoom account. We were able to use the one I have for the quarterly TLC.

We continue to use this infrastructure for CAP training. The Chaplain Corps has hosted TLC Intermediate for the Wyoming Wing. We have used this technology for Character Development sessions and various meetings.

Without the skill and experience gained since the fall of 2017, we would not have been ready for the switch to the virtual classroom. Because the Rocky Mountain Region wanted to overcome the problems of weather and distance, we have a cadre of experienced administrators and instructors who are ready and willing to teach. Let’s hope that we can meet in person next year. If not, we are ready for the virtual CCRSC.

# THE CAP CORE VALUES – Volunteer Service

By Colonel James Ridley, Sr.



Col James A. Ridley, Sr, the Northeast Region Chief of Staff, has long contributed to the Transmitter on various subjects and their relevance to command and leadership. Col Ridley will break down in a series of articles each of the CAP Core Values and what it should mean to the volunteer Airman of the Civil Air Patrol, beginning with the first Core Value of Integrity. This second article in the series will focus on **Volunteer Service**.

Former British Prime Minister Winston Churchill once said, "We make a living by what we get. We make a life by what we give." I think of this quote whenever anyone asks me, "why do you give so much of your free time away?" Discussing my volunteer efforts. I usually answer in the same way, "it makes me feel good, and simply put, I enjoy it." My volunteer journey began in my youth when I served four years as an altar boy at my church. I took on more of a leadership role as an adult where I gave my time coaching my children's sports teams, participating in my church's Pastoral Council, helping students as an alumni leader in my college honor society and in Civil Air Patrol.

Why do we give so much of our time? Why don't we enjoy our free time doing things we like? If giving our time does provide us with enjoyment and satisfaction, doesn't that accomplish the same thing? For me, volunteering, especially in CAP, has provided much joy and a sense of pride and the establishment of friendships I value and ones I know will last a long time, something I cherish.

There are many benefits volunteering can bring someone. Volunteering offers vital help to people and our communities. There are worthwhile causes in need of assistance and those that truly enrich volunteers' lives. Volunteering establishes new friendships, allows the person to learn new skills, and provides a feeling of accomplishment beyond what one receives when paid for their contributions. Psychologists have noted that volunteering is good for one's mental and physical health and can reduce stress and avoid depression.

In the Civil Air Patrol, we often talk of helping our community, state, and nation. Our efforts benefit all three. The time we spend participating in our valuable missions connects us with our communities and makes them a better place to live while increasing our self-confidence and providing a sense of pride.



## A Volunteer's Story

While recently searching the internet, I came by the following story of a young man, which sums up why volunteer service is so important:

"I spent my summers all through high school and college volunteering at a beach camp for children with disabilities in Long Island, NY. We did arts and crafts, swimming, music, and sports. The kids loved coming to camp every day. The most wonderful memories I have from those summers were the moments when a camper accomplished something, whether it was a craft that was frustrating them at first or hitting an amazing spike in volleyball that made them proud. I developed special bonds with many campers, several of which have lasted throughout the past 15+ years (thanks, social media!). I can't imagine what my summers those years would have been like without them."<sup>1</sup>

*"And as he was setting out on his journey, a man ran up and knelt before him and asked him, "Good Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?" And Jesus said to him, "Why do you call me good? No one is good except God alone. You know the commandments: 'Do not murder, Do not commit adultery, Do not steal, Do not bear false witness, Do not defraud, Honor your father and mother.'" And he said to him, "Teacher, all these I have kept from my youth." And Jesus, looking at him, loved him, and said to him, "You lack one thing: go, sell all that you have and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, follow me." – Mark 10:17-31*

<sup>1</sup><https://www.buzzfeed.com/usbank/these-heartwarming-volunteer-stories-will-totally>

# NEW CDI APPOINTMENTS PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT AWARDS July 2021-October 2021



## Level 5 – Gill Robb Wilson

Capt. Phillip Crocker – NJWG  
 Maj. Kurt Glaesemann – MOWG  
 Lt. Col. Jamie Griffith – INWG  
 Maj. Karl Hendrickson – ILWG  
 Lt. Col. Joan Lee – NYWG  
 Chaplain (Maj.) Theodore Jenney – INWG  
 Lt. Col. George Murray, Jr. – MDWG  
 Lt. Col. Shawn Lawson – CAWG  
 MSgt. Kristopher Matthews – ILWG  
 Maj. Roger Reed – TXWG  
 Lt. Col. Mary Thornton – MIWG  
 Lt. Col. Mandel Todd – WIWG  
 Lt. Col. John Ureke – TXWG  
 Maj. Heather Weaver – NER



## Level 4 – Paul Garber

Maj. Ian Burkett – KYWG  
 1<sup>st</sup> Lt. Jo Lynn Ertle – LAWG  
 Maj. Jerad Hoff – SWR  
 Maj. Thomas Sabatino – CAWG  
 Lt. Col. George Stanley – SCWG  
 Chaplain (Capt.) AnnaMae Taubeneck – CAWG



## Level 2 – Benjamin O. Davis

1<sup>st</sup> Lt. Amy Hines – NMWG  
 SMSgt. William Jackson – SCWG  
 2<sup>nd</sup> Lt. Gina Sartirana – CTWG  
 Chaplain Christopher Thompson – FLWG  
 2<sup>nd</sup> Lt. Robin Yang – CAWG

## NEW CDI APPOINTMENTS

1<sup>st</sup> Lt. Rachel Ambrose (MAR-NDWG)  
 2<sup>nd</sup> Lt. Diane Reardon (SWR-TXWG)  
 Maj. Gen. Mark Smith (NHQ)  
 Lt. Col. Joseph Stanko (SWR-TXWG)

## NEW ASSIGNMENTS

### Congratulations

on the following appointments:

**Chaplain (Capt.) Michael Hammett**  
 South Carolina Wing Chaplain Sep. 2020

**Chaplain (Maj.) Jacob Hill**  
 New York Wing Chaplain Mar. 2021

**Chaplain (Lt. Col.) David King**  
 Oregon Wing Chaplain Mar. 2021

**Chaplain (Capt.) Kevin Massey**  
 Illinois Wing Chaplain Jan. 2021

**Chaplain (Capt.) John Bret Moser**  
 Idaho Wing Chaplain

**Chaplain (Maj.) Peter Preble**  
 Massachusetts Wing Chaplain Oct. 2021

**Chaplain (Lt. Col.) Adma Ross**  
 Northeast Region Chaplain Aug. 2021

**Chaplain (Lt. Col.) Michael Strickland**  
 Mid Atlantic Region Chaplain Aug. 2021



## Level 3 – Grover Loening

1<sup>st</sup> Lt. James Chan – DCWG  
 Lt. Col. Lance Clark – TXWG  
 Capt. Debra Mann – FLWG

## INTERFAITH WORSHIP SERVICE AT THE 2021 NER CONFERENCE



by Major Olga Simoncelli  
CDI/CSS, Connecticut Wing

*Major Olga Simoncelli is a CDI/CSS in the Connecticut Wing. She also held positions of wing Public Affairs Officer and Squadron Commander. Before CAP, Maj Simoncelli was an Investment Banker in NYC and served as an Intelligence Officer in the USAF Reserves and Air National Guard.*

On August 21, 2021, at the Northeast Region/Connecticut Wing Conference, the Chaplain Corps conducted an Interfaith Worship Service as one of the scheduled events. The session was a first for Connecticut and inspired by the rich diversity of faiths and inclusivity on which the state enjoys and prides itself. Many different faith communities are aptly represented within Civil Air Patrol membership in the state. The program was prepared and led by Dr. Asha Shipman, Director of Hindu Life at Yale University, the Founding Chair of the North American Hindu Chaplains Association.

After a brief welcome and introductions, the meeting commenced with a cadet leading the group in the reading of America the Beautiful, thus first paying homage to our nation. The importance of our land was further recognized by acknowledging the numerous indigenous peoples and nations that have populated what is now the state of Connecticut, as they honored and respected those lands and waterways for many generations in their own spiritual way.

The Invocation by CTWG Chaplain (Maj.) James Law included lighting a candle, bringing further symbolism and solemnity to the gathering. A moment of silence was dedicated to the many victims of Covid. Dr. Shipman's Remarks on Peace and Healing referred to an ancient Hindu sage whose notions were strikingly contemporary in tone and messages. The remainder of the service consisted of readings from various faiths, including a Native American Prayer, a Hindu Prayer, a Tibetan Buddhist Prayer, a Jewish Prayer, a Muslim Prayer, a Christian Prayer, and a Prayer from the Church of Latter Day Saints. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. authored the closing Benediction.

One might say that this Interfaith Service was an answer to our increasingly multicultural society, where we experience many different influences. As young people proverbially try to find their way, they encounter many choices, including how they wish to express their spirituality. For example, humanitarianism has emerged as an informal ideology or an option for those seeking a spiritual connection beyond the confines of recognized religions. However, the seemingly universal message of love, acceptance, goodwill, hope, peace, and joy in the unity of brotherhood was apparent from ALL the faiths honored during the Interfaith service. Dr. Asha Shipman's musical selection encapsulated some of these sentiments in Nancy LaMott's song "Listen to my Heart."

In the words of Chaplain James Law, the presentations were inspirational and eye-opening in exposing us to how others pray and fit well into the Civil Air Patrol core value of "respect" in terms of recognizing others' ways of worshipping. As the Connecticut Wing Chaplain, he hopes to organize more of these sessions in the future.

Our outgoing National Commander, Major General Mark Smith, attended the meeting and offered a good summation: "I was delighted to attend the Interfaith Service, finding it to be deeply moving. The inclusive nature of the service underscores CAP's focus on diversity, including various faith walks. My compliments to all who made the service a reality".



## Civil Air Patrol Unites States Air Force Auxiliary



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October 31, 2021

### **Civil Air Patrol 80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Prayer**

Almighty God, You are the source of all good things! The historic moment that the Civil Air Patrol came into existence those 80 years ago, December 1<sup>st</sup> 1941 is no fluke, but by divine appointment.

It is by your hand that great men and women of vision were directed to answer the call, not only in a time of great trial for our country and the world, but to establish a fellowship of men and women, ordinary and extraordinary people of vision and strong faith in the work you would lay upon their hearts. It is these humble roots of those called before us, that laid the foundation of what we have today. A grass roots organization that has served you and our country with dignity, integrity, volunteer service and excellence for 80 years!

Lord, without your support, your vision, CAP would have passed away into history as many other groups with a mission have. Due to Your desire for our service, you have graciously supplied many generations to continue Your work in loving people and our country, with not just words and good intentions but with actions, actions that have blessed a nation, which came with many sacrifices of many individuals.

There is a tangible connection with the men and women of yesteryear to those that stand vigilant today. The desire and willingness to be there for all Americans regardless of ethnic, religious or social status. Almighty God, you have stood side by side through the thick and thin, the ebbs and the flows, the ups and the downs of a country that has seen many great and not so great circumstances, yet through it all the Civil Air Patrol, the men and women who sacrificially have given their time, efforts, and resources, that you called to serve others remains a bastion of strength. We acknowledge that it is Your divine presence that has provided the strength to all that answered the call to serve with the Civil Air Patrol, those that served, serve currently, and will serve You as well as our fellow man in the future.

To You be the Glory and thank you for calling men and women of the past, present, and future to pursue your will, for 80 years, and by your providence for another 80 years. Amen

In His service

## APPRECIATING THE BEAUTY OF GOD'S WORLD

by Chaplain (Maj.) 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, he became Seacoast Squadron Chaplain in 2017 and was appointed the New Hampshire Wing Chaplain in 2019.*

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Yes, we all know there are difficult / tragic events that are part of our world. Diseases, weather events, horrible accidents... you name it.

But there is also great beauty and joy in the world, and it is part of the reality and dichotomy of life that both are together.

Many religions have special blessings acknowledging the presence of God in the natural world. In Judaism, for example, there is a special blessing for seeing a rainbow, for example. There is a blessing for seeing the ocean or magnificent mountains. There is a blessing for acknowledging new life and even one acknowledging the end of a life. One of my favorite blessings is acknowledging waking up for a new day after the “death” of sleep.

Earlier this month my wife and I took a mini-vacation to Acadia National Park in Bar Harbor, Maine. Acadia is the oldest national park in the eastern side of the United States and, I read, the most visited of all America's national parks. Magnificent views of mountains and the ocean, as well as the panorama of changing colors of leaves, were all around us. Each day the sun was brightly shining and that enhanced the beauty we were experiencing. However, even a cloudy day would have shown the park's beauty, and there is a different beauty to the park in the cold months of winter.

Some psalms in the Book of Psalms are well known; others are not. Psalm 104 is a paean to God's presence and power seen in the natural world. It is one of the longer psalms, and translations will vary a little.....but whatever translation you use, you will find the psalm ennobling and inspiring.....

## O LORD My God, You Are Very Great

104 Bless the LORD, O my soul!  
O LORD my God, you are very great!  
You are clothed with splendor and majesty,  
2 covering yourself with light as with a garment,  
stretching out the heavens like a tent.  
3 He lays the beams of his chambers on the waters;  
he makes the clouds his chariot;  
he rides on the wings of the wind;  
4 he makes his messengers winds,  
his ministers a flaming fire.  
5 He set the earth on its foundations,  
so that it should never be moved.  
6 You covered it with the deep as with a garment;  
the waters stood above the mountains.  
7 At your rebuke they fled;  
at the sound of your thunder they took to flight.  
8 The mountains rose, the valleys sank down  
to the place that you appointed for them.  
9 You set a boundary that they may not pass,  
so that they might not again cover the earth.  
10 You make springs gush forth in the valleys;  
they flow between the hills;  
11 they give drink to every beast of the field;  
the wild donkeys quench their thirst.  
12 Beside them the birds of the heavens dwell;  
they sing among the branches.  
13 From your lofty abode you water the mountains;  
the earth is satisfied with the fruit of your work.  
14 You cause the grass to grow for the livestock  
and plants for man to cultivate,  
that he may bring forth food from the earth  
15 and wine to gladden the heart of man,  
oil to make his face shine  
and bread to strengthen man's heart.  
16 The trees of the LORD are watered abundantly,  
the cedars of Lebanon that he planted.  
17 In them the birds build their nests;  
the stork has her home in the fir trees.  
18 The high mountains are for the wild goats;  
the rocks are a refuge for the rock badgers.  
19 He made the moon to mark the seasons;  
the sun knows its time for setting.

20 You make darkness, and it is night,  
when all the beasts of the forest creep about.  
21 The young lions roar for their prey,  
seeking their food from God.  
22 When the sun rises, they steal away  
and lie down in their dens.  
23 Man goes out to his work  
and to his labor until the evening.  
24 O LORD, how manifold are your works!  
In wisdom have you made them all;  
the earth is full of your creatures.  
25 Here is the sea, great and wide,  
which teems with creatures innumerable,  
living things both small and great.  
26 There go the ships,  
and Leviathan, which you formed to play in i  
27 These all look to you,  
to give them their food in due season.  
28 When you give it to them, they gather it up;  
when you open your hand,  
they are filled with good things.  
29 When you hide your face, they are dismayed;  
when you take away their breath, they die  
and return to their dust.  
30 When you send forth your Spirit, they are created,  
and you renew the face of the ground.  
31 May the glory of the LORD endure forever;  
may the LORD rejoice in his works,  
32 who looks on the earth and it trembles,  
who touches the mountains and they smoke!  
33 I will sing to the LORD as long as I live;  
I will sing praise to my God while I have being.  
34 May my meditation be pleasing to him,  
for I rejoice in the LORD.  
35 Let sinners be consumed from the earth,  
and let the wicked be no more!

Bless the LORD, O my soul!  
Praise the LORD!

Blessings,  
Chaplain Gary Atkins

# INTERFAITH CALENDAR

## Major Religious Holidays\*\*

### November 2021

- 1 All Saints Day – Christian
- 2 All Souls Day – Christian
- 2-6 Diwali – Hindu, Jain, and Sikh
- 5 Govedham Puja – Hindu
- 6 Birth of the B'ab – Baha'i\*
- 7 Birth of the Baha'u'llah – Baha'i\*
- 11 Veterans Day – U.S. Federal
- 19 Birthday Guru Nanak Dev Gahib – Sikh\*
- 24 Martyrdom of Guru Tegh Bahdor – Sikh
- 20 Day of the Covenant – Baha'i\*
- 25 Thanksgiving Day – U.S. Federal/Interfaith
- 27 Ascension of Abdu'l Baba – Baha'i\*
- 28 Advent begins – Christian
- 29 Hannukah begins (8 days) – Jewish\*

### February 2022

- 1 Four Chaplains Sunday – Interfaith
- 2 Vasant Panchami – Hindu

### December 2021

- 3-5 CAP Sabbath/Sunday
- 6 St Nicholas Day – Christian  
*Civil Air Patrol 80<sup>th</sup> Birthday*
- 8 Bodhi Day (Rohatsu) – Buddhist  
Immaculate Conception – Catholic
- 12 Our Lady of Guadalupe – Catholic Christian
- 25 Christmas – Christian\*
- 26 Zarathosht Disco – Zoroastrian
- 26-Jan 1 Kwanzaa

### January 2022

- 1 New Year's Day – US Federal
- 1 Gantan-sai – Shinto
- 5 Guru Gobingh Singh Birthday – Sikh
- 6 Epiphany – Christian
- 7 Christmas – Eastern Orthodox
- 7 Martin Luther King Birthday – U.S. Federal
- 13 Maghi Lohri – Sikh
- 14 Makara Sankranti – Hindu
- 17 Tu B'Shevat – Jewish\*
- 17 World Religion Day – Baha'i\*
- 24 Mahayana New Year (3 days) – Buddhist

\* 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 and has been cross-checked in various sources. It a partial list drawn from the following sources and is not intended as an inclusive list of special holy days recognized by all religious bodies: *Sources include useful descriptions of holidays:*

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

Hebcal: <https://www.hebcal.com/holidays/>. Includes major, minor, and modern holidays.

\*\*\* Refrain from participation in non-religious activities. Applies in the case of Shabbat from twilight Friday through nighttime Saturday; also applies to the beginning of holy days through nighttime at the end.

**For Transmitter article on Diwali by Yale Prof Asha Shipman:**

[https://capchaplain.com/downloads/Transmitter\\_Summer\\_2020.pdf](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](https://capchaplain.com/downloads/Transmitter_Summer_2017.pdf)

**Chanukah:** [https://capchaplain.com/downloads/Transmitter\\_Fall\\_2017.pdf](https://capchaplain.com/downloads/Transmitter_Fall_2017.pdf)

## SOME USEFUL ITEMS FOR THE CHAPLAIN CORPS “TOOL BOX”

**The Chaplain Corps National HQ Site** <https://capchaplain.com/>  
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](mailto:chapel@capchaplain.org)

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

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

**CAPR 80-1 The Civil Air Patrol Chaplain Corps**  
[https://www.gocivilairpatrol.com/media/cms/R\\_801\\_CA6C805D5EB06.pdf](https://www.gocivilairpatrol.com/media/cms/R_801_CA6C805D5EB06.pdf)

**CAPP 40-80 Chaplain Corps Handbook and Specialty Track Guide 25 Aug 2021**  
[https://www.gocivilairpatrol.com/media/cms/P\\_4080\\_3652571731F14.pdf](https://www.gocivilairpatrol.com/media/cms/P_4080_3652571731F14.pdf)

**CAPP 80-3 The New Senior Member Character Development Curriculum 7 Oct 2019**  
[https://www.gocivilairpatrol.com/media/cms/CAPP080\\_003\\_7\\_October\\_2019\\_Core\\_Va\\_oD2A2FF3A1D38.pdf](https://www.gocivilairpatrol.com/media/cms/CAPP080_003_7_October_2019_Core_Va_oD2A2FF3A1D38.pdf)

**CAPP 80-4 Wellness and Resilience: Handbook for the Five Pillars of Wellness and Resilience**  
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or on the AXIS Learning Management System through E-Services; → Online Learning → Learning Management System → AXIS. Access to copyrighted videos is limited to chaplains, CDIs, and commanders.

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

**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>

**CAP Chaplain Corps and Air Force Chaplain Corps Book of Prayer**  
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**Armed Forces Chaplain Board (AFCB) List of Ecclesiastical Endorsers**  
Ecclesiastical endorsers meeting requirements for chaplain appointment under CAPR 265-1 § B.6.b  
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