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A Message From the Chief of CAP Chaplain Corps



Chaplain (Col.) Jay Hughes

*Now this is not the end.
It is not even the
beginning of the end.
But it is, perhaps,
the end of the
beginning.*

Winston Churchill

My Thoughts exactly!

Your Former Chief

Sattgast Named Next Chief of Chaplains

Chaplain Charlie Sattgast was named as the Chief of Chaplains-Select by Maj. Gen. Joe Vazquez, Civil Air Patrol CEO and national commander and Maj. Gen.-Select Mark Smith, incoming CEO/national commander, in an announcement appearing in "CAP News" on August 17, 2017.¹



Chaplain (Col.-Sel.)
Charlie Sattgast

"Chaplain (Colonel-Select)

Sattgast, who resides in Portland, Oregon, has been deputy chief of the CAP Chaplain Corps since September 2015. Previously, he served as chaplain of the Pacific Region and the Oregon Wing. Sattgast has been in CAP since 2001. In addition to his chaplain Master rating, he holds a Senior rating in cadet programs. He earned the Gill Robb Wilson Award in 2007. Sattgast is endorsed by the Foursquare Church and has served over the years as a senior pastor, associate pastor, worship pastor and children's pastor. He serves as a volunteer assisting minister in his local church, The Oregon Community, in Portland. He holds a master's degree from Multnomah Biblical Seminary in Portland and a doctorate in leadership development from Bethel University. He and his wife, Linda, have two adult children and own a training company that teaches Photoshop online.

'I am very fortunate to have professionals of this caliber to serve alongside me on the senior national

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staff,' Smith said [in naming a total of six senior staff appointments]. 'I look forward to working with them to lead CAP forward.' The new senior staff members will begin their duties Sept. 2 during Civil Air Patrol's National Conference in San Antonio, following a change of command ceremony in which Smith officially becomes CAP's CEO and national commander and Brig. Gen.-Select Edward Phelka becomes national vice commander."

Messages of congratulation are pouring onto Chaplain Sattgast's Facebook page.²

¹<http://www.cap.news/incoming-senior-staff-appointments-announced/>

²<https://www.google.com/maps/@41.1318625,-74.1158185,14z>

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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

CHAPLAIN (COL.) JAMES HUGHES

Chief of CAP Chaplain Corps and Chairperson of the Council

Appoint chaplains & CDIs, manage Chaplain publications, establish strategic objectives, serve as director on NHQ Staff

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CHAPLAIN (LT. COL.) JEFFREY WILLIAMS - Rocky Mountain Region

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UPCOMING EVENTS -- Mark Your Calendars!

Chaplain Corps Emergency Services School (ChESS)

ChESS Fall Session at Scott AFB, Ill., Oct 16-20, 2017

repeat MC-CS & CSS-CS Rating Training Track

details to be announced at CAP National Conference in San Antonio, Tex.

The goal for 2017 is to transition all CAP Chaplain Corps personnel into the new Mission Chaplain program. The Mission Chaplain-CAP Support (MC-CS for Chaplains) and Chaplain Support Specialist-CAP Support (CSS-CS for CDIs) ratings are now the basic, NO EXPIRE ES ratings for all CAP Chaplain Corps personnel. We will run ONLY the training tracks for these ratings in 2017. In 2018, we will run our FULL training curriculum at ChESS, to include the Mission Chaplain/Chaplain Support Specialist-Disaster Support (MC-DS/CSS-DS) and the Mission Chaplain-Air Force Support (Chaplains ONLY) Advanced Training rating.

2017 Military Chaplain Association (MCA) National Institute & Annual Meeting

October 24-26

Newport News Marriott at City Center, Newport News, Vir.

Online registration: <https://www.mca-usa.org/national-institute/>

Hotel reservation: http://www.marriott.com/meeting-event-hotels/group-corporate-travel/groupCorp.mi?resLinkIdData=Military%20Chaplain%20Assn%20Annual%20Meeting%20National%20Instrument%5EPHFOY%60MCMCMA%6091.00%60USD%60false%604%6010/23/17%6010/26/17%609/22/17&app=resvlink&stop_mobi=yes

CHAPLAIN CORPS 2018 REGION STAFF COLLEGES

NORTHEAST REGION

April 9-13, 2018 at Camp Niantic Army Reserve Training Center, Niantic, Conn.

Northeast Region Chaplain Corps Staff College combined with
Chaplain Corps Emergency Services School (ChESS)

Chaplain (Lt. Col.) Van Don Williams, Instructor

For information: aross@hc.cap.gov

This information was obtained from the event organizers as of our publication date and is subject to change.

CAP NATIONAL CONFERENCE

31 August- 2 September 2017

Marriott Riverside & Riverwalk Hotels, San Antonio, Tex.



CHAPLAIN CORPS SCHEDULE AT NATIONAL CONFERENCE

Marriott Riverside Hotel, San Antonio, Tex.

Wednesday	30 August	9 a.m.-8 p.m.	Chaplain Corps Advisory Council	Salon I
Thursday	31 August	7-8:30 p.m.	Opening Reception	Salon H
Friday	1 September	6:30-7 a.m.	Commander's Call to Prayer	Salon A
		8-10 a.m.	General Assembly	Salon E/F
		6-7 p.m.	Jewish Worship Service	Conf Rm 11
Saturday	2 September	8-10 a.m.	Recognition Program/ Change of Command	Salon E/F
		4-5 p.m.	Protestant Worship Service	Conf Rm 14
		4-5 p.m.	Catholic Worship Service	Conf Rm 10
		6-7 p.m.	National Commander's Reception	Foyer
		7-10 p.m.	Annual Banquet	Salons E/F

WELCOME ABOARD!!!!

Chaplain and CDI Appointments

May 2017 – July 2017

CDI APPOINTMENTS

2nd Lt. Bonnie Beeker (GLR/MIWG)
2nd Lt. Ronald Gochenouer (PCR/HIWG)
Lt. Col. Judith Huff (RMR/COWG)
2nd Lt. Arlene Peralta (GLR/ILWG)
2nd Lt. Kyle Rossi (SWR/AZWG)
Maj. Kenneth Sturgill (PCR/CAWG)
Maj. Mary Thornton (GLR/MIWG)
Capt. Marguerite Venn (GLRMIWG)
1st Lt. Glenn Whitt (GLR/MIWG)

CHAPLAIN APPOINTMENTS

Capt. Larry Brane (SWR/LAWG)
Capt. Ian Lamont (MER/SCWG)
Maj Ronald Pierce (SWR/ARWG)

NEW APPOINTMENTS

Congratulations

on the following recent appointments

Chaplain, Captain Dave Knight
Montana Wing Chaplain

2017 NATIONAL STAFF COLLEGE ATTENDEES

Maj. Tim Albert (CAWG)
Chaplain (Maj.) Joe Breault (UTWG)
Chaplain (Maj.) Eric Cooter (FLWG)
Lt. Col. Gary Falls (COWG)
Lt. Col. Jaimie Henson (KYWG)
Maj. Seth Hudson (TXWG)
Lt. Col Robert Maxey (FLWG)
Maj. Paula Towry (AWG)

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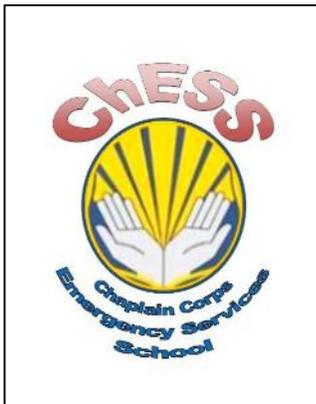
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SUCCESSFUL LAUNCHING OF ChESS AT NESAs



Contributed by
Chaplain (Lt. Col.) Marcus L
Taylor, CAP

Director of ChESS



Thanks to the trust and support that our Chief, Chaplain (Col.) James W. Hughes, invested in the ChESS Planning Team and Staff another successful milestone has now been reached. We have witnessed the successful launching and completion of our FIRST official Chaplain Emergency Services School (ChESS). Held at the CAP National Emergency Services Academy (NESAs), 09-23 July 2017, at the Camp Atterbury Joint Maneuvers Training Base, Ind., the training sessions set an historical marker for the CAP Chaplain Corps.



Location for the ChESS Training
Classes: The Post Chapel at
Camp Atterbury, IN

Having successfully Beta Tested the course last summer (2016), it was all ahead full afterburners for ChESS at NESAs 2017. Designated an additional component school of the Incident Command Systems School (ICSS) under the leadership and full support of Col Rickey Oeth, ICSS Commandant, ChESS now sees our Chaplain Corps personnel (Chaplains and CDIs) being trained alongside IC and other Emergency Services (ES) components of CAP. This ensures that CAP will have a Chaplain Corps that is amply trained and ready to respond and support any type of mission the CAP finds itself called upon in the future. Col Oeth and Lt Col John Desmarais, NESAs Founder, Provost, and Project Officer, have long been strong supporters of the Chaplain Corps having such a presence at NESAs.

Congratulations go out to the members of our first two ChESS training classes for 2017, for the sacrifice they made to attend the training and for the hard work and diligence displayed to complete the intensive 54 hour training track that included 16 additional hours for those needing Chaplain Corps Region Staff College (CCRSC) credit. Four of our eight regions, i.e. the Southeast, Southwest, Middle East and Northeast Regions, opted to utilize the 2017 Optional Training Plan and hold their CCRSC at NESAs in conjunction with the ChESS training. The training days were 12 hours long, including classroom instruction; two intensive mission

activities: Table Top Exercise (TTX)/FEMA Virtual Table Top Exercise (VTTX); a field exercise (in the HOT Indiana sun); and a comprehensive exit exam.

We are PROUD to report all participants who attended ChESS passed the course, exiting having achieved the **Mission Chaplain (MC)-CAP Support (CS) rating** for Chaplain appointed



personnel; or the **Chaplain Support Specialist (CSS)-CAP Support (CS) rating** (the new ES designation for CDI appointed personnel).

Prior to the development of the CSS designation, there did not exist a Chaplain Corps related, ES designation for CDIs or specific ES function that connected them to the Chaplain Corps in ES activity, missions and operations. With this new ES designation, and the utilization of the **Chaplain Support**

Team (CST) operational model for the Chaplain Corps during all mission activity, the CDI is now directly linked to the Chaplain Corps across the functional spectrum of the Chaplain Corps, and not limited to conducting Character Development sessions for our Cadets. The MC/CSS-CS rating is now the **BASIC ES rating** in the new program for Chaplains and CDIs, and has a **NO EXPIRE** designation. It is also the prerequisite for acquiring the advanced level ratings in the new program.

Looking ahead now, these individuals along with those who attended the Train-the-Trainer Course in January, are now eligible to continue on to the advanced training level of the new MC/CSS Specialty and Rating process to acquire the **MC/CSS-Disaster Support (MC-DS or CSS-DS) rating**.

This advanced level training and rating will prepare those who pursue it to be prepared and able to be a part of Chaplain Support Teams (CST) when CAP is called upon to respond to real-world, long-term missions (i.e. natural/man-made disasters, national emergencies, and any/all crisis/mass casualty situations). From this point, any MC personnel acquiring this advanced rating (**MC-DS**), and who can meet specific USAF requirements will also qualify to acquire their **MC-Air Force Support rating (MC-AF)**.



This rating will be available to both “Waivered” (**MC-AFW**) and “Non-waivered” (**MC-AFN**) Chaplain personnel. The distinction will be in the type of support roles and functions performed based on the guidelines established in the new program. Each of these three ratings will be

clearly distinguishable by an appropriate badge and/or patch for wear on the CAP/USAF uniforms per regulations, and will be in step with the other CAP Operational and Emergency Services Specialties.

The plans are now set in motion to get all CAP Chaplain Corps personnel (Chaplain and CDIs) transitioned over into the new program by the end of 2018. To accomplish this task, the following things are now being focused upon:

1) Another ChESS Training session is being setup for the week of **October 16-20, 2017**, at **Scott AFB, IL**. The official announcement will be made at the 2017 CAP National Conference, in San Antonio, TX.

2) For those who cannot attend a NESA training event we are preparing a portion of the MC/CSS-CS training track to be administered through our Chaplain Corps Region Staff Colleges. The remainder of the training will be made available online.

3) The proposed plan for running ChESS three times a year will begin in 2018, with a session being done in **late January**, running again the **MC/CSS-CS track**; the regular **two sessions at NESA in July**, with the introduction of the **MC/CSS-DS track**; and the **late October** track, with the introduction of the **MC-AF track**. (Adjustments to this schedule may occur based on the progress made transitioning everyone into the new program.)



Staff Chaplains (l to r) Van Don Williams and Linda Pugsley with ChESS Director Marcus Taylor
(photo from CAP Facebook page)

My thanks and sincere gratitude go out to the ChESS staff for the hard work and long hours (which began back in January) put in to make this accomplishment possible. The members of the staff were:

- Col Rickey Oeth, NESA ICSS Commandant**
- Chaplain (Lt. Col.) Linda J. Pugsley, Asst. Director/Instructor**
- Chaplain (Lt. Col.) Van Don Williams, ChESS Registrar/Instructor**
- Chaplain (Lt. Col.) Don Mikitta, Staff Asst./Instructor**
- Chaplain (Maj.) Jill Holm, Staff Asst./Instructor**

We plan to expand the ChESS Training Staff by an additional five persons in preparation for our 2018 schedule. These individuals are being chosen from those who have taken the training, acquired their MC/CSS-CS rating, and show signs of having the propensity for and availability to do the training.

Expect to see many critical and exciting improvements and changes to our CAP Chaplain Corps as we move forward.

Gloria Deo et Semper Vigilans!



ChESS Session 1 Attendees

(l to r) Col. Rickey Oeth, ICSS Commandant; Chaplain (Maj.) Jill Holm; Chaplain (Lt. Col.) Don Mikitta, Staff; Maj. Jean Nixon; Chaplain (Lt. Col.) Leonard Hale; Lt. Col. Patrick Nixon; Chief of Chaplains (Col.) James Hughes; Chaplain (Lt. Col.) Larry Killian; Chaplain (Lt. Col.) Marcus Taylor, ChESS Director; Chaplain (Maj.) Daryl Jeffers; Chaplain (Lt. Col.) Linda Pugsley, Staff; Chaplain (Lt. Col.) Van Don Williams, Staff.

Not Present: Lt. Col. Thomas Bauder; Chaplain (Lt. Col.) Ronnie Whitt, Staff; Lt. Col. Lori Noyes; Chaplain (Capt.) Wayne Keast; Chaplain (Lt. Col.) John Rhod; Lt. Col. Carolyn Irby; Chaplain (Maj.) Julian Howe; Chaplain (Maj.) Anthony Barros



ChESS Session 2 Attendees

Front Row, (l to r) Chaplain (Capt.) Jacob Hill; Capt. James Sullivan; Chaplain (Maj.) Jill Holm, Staff; 1st Lt. Debra Mann; Chaplain (1st Lt.) Mark Shulman; 2nd Lt. Donald Durbin; Chaplain (Lt. Col.) Linda Pugsley, Staff; Chaplain (Lt. Col.) Don Mikitta, Staff;

Back Row, (l to r) Chaplain (Col.) John Murdoch; Chaplain (Lt. Col.) Wayne Byerly, Staff; Chaplain (Lt. Col.) Marcus Taylor, ChESS Director; Chaplain (Col.) James Hughes, CAP Chief of Chaplains; Chaplain (Lt. Col.) Van Don Williams, Staff

Not Present: Chaplain (Lt. Col.) Ronald Tottingham; Chaplain (Maj.) Authur Slagle; Maj. Paula Towry.



Not Your Father's Mission Chaplain The New Chaplain Corps' Mission Team

Contributed by

Pennsylvania Deputy Wing Chaplain
Chaplain (1st Lt.) Mark Shulman, CAP

I have come to understand our walk of faith as Mission Chaplains is a journey. Little did I know what this chapter of my walk as a Chaplain in CAP would look and feel like. I am a newbie in CAP having received my appointment as Chaplain in July of 2015.

I quickly realized that serving CAP would only be limited by my vision for it. Immediately I was attracted to the concept of Mission Chaplain (MC). What I did not know was that I was qualifying as a Mission Chaplain at the end of an old system and the birth of a new one. Literally after qualifying as MC in November of 2016, I was introduced in December 2016 to the new mission and qualifications not only for Mission Chaplain but to a mission team, the CST (Chaplain Support Team)!

As we say in my faith tradition, "Oy Vey!" Yet I was immediately encouraged, both spiritually and professionally, by challenges and opportunities this new initiative presented. This was training for real-life. I committed to going to NESAs/CHESSES, the first school offered to get MC-CS Mission Chaplain (MC), CAP Support (CS) qualified. As for many of you, my life is full, with family, congregational duties, counseling and routine CAP responsibilities. But I desired training, training beyond what my experience provided, training in helping people in crisis, *the how-to parts*, and training in a team much bigger than myself. A core value learned? We are a team, not individuals.

Upon arriving at Camp Atterbury, I quickly realized I had made the right choice. Training starts with sound structure and vision, but excellent training is a result of excellent instructors. The Mission Chaplain Support Team vision did not just happen, it is birthed by dedicated men and women, and the instructors at the Academy shared and taught with passion and urgency. All the instructors are totally committed, but two of the visionaries that impacted my experience at the highest level were Chaplain (Lt. Col.) Marcus Taylor, CHESSES Director; Chaplain (Lt. Col.) Linda Pugsley; and Chaplain (Lt. Col.) Van Don Williams. They and their hand-picked staff brought the Academy to life. I want to thank them and the staff personally for investing their experience and training in me and all in attendance!

Important to our experience at NESAs was our awareness that we were active partners in a culture shift that was taking place. We were not only involved in the program as Chaplain and Chaplain Support Specialist (CSS) trainees, but our participation was being recognized and valued by those of the NESAs staff in the Incident Commander (IC) track. The ICSS Commandant, Colonel Rickey Oeth, embraced our mission and personally engaged our class. I believe this to be significant to the future success of the Mission Chaplain Support Teams.

Long hours and effort were required to make it through the training and become prepared for the missions ahead. It is not for everybody, but it is a calling founded in serving our community and nation. I look forward to more training next year and serving the CAP mission.

CHAPLAIN CORPS UPDATES

from The Receiver, the Rocky Mountain Region (RMR) Chaplain Corps Newsletter, Summer 2017

Status Report on the Task Force Developing the New Series of Character Development Lessons

The Character Development team met at Maxwell AFB, Alabama during the last week of June. During this meeting they discussed various aspects of the new Character Development plan and wrote the first draft of the first 24 lessons.

The potential list of topics include:

Trait:	Lesson:
Setting Goals	the value of setting goals helps cadet set goals for new year
Heroes – Courage	meaning of courage examples of MOH recipients
Integrity – truth	defining truth and lying impact of lying
Confidence	valuing of self – identifying strengths and skills
Coping – drug-free	self-destructiveness of drugs
Grit – Perseverance	goal/project completion
Fairness	how all should be treated/not playing favorites
Humility	thinking rightly of self
Friendship	having and being friends/skills
Gratitude	recognizing the contributions of others
Grit – failure	how to respond and recover from failure
Patience	learning how to wait
Purpose	what am I supposed to do with my life?
Peer Pressure – drug-free	making own choices
Heroes – sacrifice	the costs of service/MOH examples
Being afraid	the normalcy of being afraid/acting with courage
Loss	recovering from loss/skills
Self-reliance	learning to take care of self/folding your own clothes
Handling Mistakes	personal mistakes and the mistakes of others
Hard Work	satisfaction of work/not avoiding work
Learning	value of knowledge in life and work
Heroes – choices	dealing with fear/MOH
Grit – follow-through	overcoming discomfort to finish
Creativity	choosing to build rather than destroy

This list of topics will change as the lessons are developed.

Unlike the current case study lessons, or the earlier “statements for discussion” lessons, you will be given various options for each segment of the lesson. You may use suggested film clips, audio clips, charts, or stories as the attention getter. Each month you will have various discussion ideas. In other words, Character Development sessions will be more creative than currently offered.

Stay tuned for further developments.

Are You Using Your Online Capability?

An online profile adds to your “ministry of presence”

Contributed by
Chaplain (Lt. Col.) Timothy Miner, CAP
VAWG HC/Special Advisor for Public Affairs



EMAIL

Your email address is your “professional calling card” while online. The address says a lot about how you present yourself and your ministry to others, many of whom are “meeting” you for the first time. A professional address helps recruit others to join Civil Air Patrol.

The Chaplain Corps has an address waiting for you in its “Google Group.” Right now, about thirty percent of the corps’ members have “claimed” and use their address. It is the first initial (“F”) and last name (“LLLLL”) followed by the corps’ unique URL.

FLLLLL@hc.cap.gov

One of the best features of this email system is the use of alias addresses to reach specific positions. To reach the Wing Chaplain of the Texas Wing, the generic address is:

TXWGHC@hc.cap.gov

where the first two letters is the desired wing’s “state abbreviation.”

The Deputy Chief of Chaplains for personnel at the National Headquarters is:

HC DP@hc.cap.gov

There are also addresses for groups for contacting the chaplains and CDIs in different wings.

Using this address, even if only to forward the mail to a different personal account, opens up all the capability of Google to store documents for your use via the DRIVE app, to retrieve pictures, and co-edit in real-time, material you are collaborating on.

If you want to retrieve your corps email address, contact administrator@hc.cap.gov.

FACEBOOK

The Facebook network is the primary social online meeting site for many members of CAP. Many of our squadrons, regions and the national headquarters has its own public presence to post news items. The Chaplain Corps has a public page at:

www.Facebook.com/CAPChaplains

There is a private group for just the members of the corps and a few senior managers where there are items of interest within just our community.

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/16639568303/>

LINKEDIN APP

Linkedin.com is another social media platform that is for a more business-like profiler. Many professionals use this media to solicit and respond to job requests. There is a “CAP Chaplain Corps” page for you to link to your personal profile of information so that you can proudly announce your CAP association and plans, and to link to other peers in your profession.

<https://www.linkedin.com/company-beta/5222671/>

FLICKR PICTURE SHARING

Do you want to share or see pictures of our Chaplain Corps in action? Here is the downloadable picture site:

<https://www.flickr.com/photos/capchaplains/><https://www.twitter.com/CAPChaplains>

TWITTER

The short 140-character messages tell the story or interests of the corps to the general public. You can watch the stream at:

<https://www.twitter.com/CAPChaplains>

Each of these sites and applications online allows the CAP Chaplain Corps’ brand to be seen and interact with other members and potential members of all ages. Join us there and share our presence with all your media connections.

If YOU have an interest in creating posts and blogs about the corps’ activities and character development material, please contact the administrator@hc.cap.gov to learn about the opportunities.

For other useful links, see

THE CHAPLAIN CORPS PERSONNEL

“TOOL BOX”

on page 20 of this issue.



PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT AWARDS



These members of the CAP Chaplain Service attained the following awards in the Senior Member Professional Development Program.

We are proud of their accomplishments.



Level 2 – Benjamin O. Davis

1st Lt. Krista J. Berger – NCWG
1st Lt. 2nd Lt. Brett A. Cole – MDWG
Chaplain (1st Lt.) Deric W. Dunn – MDWG
Chaplain (Capt.) Jacob Hill – NYWG
1st Lt. Daniel E. Holloway – MIWG
1st Lt. Julie K. Margeson – NVWG
1st Lt. Michael T. Probus – ARWG
Chaplain, Lt. Col. Donald L. Roy – LAWG
1st Lt. Marybeth A. Slocumb – VAWG
1st Lt. Glenn D. Whitt – MIWG



Level 3 – Grover Loening

Chaplain (Capt.) Linda B. Berez – (WIWG)
Chaplain (Maj.) Joseph F. Breault – UTWG
Capt. John B. Clelland – PAWG
1st Lt. Keith R. Knotek – ARWG
Chaplain (Lt. Col.) Timothy Miner – VAWG
Chaplain (Maj.) Frederick T. Morgan – CAWG



Level 4 – Paul Garber

Capt. Jerome D. Groths – ARWG
Capt. Steven W. Gillespie – TNWG
1st Lt. Sally Williams – COWG
Chaplain (Maj.) Bruce A. Wright – COWG



Level 5 – Gill Robb Wilson

Lt. Collon A. David – FLWG
Lt. Col. Gary Falks – COWG
Maj. Seth D. Hudson – SWWG

**For guidance
in pursuing your
professional development**

consult

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CAPP 221 (for chaplains)
CAPP 225 (for CDIs)**

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AUTUMN JEWISH HIGH HOLIDAYS

A series of articles began in the Spring issue of "The Transmitter"

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“And the Lord spoke to Moshe, saying, Speak to the children of Yisra’el, saying, In the seventh month, on the first day of the month, shall you have a sabbath, a memorial of blowing of horns, a holy gathering. You shall do no servile work...also on the tenth day of this seventh month there shall be a day of atonement: it shall be a holy gathering to you; and you shall afflict your souls...You shall do no manner of work: it shall be a statute for ever throughout your generations in all your dwellings. It shall be to you a sabbath of solemn rest, and you shall afflict your souls: on the ninth day of the month at evening, from evening to evening shall you celebrate your sabbath....Also on the fifteenth day of the seventh month, when you have gathered in the fruit of the land, you shall keep a feast to the Lord seven days; on the first day shall be a sabbath, and on the eighth day shall be a sabbath. And you shall take for yourselves on the first day the fruit of the tree hadar, branches of palm trees, and the boughs of thick leaved trees, and willows of the brook; and you shall rejoice before the Lord your God seven days...and it shall be a statute for ever in your generations; you shall celebrate it in the seventh month. You shall dwell in booths seven days; all that are home born in Yisra’el shall dwell in booths: that your generations may know that I made the children of Yisra’el to dwell in booths, when I brought them out of the land of Mizrayim: I am the Lord your God.”

.... Leviticus 23:23-43, The Koren Tanach

And so the Scriptures record the establishment of what are called by many, “High Holidays.” Why high? Because once out of the wilderness, the observances of these holy days were centered around “going up” to Mount Moriah in Jerusalem, which is higher in elevation than the areas surrounding it. The roads up to it are steep, somewhat like in San Francisco. While each Jewish denomination has its own spin on High Holy Days observance, there is much in common between them all. Let’s look at an overview of each day.

First, we have **Rosh Hashanah** (Rosh Ha-sha-nah') – literally, Head of the Year, which begins the evening of 20 September and continues for two days outside Israel. It's when the Jewish calendar begins each year – this Rosh Hashanah will begin the year 5778. Unlike the civil New Year, it isn't a time of parties and celebration, but, rather, a time of sober, spiritual introspection, reflection and mending relationship fences that actually began a month previously during the month of Elul (E-lul'). The ram's horn, (shofar'), is sounded daily, calling Jews to repent and return (tesh-oo- vah') to the way of the Lord. Around the world at religious services during this holy day, the shofar is sounded repeatedly calling us back to the Lord. After praying many very serious prayers, it's a hair-raising and spine-tingling sound, calling us back to the Lord – reaching to the very depths of our soul. It's a time of scrupulously examining the conscience and making amends, if we haven't already done so, with our fellow human beings we may have offended or sinned against in any way. The very last thing we want is to begin this time with any offence or sin against our fellow man on our conscience, burning our guilt into us while asking forgiveness for our offences and sins against the Lord.

On the afternoon of the first day, we go to a body of living water (lake, pond, river, stream or ocean) and symbolically cast pieces of bread into it with each piece representing a failing, sin or weakness we renounce.

From the month of Elul to Rosh Hashanah and through Sukkot* (Soo-kot') we wish each other a "Sweet New Year" and the Hebrew words that mean, "May you be inscribed in the Book of Life" and to demonstrate that, materially, we serve symbolic foods – our bread is round and sweet, symbolizing the cycle of life and hope for a sweet new year. Carrot coins glazed in honey are a frequent sight at tables and other round, sweet foods. We serve apples dipped in honey at the first Rosh Hashanah meal, before the first service begins and again, wish each other a Sweet New Year. Many have the custom of wearing new clothing.

We believe the Book of Life is opened on Rosh Hashanah and when it's sealed, on **Yom Kippur**, (Yom Ke-poor') our life is determined for the coming year: who shall live and who shall die, who shall be sick and who shall be well, etc. During the ten days we pray for a favorable decree from the Lord.

We've already dipped into Yom Kippur, this year beginning the evening of 29 September – the one aspect with which many are familiar concerning this holy day is that it's a very serious and somber time when Jews attend religious services and fast from the very beginning on the first evening to when the first three stars show in the sky the following evening – that is just one aspect of how we obey the command to "afflict" our souls. Besides food, we forgo other luxuries: bathing, conjugal relations, wearing jewelry and leather. Certainly no cell phones, frivolous conversations, screen time or TV! The observance begins the first evening with a prayer of confession followed by Kol Nidrei (Kahl Need'-ray, 'Every Vow'), a prayer to renounce all vows that we regret. This custom of Kol Nidrei began during forced conversions, on pain of death, to Christianity during the Inquisition and for other Jews in different parts of the world, forced conversion to Islam.

The key themes are atonement, confession, and purification– multiple times. The theme of the Yom Kippur services is a much more compelling and urgent call than Rosh Hashanah: reconciliation with our fellow man with a return to the Lord and His Torah from whom we have strayed. It's a time of focused regret and begging forgiveness for our sins against the Lord, aloud –

individually and communally. “Turn us back, O Lord, to You, and we will return. Renew our days as of old...” Two and a half pages of individual categories of sins are enumerated aloud multiple times throughout the observance of the day as we soberly strike the left side of the chest with the right fist while saying each of the sins. This prayer is prayed in addition to many other prayers of praise and worship at each of the services: evening, morning, early and late afternoon. The Torah and Scriptures calling us to return are read. We’re exhorted to return through teachings by spiritual leaders. The shofar is sounded repeatedly and then finally, as the Book of Life is sealed. After nightfall, we break the fast with a light meal. There is a lot more to be said; however, we’ve not got the space here to get into more detail. The next few days are spent preparing for the Feast of Booths, or as we call it, “Sukkot.”

Sukkot, is also known as the Time of Our Rejoicing. This year it begins the evening of 4 October. We celebrate forgiveness received, the harvest, our successful journey through the wilderness after we left Egypt, and we joyfully celebrate with singing and dancing! We take the “fruit of the tree hadar” – a citron (a large lemon-type fruit), together with a palm frond, willow and myrtle (“thick leaved tree”) sprigs and wave them to all the directions (North, South, East, West) in addition to up and down before the Lord. We have our “booth,” aka, in Hebrew, ‘sukkah’ (soo-kah’), a temporary structure that we’ve completed building in the days since Yom Kippur in which to dwell during the observance. We eat meals, pray, read, study, have company and generally spend quite a lot of time in our sukkah during the eight days. One custom is to serve a new fruit we haven’t eaten in a long time: star fruit and pomegranates are often just in season at this time. In the Land of Israel, many Jews literally live in their sukkah for the entire time. The roof is not so solid that we cannot see the stars – ours is covered with pine boughs. There is no solid closing door – emphasizing the fact it is a temporary structure, just as a sukkah was in the wilderness, reminding us our home on earth is also temporary.

My kids often had friends over and slept in the different sukkahs they built over the years – until the year 2000, when drought and wildfires brought bears and mountain lions into our yard and neighborhood. That was the end of that! We didn’t get to spend much time at all in our sukkah that year. We’ve also had snowflakes falling into our chili or soup many times as we ate out there, bundled up, during colder years. (One very cold year, I read quite an amusing article in the Jerusalem Post by someone from British Columbia, entitled, “The Frozen Chosen.”) In speaking with Christian friends, we seem to have the same sadness taking our sukkah down and stowing away the decorations as they do taking down their Christmas tree and decorations. It’s a joyful holiday that ends as the shorter days and darkness of late autumn descend upon us.

this information to commanders so trainings or other events aren’t scheduled that will result in excluding Jewish members. In my 17 years in CAP, I’ve missed more than a few events due to Holy Day conflicts. We wouldn’t think to schedule a training or SAREX for Christmas or Easter! Please extend the same consideration and courtesy to our Jewish members. Check the Jewish calendar at Aish.com, Chabad.org or hebc.com to get specific information on the exact timing for your area of when all Jewish holidays begin (with candle lighting times) and end.

While there’s much more to discuss, God willing, I’ll save it for this time next year. May you be well.

*An Israeli Hebrew transliteration for this Hebrew word was used rather than go into an explanation of Biblical Hebrew and Yiddish pronunciations which would take more than a line or two.

INTERFAITH CALENDAR

August - November 2017

August 2017

- 1 Tisha B'Av – Jewish*
- Lammas – Christian
- Air Force Day
- 6 Transfiguration of the Lord – Orthodox Christian
- 15 Assumption of the Blessed Virgin - Christian
- Dormition of the Theotokos – Orthodox Christian
- Krishna Janmashtami – Hindu
- 16 National Airborne Day
- 18 Air Force Birthday
- 19 National Aviation Day
- 26-Sept. 4 Paryushana Parva – Jain
- 29 Beheading of St John the Baptist – Christian
- 31 Waqf al Arafa Hajj Day – Islam*

September 2017

- 1 Ecclesiastical year begins – Orthodox Christian
- 1 Eid al Adha – Islam*
- 4 Labor Day
- 8 Nativity of the Virgin Mary – Christian
- Nativity of the Theotokos – E Orthodox Christian
- 11 National Day of Service and Remembrance
- 14 Elevation of the Holy Cross – E Orthodox Christian
- 18 US Air Force Established
- 20-29 Navrati – Hindu*
- 20-30 Al Hijira, Muharram– Islam*
- 20-22 Rosh Hashanah – Jewish
- 25 Ganesha Chaturthi – Hindu*
- 29-30 Yom Kippur – Jewish
- 29 Michael and all the Angels – Christian
- 30 Duserra – Hindu*

October 2017

- Sept 30-Oct 1 Ashura – Islam*
- 4-11 Sukkot – Jewish
- 7 Blessing of the Animals – Christian
- 11 Shemini Atzeret – Jewish
- 12-13 Simcat Torah – Jewish (in U.S.)
- 19-23 Diwali – Hindu, Jain, and Sikh*
- 20 Birth of The B'ab – Baha'i
- 20 Installation of the Scriptures– Hindu*
- Goverdhan Puja – Hindu*
- 31 All Hallows Eve – Christian
- Reformation Day – Protestant Christian

November 2017

- 1 All Saints' Day – Christian
- 2 All Souls' Day – Christian
- 4 Guru Nanak Dev Sahib Birthday – Sikh
- 11 Veterans Day
- 12 Birth of Baha'u'llah – Baha'i
- 21 Presentation of the Theotokos to the Temple – Eastern Orthodox Christian
- 23 Thanksgiving Day – Interfaith
- 24 Guru Tegh Bahadur Martyrdom – Sikh
- 26 Christ the King – Christian
- 26 Day of Covenant – Baha'i
- 28 Ascension of the 'Abdu'l Baha – Baha'i
- 28 Nativity Fast Begins – E. Orthodox Christian
- 30-Dec 1 Mawlid An Nabi – Islam*
- 30 St Andrews Day – Christian

* The calendar information here has been cross checked in various sources. Some dates shown here may vary due to differences in the lunar, Gregorian and Julian calendars.

For further details on key observances, see the Multifaith Calendar of the Harvard Divinity School at <http://hds.harvard.edu/life-at-hds/religious-and-spiritual-life/multifaith-calendar>.

Definitions of key holidays can be found at <http://www.interfaithcalendar.org/calendardefinitions.htm>

Look for our new series on religious holidays by our own CAP Chaplains and CDIs

“Fall Jewish Holidays” by Lt. Col. Karen Semple on page 16 in this issue:

“Spring Jewish Holidays” in the Spring 2017 issue at <https://capchaplain.com/transmitter-newsletter/>

SOME USEFUL ITEMS FOR THE CHAPLAIN CORPS PERSONNEL "TOOL BOX"

Chaplain Corps Internal Facebook Page (Closed Group)

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/CAPChaplains>

The Chaplain Corps National HQ Site!

Resources include Flight Time and archived CD lessons,
past Transmitter issues, and other links

<https://capchaplain.com/>



Chaplain Corps Calendar

<http://capchaplain.com/calendar/>

Chaplain Corps Library Database

Database of 350 character development lessons from Flight Time, papers, manuscripts and training resources. The archived lessons and other documents are searchable by keyword and more!

<https://capchaplain.com/chaplain-corps-library>

Chaplain Corps Shared Folder on Google Drive

Contains many valuable and up-to-date resources.

<https://drive.google.com/drive/u/1/#shared-with-me>

Chaplain Corps Flickr Picture Sharing

<https://www.flickr.com/photos/capchaplains/>

The Chaplain Corps on Twitter

<https://www.twitter.com/CAPChaplains>

Revised CAPR 265-1 The Civil Air Patrol Chaplain Corps 5 April 2015

http://www.capmembers.com/media/cms/R265_001_538BD6B239386.pdf

Spiritual Resiliency Database

<https://capchaplain.com/resiliency/>

CAPP 225 Update February 2016

https://www.capmembers.com/media/cms/P225_3E1B2C993E723.pdf

CAPP 221 Series Update June 2016

https://www.capmembers.com/forms_publications_regulations/pamphlets-1702/

221A Technician Level Course: The Basic Chaplain Course, The Squadron Chaplain

221B Senior Level Course: The Wing Chaplain Course, The Group and Wing Chaplain

221C Master Level Course: The Senior Chaplain Course, The Region Chaplain

Harvard Divinity School Multifaith Calendar

Listing and commentary on key multifaith religious holidays

<https://hds.harvard.edu/life-at-hds/religious-and-spiritual-life/multifaith-calendar>

Armed Forces Chaplain Board (AFCB) List of Ecclesiastical Endorsers

List of ecclesiastical endorsers meeting requirement for chaplain appointment under CAPR 265-1 § B.6.b

<http://www.people.mil/Inside-M-RA/Military-Personnel-Policy/How-we-support/AFCB/Endorsements/>

U.S. Department of Education Database of Accredited Postsecondary Institutions and Programs

A starting point in evaluating programs and credentials

<http://www.chea.org/search/search.asp> or <http://ope.ed.gov/accreditation/Search.aspx>