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A MESSAGE

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

Chaplain (Colonel) John Murdoch

Greetings, Chaplain Corps Teammates,

I don't know about you, but I feel as if we are moving at warp speed and sitting still at the same time! I know we are moving, but one of the challenges of the Covid-19 pandemic is being at home. Though this is necessary, after a while it seems as if all I see are the walls of my home and not all the progress we are making.

As you read through the Transmitter, you will see that these challenging times have also been the birthplace of invention. Our Chaplain Corps Team has worked hard and expanded their vision and functionality so that unprecedented accomplishments have taken place. We were able to see two of our major training programs retool themselves and become very successful in the virtual modality. The Chaplain Corps Emergency Service School (ChESS), the two Chaplain Corps Region Staff Colleges (CCRSCs), and the Joint Chaplain Corps Regional Staff College (JTCCRSC) training were accomplished in this manner. There had been discussion over the years about the possibility of having a National Chaplain Corps Region Staff College, and this year we were able to do it! Many people worked hard at making this happen, but I want to publicly thank Chaplain Taylor (for the ChESS program) and Chaplains Miner and Williams (for the region CCRSCs and the JTCCRSC) for being the heavy lifters on this accomplishment! You will find further reports on both programs in this edition of the Transmitter.

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I would also encourage all of you to sign up for the Virtual National Conference. This will count for a conference in your professional development, and you will not have the expense of travel, housing, and food. Normally during this Conference, we have held our annual Chaplain Corps Executive and Advisory Councils. These will be held instead on 24 August from 1100-1600 in a Zoom setting. All are invited to attend and hear about your chaplain corps. The invitation will come out closer to the meeting.

Physical fitness is important; and if you are able, I would invite you to join with me in participation in the USAF Marathon. As a birthday present to myself, I will be doing the 5K portion of the race. Please join me in doing 5K or more!!

Each year the Chaplain Corps chooses three recipients for the "Of the Year" Awards. Congratulations to this year's recipients!!

Senior Chaplain of The Year: Chaplain (Lt. Col.) Robert Harris from the Pacific Region
Squadron Chaplain of The Year: Chaplain (Col.) Kenneth Parris from the California Wing
Character Development Instructor of The Year: Captain Christel Houston from the Colorado Wing

I would also like to congratulate Chaplain (Maj.) Eric Cooter of the South West Region as being this year's recipient of the Military Chaplains Association's Distinguished Service Award.

Col. Van Buren, the South East Region Commander, has also announced that she has chosen Chaplain (Lt. Col.) Van Don Williams as the new Southeast Region Chaplain. Congratulations to Chaplain Williams.

As I bring my column to a close, I would like to give you some information regarding chaplain applications. I have been notified that many colleges, universities, and seminaries are now using a secure online service to send out transcripts. If you are in communication with a prospective chaplain who is, or you are currently waiting for your transcripts to be sent to NHQ, please check with your educational institution to see if they can send the transcripts through a secure transcript service. If they can, please ask them to do so and it will greatly hasten your application packet.

A great deal is going on during this time, and we have the privilege of representing the Holy as we interface with our fellow CAP members. Isaiah the Prophet reminded us in Isaiah 41:13 that God is there to help us! Let us be the dispensers of God's help to those with whom we come in contact.

Blessings! I remain,
Your Fellow Servant

Chaplain (Col.) John B. Murdoch
Chief of Chaplains

*To be successful as a leader, it is imperative to have a firm ethical foundation.
CAP National Commander Major General Mark Smith (see article on page 9)*

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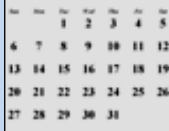
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CIVIL AIR PATROL CHAPLAIN CORPS

OUR IDENTITY....

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

OUR VISION....

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

OUR MISSION....

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

OUR CORE VALUES....

- Integrity
- Volunteer Service
- Excellence
- Respect



STATUS OF SUMMER 2020 EVENTS

2020 CHAPLAIN CORPS STAFF COLLEGES

REGION STAFF COLLEGES WERE CONDUCTED VIRTUALLY

MID-ATLANTIC REGION May 26-29, 2020 (see articles on page 11)

GREAT LAKES REGION June 15-18, 2020*

(* 10 hours: remaining course work completed at the Joint College)

THE FIRST JOINT CHAPLAIN CORPS STAFF COLLEGE

Held virtually July 5-30, 2020

YouTube links to sessions listed on page 8

NATIONAL CONFERENCE 2020 (details on page 7)



Registration at <https://www.gocivilairpatrol.com/members/events/save-the-date>

Schedule: <https://www.gocivilairpatrol.com/members/events/national-conference-schedule>

2020 ANNUAL CHAPLAIN CORPS EXECUTIVE/ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING

August 24, 2020 11:00-16:00

Virtual Event, normally held during the National Conference
All are invited. Invitations will go out closer to the meeting

SUMMER 2020 EVENTS (continued)

EMERGENCY SERVICE TRAINING

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

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

Alpha Group (concluded) = 08 June - 02 July (See article on page 17)

Bravo Group (concluded) = 13 July - 06 August

Charlie Group = 17 August - 10 September

Delta Group = 21 September - 15 October

Echo Group = 26 October - 19 November

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

Course Prerequisites:

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

Familiarization and Preparatory Training

- IS100 - Introduction to Incident Command System (ICS)
- IS200 - ICS for Single Resources and Initial Action Incidents
- IS700 - Introduction to National Incident Management System (NIMS)
- IS800 - National Response Framework Introduction

MILITARY CHAPLAINS ASSOCIATION

National Institute, Tuesday, October 13, 2020

Columbia University Conference Center, Columbia, SC

Awards Dinner: Monday, November 9, 2020

Metro-DC area (location TBD)

Awards can be made at either event. At risk individuals are encouraged to attend virtually.
The 2020 CAP Distinguished Service Awardee is Chaplain (Maj.) Eric Cooter! (See article on page 11)

2020 ON-LINE TRAINING LEADERS OF CADETS (TLC)

October 17, 2020

Training Leaders of Cadets (Basic) is a requirement for becoming a CDI.
Course is offered quarterly. Limited to 35 registrants Register at <http://caphclub.us>.

CAP NATIONAL CONFERENCE 2020

Virtual Event August 14-15

Friday, 14 August 2020

All times CST

- 1100** Commander's Call to Prayer
- 1130** Coffee in the Hanger
- 1200-1645** Session Blocks #1-5
- 1700** Opening Assembly
Maj. Gen. Mark Smith, National Commander/CEO
- 1800** Session Block #7
Social Hour
- 1900** Session Block #6

Saturday, 15 August 2020

All times CST

- 1100** Session Block #6
- 1130** Coffee in the Hanger
- 1200** Session Block #7
- 1300** Bringing Creativity and Innovation to Life Session Block #12
Dr. Todd DeWett
- 1400** Session Block #10
- 1500** The Education and Training Revolution – Volunteer University
Col. Regina Aye & Col. Joe Winter
- 1600** Session Block #11
- 1700** Session Block #12
- 1800** Session Block #13
- 1900** Award & Inspiration & Closing Ceremony Session Block #14

Registration at <https://www.gocivilairpatrol.com/members/events/save-the-date>
 Schedule: <https://www.gocivilairpatrol.com/members/events/national-conference-schedule>

Conference Schedule TimeZone Converter									
<i>All Conference Scheduled Times are CDT</i>									
	BST London (+6 hours)	AST Puerto Rico (+1 hour)	EDT New York (+1 hour)	CDT CAP NHQ Maxwell AFB, AL (0 Hour)	MDT Denver (-1 hour)	PDT Los Angeles (-2 hours)	AKDT Alaska (-3 hours)	HST Hawaii (-5 hours)	JST Tokyo (+10 hours)
Pre-Session:	1600	1100	1100	1000	900	800	700	600	midnight
Conference Sessions	1700	1200	1200	1100	1000	900	800	600	0100 (+1 day)
	1800	1300	1300	1200	1100	1000	900	700	0200 (+1 day)
	1900	1400	1400	1300	1200	1100	1000	800	0300 (+1 day)
	2000	1500	1500	1400	1300	1200	1100	900	0400 (+1 day)
	2100	1600	1600	1500	1400	1300	1200	1000	0500 (+1 day)
	2200	1700	1700	1600	1500	1400	1300	1100	0600 (+1 day)
	2300	1800	1800	1700	1600	1500	1400	1200	0700 (+1 day)
midnight	1900	1900	1800	1700	1600	1500	1300	0800 (+1 day)	

Note: Puerto Rico and Hawaii and other areas around the globe do not observe Daylight Savings Time

2020 JOINT CHAPLAIN CORPS REGIONAL STAFF COLLEGE

Conducted Virtually during July 2020: Speakers and Links to Sessions

Courtesy of Chaplain (Lt. Col.) Tim Miner
Special Assistant to the Chief of Chaplains for Social Media

CAP National Commander Maj. General Mark Smith

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WQ5iDzLBJSE> (see article on page 9)

CAP Chief of Chaplains (Col.) John Murdoch

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PpDMidhgO_Y

Chaplain (Col.) Sattgast: Recruiting

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WQ5iDzLBJSE>

Chaplain (Col.) Sattgast: Character Development Methods and Philosophy

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=h99a2DX6H2M&t=4s>

Chaplain (Col.) James Hughes: The New CAPR 80-1

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=B2A2cpC7_oY&t=13s

Chaplain (Lt. Col.) Nancy Smalley: Core Values for Seniors

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=l4atRrkTKK8>

Chaplain (Lt. Col.) Tim Miner: Wellness & Resilience

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cOvWmarw2Zc>

Chaplain (Lt. Col.) Van Don Williams: ChESS/Role of the Mission Chaplain

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fQ2ErmYhyJM>

1st AF Chaplain (Maj.) Rudy Olivo

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LT7DBoGoekM&t=205>

USAF Chaplain (Maj. Gen.) Steven Schaick

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8jAWhpjimgM&feature=youtu.be&fbclid=IwAR12DS3QJLN3NiepNK4MTz0l3rOuCBYqnL9S8gxXmXgKoL3UPkIppvOUs-Q>

Chaplain (Col.) Michael Newton, Commandant of the USAF Chaplain Corps College

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=aJjiCo5m6Mk>

USAF Chaplain John Tillary (ret.), Auxiliary Chaplain Course at USAF Academy: Ethos in CAP

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

Panel Discussion: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6wrM82jNJ5Y&t=465s>

Lt. Col. Liz Sydow, National Diversity Officer: Diversity & Inclusion/Reasonable Accommodation

Ch. (Capt.) Dovid Grossmann, GLR Diversity Officer: Pluralistic Benedictions & Invocations

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=l5ij-03Qa1AaX4>

USAF Chaplains (Cols.) Paul Sutter & Travis Yelton: US Space Force & US Space Command

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pdlOTV-6kSs&feature=youtu.be&fbclid=IwAR3hlciz2toJbrbjUCui96PLcmPyz3ih9RtpAqyXvikKYeGWnOzBoqCMWA>

Chaplain Nikki Coleman, RAAF: Military Ethics with Space

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ReePnnX_VnY&t=74s

C/Lt. Col. Andrew Hockel: National Cadet Advisory Council

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=l5ij-03Qa1A>

(JT CCRSC Speakers & Links continued on page 23)

2020 JOINT CHAPLAIN CORPS REGIONAL STAFF COLLEGE

Opening Address by National Commander Major General Mark Smith

In response to social distancing rules instituted during the COVID-19 pandemic, the first 2020 Joint Chaplain Corps Regional Staff College was conducted virtually. Presenters included key personnel from Civil Air Patrol, the US Air Force, and our own Chaplain Corps. Over 200 members registered. Countless others are taking advantage of the opportunity to view videos of the sessions post-conference. Special thanks go to Chaplain (Lt. Col.) Tim Miner for organization and video coverage, and to Chaplain (Lt. Col.) Jeffrey Williams for facilitating the Moodle educational platform used by college participants.

Highlights of Gen. Smith's opening session appear here, including his response to questions posed by participants. For the video of the full session: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WQ5iDzLBJSE>.

National Commander Maj. Gen. Mark Smith's Opening Address to the Joint College

This COVID crisis is a trying circumstance for commanders and across society as well. Communicating with commanders about how to be successful in leading in difficult circumstances, I came to realize that the pointers I was trying to give to commanders are the skills that the chaplains have already. We are playing to your strength in these difficult times, where you truly make a difference.

What you are not as a chaplain: You are not someone to be put into a glass box with a sign that says, "Break glass in case of emergency." But what you are truly is influential leaders.

There is a contrast I would like to make between positional and influential leadership. Positional leadership is someone like me. I've been put into this position with all the bling on my shoulders, allegedly because I have some degree of leadership position in the organization. You and I know that this is not a given. Just because a person is in a position of leadership doesn't mean that they are going to be effective as a leader. But who is effective as a leader is one who I like to refer to as an influential leader. That is one who comes up alongside someone and helps to encourage them and helps them to be successful in whatever they are trying to get done.



Let me take a few moments to get to the high point on how you and your colleagues make a difference in Civil Air Patrol. During unsettling times, there are certain things a leader needs to focus on.

#1 This is not a time for a leader to be a jerk, or hard-nosed, or to get out the hammer. People are already stressed. People need a little understanding, and our leaders need to come from a position of compassion. Well, that's what our chaplains do. Just by your nature and your position, you come to your relationship from a position of compassion. How valuable that is, all the more valuable in these very challenging times.

#2 We need inspirational leadership. This is not a time for a leader to say, "Woe is me!" "We're all doomed!" "I can't see any hope!" Our leaders need to be inspirational leaders. You chaplains, by your nature, and by your calling, you are inspirational to those you interact with. You are a beacon of hope, the means to help individuals face and conquer the crises and difficulties they are in. You are inspirational.

#3 is engagement. My point to our leaders is to make sure that everyone in the organization is actively engaged, right down to everyone in the squadron. The nature of how you chaplains do things is by engagement, all the more important in difficult times in society.

#4 Our leaders need to be effective communicators. Well, you, our chaplains, are adept in communicating, in one-on-one, and in one-on-many. I also talk to our leaders on self-care. You chaplains own the Wellness Platform.

You are not leaders by the chain of command. But each and every one of you is an inspirational leader. You are the type of person who can come up alongside a person to help them in troubling times and help them to rise to the occasion to help them face the occasion and the challenges critical to the individual and the organization.

Question for Gen. Smith – Can you explain Ethical Leadership?

Everyone has a moral compass, and for some folks, it spins at a high rate of speed. To be successful as a leader, it is imperative to have a firm ethical foundation. Bill George wrote a book, “Discover Your True North,” and he talks about leadership growing from the inside out. You need to develop as an individual that ethical grounding, those core values, as a moral compass. First, before you can become an effective leader, you need to become comfortable with yourself before you can become an effective leader of the people.

For me, probably the biggest benefit of our cadet program is instilling that ethical framework in young people so that whatever line of work they go into, they are going to be successful because they are ethical leaders. That is what the nation needs and what we need in CAP. And that is three years of doctoral studies boiled down to three points.

#1 A servant leader is a person of great personal integrity. I am a great believer in servant leadership as a model for any organization.

#2 A servant leader is a steward for their organization. You are all about the success of your particular organization, the brand, the essence of the organization, and the people in it.

#3 The servant leader personally invests in the people under his/her program so that they can achieve their full potential.

Question for Gen. Smith – How do we help influence the moral compass of our communities without crossing the line of politics?

I am fervent in my position that we leave politics at the door when it comes to Civil Air Patrol. Those of us who have served in the Air Force or other branch of service are apolitical in how we do our work. We have our personal views, our politics, but keeping politics out of it is important.

I believe that the biggest way we can have a positive influence on our community is by living the core values. We adhere to a higher standard, and we live that day in and day out, whether we are wearing the uniform or not. Core values are not something you put on with your uniform, and you take off when you are finished with your duties for the day. Core values are a 24 hour 265 days a year thing by living, by demonstrating that high ethical standard. People notice that, and we cannot help but have an influence on people. Then, as you aggregate that on up, as a squadron, a wing, a region, as an entire organization of people adhering to those values, people notice that. So, I believe that this is the single most important thing we can do.

Question for Gen. Smith – How do you want us to handle diversity in our organization?

We have started an active campaign to increase diversity in our organization. How do I want folks in Civil Air Patrol to handle diversity and inclusion?

First is how we treat people, the core value of respect. We have to approach everyone with respect. That goes a long way to breaking down barriers. If we have a healthy and inviting environment, at the squadron level, especially. If everybody is treated with respect, if everybody has value, everybody has an opportunity to make input and make a difference and have an opportunity for success. That makes a healthy environment. After respect comes a sense of inclusiveness, which is a sense of acceptance. Whoever they may be, their acceptance isn't just being inclusive. It's welcoming everyone who comes in the door. Inclusiveness is respect plus acceptance.

As to diversity, in every state, diversity is different and has to be tailored. We must be proactive to look for opportunities to understand how to take our amazing program to those we are not reaching. To handle diversity, we must be proactive and provide a healthy squadron environment.

MID ATLANTIC REGION CHAPLAIN CORPS STAFF COLLEGE

By Chaplain (Capt.) Jeff Adkins, College Co-Director

In March, plans for the 2020 Middle Atlantic Region (MAR) annual Chaplains Staff College were well underway. We reserved Camp Dawson, WV, a year ago, and had nearly completed the necessary paperwork. Co-Directors 2nd Lt. Chon Gann (Maryland Wing Character Development Officer), and Chaplain (Capt.) Jeffrey Adkins (West Virginia Wing Chaplain) reviewed and revised arrangements with MAR Region Chaplain Wayne Byerly and his Deputy Chaplain Mike Strickland.

Then came Covid-19 with more than its share of potential disasters. In the weeks to come, the staff monitored the number of registrants and could tell that many were reluctant to commit to attending. Chaplain Byerly, determined to find a way to hold the event and keep the same dates, asked the co-directors to make the switch to a virtual Region Chaplain Corps Staff College.

Pushed for time, the staff enlisted the help of Chaplain Tim Miner, Administrator to Chief of Chaplains and Chaplain Jeffrey Williams, National Chaplains Corps Council for Information Technology. The expanded staff designed a platform using both Zoom and Moodle. The presenters revised their classes to fit the new venue, and everything was in motion. Within a few days, the registration had topped out at the 100 openings, with even a few waiting in case spots opened.

The 2020 MAR Region Chaplain Corps Staff College was a huge success and stands as the first successful Virtual Chaplain Corps Staff College in all of CAP. MARCCSC 2020 graduated 69 participants who had joined us from all around the country, Massachusetts to Hawaii, and Washington to Florida. Mid-Atlantic Region Chaplain Byerly deserves much of the credit for the success of the event, and he provided the support his staff needed. Comments by the parting participants praised the event. Most said that this enabled them to complete a Chaplains College and appreciated the fact that it was available to them at no cost. Many expressed that they received much-needed encouragement and spiritual strength by being a part of this event.

The college had the MAR Commander, the Chief of Chaplains, and MAR Region and Deputy Region Chaplains involved in this event. Presenters at the college included Chaplain (Lt. Col.) Nancy Smalley, Southwest Region Chaplain; Chaplain (Lt. Col.) Steve Mathews, NC Wing Chaplain; and Lt. Col. Ernest Clevenger. College Co-Directors were Chaplain (Capt.) Jeffrey Adkins, WV Wing Chaplain; Lt. Chon Gann; Chaplain (Lt. Col.) Tim Miner, Administrative Assistant to the Chief of Chaplains; and Chaplain (Lt. Col.) Jeffrey Williams, member of the National Chaplains Corps Executive Council for Information Technology.

GREAT LAKES REGION CHAPLAIN CORPS STAFF COLLEGE

By Region Chaplain (Lt. Col.) Gary Eno

The Great Lakes Region held its first virtual Chaplain Corps Region Staff College in June. The theme this year was on Diversity. Approximately 35 Chaplains, CDIs, speakers, and guests attended this unique training event. We had students, staff, and speakers from around CONUS and out of the country. Our section of the college ended with 10 hours of training. The second phase was a planned joining of the first national virtual Chaplain College. This was held on Tuesday and Thursday evenings throughout July. We were blessed to hear from our National Commander, our National Chaplain, The Air Force Chief of Chaplains, the Chaplain Commandant for Air University Chaplain School, a briefing from the First Air Force, and many other top shelf speakers. Specialized training included: A national update on new Chaplain regulation 80-1 replacing 265-1. Our next GLR CCRSC will hopefully be at Camp Atterbury, Indiana next June 2021.

CHAPLAIN CORPS NEWS

Chaplain (Maj.) Eric Cooter Receives Military Chaplains Association Distinguished Service Award

Chaplain (Maj.) Eric Cooter is the 2020 Civil Air Patrol Recipient of the Military Chaplains Association Distinguished Service Award.

Cooter began his Civil Air Patrol career as a cadet. He received the highest Cadet honor, the General Carl. A. Spaatz award and promoted to Cadet Colonel.

After finishing his education and ministry experience, Cooter rejoined CAP and earned the highest Senior member training award, the Gill Rob Wilson award. A pilot, he has several aviation ratings and participated in search and rescue missions.

Effective July 1, 2020, Chaplain Cooter will serve as Canon of the Ordinary of the Episcopal Diocese of Oklahoma. Formerly Southeast Region Chaplain, he will assume the post of Southwest Region Deputy Chaplain.



Chief of Chaplains (Col.) John Murdoch Holds Monthly Roundtable Sessions

Chief of Chaplains (Col.) John Murdoch inaugurated an ongoing series of online informational roundtable meetings. Via Zoom, sessions cover topics of current interest to the Corps. Look for emails from our Administrator for Social Media Ch (Lt. Col.) Tim Miner for future roundtable sessions! Links to videos of past roundtable sessions:

Air Force Assigned Missions (AFAM) May 2020

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2lOxBCiqg24&t=38315>

CAPCCARS (Form 34) June 2020

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zQYB3N6esOM>

CAP Launches "Flight Chaplain" Ministry¹

Chief of Chaplains Colonel John Murdoch has established a Task Force to create a "Flight Chaplain" status within the Chaplain Corps. The new ministry would designate qualified chaplains to assist in appropriate DoD missions and ministries.

Those named to the task force include Chaplain (Maj.) James Moser and Chaplain (Lt. Col.) Tim Miner (co-leaders), Chaplain (Maj.) Eric Cooter and Chaplain (Lt. Col.) Mike Strickland (both CAP Mission Chaplains). Deputy Chief of Chaplains (Lt. Col.) Linda Pugsley, Chief of Chaplains Emeritus (Col.) Charlie Sattgast, Chaplain (Maj.) Dennis Lovin, USAF-Ret., and Chaplain (Capt.) Mitchell Holley, USAF-active.

The Task Force adopted as its motto "Malhaaretz – Ad Astra," a phrase using the Hebrew words for "From the Earth" and the Latin for "To the Stars."

¹Reported in the Military Chaplains Association Newsletter, June 24, 2020.

Chaplain Bobbey Receives 2019 Air Mobility Command Award¹

Civil Air Patrol Chaplain (Lt. Col.) David Bobbey, as a member of the Pope Army Airfield Religious Support Team, was awarded the 2019 Air Mobility Command Small Chaplain Team of the Year Award. Chaplain Bobbey is an auxiliary chaplain at the base.

The Pope Airfield Chaplain team also includes Chaplain (Maj.) David Prado (Installation Chaplain) and TSgt. Cedric Johnson (NCOIC Religious Affairs).

¹ See Chaplain Corps Facebook Page posting on June 9, 2020:

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MEET OUR CAP CHAPLAINS

First Hmong Chaplain Of The Civil Air Patrol Chaplain (Lt. Col.) Lang Yang



Submitted by Chaplain (Lt. Col.) Gary Eno Great Lakes Region Chaplain

Chaplain Lang Yang was born in Xiengkhouang, Laos. He came to the United States in 1979, when he was 11 years old. He has earned multiple degrees and currently serves as an Associate Pastor of St. Michael's Lutheran Church, Richville, MI. Yang also serves as Director of Hmong Ministry at Our Savior Lutheran Church, Lansing, MI.

Chaplain Yang joined Civil Air Patrol on 1 Oct 2010 as a senior member and currently holds the positions of Michigan Wing Chaplain and Deputy Chaplain for the Great Lakes Region.

Chaplain Yang has demonstrated outstanding leadership qualities in all areas of his assigned duties, which require the highest degree of professional skill, understanding, and judgment. These qualities are apparent as he meticulously helps process Character Development Instructor and Chaplain applications for the region. One quickly gets to know Chaplain Yang as a man of integrity and devotion to duty. His honesty and actively engaged approach to leadership make him successful in his ministry and service. It is also easy to see that he holds intense loyalties to CAP, his superiors, and his wing. It is this loyalty that inspires confidence in his abilities to those he serves, commanders and subordinates alike. Chaplain Yang is a problem solver, and his competent use of this skill has helped him solve difficult issues at the squadron, group, wing, and region levels.

Chaplain Yang holds current ratings in the new MCCS CAP Support Mission Chaplain, Ground Team 3, Urban Direction Finding (UDF), and Mission Staff Assistant. He has completed Level five, received the Gill Robb Wilson Award (29 Jun 2015), and earned the rank of Lieutenant Colonel in 2019. Also, Chaplain Yang holds a CPR/First Aid Basic Life Support (BLS) Instructor rating through the American Red Cross. He teaches both in and outside of CAP. Finally, Chaplain Yang is an instructor for the International Conference of Police Chaplains (ICPC).

Chaplain Yang has done an outstanding job for the squadron, group, wing, and region level. He continues to use his time and talents to volunteer for CAP. Yang also finds time to volunteer as Chaplain to the Tuscola County Sheriff Department, Denmark Township. Chaplain Yang continues to be a valuable asset to his squadron, to the Michigan Wing, Great Lakes Region, and CAP, as he continues to display a high spirit of cooperation, willingness to serve, and attentiveness to his duties. We want to congratulate him on being the first Hmong appointment as a Civil Air Patrol Chaplain and the first Hmong Chaplain to reach the rank of Lt. Col. in CAP.

As of this writing, we also want to congratulate Chaplain Yang on being selected as the Great Lakes Region Chaplain of the Year for 2020. Well done!

Connecticut Wing Chaplain Corps Hosts Second Retreat



by Captain Olga Simoncelli, Connecticut Wing CDI

Captain Olga Simoncelli is a veteran of the Air Force Reserves and the Air National Guard, where she served as an intelligence officer. She currently serves as a Character Development Instructor in the Connecticut Wing, providing character development instruction for three squadrons in the wing. Simoncelli also serves as the Connecticut Wing Public Affairs Officer and as Deputy Commander and Aerospace Officer for her home squadron, CT 802.

On May 22, 2020, the Connecticut Wing of Civil Air Patrol (CAP) Chaplain Corps held the second of a series of Chaplain Corps retreats. Originally planned as a live meeting, the organizers, Chaplain (Major) James Law, and Chaplain (Lt. Col.) Adma Ross aptly adapted to a virtual gathering in keeping with current national guidelines.

We were indeed fortunate to have Chief of Chaplains Col. John Murdoch join us as the featured speaker. He spoke of how the Chaplain Corps was adapting to our new circumstances, with emphasis on wellness during the pandemic. The Chief mentioned online training accommodations such as the online Chaplain Corps Emergency Services School, having a record enrollment.

Connecticut Wing Commander, Colonel James A. Ridley, Sr. lauded the CT Chaplain leadership team for organizing the wing's Wellness program. Cadets or senior members can reach out confidentially to address any concerns or anxieties they might have. He noted that all Connecticut squadrons are conducting virtual meetings and doing some training. Connecticut intends to carry on with encampment plans, albeit during the winter/holiday break rather than in the summer. "The Chaplain Program has always been a priority with me," he stated, encouraging all, "I truly appreciate all the time they put into the program."

CDI (Major) April Krason led a discussion on recruitment and retention. She recommends keeping our eyes open for those with potential interest among parents of cadets; for example, there may even be ordained persons among them.

A discussion on counseling followed. CDIs are not authorized to do counseling within the scope of their CAP responsibilities. It is important to recognize when to refer a situation to a chaplain for further consideration. Some precarious situations might become organizational liabilities if we do not follow established policies.

Chaplains Ross and Law emphasized the significance of enforcing cadet protection since chaplains and CDIs act "in loco parentis" vis a vis the cadets. Cadet protection applies during any squadron meetings and particularly at encampments. Chief Murdoch reminded all to maintain detailed records of any such interactions, for possible future reference, should the need arise.

Overall, the retreat was productive in reminding us of the importance of the Chaplain Corps mission in Civil Air Patrol in terms of the role that chaplains and CDIs play in the organization. It served as a forum to explore ideas as to how we could do our jobs better. It was good to reconnect with everyone visually after months of isolation and to see that we are all moving forward despite unprecedented obstacles.

SUPPORTING WING CHAPLAINS

By Colonel James Ridley, Sr., Commander, CTWG



Colonel James A. Ridley, Sr. is the Commander of the Connecticut Wing, serving prior as the Wing Chief of Staff. He has served at the squadron, group, wing, and region levels in such capacities as cadet programs officer, public affairs officer, deputy commander, commander, and region plans and programs officer. Col Ridley has directed two Region Staff Colleges and a Region Cadet Leadership School for the Northeast Region. He has lectured at five Northeast Region Chaplain Staff Colleges, the last two held at Camp Nett in Niantic, CT.

Col. Ridley's previous articles in *The Transmitter* included: "The Value of Chaplains and CDIs at Cadet Encampment" (appearing in the Winter 2017 issue); "Commanders Preach the Core Values – Good Commanders Live by Them" (appearing in the Winter 2018 issue); "Mentorship" (appearing in the Spring 2019 issue); and "Servant Leadership" (appearing in the Winter 2020 issue).

Servant Leadership

I have long been a fan and supporter of our chaplain program, from humble CAP beginnings at the annual wing encampment, through my first experience of having my very own squadron chaplain when I assumed command of the LeRoy R. Grumman Cadet Squadron, and then as Encampment Commander and Wing Chief of Staff, where I led and came into contact with the wing chaplains and those they cultivated to be character development instructors. Our chaplains supported our members, provided religious services during the encampment and Region Cadet Leadership Schools, grief counseling, and so much more. God Bless them!

During my time as wing chief of staff, I developed a fantastic relationship with my wing chaplain, which I have long felt benefited both of us in many ways. I value what she and the other chaplains, in our wing and among our squadrons, provided our membership. I agreed to attend and taught at region chaplain colleges. When I became a wing commander, I attended my very first national conference in San Antonio, TX. One of the first things I did was visit the chaplains' breakout session that Saturday afternoon and thanked the chaplains and Character Development Instructors (CDIs) in the room for all they do.

Matthew 18:20

"For where two or three gather together in My name, there am I with them." I have been familiar with this biblical verse ever since I was a child and was first taught it during religious education classes and, of course, during church services. But never did this passage have more meaning to me than last summer, after we lost one of our own, Chaplain (Capt.) Lawrence Johnson, CTWG.

So, what does the loss of this man have to do with Matthew 18:20? I'm about to tell you. Chaplain Johnson was a rising star in our wing. In the short time he was with us, he served as the encampment chaplain, counseled members in distress, one time in particular after a tragic car accident involving current and former cadets, and as a member of two region chaplain colleges. In the spring of 2019, Chaplain Johnson was trained in the Law Enforcement Against Drugs (L.E.A.D.) program and was preparing to teach the largest cadet class in CAP's Northeast Region during the Connecticut Wing Encampment, when an unfortunate accident derailed his plans. On August 30, 2019, we lost Larry, and on Labor Day, we gathered in his church to say our final goodbye.

Out of Tragedy Comes an Opportunity for Fellowship and Growth

After five pallbearers and myself carried Larry into the church and those whom he touched gathered to grieve, several of us made our way downstairs to the church's common room to have a cup of coffee and chat. It was then I realized that never had I had almost one hundred percent of the chaplains in the wing and several Character Development Instructors (CDIs) in the same location before. After a few moments, I asked the question, "Why haven't we gotten together more often?" No one could answer. It was then that I proposed an idea that was enthusiastically accepted and praised. The idea was simple – the wing would sponsor and conduct a Chaplains' Retreat at Wing Headquarters, the first one taking place within the next two months.



Chaplains, CDIs and friends, gather with the wing commander for the final salute to Chaplain (Capt.) Lawrence Johnson.

A few months later, as many of the chaplains available, that day and I met at Wing headquarters in Middletown, CT. We had a full agenda to present along with some great discussion points, including a plan for chaplain recruitment. What made this inaugural meeting even more memorable was that the day began with a teleconference welcoming message from our National Chief of Chaplains, Chaplain (Col.) John Murdoch. This meeting renewed all in attendance with the faith in our chaplain program and bore new and exciting

ideas we developed into plans of action. Plans for recruitment and growth. Plans for ways in which our chaplains can bring even more value to our members. Plans on how the wing can provide even greater support for our chaplain corps. Esprit de Corps was ever-present.

As I sit here composing this article, my wing assistant chaplain, Chaplain (Maj.) James Law, a man who became close to Chaplain Johnson, is preparing our second Chaplains' retreat. The enthusiasm is still there. The hope that something great will come of these gatherings has ignited a passion amongst our chaplain corps within the wing, a passion I plan to keep nurturing. This time our CDIs will also be invited to attend, propose ideas, and look for ways they can grow and be of greater value to our cadets and seniors. I sit here and think, "Wow, all this comradery and joy came from a gathering of such sorrow," and I am pleased with the reaction I get from those I admire and respect. The chaplains I have come to know and appreciate don't do it for rank, don't do it for glory, don't do it for position. They do what they do for their fellow airmen. They do it because it's the right thing to do, and it has meaning. It has value. On behalf of the members of my wing, I am grateful for their spirit and their contribution year-in and year-out.

Conclusion

Were we divinely inspired that warm Labor Day? I don't know. That's a question way above my pay grade. I can say this, I am happy that we gathered together, and yes, we were there in "His name." From that gathering we agreed to come together more often, with purpose and an objective in mind. I hope that we do not forget this lesson. I hope and recommend that other wings adopt this program and begin their own Chaplain Retreats.¹ Perhaps these retreats will make our chaplain corps gatherings at regional and national events more productive and meaningful. I look forward to seeing what crops are grown from the seeds we planted shortly after saying goodbye to our friend. I am sure that Chaplain Johnson is looking down from Heaven, smiling, and thinking that he got the last word, with his final thought being, "My job here is done, I can rest now."

¹See article for the Connecticut Wing's second Chaplain Retreat on page 14 of this issue.

CHAPLAIN CORPS EMERGENCY SERVICES SCHOOL (CHESS) PROGRAM VIA VIRTUAL CLASSROOM



By Major Jonathan Luysterborghs

Connecticut Wing Character Development Officer
Connecticut Wing CISM Team Clinical Director

Major Jonathan Luysterborghs serves as a Character Development Instructor and as Clinical Director for the Wing CISM Team. He served as an Airborne Photographer and Mission Observer for Civil Air Patrol's Long Island Sound Patrol and the Wing Counter-Drug Program and the Squadron Commander of Connecticut's 169th Composite Squadron. Major Luysterborghs joined Civil Air Patrol in 2010 as a way of contributing skills that he gained in his careers as Fire Battalion Chief, Licensed Clinical Social Worker, and Lay Servant Leader in the Episcopal Church. Serving for many years on State Psychiatric Mobile Crisis teams, Luysterborghs received training in Hostage Negotiation. He is a member of the State of Connecticut's Disaster Behavioral Health Response Network.

It was a great opportunity and privilege to attend the Chaplain Corps Emergency Services School (ChESS) throughout June via the Zoom virtual classroom experience. The cadre of instructors, led by Chaplain (Lt. Col.) Marcus Taylor, Director, Chaplain (Lt. Col.) Linda Pugsley, Assistant Director, and Chaplain (Lt. Col.) Van Don Williams, Registrar, ensured that this virtual version of the NESA program packed all of the same punch as the on-campus version.

The classroom portion of this (Alpha) program started at 7:00 PM (Eastern Time) and ran until 10:00 PM every Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday for four consecutive weeks, a total of 48 hours. In keeping with the rich tradition of the Chaplain Corps, each session started and ended with grounding prayers led by students. Training topics included Program Orientation and Overview, Introduction to the Chaplain Support Team (CST) Concept, Duties of the Mission Chaplain, Duties of the Chaplain Support Specialist, Mission Preparedness, Mission Reporting, Chaplain Corps Universal Alert Procedures, Professional Development, Suicide Intervention for Crisis Responders (Parts 1 & 2), Spiritual Resiliency (Parts 1 & 2), Deployment Procedures for CSTs, and Field Training Exercises (X3). As those enrolled in the program came from diverse religious backgrounds, timely explanations of their traditions provided training to serve in a non-denominational capacity.

As well as being members of the full ChESS class, students also worked in breakout sessions assigned to three-person Chaplain Support Teams (CSTs) made up of two Chaplains and a Chaplain Support Specialist. The members of each CST spent additional time outside of the regular Zoom virtual classroom time, getting to know classmates in their smaller Chaplain Support Teams. Chaplain (Lt. Col.) Arthur Slagle, Chaplain (Lt. Col.) Don Mikitta, and Chaplain (Major) Michael Morison led the CST breakout sessions during which individual Chaplain Support Teams worked together to address Emergency Services Crisis Scenarios simulating communities struck by a crisis event. Each breakout room could be assigned different components of the same disaster scenario, or assigned an entirely separate disaster scenario.

Students also spent time between their Zoom classroom attendance on homework assignments, with written After Action Reports (AAR's) required of all participants for each exercise. One of the first homework assignments was to collect and photograph the components of their Personal Field Equipment as described in a Personal Field Equipment Checklist provided by ChESS. Students received materials in advance by email to prepare for the Field Training Exercises. Working together in breakout training sessions, they would plan, lead, organize, and evaluate efforts to provide appropriate Chaplain Corps Support Services where needed. Teamwork skills were practiced during the Tabletop Exercise Sessions. Lead Instructors present throughout the Field Training Exercises Tabletop Sessions provided support, answered questions, and made suggestions as needed. Program administrators also visited each breakout room often to monitor progress, provide updated information, and answer questions from students. To conclude each breakout session, classes reunited to share and discuss the learning experiences that took place.

In addition to accomplishing our specific Chaplain Support Team tasks, presentations and training exercises provided an understanding of the overall emergency management process. Instructors drew upon their own extensive experience in emergency management from incidents such as hurricanes, the Oklahoma City bombing, and the Deepwater Horizon explosion. To answer student questions, instructors provided relevant examples of specific techniques presented in the program.

Upon completing the Virtual ChESS Program, Mission Chaplains (MC) and Chaplain Support Specialists (CSS) received certificates of emergency services training to the "CAP Support Rating." Those who would like to continue and receive training for the higher "Disaster Support Rating" must complete the face-to-face NESA Training Program.

In addition to teaching me new skills and approaches to service through a Chaplain Support Team, the Virtual ChESS Program provided me with an opportunity to review and revisit skills and equipment that I have obtained and used in the past but may not have assessed and updated recently. The virtual classroom made it possible to be present with members of the CAP Chaplain Corps from Sea to Shining Sea. Employing teamwork and compassion, we were able to gain new perspectives on our Chaplain Corps' strengths and resources to serve our fellow CAP members and the community at large. Congratulations and Blessings to the faculty, staff, and students of the Alpha Class of the Virtual ChESS Program!!

If readers would like to enroll in the ChESS Program; they will need to complete the following prerequisite training:

Five Elements of Prerequisite Training for Mission Chaplain – CAP Support Rating (MCCS):

General Emergency Services (GES), Introductory Communications User Training (ICUT), Emergency Services Continuing Education Exam – Part 1, Emergency Services Continuing Education Exam – Part 2, and Emergency Services Continuing Education Exam – Part 3.

Six Elements of Prerequisite Training for Chaplain Support Specialist – CAP Support Rating (CSSCS):

General Emergency Services (GES), Introductory Communications User Training (ICUT), Emergency Services Continuing Education Exam – Part 1, Emergency Services Continuing Education Exam – Part 2, Emergency Services Continuing Education Exam – Part 3, and Completion of Character Development Instructor (CDI) Technician Rating.

Four Elements of Familiarization and Preparatory Training (Online FEMA Courses):

IS100, IS200, IS700, IS800.

CHAPLAIN AND CDI APPOINTMENTS

November 2019 – June 2020

CHAPLAIN APPOINTMENTS

2nd Lt. Michael J. Bardon (RMR-UTWG)
Capt. Richard D. Crooks (NDR/NEWG)
Capt. Deborah A. Dugal (MAR/MDWG)
Capt. Alan K. Gates (PCR/CAWG)
Capt. Catherine J. Griffin (MAR/MDWG)
Capt. James M. Henry (NHQ)
Capt. Menachem Hoffman (NER/NJWG)
Maj. James H. Houchens (SER/FLWG)
Maj. Ian W. Howarth (RMR/IDWG)
Capt. Antonio Illas (NER/NYWG)
1st Lt. Michael K. Ireland (NCR/MVWG)
1st Lt. Edward J. Knight (NER/MAWG)
Capt. William A Lindner (MAR/SCWG)
Capt. Fred M. Madren (GLR/INWG)
Capt. Thomas F. Marshall (MAR/NCWG)
Capt. John L. McMinn (SWR/OKWG)
Capt. Levi H. Soucy (NER/MEWG)
Lt. Col. Ronald H. Thompson (SWR/LAWG)
1st Lt. Craig M. Wurst (NER/PAWG)

NEW ASSIGNMENTS

Congratulations

on the following recent appointments:

Chaplain (Maj.) Eric Cooter
Deputy Southwest Region Chaplain

Chaplain (Maj.) Roger Gillming
Nebraska Wing Chaplain

Chaplain (Maj.) James Law
Connecticut Wing Chaplain

Chaplain (Maj.) John Tober
New Mexico Wing Chaplain

Chaplain (Lt. Col.) Fretzel Westerlund
South Dakota Wing Chaplain

Chaplain (Lt. Col.) Van Don Williams
Southeast Region Chaplain

CDI APPOINTMENTS

2nd Lt. Sandra Allen (MAR/VAWG)
Capt Jennifer J. Allender (MAR/MDWG)
1st Lt. Carol Andrews (NCR/MNWG)
2nd Lt. Sarah E. Andruszko (NHQ)
Maj. William D. Baddorf (MAR/SCWG)
2nd Lt. Lynn T. Baxter (RMR/WYWG)
Capt. Samantha M. Beck (GLR/OHWG)
1st Lt. John J. Becker (SER/FLWG)
2nd Lt. Harold L. Benfield (MAR/NCWG)
Lt. Col. Robert C. Bitting (MAR/DCWG)
2nd Lt. Jacqueline L. Blakenship (MAR/WVWG)
SSgt. Ronald Y. Blazauskas (NCR/NEWG)
2nd Lt. Anna L. Boron (GLR/WIWG)
2nd Lt. Joshua F. Bowers (GLR/INWG)
Lt. Col. Christopher R. Branan (SWR/NMWG)

Maj. Theresa B. Caffarra (NER/NJWG)
1st Lt. Wendy J. Camron (SWR/TXWG)
1st Lt. Vincent Cannon (GLR/OHWG)
2nd Lt. Michelle A. Carey (RMR/WYWG)
2nd Lt. Peter F. Carpentier (NER/NHWG)
2nd Lt. Deborah F. Cauthen (MAR/NCWG)
1st Lt. James Chan (RMR/MTWG)
Lt. Col. David L. Chaney (MAR/WVWG)
1st Lt. Dean M. Courtney (MAR/DCWG)
2nd Lt. Amber L. Cranford (MAR/DEWG)
1st Lt. Kimberly J. Culp (RMR/COWG)
Capt. Bruce L. Dawson (MAR/WVWG)
1st Lt. Derrick J. Dinwiddie (GLR/KYWG)
Lt. Col. Robert Ditch (SWR/AZWG)
Lt. Col. Brett D. Dolnick (PCR/CAWG)

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1st Lt. Harald Duell (RMR/IDWG)
1st Lt. Eran C. East (SWR/NMWWG)
1st Lt. Tamera C. Ekstrand (NCR/MNWWG)
2nd Lt. Frontis W. Ergle III (SWR/LAWG)
Maj. Mark Eudy (MAR/SCWG)
Lt. Col. John A. Fair (SWR/NMWWG)
1st Lt. Joseph Frech (MAR/DCWING)
Lt. Col. Billy L. Fleming (SER/TNWWG)
2nd Lt. Douglas E. Gardner (PCR/WAWG)
Maj. Timothy J. Hagberg (NER/PAWG)
Capt. Jennifer C. Harrington (PCR/HIWWG)
Capt. Richard Hart (MAR/NCWING)
2nd Lt. Molly K. Hartle (PCR/CAWWG)
Capt. Elizabeth S. Hausner (MAR/NCWGG)
2nd Lt. Olivia V. Higgins (MAR/MDWWG)
Capt. Menahem Hoffman (NER/NJWWG)
Maj. Mendie R. Hornbuckle (GLR/INWWG)
Maj. Peter Iannone (SWR/AZWWG)
1st Lt. Michael K. James (SER/FLWWG)
1st Lt. Nicholas W. Kebodeaux (PCR/CAWWG)
Maj. Jim Kelly (PCR/WAWG)
Maj. Brian J. Killian (SWR/TXWWG)
1st Lt. Brian C. Lombardo (MER/PAWWG)
SSgt. Relja Lukic (PCR/AKWWG)
2nd Lt. Guy L. Mackey (SWR/NMWWG)
Capt. Nicholas A. Marcantonio (SER/FLWWG)
Maj. Aaron D. McNeil (SER/ALWWG)
Capt. Michael W. Medard (MAR/MDWWG)
Lt. Col. Lawrence M. Model (SER/FLWWG)
Maj. Harold E. Moloney (MAR/WVWWG)
2nd Lt. Sherry C. Moltoza (MAR/MDWWG)
2nd Lt. Elaine J. Moore (MAR/WVWWG)
2nd Lt. Hea Mower (SER/FLWING)
1st Lt. Lisa S. Neal (GLR/MIWWG)
Capt Randall S. Parker (SER/TNWWG)

2nd Lt. Rachel E. Pridgen (SER/ALWWG)
1st Lt. Ellen F. Randolph (SER/ALWWG)
2nd Lt. Luther A. Quintana (SWR/AZWWG)
2nd Lt. Meredith C. Ray (SER/ALWWG)
Lt. Col. Brenda A. Reed (MAR/MD)
1st Lt. Joel M. Ricker (SWR/AZWWG)
Capt. Thomas H. Sabatino (PCR/CAWWG)
Capt. William G. Sabol (NCR/MNWWG)
2nd Lt. Gabriella Sadigursky (PCR/CAWING)
Capt. Leigh L. Saville (MAR/WVWWG)
2nd Lt. Katherine J. Schroer (NCR/MOWGG)
1st Lt. Barbara E. Schulz (NER/CTWWG)
1st Lt. Christopher R. Schwarzen (SER/TNWWG)
2nd Lt. David J. Sellers (GLR/OHWWG)
Lt. Col. Clay W. Shepherd (PCR/WAWGG)
2nd Lt. Rachel V. Shotwell (RMR/IDWWG)
2nd Lt. John R. Shump (GLR/OHWWG)
2nd Lt. Jennifer L. Silberger (NER/CTWWG)
2nd Lt. Elizabeth C. Silva (NER/NYWWG)
Lt. Col. Jane B. Smalley (SWR/TXWWG)
Capt. Mechell S. Smith (MAR/NCWGG)
Lt. Col. George A. Stanley (MAR/SCWGG)
Maj. Arnold C. Staton (SER/ALWWG)
2nd Lt. Michael Stolle (SWR/TXWWG)
2nd Lt. Edward F. Sullivan (MAR/MDWWG)
1st Lt. Tiara C. Sweeney (SWR/OKWWG)
2nd Lt. Zachary N. Taylor (GLR/KYWWG)
2nd Lt. Clay W. Thompson (MAR/NCWGG)
2nd Lt. Catherine Vargo (NER/NYWWG)
Maj. Jonathan D. Verhoeven (SWR/ARWWG)
2nd Lt. Katherine E. Walker (PCR/ORWWG)
1st Lt. Kristin L. Walukas (GLR/WIWWG)
2nd Lt. Nicholas Ward (SER/FLWWG)
Capt. Jan Whitely (MAR/VAWWG)
1st Lt. Billy G. Wilson (MAR/SCWGG)
SSgt. Michael J. Wimmer (NER/PAWWG)

*Your vocation in life is
where your greatest joy
meets the world's
greatest need.
Frederick Buechner*

Don't worry when you are not
recognized but strive to be
worthy of recognition.
Abraham Lincoln

DIWALI, THE HINDU FESTIVAL OF LIGHT

By Dr. Ashe C. Shipman Director of Hindu Life Yale University Chaplain's Office



Dr. Ashe Shipman earned her advanced degrees in Ecology and Anthropology from the University of Connecticut. Asha joined the Yale University Chaplain's Office in 2013 and, in 2016, became the second (and only female) Hindu chaplain with a full-time university appointment in the US. Her Hindu Life Program at Yale offers the Yale Hindu community a space for worship and connection as well as a safe space to interrogate Hindu philosophies. She regularly speaks on Hinduism and chaplaincy and creates blogs, articles, and podcasts based on her work and research. Asha is a contributor to the first book on Hindu chaplaincy in the US entitled "Hindu Approaches to Spiritual Care" and an upcoming article on Hindu Chaplaincy in the US published by the Journal of Inter-Religious Studies.

Deepavali, or Diwali, the Festival of Light, is the most important annual religious festival for Hindus. It is a pan-Indian multi-day celebration marked around the world. Diwali is associated with many sacred stories and family traditions. The main themes celebrate the triumph of good over evil, of light over darkness, and knowledge over ignorance. Hindu holy days are determined using two different lunisolar calendars within India, so these holidays seem to "float" from year to year for those following a Gregorian calendar. Furthermore, the period of observance differs regionally within India. For example, in the Indian state of Maharashtra, Diwali festivities begin a day earlier than in the state of Tamil Nadu. In the state of Gujarat, they begin two days earlier.



Diwali, Festival of Light

The main celebration occurs on the night of the new moon, which occurs on November 14 this year. On this auspicious day, most Hindus worship a form of the feminine Divine: either Maha Lakshmi, the Goddess of wealth and well-being, or Maha Kali, Her more intense aspect. Wealth, for many people, equates to material success, and this is one aspect of the abundance represented by Maha Lakshmi. Thus, Diwali marks the closing of the fiscal year for many businesses in India.

Yet Hindu scriptures caution that material wealth may be fleeting and should be accrued, conserved, and charitably dispensed for communal as well as familial flourishing. Diwali is, therefore, an auspicious time for charitable donations. Numerous Hindu scriptures expound on the importance of incorporating Dāna, or selfless charity, into one's lifestyle. Dāna constitutes a virtuous life, may assume numerous forms, and is one marker by which the departing soul's next life is judged.

The Rig Veda (Book 10, verse 117, Ralph T. H. Griffith (transl.) 1896), an ancient foundational Hindu text, offers the following wise words regarding wealth and charity:

“Bounteous is he who gives unto the beggar who comes to him in want of food, and the feeble, Success attends him in the shout of battle. He makes a friend of him in future troubles, No friend is he who to his friend and comrade who comes imploring food, will offer nothing. Let the rich satisfy the poor implorer, and bend his eye upon a longer pathway, Riches come now to one, now to another, and like the wheels of carts are ever rolling....”

So, while Maha Lakshmi does represent material success, She also represents intellectual, spiritual, and emotional flourishing. From a Hindu perspective, each of these forms of wealth is critical to becoming a functional member of society. Emotional well-being fosters key traits



Diwali Diyas

such as love, compassion, curiosity, and a sense of belonging. These qualities support intellectual development and help lead to a full understanding of one’s potential as well as one’s possible contributions to society.

Diwali derives its name from the clay oil lamp called a diya [or deepa]. Diyas are handcrafted little bowls with flattened rims that may be brightly painted. They are filled partly with oil, and a cotton wick is placed half in the oil and half on the rim of the diya. This arrangement in itself is functional as it allows the wick to burn steadily. But Sri Sri Ravishankar,

a Hindu monk, and visionary, also suggests a teachable metaphor. He writes:

“Life is like the wick of the lamp, you have to be in the world and yet remain untouched by it. If you are drowned in the materialism of the world, you cannot bring joy and knowledge in your life. By being in the world, yet not drowning in the worldly aspect of it, we can be the light of joy and knowledge.”

In this way, the individual’s inner wick can shine steadily as they engage deeply with all the inevitable troughs and peaks that life presents.

As a part of observing this festival, families place rows of oil lamps along the foundations, entry paths, and balconies of their dwellings. And that gives forth another name for the celebration: Deepavali. *Deep*, another name for the oil lamp, and *avali*, which means “rows or clusters of lamps.” South Indians most often use this name; north Indians tend to use Diwali. On this long new moon night, the rows of diyas give off a powerful glow, intended to entice Maha Lakshmi into the residence. Her blessed gifts offer an increased ability to fight against negative forces such as violence, greed, injustice, inequity, and suffering. During Diwali, Hindus dress in new clothes and bring platters of sweets to share with neighbors of all faiths and with employers and work colleagues, family, and friends. These visits and exchanges reinforce social connections. The night sky glitters and rumbles from firecrackers.



Diwali Indian Sweets

Workplaces and family homes in cities and villages are outlined in strings of light bulbs and oil lamps. It is a time of rejoicing, fellowship, radiance, feasting, and prayer.

This holy time connects with many sacred stories. In north India, Diwali is often associated with the triumphant return home of the exiled crown Prince Rama of Ayodhya, hero of the ancient Hindu epic, the Ramayana. It is said that Prince Rama, following fourteen years of hardship and battles to restore justice to many parts of the subcontinent, returned to Ayodhya on the main day of Diwali. The residents of the kingdom lined the capital city streets with diyas to welcome and signal their intention to crown their prince.

Many south Indians celebrate a redemptive example of good over evil at Diwali called Bali Padyami. Once there ruled a king named Bali, beloved by his people. Yet, he became corrupted over time by a sense of self-worth and power and claimed the right to rule over the gods. The god Vishnu incarnated on Earth to teach Bali a lesson on his mortal limitations. In the process, Bali recognized his error. For that reason, instead of being slain, he was exiled to the netherworld. Allowed an annual visit to his erstwhile kingdom, he visits on Diwali day. The arrays of diyas, the cooking of sweet delicacies, and other celebrations are in anticipation of King Bali's return.

In eastern India, a different form of the feminine Divine is worshiped: Goddess Kali. It is said that during this time period, Kali once slew two powerful demons who were wreaking havoc in the region. Hers is the power of unrestrained creativity and liberated, flaming insight. Worship services celebrate Kali's triumph over evil at midnight of the main Diwali day.

Diwali occurs as the days are shortening and growing cooler, and the nights seem darker. Devotional practices, traditions, and stories associated with Diwali warm our hearts, strengthen community bonds, and inspire thoughts and actions that bring joy and abundance into the world.

¹ Sri Sri Ravi Shankar, Diwali message 2010, <https://www.artofliving.org/in-en/diwali-celebrating-light-wisdom>

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SPEAKERS & LINKS TO SESSIONS
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Col. Regena Aye, CAP Chief of Education and Learning: Volunteer University

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OLclpW1ErtI&feature=youtu.be&fbclid=IwAR2_6iW7BH-3zynU6ywsSq83xBgOopW7939GC2duQKch8rian2JzmdJtgRQ

Chaplain (Lt. Col.) Jeffrey Williams: Chaplain Corps Education & Training

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gTuXe9hSmFA&t=18s>

Chaplain (Lt. Col.) David Poland: Chaplain Corps Volunteer University, Dean of Level 2

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

SESSIONS STILL TO BE POSTED ON CHAPLAIN CORPS FACEBOOK PAGE

at <https://www.facebook.com/CAPchaplains>

CMSgt Robert Dandridge, CAP, Command Chief of CAP

Chaplain (Maj.) Andre Martin, CAP: Stress in CAP's sUAS Missions

Chaplain (Lt. Col.) Ed Kopp, CAP: Flight Chaplains for CAP

INTERFAITH CALENDAR

Major Religious Holidays**

August 2020

- 6 Transfiguration of the Lord**
– Orthodox Christian
- 10 Waqf al Arafah** – Hajj begins – Islam*
- 15 Assumption of the Blessed Virgin**
– Roman Catholic
- Dormition of the Theotokos**
– Eastern Orthodox Christian

October 2020

- 3-4 Sukkot** – Jewish* ***
- 10 Shimini Atzeret** – Jewish* ***
- 11 Simchat Torah** – Jewish* ***
- 17-24 Navarati** – Hindu
- 20 Installation of the Scriptures** – Sikh
Birth of the B'ah – Baha'i*
- 25 Dussehra** – Hindu
- 29 Mawild an Nabi** – Islam*
- 31 All Hallows Eve** – Christian

September 2020

- 8 Nativity of the Theokokos**
– Eastern Orthodox Christian
- Nativity of Mary** – Christian
- 18 US Air Force Birthday**
- 19-20 Rosh Hashana** – Jewish* ***
- 21 Paryushana Parva** – Jain
- 28 Yom Kippur** – Jewish* ***

November 2020

- 1 All Saints Day** – Christian
- 2 All Souls Day** – Christian
- 11 Veterans Day** – U.S. Federal
- 12 Birth of the Baha'u'llah** – Baha'i*
- 14 Diwali** – Hindu, Jain, and Sikh
- 24 Martyrdom of Guru Tegh Bahdor** – Sikh
- 20 Days of the Covenant** – Baha'i*
- 26 Thanksgiving Day** – U.S. Federal/Interfaith
- 28 Ascension of Abdu'l Baba** – Baha'i*
- 29-Dec 24 Advent** – Christian
- 30 Birthday of Guru Nanak Dev Gahib** – Sikh*

See also the following Transmitter articles:

Autumn by Lt. Col. Karen Semple (CDI):

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

Diwali by Professor Ashe Shipman, Yale University, page 21 in this issue

* 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:

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

NJ Board of Education List of permitted absences: <https://www.nj.gov/education/docs/holidays1920.pdf>

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

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

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

SOME USEFUL ITEMS FOR THE CHAPLAIN CORPS "TOOL BOX"

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

