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## A MESSAGE

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

**Chaplain (Colonel) John Murdoch**

## TRANSITIONS

Greetings, Chaplain Corps,

Two years ago, we began a journey together, and this month my tour of duty will come to an end. As of this writing, Gen Phelka has not announced his choice for our new Chief of Chaplains. I am looking forward to working together with whomever he chooses, and I am sure the progress we have made together over the past two years will continue.

I would like to take a moment to thank my team and Kenya for the extraordinary job they have done these past two years. Much has been accomplished, and it would not have happened if each member of the team had not participated. This team consists of my staff and all of my appointed positions and the special task forces and working groups who were established. Each of you is to be commended.

As I close out my time as your Chief, I would again remind you of the three E's I introduced in the beginning of my tour: Excellence, Expedience, and Exhibit.

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Continue to minister in Excellence. Do everything excellently. It is a core value, and quite frankly, it is expected from those we minister to.

Expedience is also expected. Remember the OHIO principle: Only Handle It Once! Procrastination is not a friend of achievement. Expedience is your friend.

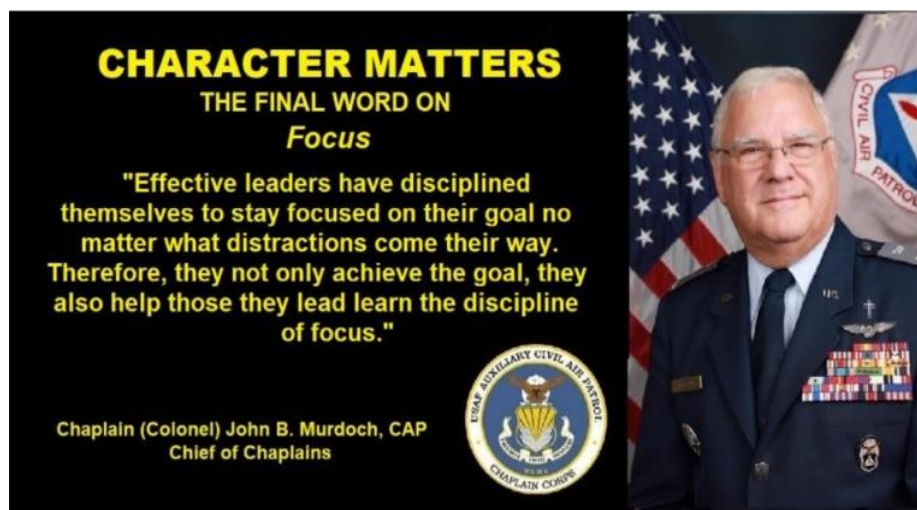
Exhibit is the most important of the three. Everywhere we go, everything we do, exhibits the Holy. Never forget you are the only representative of your Faith and your God those around you may see. Always strive to exhibit the Holy to the best of your ability as you lean upon the core values of your Faith.

Transitions are a part of life and leadership. King David wanted to build the Temple and God told him no. Not because he had failure in his life but because he was obedient to his calling and had blood on his hands due to the wars he led the nation through. Instead of getting mad and "taking his marbles and going home," he said how can I help. The story is recorded in First Chronicles chapters 22 & 28 where you see him backing Solomon and helping to do all he could under the leadership of the new king to make the project successful. As we transition to new leadership, let us be like David and do our best to make the new leadership in our Chaplain Corps as successful as possible. I am in! How about you?

THANK YOU for all you have done these past two years! Keep up the good work! It has an honor and privilege to be your Chief!

Your fellow Servant

Chaplain (Colonel) John B. Murdoch  
Chief of Chaplains



*From the Chaplain Corps Facebook site*

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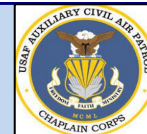
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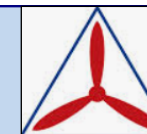
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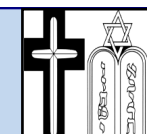
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### OUR IDENTITY....

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

### OUR VISION....

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

### OUR MISSION....

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

### OUR CORE VALUES....

- Integrity
- Volunteer Service
- Excellence
- Respect



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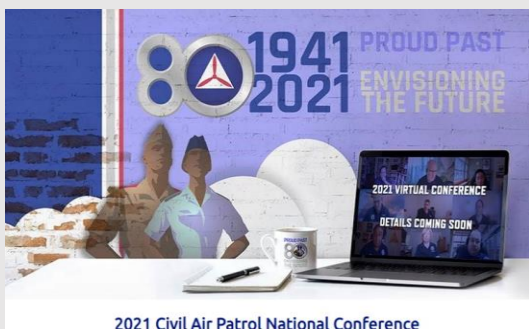
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## SUMMER 2021 EVENTS

### 2021 CAP NATIONAL CONFERENCE



August 12-14, 2021

A Virtual Event

<https://www.cap.news/props-newsletters/>

See details on page 7 of this issue

### 2021 CHANGE OF COMMAND

National Commander/CEO Vice Commander

August 26, 2021 Viewable Online

Details to be announced in PROPS <https://www.cap.news>

### 2021 ANNUAL CHAPLAIN CORPS EXECUTIVE/ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING

August 19, 2021 12:00-17:00

Virtual Event, normally held during the National Conference

All are invited. Invitations will go out closer to the meeting

Look for Announcements for Training Opportunities from HC-NHQ

#### Chaplain Training Practicum

To qualify to perform Military Honors for VA funerals

#### Auxiliary Chaplain Course

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

## SUMMER 2021 EVENTS (continued)

### 2021 PACIFIC COAST REGION CHAPLAIN CORPS STAFF COLLEGE

September 20-23

Ellis Island Hotel, Las Vegas, Nevada

Highlights will include resiliency training and a visit to Creech AFB, "Home of the Reaper"

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### MILITARY CHAPLAINS ASSOCIATION ANNUAL MEETING

#### Emerson Lunch and Awards/Continuing Ed Presentations

Tuesday, October 5, 2021 8:30-15:00

Fort Jackson NCO Club, Columbia, SC

#### Alternate DSA Awards Presentation

Wednesday, November 10, 2021 11:30-13:00

Army and Navy Club, Washington, DC

### CHAPLAIN CORPS EMERGENCY SERVICE SCHOOL (ChESS)

For Mission Chaplain Chaplain/Support Specialist (CSS) ratings

#### Fall Online/Virtual Basic ChESS (CAP Support) Course TBA

#### ChESS at NESAs 2021

Advanced Disaster Support Course held August 1-7

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# CAP NATIONAL CONFERENCE 2020

## Virtual Event August 12-14



### ARE YOU ATTENDING THE NATIONAL CONFERENCE NEXT WEEK?

Here is a schedule of the relevant topics during the online event that impact the Chaplain Corps:

#### Day 1: Thursday, 12 August 2021

- 1300 CDT "Chaplain Corps Forum" with the Chief of Chaplains and staff
- 1500 CDT "The CAP Critical Incident Stress Management Program" (Health Services)
- 1700 CDT "State of the Organization" with National Commander
- 1800 CDT "The 5 Pillars of Wellness-Keeping All Our Airmen Resilient" with the National Task Force

#### Day 2: Friday, 13 August 2021

- 1030 CDT "Commander's Call to Prayer" hosted by the National Commander
- 1200 CDT "Chaplain Corps Awards Panel" - meet the "of-the-Year" recipients
- 1300 CDT "Exploring Space Ethics, Cyber Ethics, and STEM Ethics" with a bunch of cool chaplains

#### Day 3: Saturday, 14 August 2021

- 1200 CDT "The Character Development Forum: Imparting Virtue Ethics Through Facilitative Learning" with Ch. (Col.) Charlie Sattgast and 1<sup>st</sup> Lt. Wes Foreman
- 1700 CDT "Reasonable Accommodation" with the National Diversity Officer
- 1800 CDT "Servant Leadership" with Brig Gen Ed Phelka

Source:  
#CAPNC2021

Chaplain (Lt. Col.) Tim Miner

Conference Schedule TimeZone Converter									
All Conference Scheduled Times are CDT									
	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

# CHAPLAIN CORPS NEWS

## Chaplain Corps College Graduates First Military Honors Course<sup>1</sup>



On Thursday, 3 June 2021, the new Civil Air Patrol Chaplain Corps College (CAPCCC) held its first completion ceremony online for its Military Honors Course. The one-month course prepared 15 CAP Chaplains for duties supporting graveside military honors ceremonies at national and state cemeteries. The completion ceremony marked the first class of the first course of the new Chaplain Corps College training venue. The course director was Chaplain (Lt. Col.) John Tillery. Tillery is a retired USAF chaplain and now serves as the Director of the CAPCCC. The class' Distinguished Graduate was Chaplain (Major) Steven Matthews of the North Carolina Wing, and the Academic Achievement Award went to Chaplain (Lt. Col.) Eric Cooter of the Southwest Region.



Ch. (Maj.) Steven Matthews  
Distinguished Graduate



Ch. (Lt. Col.) Eric Cooter  
Academic Achievement Award

<sup>1</sup> Article appeared in the Chaplain Corps Facebook Page, Ed. Chaplain (Lt. Col.) Tim Miner, on 5 June 2021.

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

## CAP Chaplains Keep Blood Donations in the Family

Contributed by Dr. Robert Ditch. NHQ/DOSI<sup>1</sup>



(l to r) Chaplains Tom Tostenson, Kevin Bauder, Tom Bauder

On 16 June 2021, a family of three chaplains from the Arizona and Minnesota Wings came together at Falcon Field in Mesa, Arizona for CAP's 85th COVID-19 Blood Donor Center event. They included a father, son, and son-in-law; all three CAP chaplains, namely Arizona Wing Chaplain (Lt. Col.) Tom Bauder, father; North Hennippin Composite Squadron (MNWG) Chaplain (Maj.) Kevin Bauder, son; and Falcon Composite Squadron 305 (AZWG) Chaplain (Maj.) Tom Tostenson, son-in-law. Three units of blood were collected from the chaplains.

Commented Chief of Chaplains (Col.) John Murdoch: "This family is a great example of our Chaplain Corps and the selfless services we provide through the Civil Air Patrol. I have known this family for many years and am honored to serve God and Country together with them!"

This Blood Donor Center operation was the 26th COVID-19 donation event by the Arizona Wing's Falcon Composite Squadron 305. Netting 32 units of blood, the event brought their total COVID-19 blood collections up to 798 units, leading all of the nation's temporary Blood Donor Centers. It also brought the national CAP collections up to 4,382 units of blood; 88% towards the 1 October goal of 5,000 units.

<sup>1</sup>See also in *Props*. June 23, 2021 issue.

## LONG SERVING CHAPLAIN (LT. COL.) CHARLES WOOD PASSES

Submitted By Chaplain (Maj.) Steve Matthews, NC Wing Chaplain



Chief of Chaplains (Col.) John Murdoch (c) and NC Wing Chaplain (Maj.) Steve Matthews offer words of comfort to Nancy Wood, widow of Ch. (Lt. Col.) Charles Wood after the graveside service.

The Chaplain Corps represented the Civil Air Patrol at the funeral of its longest-serving chaplain. Chaplain (Lt. Col.) Charles Wood served in the Chaplain Corps since 1957 at the wing and region levels. He was the longest-serving chaplain of the Episcopal Church's Bishop for the Armed Services and Federal Ministries.

In honor of his service, NC Wing Commander Col. Ed Angelovich nominated Chaplain Wood for the Exceptional Service Award. Mid-Atlantic Region Commander Col. Bruce Heinlein approved the nomination. The award will be presented to Chaplain Wood's family at a later date. Wood, a previous recipient of the Distinguished Service Medal and the Exceptional Service Medal, was the 1987 National Chaplain of the Year.

Chaplain Wood was laid to rest on 20 April at St Phillips Church in Durham, North Carolina, with Chief of Chaplains (Col.) John Murdoch, NC Wing Chaplain (Maj.) Steven Mathews; Chaplain (Lt. Col.) Terry Barlow and MSgt Max Benbow in attendance, with Lt. Dawn Mathews serving as PAO. A United States Army honor guard was also present to recognize Chaplain Wood's service as a radio operator in the 20<sup>th</sup> Army Air Force during World War II and as an officer in the New Jersey National Guard.



Funeral procession for Ch. (Lt. Col.) Charles Wood. Front to back: Ch. (Col.) John Murdoch, MSgt. Max Benbow, Ch. (Maj.) Steven Mathews.

North Carolina Wing Chaplain Steven Mathews says: "Chaplain Wood exemplified the Chaplain Corps' ideals of ministry and service to our nation and to the members of Civil Air Patrol. His selfless dedication over more than six decades inspires us to greater service."

Chaplain Wood is survived by Nancy Lee Phillips Wood, his wife of 65 years, as well as his children Stephen Wood and Dorothy Anne Steppe. He leaves behind four grandchildren, six great grandchildren, and a great-great grandchild. He was 93 at the time of his death and lived in Southern Pines, North Carolina.

### Footnotes on the service of Chaplain Charles Wood

"Chaplain Wood Honored," Carolina WingSpan, May-June 2008, p 16

<https://www.ncwgcap.org/UserFiles/File/PAO/Newsletter/May-June-08.pdf>

[https://give.rutgers.edu/show\\_module\\_fw2.aspx?sid=896&gid=1&ecid=1427&control\\_id=644&nologo=1&cvprint=1&page\\_id=252&crd=0&scontid=-1&viewas=user](https://give.rutgers.edu/show_module_fw2.aspx?sid=896&gid=1&ecid=1427&control_id=644&nologo=1&cvprint=1&page_id=252&crd=0&scontid=-1&viewas=user)

"Rev Dr. Charles Wood W2VMX" <http://hamgallery.com/Tribute/W2VMX/w2vmx.pdf>

[https://www.thepilot.com/obituaries/charles-l-wood/article\\_fd48boba-9ec2-11eb-a953-1fa48ea9db14](https://www.thepilot.com/obituaries/charles-l-wood/article_fd48boba-9ec2-11eb-a953-1fa48ea9db14)



## CT WING CHAPLAIN CORPS HOLDS FOURTH RETREAT



On April 19, 2021, the CT Wing Chaplain Corps conducted virtually the fourth in its retreat series. The theme for this retreat: **“Working Alongside CDIs.”**

**Opening:** The retreat opened with an Invocation by Deputy Chief of Chaplains (Lt. Col.) Linda Pugsley. Col James Ridley, CT Wing Commander, delivered a homily based on his journey, referencing Isaiah 6.

**Tribute to the retiring Wing Commander:** Chief of Chaplains (Col.) John Murdoch and National Deputy Commander Brig. Gen. Edward Phelka participated in a farewell ceremony marking Col. Ridley’s term as CT Wing Commander. The Wing Chaplain Corps presented a gift to Col. Ridley in appreciation for his support of the Corps during his terms as Encampment Commander, Chief of Staff, and Wing Commander.

**NESA CSS Overview:** presented by Capt. John Minasian, CSS, also the sessions’ online facilitator.

**Senior CD Facilitation:** The Corps was most fortunate to have Chaplain (Lt. Col.) Jane Smalley, Southwest Region Chaplain, attend to present this session, based on CAPP 80-3.<sup>1</sup> Senior Character Development is a focus this year for the CT Chaplain Corps. Col. Bryan Cooper (CDI, RI Wing) led a demonstration class based on a CAPP 80-3 scenario at the third Corps retreat.

**Closing** remarks included a benediction by CTWG Deputy Chaplain (Lt. Col.) Dennis Mercieri.

<sup>1</sup>Character and Leadership, Applying Core Values for Senior Members, November 7, 2019:

[https://www.gocivilairpatrol.com/media/cms/CAPP080\\_003\\_7\\_October\\_2019\\_Core\\_Va\\_0D2A2FF3A1D38.pdf](https://www.gocivilairpatrol.com/media/cms/CAPP080_003_7_October_2019_Core_Va_0D2A2FF3A1D38.pdf)

## BREAKING NEWS: PHOTOS FROM ChESS at NESA<sup>1</sup> Disaster Support Training Camp Atterbury, IN August 1-7, 2021



Ch. (Capt.) Robert Moskowitz, OHWG; 1<sup>st</sup> Lt. James Chan, DCWG; Ch. (Maj.) Theodore Jenney, INWG; 2<sup>nd</sup> Lt. Carolyn McCracken, CSS, MSWG; (back) Ch. (Mai.) Michael Morison, CAWG. instructor.



Ch. (Maj.) Sung Kwon, MDWG; Ch. (Col.) Marcus Taylor, SER, director; Ch. (Lt. Col.) Jill Holm, MNWG, instructor; 2<sup>nd</sup> Lt. Susan Davis, CSS, CTWG.

*(photos continued on page 24)*

## CHAPLAIN CORPS ETHOS: A PROFESSIONAL APPEARANCE WHILE ONLINE AND IN CORRESPONDENCE



### PART II OF A SERIES: ON PROFESSIONALISM FOR THE CHAPLAIN CORPS

Chaplain (Lt. Col.) Timothy Miner, CAP  
Advisor for Social Media and Public Affairs

Chaplain Miner is the Virginia Wing Chaplain who has served as the Chief of Chaplains' Advisor for Social Media and Publicity from the beginning of the position in 2014. He serves on the National Task Force for Wellness and Resilience as the lead for the Chief's Spiritual Resilience Team. Since May 2020, he has been pioneering the duties of a new office at NHQ, the Executive Officer to the Chief of Chaplains.

Part III of the series, covering some common customs important for all CAP members will appear in the Fall 2021 issue of the Transmitter.

One of the most confusing aspects of our roles as chaplains and Character Development Instructors (CDI) is how we address ourselves in social media, email, and professional correspondence. Our signature blocks are important ways we can present ourselves to the world. Getting it right is especially important when dealing with other chaplains and Chaplain Corps from the various services of the Department of Defense.

#### Email Signature Blocks

Let's review our email signatures first. After all, for many of us, our emails are far more common than any business card when it comes to making a good first impression. Here is the example from the CAP Branding Guide webpage with the optional graphics left off:\*

**Maj John Doe, CAP**  
XYZ Squadron Character Development Instructor  
(H) 555.555.5555  
(C) 555.555.5555  
U.S. Air Force Auxiliary  
[GoCivilAirPatrol.com](http://GoCivilAirPatrol.com)  
[XYZWing.org](http://XYZWing.org) (note: listing the local wing website is optional)

So how does a chaplain write their name in this format?

**Ch, Maj John Doe, CAP ...or... Chaplain, Major John Doe, CAP**

It is important to note that the abbreviation for “Chaplain” in the USAF and CAP is “Ch” with no period afterward. (The US Army employs the abbreviation “CH”, with a capital letter “H.”)

The duty positions of “Character Development Instructor” or “CDI” or the emergency service rating of “Chaplain Support Specialist” or “CSS” are not honorific titles like the term “chaplain.” These terms do not appear in the signature line but could be listed in the duties that follow underneath the name.

By the way, the above CAP branding website also covers business cards. If you print up business cards, which use these same guidelines for printing your name.

### **Correspondence Signature Lines**

Our formal correspondence in CAP is governed by CAPP 1-2, *The CAP Guide to Effective Communication*. \*\*

There is a specific example for a chaplain’s signature line found on page 26.

**JASON P. KIDD, Ch, Maj, CAP**  
Nevada Wing Chaplain

The abbreviated title of “Chaplain” and the rank can be spelled out if so desired.

### **Referring to Chaplains in Public Affairs Products**

By now, a few readers are questioning why chaplains in The Transmitter are referred to with parentheses around their rank. That is a unique situation governed by the regulation for Public Affairs work CAPR 190-1, 7.2.9., “All PA communications (news releases, public websites, articles, newsletters, photos, etc.) will be approved by the commander and written in AP Style (as detailed in The Associated Press Stylebook).”

What does the AP Stylebook say about how the USAF should refer to chaplains in their material for external releases? Well, it says two things. First, the title of “Chaplain” must be written out completely; it is never abbreviated. Second, all ranks for chaplains appear in parentheses and have periods if abbreviations are used. So, the Chief of Chaplains for the United States Air Force has a public biography on the USAF website that says:

**Chaplain (Maj. Gen.) Steven A. Schaick, USAF**

Because all newsletters in CAP, including this one for the chaplain corps, are presumed to be for external use, then we must follow the AP Stylebook on this as well.

So that is how all members of the Civil Air Patrol Chaplain Corps can make a good appearance “in public.” *Excellence* comes from following the guidance provided for all members of CAP to maintain a common standard of appearance and decorum.

\* The branding guide’s webpage is: <https://www.gocivilairpatrol.com/members/cap-national-hq/public-affairs-about/resource-library/toolkit/branding-resource-guide/sample-signature-bloc>

\*\*CAPP 1-2 is found at:

[https://www.gocivilairpatrol.com/media/cms/CAPP\\_12\\_7\\_Nov\\_16\\_90473D63CC1FC.pdf](https://www.gocivilairpatrol.com/media/cms/CAPP_12_7_Nov_16_90473D63CC1FC.pdf)

## CIVIL AIR PATROL CHAPLAIN CORPS COLLEGE WING CHAPLAIN COURSE



Submitted by Chaplain (Major) Jacob Hill  
New York Wing Chaplain  
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Chaplain (Maj.) Jacob Hill received his ordination in 1975 and went to work in his family business - making salamis and frankfurters. In 2013, he sold the business and joined CAP, becoming a chaplain in 2018. Focusing on emergency services, Hill attended NESA in 2017-2019 to be certified as a Mission Chaplain for Disaster Support (MCDS). Hill serves as the New York Wing Chaplain and a member of the Chaplain Corps Advisory Council. His philosophy is that a chaplain should be in the field, not behind a desk.

The Civil Air Patrol Chaplain Corps College (CAPCCC) pilot course for wing chaplains began on 14 June 2021 and included four consecutive Monday nights, 2 hours each week. Being the 'beta' test group, our comments would be used to refine the course. Deputy Chief of Chaplains (Lt. Col.) Linda Pugsley and Virginia Chief of Chaplains (Lt. Col.) Timothy Miner ran the sessions, officially named the CAP Wing Chaplain Course, CAPWCC 21A. 2<sup>nd</sup> Lt Chon Gann served as the course registrar.

According to the course prospectus:

"The Civil Air Patrol Wing Chaplain Course is the gateway to leadership within the chaplain corps. These lessons provide opportunities to become familiar with the important regulations and pamphlets that govern the conduct of the corps and its service to CAP and within the Total Force community. Its singular goal is to prepare the students for leadership roles. Topics will include building a team for wing ministry and resilience building, knowing the tools for managing and leading the corps, preparations for crisis and need, and self-care for leaders. Students learn by reading, writing, and most importantly, discussions with other leaders in the corps and by sharing the experience of being a wing chaplain under a variety of challenges and rewarding situations."

The USAF Chaplain Corps College and Air University provide the backdrop to this CAP course. Their support would offer a credible and professional environment and an "ethos" for CAP chaplaincy.

The components of the course were:

### Week 1 – **Teamwork**

Chaplain Miner noted that wing chaplains are the standard-bearer of professionalism.

"Leading Chaplains" a video by Chaplain (Maj.) Gen Steve Schaick, USAF

Introduction by Chaplain (Col.) John Murdoch, CAP Chief of Chaplains

The Chaplain Support Team

Mentoring

Recruiting and Retention

## Week 2 – Toolkit for the Wing Chaplains

WMIRS

Newsletters and Social Media

Email (use your HC.CAP.GOV email)

Writing Guides

CAPCCARS – Forms 34

## Week 3 – Touching Lives in Crisis

The lectures and conversations centered on a hypothetical case of a cadet suicide. Lecturers told of their personal experiences, and discussions with the attendees shed light on the subject. The first assignment was to set a list of instructions for a squadron to follow. The discussion also covered religious accommodation and CAPR 39-1. In Assignment #2, we were to discuss procedures.

## Week 4 – Taking Care of Ourselves

Overview: Put deposits in your spiritual bank account so that you can make withdrawals later.

Chaplain Murdoch gave a lecture on the role of the Endorsing Bodies. Your religious endorser is an excellent resource for your well-being.

Chaplain Pugsley was the main lecturer covering self-care. Why should all clergy (and other caregivers and emergency responders) take care of ourselves? If we don't – there will be no more clergy and other emergency responders. The burnout rate is higher than the rest of the population. 50% feel unable to meet the needs of the job. More than 50% of Americans no longer claim membership in any spiritual community. – less than 35% for millennials. 90% work more than 50 hours a week. Doctors, lawyers, and clergy have the most problems with drug abuse, alcoholism, and suicide.

Why? Many have a 24/7 mentality – they cannot 'turn off' work from their minds. If the handling of conflict and criticisms are ongoing, the minister wears down. Many clergy try to meet the expectations of their members but cannot. Many clergy are unwilling to ask for help. Many have no close friends and no life outside the ministry.

What can we do? We can set healthy boundaries and priorities. We can set family time and protect our privacy. We can clarify the expectations of those who 'need' us. We can meet regularly with a clergy group for feedback and support. Exercise and maintain a healthy diet.

Chaplain Pugsley recommended a great resource: [www.pastoralcareinc.com](http://www.pastoralcareinc.com)

There were two written assignments and three quizzes. All assignments and quizzes were due a week after the course ended.

Quiz 1 was on CAP uniforms – CAPR 39-1

Quiz 2 was on CAPR 265-1, Chaplain Corps Activities, to be replaced by 80-1 when available.

Quiz 3 covered the lectures given.

Written assignment #1 was on a crisis that might develop in our wing (Week 3)

Written assignment #2 was on Religious Accommodation.

It is also necessary to know CAPP 1-2, The CAP Guide to Effective Communication. Find CAPP 1-2 at: [https://www.gocivilairpatrol.com/media/cms/CAPP\\_12\\_7\\_Nov\\_16\\_90473D63CC1FC.pdf](https://www.gocivilairpatrol.com/media/cms/CAPP_12_7_Nov_16_90473D63CC1FC.pdf)

I am a newly appointed wing chaplain in a fairly large wing (New York). Having received my master rating in Professional Development and after working up the ladder from squadron to group then assistant wing chaplain, I thought I was prepared for the job. I quickly realized I still had a lot to learn. Part of my preparation was the great article "SO YOU ARE THE NEW WING CHAPLAIN..." by Chaplain (Lt. Col.) Paul Ward. Written in 2008 and updated in 2013, it provided a wealth of information. You can download it at <https://hc.pcr.cap.gov/downloads/So-You-Are-the-New-Wing-Chaplain-2nd-Edition.pdf>.

# THE CAP CORE VALUES – INTEGRITY

By Colonel James Ridley, Sr.

Col James A. Ridley, Sr. has long contributed to the Transmitter on various subjects and their relevance to command and leadership. Beginning with the first Core Value of **Integrity**, Col Ridley will break down each of the CAP Core Values in a series of articles and examine what it should mean to the volunteer Airman of the Civil Air Patrol.



I am often asked which is my favorite CAP Core Value. It would be easy to say, "all of them." But that does not answer the question. Perhaps it's the way the question was asked. Perhaps it should be restated. If that's the case, the CAP Core Value that resonates the most with me personally is integrity.

***My lips will not speak falsehood, and my tongue will not utter deceit. Far be it from me to say that you are right; till I die I will not put away my integrity from me. I hold fast my righteousness and will not let it go; my heart does not reproach me for any of my days.*** – JOB 27:4-6

The Cambridge Dictionary defines integrity as "the quality of being honest and having strong moral principles that refuse to change." Integrity to me is more than just being honest. It is an attribute that will lead to trust and confidence in you by others as well as another Core Value, Respect.

In Scripture, Job is one of a few described as blameless. So when thinking about Integrity, where else would I find a story that tells what it means to have such a great virtue than in the Book of Job, chapter 2, verses 1-9.

*On another day the angels came to present themselves before the LORD, and Satan also came with them to present himself before him. And the LORD said to Satan, "Where have you come from?" Satan answered the LORD, "From roaming throughout the earth, going back and forth on it."*

*Then the LORD said to Satan, "Have you considered my servant Job? There is no one on earth like him; he is blameless and upright, a man who fears God and shuns evil. And he still maintains his integrity, though you incited me against him to ruin him without any reason."*

*"Skin for skin!" Satan replied. "A man will give all he has for his own life. But now stretch out your hand and strike his flesh and bones, and he will surely curse you to your face." The LORD said to Satan, "Very well, then, he is in your hands; but you must spare his life."*

*So Satan went out from the presence of the LORD and afflicted Job with painful sores from the soles of his feet to the crown of his head. Then Job took a piece of broken pottery and scraped himself with it as he sat among the ashes.*

*His wife said to him, "Are you still maintaining your integrity? Curse God and die!" He replied, "You are talking like a foolish woman. Shall we accept good from God, and not trouble?"*

*In all this, Job did not sin in what he said.*

God allowed Satan to attack Job and his family, knowing that Job, a man of immense integrity, would not give in to sin no matter how much he suffered. He never turned his back on his faith. He trusted God.

Proverbs 10:9 says, "Whoever walks in integrity walks securely, but he who makes his ways crooked will be found out." As humans, we experience times that test our integrity. It's easy to lie to get out of an immediate situation or, as in the case of Job, lose integrity to save ourselves some pain or gain something of value. But in doing so, we lose something valuable and, more often than not, the trust of others we respect.

For some, it takes many years to gain the trust and respect of others. People will get to that point much faster if they live their lives with integrity as a cornerstone to their persona. It takes a long time to earn and gain others' trust and respect and only seconds to lose it.



# NEW CDI APPOINTMENTS PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT AWARDS

April 2021-July 2021



## Level 5 – Gill Robb Wilson

Maj. Jamie Currey – NJWG  
Chaplain (Lt. Col.) Louis Eaton – ILWG  
Lt. Col. Todd Mandel – WIWG  
Lt. Col. Lawrence Model – FLWG  
Maj. Jean Marie Nixon – TXWG  
Lt. Col. Carol Schaubsluger – AZWG  
Capt. Timothy Sperry – NJWG  
Chaplain (Lt. Col.) Donald Wersler – TXG  
Capt. Lam Zachary – WAWG



## Level 4 – Paul Garber

Chaplain (Maj.) Jeffrey Adkins – WVWG  
Chaplain (Maj.) Gary Atkins – NHWG  
Maj. Kent Borchett – COWG  
Maj. Adam Casey – AZWG  
Capt. Bruce Dawson – WVWG  
Maj. Michael Dunn – MSWG  
1<sup>st</sup> Lt. Frontis Ertle III – LAWG  
Maj. Angela Fein – ORWG  
1<sup>st</sup> Lt. Jon Foreman – ORWG  
Chaplain (Maj.) Robert Guilliams – VAWG  
Chaplain (Maj.) David King – ORWG  
Chaplain (Maj.) Wayne Keast – NCWG  
Maj. Robert Proefrock – NYWG  
Maj. Marcos Rodriguez – FLWG  
Maj. Valerie Schroeder – TXWG  
Maj. Tonya Steyn – KYWG  
Capt. Melody Terry – DCWG  
Maj. John Ureke – TXWG

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1<sup>st</sup> Lt. Rachel Ambrose (MAR-NCWG)  
Lt. Col. Lance Clark (SWR-TXWG)  
Capt. Alcyntia Cowell (NER-NJWG)  
2<sup>nd</sup> Lt. Jimmie Day (MAR-MDWG)  
Capt. Kenneth Dode (NCR-MNWG)  
2<sup>nd</sup> Lt. Aaron Hartlove (MAR/MDWG)  
1<sup>st</sup> Lt. Brenda Huffman (MAR-NCWG)  
2<sup>nd</sup> Lt. Amy Grammar (SER-GAWG)  
2<sup>nd</sup> Lt. Donald Guanlund (NCR-MNWG)  
2<sup>nd</sup> Lt. Reyna Jasmer (PCR-WAWG)  
Col. Jeffrey Johnson (RMR-RMR)  
2<sup>nd</sup> Lt. Susan Katzmire (MAR-DEWG)  
John Kozel (SER-ALWG)  
2<sup>nd</sup> Lt. Eric Seaman (MAR-NCWG)  
Capt. Cristina Trotochaud (NER-CTWG)



## Level 3 – Grover Loening

Capt. Philip Conner – MNWG  
1<sup>st</sup> Lt. Brenda Huffman – NCWG  
Capt. Amber Jones – OHWG



## Level 2 – Benjamin O. Davis

2<sup>nd</sup> Lt. Elizabeth Boyd – CAWG  
2<sup>nd</sup> Lt. Joseph Calandra – MNWG  
1<sup>st</sup> Lt. Susan Davis – CTWG  
2<sup>nd</sup> Lt. Jimmie Mac Day – MDWG  
Chaplain (Capt.) John Moser IV – IDWG  
2<sup>nd</sup> Lt. Luke Prudoehl – MNWG

## CDI CORNER



### MY FIRST CAP SEARCH AND RESCUE MISSION

**Submitted by Capt Christel Houston  
Steamboat Springs Composite Squadron**

Captain Christel Houston received the 2020 CDI of the Year award at the 2020 Virtual national Conference. As well as Character Development Instructor, Houston serves as her squadron's Deputy Commander for Cadets, Leadership Officer, and Testing Officer

A few weeks ago, I was spending a quiet, beautiful, and relaxing Friday evening in my backyard when my phone vibrated. My commander was calling. "Can you go on a search and rescue mission tomorrow? It's a missing person, and I want you along." Even though I had completed most of my Mission Scanner training, I didn't think an actual mission would ever really come my way. At 0600 the next day, it did. I was to be a scanner in the left rear seat. It turned out to be an awesome and exciting opportunity to use my training.

I excitedly told my CAP mentor that I had been on my first official search and rescue mission! He asked, "So what are your takeaways?" Ugh! He's always making me think, analyze, review, take it a step further. (It turns out that's what good mentors do!). So like a good mentee, I immediately started thinking about each aspect of the mission experience from a first-timer's point of view. So many thoughts rumbled around in my head. As I set them down on paper, one huge takeaway emerged from the scribbles.

I am so very grateful. Let me tell you why.

I am grateful for the EMERGENCY SERVICES AND MISSION SCANNER TRAINING I received in CAP. I was ready to go when duty called! Even though this was my first mission, I felt confident and prepared to do my best to search for this person.

I am grateful for our PILOT, who also happens to be my squadron commander. I have never worked under a finer leader. But watching him in action as a pilot, a complete professional, raised him about five levels in my estimation. He was always in calm control, even when turbulence rocked our aircraft, even when his crew was still obviously "in training," even when scary crosswinds threatened a smooth landing. (He still landed smoothly, by the way.) His confidence gave me confidence.

I am grateful for the CADETS at the mission base, who passed their ICUT training with flying colors. They spoke succinctly, appropriately, and in a timely manner with senior aircrews. Their no-nonsense approach was exemplary. When we landed, the cadets not on the radio were studying their CAP materials. On a *Saturday!*

I am grateful for the mission LIASION who worked between the CAP crews and the local county Search and Rescue crews. I watched him in action and observed first-hand what an important position this was in this SAR operation. I have such respect for his ability to see the big picture and everyone's place in it. He has the uncanny ability to be just where he is needed at all times and communicates with just the right words to all the right people. The coordination between the participating agencies ran smoothly. It was beautiful to watch.

While at Mission Base, I was grateful for ORGANIZATION. I learned from watching the Incident Command Team that good organization *saves time*. Lack of planning *wastes time*. Because a good plan was in place, the team could walk over to the large map on the wall and be pointed to the next search area. They could see other teams' locations and get a look at the complete picture. Within 20-30 minutes, we had reached our new search area, eaten lunch (pizza arrived just in time), taken a break, and were off again.

I am grateful for the ENERGY I had that day to do this mission. Believe it or not, sitting in the back of the plane and looking out the window is *tiring!* Because you're not just sitting in the back of the plane and looking out the window. You're scanning in a pattern, top to bottom, top to bottom, always keeping in mind what you're looking for. You're holding onto the seat in front of you. The plane is batted around by the turbulence, up, down. You keep looking sideways; keep looking, hang on; keep looking, could that be....? No, keep looking. Strain to hear radio communications . . . decide whether to ask the pilot to check out something that could be nothing . . . turn your head to the right just for a second to relieve neck cramps . . . then *keep looking!*

Scanning, while sounding like a pretty passive assignment, can be exhausting. I am grateful for the surprisingly intense DESIRE God put within me to find this person. I wasn't just filling a role. I *really* wanted to help, which gave me the energy to see this mission through. I didn't even know I was tired until I went home and sat down, the room still rocking up and down and sideways.

Finally, I am grateful for the TEAMWORK exhibited by all the CAP personnel, in the air and on the ground. The county we were searching is vast – 50 miles by 100 miles. I was intently scanning the terrain, but I knew that the likelihood of me finding anything was pretty small. My squadron commander reminded me that we were helping by eliminating search areas. As a team with all the other pilots and on-the-ground SAR teams, we narrowed the search parameter. It turns out that *nothing* I saw was helpful!

The mission's outcome was disappointing as rescue turned into recovery. Still, I am grateful for the experience of being on a team of people whose sole purpose was to set aside whatever they might have had planned for that day to help their fellow man in any way they could. I am grateful for my training, our levelheaded pilot, our exemplary CAP cadets, and diplomatic liaison officers. I am thankful for God-given energy, the desire to help, and the great team of CAP volunteers who truly want to make a difference in our world

## DIVERSITY AND PLURALISM

by Chaplain (Maj.) Gary Atkins New Hampshire Wing Chaplain



*I was privileged to be selected for the first Military Honors course offered by Civil Air Patrol for chaplains interested in officiating at the VA or Active Duty Air Force funerals. The course was described in the Spring 2021 issue of The Transmitter.*

*One of the three central sections dealt with Issues of Pluralism and Diversity in the larger society of CAP members. We were asked to write two to three pages sharing our thoughts on the topic, in connection with a presentation by one of the Air University instructors. Students also shared their responses to theoretical situations to the subject.*

*My writing ended up having an autobiographical flavor. It seemed natural to explain the origins and development of the outlook that shaped my life over fifty years, as an adult, a chaplain, and a rabbi for over fifty years. Chaplain Ross, the editor of this newsletter, thought it would be interesting to others, especially ones who might be considering taking the course. So here is my course paper, and if your experiences resonate with mine, I'd enjoy hearing from you!*

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I grew up in a non-religious, assimilated Jewish family in the 1950s. We were Americans first. I had little knowledge of Judaism, almost none of Christianity. I grew up in Shaker Heights, Ohio, a suburb of Cleveland that prided itself in being open, multiracial, and liberal. Our high school was integrated for yours without any rancor. I remember having a few non-white friends, although there was no deep mixing, whatever that may mean. My father died unexpectedly of a heart attack two weeks after my high school graduation. I went through the mourning rituals without comprehending them. The only memory (a very negative one) is of one of my uncles telling me “men don’t cry” at the funeral.

### College and the Military

College was also an essentially a non-religious experience. I knew that there were other religions; classmates had different backgrounds, but it didn’t play a major role in my life. Although I denied it at the time, I have come to feel that this event affected me deeply. I was “at loose ends” in college. After three years, I left college and, in 1966, enlisted in the Air Force. There my college years and intelligence “earned” me additional training in computers. I had a quiet four-year tour of duty at different bases in Texas (this was the height of Vietnam), but I was exposed for the first time to people of widely different backgrounds and ethnicities. At the same time, the challenges of military service had me seek some familiar places. With other Jewish airmen, the chapel became first a sanctuary and then a desirable place to be. There I met a young Jewish chaplain, just out of seminary, and he started to influence and teach me re the meaning of religion and Judaism. I got to know other chaplains (and assistants – one was a roommate), and I decided to study my Judaism seriously.

Towards the end of my four-year enlistment, I was stationed at Randolph AFB, where I had the good fortune to be stationed in the large Military Personnel Center, where I found one or two cubicles assigned to the chaplain recruiters. So, the chaplains stationed there became friends and supporters. As there was a shortage of Jewish chaplains (then as now), I felt a desire to “pay it

forward.” I learned a lesson in interfaith support when I needed to be released from active duty a month or so early to start seminary. My application through normal channels was denied. I told Chaplain Powell my predicament, and he said words to the effect, “Gary, why didn’t you come to us first!” Forty-eight hours later I received approval! At that time, there were no “Jewish studies” programs, and the choice was either the Jewish Theological Seminary (Conservative – the branch of Judaism in which I was nominally attached and to which my mentor chaplain belonged) or a yeshiva (Orthodox) seminary. For a variety of reasons, I chose the Jewish Theological Seminary, and they saw enough promise in me to accept me.

**That was Phase 1 of my life....Minimal knowledge of religion, but a propensity toward getting along in an integrated and respectful environment, plus an openness to anything and everything.**

### **Seminary and Military Chaplaincy**

So, when I started seminary, I was grounded in interfaith cooperation and acceptance. Perhaps it is surprising to give credit to a novel for influencing me, but at that time, a book came out entitled “The Conversion of Chaplain Cohen.” It was the story of a sheltered seminary graduate who had never been out of New York City and his experiences in becoming an Air Force Chaplain. He described the deep friendships and satisfactions he made while serving then, as today, in a primarily non-Jewish world. It was a very positive portrayal of Air Force interfaith life.

After I was ordained and endorsed as a chaplain, I found myself sent to Clark Air Base, Philippines, with extensive TDY expected of a Jewish chaplain to support the small number of Jewish servicemen/women (and DoD employees) in far-flung bases. My regular home base squadron duty included special programs, memorial services for personnel of all religions, and counseling on non-religious questions when I was duty chaplain. The largest Veterans Administration military cemetery overseas is in the Philippines; each year I participated in an interfaith memorial service there (remember that this was only 30 years after the end of WW II.)

I inherited an active adoption program from the chaplain I replaced. Without going into all the details, I facilitated the adoption of numerous Filipino babies by military parents (including adopting one myself). Although this idea of inter-country adoption is challenged today, I feel we were saving neglected babies from a life of poverty/possible death. And there was no diminishment of their heritage.

At each base, I met and interacted with different chaplains. The base chaplain force was usually 6 Protestant, 4 Catholic, and me. We all accepted each other, worked with each other, and the only disagreements were the nature of “what will be the service scheduling on Sunday mornings.” I found it a positive that USAF chapels were (and still are, to my knowledge) religiously neutral. We would joke that all sacred emblems on the dais would either “hide, slide, or divide.” This was not the case in the Navy, where when I did a monthly Sabbath service in the Subic Naval Base chapel, every pew had a cross carved at each end!

It was a hard choice to leave after three years. But I had young children and felt a strong need for a good Jewish community.

**That was Phase 2 of my life, the creation of a strong and deep belief in the value of interfaith cooperation and mutual respect. ... and the centrality of the chaplaincy in affirming it.**

## Interfaith Chaplaincy with Civil Air Patrol

From 1977, jump ahead 40 years. There were different pulpits in different communities. In each, I was active in interfaith clergy associations. In two communities I was a police chaplain, in others a hospice chaplain for mostly or entirely non-Jewish individuals. In 2016 I retired at age 70 from a pulpit in Bloomfield, CT (a suburb of Hartford). I was active for a term as chair of the Interfaith clergy group leading annual interfaith Thanksgiving services and others when needed). My wife and I then moved to New Hampshire to be close to the Seacoast and family.

I had never (to my memory) heard of Civil Air Patrol. At the VA hospital in Manchester, NH I stopped by to say hello to the chaplain. As we talked, he recruited me for CAP, saying that CAP would be a good match, especially with my Air Force experience. The thought of “bookending” my clergy life by being back in uniform was a good one, and I followed through. After joining CAP at the end of 2016, I became a chaplain in the spring of 2017 for the Seacoast squadron, located at Pease ANG base near my home. In 2019 I was appointed New Hampshire wing chaplain.

My CAP assignment was no different than any other... a few Jewish personnel, most non-Jewish... but all Children of God. I like to feel that I can relate to anyone and be present if they need to just to talk or have more serious needs. I resonate with the charter presented in the class on the page “Airmen and Spiritual Strength.” Expressed In the tradition of Scripture:

*Malachai 2:10 “Have we not all one Father; Did not One God create us all.”*

- To minister to those who share their specific faith
- to facilitate ministry to those of other faiths
- and to care for all – including those whose spiritual strength does not come from religious faith
- Our chaplains should set the example for mutual respect among different faiths and beliefs

The description of diversity and pluralism in the chaplaincy as described above to me are both accurate and, happily, increasingly recognized as valid. itself. As I look back, I can remember examples where women and minorities in the Air Force were not treated equally. I hope/believe that these situations are less common than when I was on active duty. I remember counseling one woman who felt (with cause) that she was being sexually harassed and suffering discrimination. I remember one black colleague in the computer room who, when asked for his choices of overseas postings if his turn came, would always write in “Greenland,” because at that time, they would not station black airmen there.

My CAP service is to demonstrate the antithesis of this... and, as best I can, be a model for others. I am most happy that diversity and pluralism are given the emphasis they are given today both in the USAF and the Civil Air Patrol.

**My CAP assignment is no different than any other... a few Jewish personnel, most non-Jewish... but all Children of God. I like to feel that I can relate to anyone and be present if they need to just talk or have more serious needs.**

# A PROGRAM FOR AN INTERFAITH SERVICE

This service was prepared for the 2021 NER Conference by Professor Asha Shipman, Director of Hindu Life at Yale University. Professor Shipman is the founder and Director of the American Hindu Chaplains Association (NAHCA) see at <https://www.hinduchaplains.com/>

## Invitation to Worship

**“A Nation Needs to Pray”**  
by Robert Anderson.

A nation needs to pray,  
For things it has,  
For things it has not earned,  
For gifts from men now dead, some dead  
So long ago we never knew they lived,  
...  
And yet when all is done, we still shall seek,  
To yet define that which humanity,  
That quality that makes of mass,  
And flesh, and good and bad,  
A nation: That needs to pray  
What forces challenge the constancy of our march!  
How many things divide us! Color, creed,  
A different faith or tongue, geography;  
The customs and the habits of our land,  
A heritage as much a part of us  
As flesh and bone;  
Yet all the time we seek to find the things  
That will unite us; some universality  
That spans our differences.  
We labor to produce by rule and plan,  
By treaty and documents,  
what we fail in practice and in precept to lay down.  
From out of all that troubles us,  
Toward solutions that clarify  
And not confound us,  
Where shall we find the answer?  
How shall peace be made a practice  
And not a principle?  
How to make justice a world reality?  
Our greatest need is:  
For a wisdom that transcends our own.  
For a devotion that insures  
There is no instant of neglect.  
For that, wherein is held  
The fate of all.  
This Nation needs to pray.

## Welcome, Introductions

**Opening Hymn:**  
**America the Beautiful**

O beautiful for spacious skies,  
For amber waves of grain,  
For purple mountain majesties  
Above the fruited plain!  
America! America!  
God shed his grace on thee  
And crown thy good with brotherhood  
From sea to shining sea!

## Land Acknowledgement

We would like to acknowledge that indigenous peoples and nations, including Mohegan, Mashantucket Pequot, Eastern Pequot, Schaghticoke, Golden Hill Paugussett, Niantic, Podunk, Wangunk, and other Algonquian speaking peoples, have stewarded through generations the lands and waterways of what is now the state of Connecticut. We honor and respect the enduring relationship that exists between these peoples and nations and this land.

[edited, from <https://secretary.yale.edu/services-resources/land-acknowledgment-statements>]

## Invocation – *light a candle* –

Let light fill this space. Let its warmth heal us wherever we are broken. Let it burn away the fog so that we can see each other clearly. Let our ego fade so we can see all people as our neighbors, as part of our own pan-human family. Let the flames teach our hearts to reach always outward. Our world awaits the light that each of us can bring.

[edited, <https://www.slideshare.net/UPFInternational/interfaith-harmony-week>]

*(Interfaith service continued on p 22)*

## Prayer of Remembrance

With reverence and affection, O everliving God, we remember before you all lost to COVID-19 in our nation. We thank you for the gift of their lives among us as family and friends. Comfort us now in our grief and keep us in union with them through our faith and love towards you. We entrust them to your care as we pause in silence to remember and honor them.

*– Pause for a brief moment of silence –  
a bell will ring to break the silence –*

Silence is kept. Loving God, embrace us in this moment with your love and grant us the hope and promise of new life. Amen.

[National Prayer Service for the 59<sup>th</sup> Presidential Inaugural delivered by the Reverend Dr. Jacqui Lewis, Senior Minister, Middle Collegiate Church, New York, New York]

## Remarks on peace and healing

### Native American Prayer

O Great Spirit of our Ancestors, I raise my pipe to you. To your messengers the four winds, and to Mother Earth, who provides for your children. Give us the wisdom to teach our children to love, to respect, and to be kind to each other so that they may grow with peace in mind. Let us learn to share all good things that you provide for us on this Earth. [From: <https://www.slideshare.net/UPFIInternational/interfaith-harmony-week> and UN Day of Prayer for World Peace]

### Hindu Prayer

A prayer by Mahātmā Gāndhī

O Lord, You are the only Eternal Truth, the Source of all living beings, the Supreme Self, the Divine Guide; You are Mahāvīra (Jain), Gautama Buddha, Skanda, Vināyaka; You are the Divine Effulgence and the Purifier.

You are the Supreme Being; You are Ahura Mazda, You are Yahweh, You are the Supreme Feminine Divinity, You are Jesus, the Father and the Holy Spirit; You are the Destroyer of negativity and creator of positivity in its place, You are the Preserver of Peace, You are the Delighter and the Supreme All-Attractive Lord; You are Allah, the Merciful.

You are omnipresent, You are the Dao, You are the Universes manifest; You are the Ek-ōmkāra, You are the Remover of sorrows; You are One without a second, beyond time and fear, manifested in each and every living being as the auspicious and loving soul.

## Tibetan Buddhist Prayer

May you be at peace,  
May your heart remain open.  
May you awaken to the light of your own true nature.  
May you be healed,  
May you be a source of healing for all beings.

## Jewish Prayer

Based on the teaching of the Hassidic master,  
Rabbi Nachman of Bratslav:

Source of peace, Sovereign of peace,  
let there be an ever-increasing peace among  
all peoples.  
May there be no more hatred, rancor, strife or  
conquest between one human being and another.  
Let there be only love and a great peace  
among us,  
So that each one of us may know the love of  
the other  
Until we are able to come and gather together  
– every person with another.  
So that we may speak – one to the other.  
So that we may explain – one to the other –  
Your truth  
God – You are peace, and from You comes peace.  
Source of peace, bless us with peace. Amen.

## Muslim Prayer

The Prayer of Light by the Prophet Muhammad,  
Peace be upon Him.

O God, give me light in my heart  
And light in my tongue  
And light in my hearing  
And light in my sight  
And light in my feeling  
And light in all body  
And light before me  
And light behind me.  
Give me, I pray,  
Light on my right hand  
And light on my left hand  
And light above me  
And light beneath me.  
O God, increase light within me  
And give me light  
And illuminate me.

*(Interfaith service continued on p 24)*

## Christian Prayer

Lord, make us instruments of your peace.  
Where there is hatred, let us sow love;  
where there is injury, pardon;  
where there is discord, union;  
where there is doubt, faith;  
where there is despair, hope;  
where there is darkness, light;  
where there is sadness, joy.

Grant that we may not so much seek  
to be consoled as to console;  
to be understood as to understand;  
to be loved as to love.

For it is in giving that we receive;  
it is in pardoning that we are pardoned; and  
it is in dying that we are born to eternal life.

Amen. *attributed to Saint Francis*

## Benediction.

And now unto him who is able  
to keep us from falling  
and lift us from the dark valley of despair  
to the bright mountain of hope,  
from the midnight of desperation  
to the daybreak of joy,  
to him be power and authority,  
for ever and ever. Amen.

*by Martin Luther King Jr*

Prayers included this service represent the faith groups in the Connecticut Wing and the Northeast Region. CAP units elsewhere might wish to employ prayers that represent the faith groups in their local communities. To fully represent our diversity, the editor is interested in receiving these prayers and resources: [aross@hc.cap.gov](mailto:aross@hc.cap.gov).

## MORE PHOTOS FROM ChESS at NESA Disaster Support Training Tabletop Exercise (continued from page 10)



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# INTERFAITH CALENDAR

## Major Religious Holidays\*\*

### August 2021

- 6 **Transfiguration Sunday** – Christian
- 6 **Transfiguration of the Lord** – Orthodox Christian
- 15 **Assumption of the Blessed Virgin** – Roman Catholic
- 15 **Dormition of the Theotokos** – Orthodox Christian
- 21 **Khordad Sal** – Zoroastrian

### September 2021

- 4 **Paryushana Parva** starts (7 days) – Jain
- 7-8 **Rosh Hashana** (2 days) – Jewish\* \*\*\*
- 8 **Nativity of Mary** – Christian
- 16 **Yom Kippur** – Jewish\* \*\*\*
- 18 **US Air Force Birthday**
- 21 **Sukkot begins (7 days)** – Jewish\* \*\*\*
- 21 **Nativity of the Theokokos** – Eastern Orthodox Christian
- 28 **Shimini Atzeret** – Jewish\* \*\*\*
- 29 **Simchat Torah** – Jewish\* \*\*\*

### October 2021

- 6 **Navarati** – Hindu
- 15 **Dussehra** – Hindu
- 19 **Mawlid an Nabi** – Islam\*
- 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

### November 2021

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

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

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

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

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

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

*See also* the following Transmitter articles:

**Autumn Jewish Holidays** by Lt. Col. Karen Semple (CDI):

[https://capchaplain.com/downloads/Transmitter\\_Summer\\_2017.pdf](https://capchaplain.com/downloads/Transmitter_Summer_2017.pdf)

**Diwali** by Professor Ashe Shipman, Yale University, page 21

[https://capchaplain.com/downloads/Transmitter\\_Summer\\_2020.pdf](https://capchaplain.com/downloads/Transmitter_Summer_2020.pdf)

## 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](mailto: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.gocivilairpatrol.com/media/cms/CAPP080_003_7_October_2019_Core_Va_0D2A2FF3A1D38.pdf)

Values for Living 2.0 Lessons. <https://www.gocivilairpatrol.com/programs/cadets/library/character>  
or on the AXIS Learning Management System through E-Services; → Online Learning → Learning Management System → AXIS. Access to copyrighted videos is limited to chaplains, CDIs, and commanders.

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

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](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](https://www.capmembers.com/media/cms/P221_F28D3A31A9924.pdf)

CAPP 221A Technician Level [https://www.capmembers.com/media/cms/P221A\\_5FC4131B0F475.pdf](https://www.capmembers.com/media/cms/P221A_5FC4131B0F475.pdf)

CAPP 221B Senior Level [https://www.capmembers.com/media/cms/P221B\\_C5812A0221682.pdf](https://www.capmembers.com/media/cms/P221B_C5812A0221682.pdf)

CAPP 221C Master Level [https://www.capmembers.com/media/cms/P221C\\_4F00E2E614797.pdf](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](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](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](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>

