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A MESSAGE

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

Chaplain (Colonel) Linda Pugsley

Greetings to the best Chaplain Corps on the planet:

Summer is upon us. For our Chaplain Teams it means Encampments, NESAs, Conferences, SAREXs etc. Be careful now. We want to cover all of these activities, but not just the few doing it all. Please, look at your schedules, make the sacrifice to give ministry of presence by being present. Remember, even though I am encouraging us to have a Warrior Spirit Mentality, I am also encouraging us to have everyone do a little, so the few don't have to do a lot.

We will serve CAP with joy and strength. With all of that though, comes the realization that we all have problems, unless of course, you, or the ones you minister to, live in the fantasy world of the kids' movie, "The Lion King", which proclaimed, "Gut no worries mahn...gut a problem free philosophy". But in the real world, we are constantly surrounded by worries and challenges. So how can we "enter His rest" when that wart hog keeps singing in our heads as we slog through life? Well, God tells us to trust Him; that He will be with us to rescue us from the deepest well.

Our error sometimes is that we try to "rest in Him" only when the world's struggles prove too much to carry alone. God is telling us that if we pressed in to Him, with the same eagerness for His companionship and daily dialogue, as we do for His rescue, that

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many of those same difficulties wouldn't even arise! Immersed in God, our life and character would be so changed, so purified, that those difficulties often wouldn't be there in the first place or would be handled with a fair amount of ease. Seek God early, before getting crowded out by life's pleasures and problems. Then, and only then, can you sing, "Gut no worries, mahn!" Go forth...endure the fire and share God's strength and wisdom in all you do.

Chaplain (Colonel) Linda J. Pugsley
Chief of Chaplains

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In our country we celebrate the 4th of July. A celebration of the start of our great nation. That's why I want to talk today about...Duty—Honor—Country.

Let's go back a bit in history to Gen Douglas MacArthur's farewell address to the cadets at West Point when he spoke on the three challenges facing those who serve in the military:

He said, *"To those who risk little, duty, honor, country doesn't mean much, but to someone defending their country—it is a code of honor we live by."* These values give:

Purpose to each job you have to do (DUTY)

It sets boundaries for the way you do these jobs (HONOR)

It sounds out a call that is greater than just yourself and your comforts (COUNTRY)

Some in CAP are veterans and have endured the "physical" warfare we spoke of. Even though you have never laid down your life, the fact that you were willing to lay it down back then speaks volumes not only to God, but also to a nation who owes you a debt that can never be paid.

And to those who serve in CAP, you are displaying that same duty, honor, country, And in order to continue as Soldiers in this battle of life, we need you whole, healthy and free...living with moral excellence to carry on the great work of a great nation. In summary, let us reflect on some powerful comments made many years ago:

General Romulo from the Philippines said, *"Never forget, Americans, that yours is a spiritual country. Yes, I know you are practical people. Like others, I have marveled at your factories, your skyscrapers, and your arsenals. But underlying everything else is the fact that America began as a God-loving, God fearing, and God-worshipping people."*

Duty, Honor, Country...let's continue in excellence.

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

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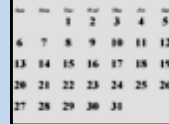
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 Chief of Chaplains
 (Col.) Linda Pugsley

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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



2022 UPCOMING EVENTS

NEW!! CHAPLAIN CORPS GOOGLE CALENDAR

Download link to calendar listing all HC-NHQ Events

<https://calendar.google.com/calendar/u/o?cid=aGMuY2FwLmdvdI9zcGRkOGsxamt2ZTBubjcoCtCyNTMya2FvMEBncm91cozC5jYWxlbnRhci5nb29nbGUuY29t>

Chaplain (Lt. Col.) Tim Miner

2022 CHAPLAIN CORPS EMERGENCY SERVICE SCHOOL (ChESS)

Online/Virtual Basic ChESS (CAP Support)

Fall date 02-27 October 2022 M, T & Th Hours (PCT)

2023 Schedule TBA

Spring and Fall courses will be offered

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2022 ON-LINE TRAINING LEADERS OF CADETS (TLC)

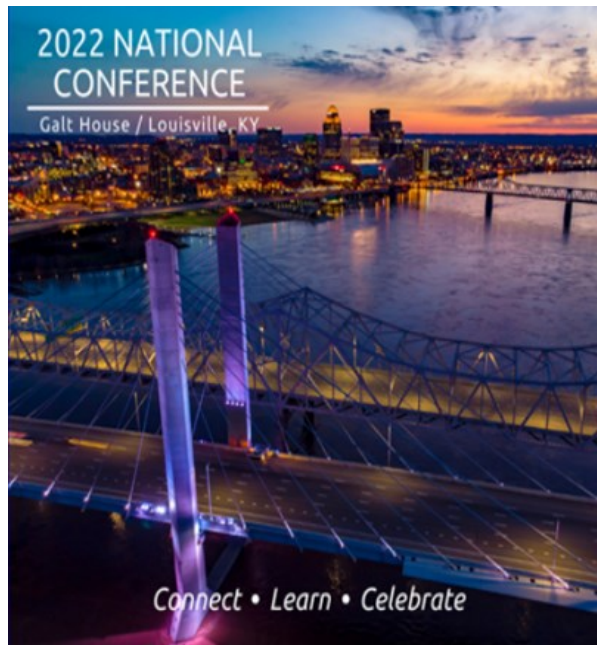
Basic Course is offered quarterly by the RMR/NCR Chaplain Corps
Normally scheduled the 3rd Saturday of 1st month of each quarter

Upcoming 2022 Date: October 15

Sunday session offered as needed. Registration opens some weeks before
@ <http://caphclib.us>. Go to "Event Registration."

Registration will open some weeks in advance of the October 15th session.
There are three modules to be completed in the old CAP eServices Learning Management System
before the class. These modules can be found under Cadet Programs / TLC Basic in the LMS.

2022 UPCOMING EVENTS (continued)



CAP NATIONAL CONFERENCE

August 25-27, 2022

Galt House Hotel

Louisville, KY

Registration:

<https://www.gocivilairpatrol.com/members/events/conference2022>

Schedule of Sessions

https://www.gocivilairpatrol.com/media/cms/Schedule_of_Events_for_pocket_guide_F7E4664298361.pdf

Civil Air Patrol Chaplain Corps College 2022 Calendar

August-December

Scheduled by Chaplain (Lt. Col.) John Tillery
Director of CAP Chaplain Corps College



AUGUST

Auxiliary Chaplain Course: Phase 2 8th-22nd (Pastoral 1)

SEPTEMBER

Auxiliary Chaplain Course: Phase 3 12th-26th (Pastoral 2)

OCTOBER

Auxiliary Chaplain Course: Phase 1 23rd-Nov 6th (Military Honors)
Region Chaplain Course (Live) 3rd, 10th, 17th, 24th Graduation 27th

NOVEMBER - DECEMBER

No Classes

CAP NATIONAL CONFERENCE

Chaplain Corps Schedule 22-27 August 2022
Galt House Hotel Louisville, Kentucky

CHAPLAIN CORPS SCHEDULE AT NATIONAL CONFERENCE

Wed	24 August	8 a.m.-5 p.m.	Chaplain Corps Advisory Council	Nunn 2 E
Thurs	25 August	6:30-8:00 p.m.	Opening Reception	Foyer and "The Hanger"
Friday	26 August	7-7:30 am	CAP Call to Prayer	Ballroom ABC 2 East
		9-10:30 am	Opening Keynote	Ballroom ABC 2 East
		2:10-3 pm F & Sa	Chaplain Corps Open Forum ¹	in "The Hanger"
		4:10-5 pm	Chaplain Corps Office Hours	in "The Hanger"
		Throughout the Day	MCA sessions	(see on page 8)
		Through the Day (Th & F)	Official Portraits	Wilson 3 East
		6-7 p.m.	Jewish Worship	Morrow 3 East
			MCA Banquet	see on page 8)
Sat	27 August	9-10:30 am	Morning Keynote	Ballroom ABC 2 East
		10:40-11:30am	Excellence in CAPCARS Reporting	Breathitt 2 East
		11:45 am-1pm	Keynote Lunch	Ballroom ABC 2 East
		1:10-2	Why the Heck Do We Need a Chaplain?	Breathitt 2 East
		2:10-3 pm	Chaplain Corps Open Forum ¹	in "The Hanger"
		4-5 p.m.	Protestant Worship Service	2 East
		4-5 p.m.	Catholic Worship Service	1 East
		5:45/6:05/7 p.m.	Evening at the Museum	Main Lobby 1 East

¹ **Chaplain Corps Open Forum** Ch. Pugsley will sit at a desk in "The Hanger" area of the conference to interact with anyone who has questions or issues.

Wed-Saturday	8 am- 5 pm	Registration	Grand Registration 2 East
Friday & Saturday	7:45am-8:45 am	Continental Breakfast	Ballroom ABC 2 East
Th-F	7:30 am-5 pm; Sa 7:30 am-2 pm	Vanguard Outlet	Combs Chandler 2 East

2022 MILITARY CHAPLAINS ASSOCIATION (MCA)

National Institute and Annual Meeting August 25-27, 2022

Running concurrently with CAP National Conference¹

MCA AWARDS DINNER Friday Evening, August 26

Distinguished Chaplain Awards

to the chaplains nominated by the Chiefs of Chaplains of their respective services
Chaplain (Major) Michael Morison is the CAP Chaplain Corps nominee (*see p. 9*)

Other Awards include the new

Titus Award to Chaplain Assistants of Religious Support Teams
nominated by the Chiefs of Chaplains for their respective services.

If you are a CAP member, register for Institute meetings and the Friday night dinner:

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/mca-national-institute-and-annual-meeting-tickets-372046088867>

INSTITUTE PRESENTATIONS: Friday-Saturday, August 26-27

Emerging Trends in Chaplaincy: We have become more aware of the different modalities where intentional chaplaincy exists. We will consider two different venues of chaplaincy. The first is institutional chaplaincy, with Karen Diefendorf, former Chief of Chaplains for Tyson Foods. A second venue will be racetrack chaplaincy.

Veteran/Military Friendly Congregations (VMFCs): This presentation will cover the history of the program, the ways in which it is structured and supported, and some of the best practices we have seen so far. We will have some of our strongest program members present to discuss all these topics, so the takeaway for each of you will be a concrete plan to support a VMFC program in your judicatory authority (diocese, region, conference). Presenters will include Eric Cooter, who, while being at the conference as a CAP chaplain, has a “day job” as the Chief of Staff/Canon to the Ordinary of the Bishop of Oklahoma (Episcopal), in which he works closely with Episcopal parishes in the Diocese of Oklahoma.

Veterans Affairs Funerals and Civil Air Patrol Chaplains: This will be the first update from Civil Air Patrol chaplains on this permitting CAP chaplains to officiate at veteran’s funerals at VA National Cemeteries. Presenting will be the former CAP Chief of Chaplains, Chaplain John Murdoch, who was the CAP Chief of Chaplains when this program took flight. The current CAP Chief of Chaplains, Chaplain Linda Pugsley, will also be present. Chaplain Murdoch is a former MCA President, and Chaplain Pugsley is a former MCA Board of Directors member.

The Military Coalition (TMC), Its Purpose and Role in Shaping Military/Veteran Friendly Legislation: Chaplain Lyman Smith and Chaplain Michael Heuer, both of whom have been working with TMC, Lyman over a number of years, and Mike over the past year.

BCC-Military Chaplaincy Advance Practice Update: This presentation will focus the experience of Darren Schwartz, who was recently awarded Board Certified Chaplain Advance Practice standing as a Military Chaplain.

Building an MCA Chapter: We will look at the challenges in starting a chapter and, once started, keeping it viable and vibrant. Discussing these issues will be our President, Bob Pleczowski, Vice President, Bob Hicks, and Jan McCormack.

¹Information obtained from MCA Weekly Newsgrams July 6, 13, 20

To Join the Military Chaplains Association: <https://mca-usa.org/members/>
Application: <https://mail.google.com/mail/u/3/#inbox/FMfcgzGmtXJFfhFvFxBrHcTwKMbvBxfp>

CHAPLAIN CORPS IN THE NEWS



Chaplain Michael Morison To Be Recipient of the 2022 Military Chaplains Association Distinguished Service Award

The Military Chaplains Association (MCA) will honor CAP Chaplain (Major) Michael Morison as a 2022 MCA Distinguished Chaplain. The award will be presented at the MCA Annual Award dinner at the MCA Annual Meeting and Institute on Friday Evening, 26 August, held concurrently with the CAP National Conference in Louisville. The MCA's National Executive Committee has selected Morison.

Through their Distinguished Service Award, the MCA recognizes military excellence of Chaplain (Major) Michael L. Morison is the Pacific Region Chaplain. As the Deputy Chaplain of the Pacific Region, he served as the Dean of the Pacific Region Chaplains College, responsible for curricular design and delivery of an ongoing program to enhance the knowledge and skills of Chaplains and Character Development Instructors. As Deputy Chaplain, he assisted the Region Chaplain in providing support for the Pacific Region's Chaplains and Character Development Instructors. He advised the Region Chaplain and others on concerns about spiritual, ethical, and quality of life. On the national level, he is a Team Leader of CAP's Spiritual Care Committee. He serves as an instructor for the National Chaplain Emergency Service School (ChESS) to train Mission Chaplains and Chaplain Support Specialists. He holds a Master Chaplain rating.

Chaplain Morison is the past California Wing Chaplain. In additional duties, he served on the Wing Diversity Committee and the Education & Training committees. Chaplain Morison served as the Project Officer for the California Wing Resiliency program. He is CAP's first Air Force trained Master Resilience Trainer and serves on the Edwards AFB Resilience Team. California Wing was the first to implement this program, and Chaplain Morison is leading its expansion into other wings. As the national team leader for Resilience, Morison is leading a two-prong approach to promoting resilience throughout Civil Air Patrol that includes monthly videos and the USAF Resilience Workshops. . .¹

CAP Chaplain Corps celebrates with Chaplain Morison in receiving this well-deserved MCA award.

¹ See the full award biography as announced in the June 29, 2022, MCA Newsgram:
<https://files.constantcontact.com/d9d42ca7101/5413b4aa-dbb0-416e-8f86-5a055d8e1ddc.pdf?rdr=true>



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to apply for membership in the
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2022 CHAPLAIN CORPS EMERGENCY SERVICE SCHOOL AT NESAs

Submitted by Chaplain (Lt. Col.) Donald Mikitta, Public Information Officer

The 2022 Chaplain Corps Emergency Service School (ChESS) held its 2022 summer on-site session as part of the National Emergency Services Academy (NESAs) at Camp Atterbury, Indiana. During two weeks (19-25 June 2022) at NESAs, ChESS staff conducted both a CAP and Disaster Support training course.

2022 NESAs ChESS Staff: (l to r)

Ch., (Lt. Col.) Van Don Williams, Registrar/SER Chaplain; Ch., (Lt. Col.) Marcus Taylor, ChESS Director; Ch., (Col.) John Murdoch, Chief of Chaplains Emeritus; Ch., (Col.) Linda Pugsley, Chief of Chaplains; Lt. Col. Christine Rinn, MIWG CDI; Ch., Ronald Tottingham, NHQ; Ch., (Lt. Col.) Donald Mikitta, Public Information Officer/NCR Chaplain.



BASIC LEVEL TRAINING

The first week (June 19-25) was spent in Basic Level (CAP Support) Training, qualifying chaplains and character development officers to serve as Mission Chaplains (MC-CS) and Chaplain Support Specialists (CSS-CS) in support of CAP Missions and Operations activities.



2022 NESAs CAP (Basic) Support Class (named in bold) with instructors: (l to r):

Ch., (Lt. Col.) Van Don Williams; Ch., (Col.) John Murdoch; Ch., (Maj.) Michael Morison; Ch., (Col.) Linda Pugsley; Ch., (Lt. Col.) Ronald Tottingham; **Capt. Brenda Morrissey (CSS-CS) NYWG; Capt. Louie Bush (CSS-CS) WVWG;** Lt. Col. Christine Rinn; Ch., (Lt. Col.) William Adams III (MC-CS) PCR; 1st Lt. Sherry White (CSS-CS) MIWG; Ch., (Lt. Col.) Mark Bell (MC-CS) MIWG; Maj. Wei Lei (CSS-CS) ILWG; **Capt. John Moser (CSS-CS) IDWG;** Ch., (Lt. Col.) Donald Mikitta; Ch., (Lt. Col.) Marcus Taylor.

DISASTER SUPPORT TRAINING

During the second week (June 26–July 2), six members participated in Advanced Training Disaster Support Training, designed to equip Mission Chaplains (MC–DS) and Chaplain Support Specialists (CSS–DS) to work with the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) and other Federal, State, and local Emergency Response agencies.



2022 NESACAP Advanced Support Class (named in bold) with instructors: (l to r):

Back row (l to r): Ch., (Lt. Col.) Van Don Williams, **Ch., (Lt. Col.) Matt Wissell (MC–DS) MAWG;** Ch., (Lt. Col.) Michael Morison; Ch., (Col.) John Murdoch; **Ch., (Maj.) Thomas Tostenson (MC–DS) AZWG;** **Capt. Louie Bush (CSS–DS) WSWG;** Ch., (Lt. Col.) Ronald Tottingham; Ch., (Lt. Col.) Donald Mikitta; **Ch., (Lt. Col.) William Adams III (PCR);** **Ch., (Capt.) Dovid Grossman (MC–DC re-qualifying);** Ch., (Lt. Col.) Marcus Taylor. Front row, **Capt. Brenda Morrissey (CSS–DS) NYWG,** Lt. Col. Christine Rinn; **1st Lt. Sherry White (CSS–CS) MIWG;** Ch., (Col.) Linda Pugsley.

Our goal is to have specially trained Chaplain Support Teams (CSTs) to offer “ministry of presence,” quality spiritual care, and a “representation of the holy” in all of CAP’s activities and missions. Teams also train to extend help and chaplain support to our communities and nation during national emergencies and crises, disaster and mass casualty events, and acts of terrorism. If you need direct help or guidance in any way as you transition into these programs, feel free to contact the ChESS Senior Staff.¹

NESAC Classroom: Disaster Support Week 2

(front row, l to r):

Ch., (Lt. Col.) Matt Wissell, Capt. Louie Bush, Ch., (Maj.) Thomas Tostenson, Capt. Brenda Morrissey, 1st Lt. Sherry White, Ch., (Lt. Col.) William Adams III.



¹ See the prospectus for the ChESS Program at <https://www.gocivilairpatrol.com/members/cap-national-hq/new-chaplain-corps-page/chess>

CDI CORNER

Cadet Color Guard participates in Veterans Honor Flight Ceremony

by 1st Lt Susan Davis (CDI CT 073)

On 6 June, the Color Guard from the Royal Charter Composite Squadron posted and retrieved colors at the Connecticut Honor Flight at Bradley International Airport. It was an amazing event honoring 44 Veterans, some from WWII as well as other wars. One Veteran was 100+ years old! Honor Flight Connecticut has a Facebook page where they posted the entire day's video.¹ You will be able to see our Color Guard in action. So proud of them – it was their first event, and they did not have much time to practice.



Veterans arrive for flight to D.C. from Bradley International Airport



CT 073 Color Guard retiring colors at Connecticut Honor Ceremony



Lt. Col. Eric Wismar (CT 004 and CT National Guard Chaplain) offers prayer at ceremony

Honor Flight Connecticut is organized as part of a national network providing all-expense trips to the memorials in Washington DC for veterans who served from WWII through the Korean and Vietnam Wars. Participation gives veterans a chance to reconnect with buddies, remember those lost, and share their stories.



Above: CT 073 C/Chief Loren Davis, Color Guard Commander; C/MSgt Tristan Schemmerling; C/MSgt. Siona Christy; C/A1C. Tejas Shankar; Maj. General Frances Evon; C/TSgt. Vanessa Bell; C/Amn Casey Cohen – mask; C/Captain Pranav Shankar

On left: (l to r) Gil Simmons (CT Chanel 8 Meteorologist), Maj. Gen. Frances Evon (CT National Guard), Chaplain (Lt. Col.) Eric Wismar (CAP & CT National Guard), Maj. Jim Whitesell (CAP CT Wing Vice Commander). Photos by 1st Lt Sue Davis.

¹ https://www.facebook.com/watch/live/?ret=watch_permalink&v=424797845888219

CD MINIS

Series by Major Olga Simoncelli, CT Wing Master Level CDI

As we learn to live with various Covid precautions, don't forget about some old pests like ticks. Follow the recommended guidelines to prevent potentially debilitating illnesses that ticks might carry if you get bitten.



Use the BLAST system:

B - Bathe or shower soon after outdoor activity.

L - Look carefully at your body for dark spots that might be ticks and remove them properly.

A - Apply bug spray, preferably with DEET.

S - Spray your yard or perimeters of the yard.

T - Treat your pets with vet-recommended products.

Enjoy the outdoors and be safe! For additional information and resources, visit:

¹<https://www.ridgefieldct.org/blast-lyme-tick-borne-disease-prevention-program/pages/blast-materials>

Mini #2 Safety in your sport of choice

PILLAR OF BODY AND SPIRIT: Core Value of Excellence

Exercise can be fun and helps you to stay healthy, fit, and in good spirits. My Border Collie loves to play tennis, and so do I! That's our sport of choice. Whatever sport or activity you choose, make sure you do it with safety in mind: stretch or warm up before starting, wear weather-appropriate clothing and proper shoes, always HYDRATE, and don't overdo it! If you engage in a competitive sport, strive to get better.



THE CAP CORE VALUES – EXCELLENCE

By Colonel James Ridley, Sr.



*Col James A. Ridley, Sr., the Northeast Region Chief of Staff, has long contributed to the Transmitter on a variety of subjects and their relevance to command and leadership. In a series of articles, Col Ridley will breakdown each of the CAP Core Values and what it should mean to the volunteer Airman of the Civil Air Patrol including this one, the final in the series, is regarding the third Core Value of **Excellence**.*

"Finally, brothers, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence, if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things." – Philippians 4:8

We often confuse the CAP core value of Excellence with the word perfection. Is that what we are striving to be, perfect? If so, we will never obtain it. No, excellence in all we do has nothing to do with perfection and everything to do with prioritizing professional development – or, plainly speaking, improving ourselves every day. It means not simply settling for mediocrity, it means seeking a higher standard for ourselves, setting goals, and working every day to achieve them, not only in ourselves but those around us especially those we lead. It means creating a culture of excellence around us and in all we do.

Aristotle was quoted as saying, "Excellence is an art won by training and habituation." Where do we begin training on our journey to excellence? Well, it begins with a list. Each of us should begin our journey by creating a list of our strengths and weaknesses, and then work towards building upon the traits and skills we are strong at and improve on those where we are weakest at. Excellence is giving the best of ourselves each and every day, improving our skill set and ourselves. Basically, it leads to being better today than we were yesterday, better tomorrow than we were today, and better in the future than we are in the present. It's also important to work with those around us, helping to improve them and thus the team, or in our case, the organization. This starts with a topic I have previously written on, mentoring! As leaders it is our responsibility to mentor and assist with the professional development in those we lead as well as ourselves. Working together we can bring out the excellence in all of us and improve the quality of the service we provide our communities, states, and nation.

In CAP we can improve ourselves daily through several means. First, we have access to many educational modules online in AXIS such as specialty tracks, emergency services and such. We also have Volunteer University where we can gain valuable lessons while completing all five levels of CAP's senior member professional development program. What about when a senior completes Level V? Does self-improvement end there? No, we have a new department to aid in this endeavor, Continuing Education. This new department contains many services such as a recommended book club, post professional development educational modules and curriculum, and the leadership development series of seminars begun



in 2021. With all of these options there is nothing stopping any member from seeking self-improvement. Cadets improve and mature at the squadron level while participating in the cadet program and they to have an ultimate goal of excellence – successfully completing the Spaatz achievement. Finally, there is the CAP national mentorship program which is offered to cadets as well as seniors. This program matches those seeking mentorship in a variety of areas with a member who possess the skills and experience to guide them to a better state of excellence in a particular field.

According to www.airforce.com, "Excellence in All We Do" directs us to develop a sustained passion for continuous improvement and innovation". When I think about my own personal journey on excellence in all I do, I reflect back to the U.S. Army Master Sergeant who first trained me when I was an MS1 cadet in the Army R.O.T.C. program at Hofstra University, MSG James Sailes. MSG Sailes defined self-improvement in something he called a 'Sailes Degree Azimuth', which later on in life I made my own. The 'Degree Azimuth' "leads to pride in and loyalty to the unit (organization). It leads to good, is better best. And I shall never let it rest until my good is better and my better best." To me, that says it all perfectly! Good luck on your journey of self-improvement, seek out mentors to help guide you on your way and never stop striving for excellence in all you do.

DID YOU KNOW?

CAP has a new logo?



A new Corporate Seal?



A new Command Emblem?



Templates for Signature and Business Cards?

Read about it in CAP News: Civil Air Patrol Announces Bold new Logo¹ <https://www.cap.news/civil-air-patrol-launches-bold-new-logo/>

For graphics; templates for Signature, Business Cards, Letterheads and instructions for use, go to the new CAP Brand Portal at

<https://company-214080.frontify.com/d/crhrf1Aw1Ci9/brand-portal#/logos-graphics/logo>

2022 PACIFIC REGION CHAPLAIN CORPS STAFF COLLEGE

By Chaplain Michael Morison, Pacific Region Chaplain



Front row (l to r): Chaplain (Lt. Col.) Richard Nelson, PCR; Chaplain (Lt. Col.) Gary Dickey, CAWG; 1st Lt. Katherine Baran, NVWG; Lt. Col. Nancy Nelson, CAWG; Chaplain (Col.) Kenneth Parris, PCR; Chaplain (Col.) Linda Pugsley, NHQ; Sabrina Pabon, Commandant USAF Test Pilot School; Chaplain (Col.) John Murdoch, NHQ; Chaplain (Maj.) Mark Shulman, PAWG; Chaplain (1st Lt.) Aaron Gonzenbach, CAWG; Chaplain (Capt.) AnnaMae Taubeneck, CAWG; Maj. Jennifer Davenport, CAWG.

Back row (l to r): Chaplain (Maj.) Morison, PCR; Chaplain (Lt. Col.) Robert Harris, PCR; Lt. Col. David Snyder, PCR; Chaplain (Lt. Col.) William Adam, PCR; 2nd Lt. Carolyn Araki, HIWG; Chaplain (Capt.) Ronald Martin, CAWG; Chaplain (Col.) Charlie Sattgast, NHQ; Chaplain (Capt.) Reva Henderson, CAWG; Capt. Shawnie Livera, CAWG; Lt. Col. Anthony Hamill, CAWG; Chaplain (Maj.) Andre Martin, ORWG; Lt. Col. Denise Van Loo, CAWG.

The Pacific Region Chaplain Corps Staff College (CCRSC) was held at Edwards AFB, CA, from May 2-5. Twenty-eight members of the Chaplain Corps from the Pacific Region, Pennsylvania Wing, Indiana Wing, Chief of Chaplains, and two former Chiefs of Chaplains attended. The training theme of the college was Resilience. Sessions covered

- CAP's Five Pillars of Wellness & Resilience, a briefing on the upcoming Resilience initiative, Understanding Teen Suicide and Enhancing Resilience with Your Members sessions.
- A two-part *Veterans Among Us* presentation provided background information on Combat Stress Response and Moral Injury.
- The Chief of Chaplains' overview of Chaplain Corps initiatives and direction.
- A briefing on the innovative Edwards Project.

Edwards AFB has a long history as the premier USAF flight test center. Participants received a briefing from the commandant, a tour of the USAF Test Pilot School, a flight line walk with a briefing from pilots of the B-1B and C-46 (new refueling tanker), and a special tour of the Edwards Flight Test Museum. The museum director personally conducted the tour of the museum's public area and traveled out to a restricted area to visit the original hanger with unusual and one-of-a-kind aircraft being stored for future display.



Photos of the flight line visit for a briefing by the pilot about the C-46 being tested at Edwards, before boarding for a tour

The CRSC offered the USAF Resilience workshop as an option at the end of the college. Eight members were trained, and eight Air Force and CAP trainers participated in the workshop. All had a good time! The CRSC provided another outstanding learning, activity, fellowship, and networking program.

After graduation, a Change of Responsibility ceremony took place. Chaplain (Lt. Col.) Richard Nelson, was recognized and honored for his ten years as a member of the region staff, for two years as the Deputy Region Chaplain and eight years as the Region Chaplain. PCR commander Colonel Virginia Nelson appointed Chaplain Nelson Chaplain Emeritus for his service. Colonel Virginia Nelson conducted the ceremony with the assistance of Chief of Chaplains Linda Pugsley and former Chiefs of Chaplains Charlie Sattgast and John Murdoch, Chaplain (Lt. Col.) Michael Bram (USAF, 412th Wing Chaplain), and Chaplain (Lt. Col.) Gary Dickey on bagpipes. Col. Nelson received the stole from Ch Nelson as he relinquished his responsibility and placed it on Chaplain (Major) Michael Morison, assuming the responsibility of the Pacific Region Chaplain Corps.



Col. Virginia Nelson (c.). PCR commander, receiving the stole from outgoing PCR Region Chaplain (Lt. Col.) Richard Nelson. Chaplain (Maj.) Michael Morison, incoming region chaplain, is on the left.

PACIFIC REGION CHAPLAIN CORPS STAFF COLLEGE

The Desert Blooms in the Energy of Resiliency

by Chaplain (Maj.) Mark Shulman Pennsylvania Wing Chaplain



Chaplain Shulman joined the Civil Air Patrol in 2015 and was appointed as a Chaplain in July of 2016. He has served as the Pennsylvania Wing Chaplain since October 2018. Chaplain Shulman earned a Master Level rating in the chaplaincy specialty track and the Paul E. Garber professional ribbon. A NESAs graduate, he holds a MC-CS mission rating. He is also a member of the CAP CISM intervention team and holds a certification in CISM. Shulman is a graduate of the Air University Military Honors Course and CAP Wing Chaplain course. He is an Assistant Resiliency Trainer in the USAF/CAP Resiliency mission and serves as an imbedded member of the Edwards Air Force Base (AFB) Religious Support Team.

Chaplain Shulman served as an instructor in Resiliency in the staff of the 2022 PCRCCSC.

I jumped at the chance when I was invited to attend and participate at the Pacific Region Staff College this year. For me, it was a return visit to the middle of nowhere, yet the center of exciting happenings. Edwards AFB was the host for the recent Joint Venture USAF and CAP Resiliency program I recently visited in December of 2021.

The four days of instruction were chock full of information focused on resiliency, but the college offered much more. As in December, now Pacific Region Chaplain Major Mike Morison was our host, along with the Edwards AFB command. The presence and participation of Chief of Chaplains Colonel Linda Pugsley, Emeritus Chief of Chaplains Colonel Murdoch, and Chaplain (Colonel) Charlie Sattgast added much to the event. Not only were they attendees but contributors, adding many conversations and sharing stories throughout our time. I would be remiss to mention that our travel time from the LAX to Edwards via CAP vans for me was invaluable in building friendships and learning, oh and full of laughter and eye-rolling.

Resiliency was the word for the day and the week. Tuesday's sessions focused on the Five Pillar of Wellness and Resilience and then moved on to an update by Ch Morison and his team regarding the "Edwards Project." This initiative involves imbedding CAP Chaplains with Edwards personnel regularly as a force multiplier to undergird the USAF chaplain team at Edwards. The lion's share of personnel on the base are civilian, not military. Three of our CAP Chaplains have monthly assignments imbedded with the bases' civilian contractors. We were able to hear from the base chaplains about how our Corps has significantly impacted the ministry needs on base.

Tuesday afternoon was filled with tours, visiting the Flight Test Museum and the North Base as well, which houses one of the original hangers and many classic aircraft not readily assessable to most visitors. With the aircraft came the stories of the men and women that flew them and supported them, adding a whole new level of appreciation for our aviation history. Tuesday evening was a time to spend with our hosts at Club Muroc and our bevy of past and present Chief Chaplains. There is a great deal of history all over the base, as you can imagine, even at the club.

One of my favorite pictures on the walls is of Roy Rogers, a flier in his own right, pictured with some of our history's most famous test pilots.

Wednesday started early with prayer and encouragement, leading us to discuss one of our most challenging issues in CAP and our country: dealing with teen suicide by prevention rather than by intervention. We also had the privilege to hear from our Chief of Chaplains, Colonel Pugsley, who shared updates from National and current topics of interest for all of the Chaplain Corps. She also posed many questions, offering clarification on some and "I'll get back to you on others!" Chaplain Pugsley is quite engaging, as were our recent Chief of Chaplains who attended, Chaplains Murdoch and Sattgast. It is clear that they continue to work closely together to lead our mission.



Hanger 1600 at Edwards AFB

On Wednesday afternoon, we all traveled together to the USAF Test Pilot School, where we were briefed and had the opportunity to walk and drive the flight line. We then gathered for some nourishment (dinner) and then headed to lay our heads down. These are long days with a great deal packed into them; it was easy to fall asleep in the base housing we were able to billet in, very nice, actually houses on base. Two or three of us shared a house with our own bedrooms.

Thursday morning began with a briefing regarding *Veterans Among Us*. As previously mentioned, chaplains Morison and Taubeneck, who not only serve CAP but are assigned to

Edwards AFB during days of each month, shared particular insight regarding *Combat Stress Response* and *Moral Injury with Pastoral Response*. All attending were privileged to spend time with one of the commanders at Edwards, Col "Laz," who is also a fighter pilot. He shared some awesome stories regarding his time in the AF, particularly at Edwards AFB. He took time to answer numerous questions and shared his great appreciation for CAP's Chaplain Corps presence and willingness to share in a mutual mission of service. Colonel Gordon began his career as a CAP cadet!

Thursday late morning saw graduation for all the attendees, yet that was not the end. The Change of Responsibility Ceremony of Region Chaplain followed. Ch Morison accepted the Pacific Region Command for a job well done from Chaplain Lt. Col Nelson. Thursday afternoon began the presentation of the USAF Resiliency Workshop that would last through Friday afternoon. In attendance for these sessions were Chief of Chaplains Linda Pugsley and Chief of Chaplain Emeritus Murdoch. I could practice what I had learned in my prior visit to Edwards and been studying by presenting one of the Modules on Friday. There is nothing like practicing before your peers (heckling aside).

Alas, all good things come to a close. After the workshop, most of us headed back to Los Angeles to catch a flight to wherever we came from, from Hawaii to Pennsylvania. It was an awesome ride back, just as the ride out to Edwards had been on Monday. I cannot express my appreciation enough for all the planning and time taken by all to coordinate such an experience of education and the opportunity to see what most others cannot. I thank the California Wing for their hospitality and time and, equally, my thanks and appreciation for Colonel Gordon and his staff for hosting us and spending time with us. I look forward to the fruit that will be born as all who attended carry the messages back to our own wings, groups, and squadrons.

MORAL INJURY AND PASTORAL RESPONSE

By Chaplain (Capt.) Annamae Taubeneck California Wing Chaplain



Chaplain (Capt.) Annamae Taubeneck assumed the California Deputy Wing Chaplain role on April 26, 2022. Since 2013 Chaplain Taubeneck had served as Squadron Chaplain for the Jon E. Kramer Composite Squadron 10, Palo Alto. A graduate of the Chaplain Emergency Services School (ChESS) at the National Emergency Services Academy (NESA), she holds a Mission Chaplain (CAP Support) Rating. Since October 2021 Chaplain Taubeneck has been assigned as one of three CAP chaplains as a force multiplier to augment chaplain services with the 412th Test Wing at Edwards Air Force Base, California. Taubeneck was named California Wing Squadron Chaplain of the Year in 2017 and 2020, and has earned National Commander's Commendation and Achievement Awards. She works full-time as a Veteran Affairs Clinical Chaplain and Readjustment Counseling Therapist at the Peninsula Vet Center. Chaplain Taubeneck is a veteran of both the Royal Canadian Navy and the U.S. Army. Her combat deployments include Persian Gulf War, Kuwait, and Civil War in Bosnia-Herzegovina.

I was honored to serve as a staff member and instructor for the Chaplain Corps Regional Staff College held at Edwards AFB from 2-5 May 2022. I led two sessions, the CAP Chaplain Corps Five Pillars of Wellness & Resilience and Moral Injury & Pastoral Response. Regarding Moral Injury, I offered an overview of the Veteran Affairs 2022 definition of Moral Injury: what must happen for Moral Injury to occur, the causes of Moral Injury, and the overlap and differences between Moral Injury and Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder. I discussed how Chaplains could help.

Learning about Moral Injury & Pastoral Response is vital. CAP Chaplains provide ministry at all levels of CAP, at Department of Veteran Affairs national cemeteries providing full honor military funerals, and serving in Air Force-assigned missions. We will encounter those suffering from moral injury within our local faith communities. Moral injury impacts an individual's spirituality and can affect CAP members, Veterans, active-duty personnel, law enforcement officers, health care workers, and civilians experiencing community violence. In 2021, the Department of Veteran Affairs reported VA research revealed a link between Moral Injury and suicide risk¹.

What is Moral Injury?

According to Veteran Affairs²: "In traumatic or unusually stressful circumstances, people may perpetuate, fail to prevent, or witness events that contradict deeply held moral beliefs and expectations:

(1) When someone does something that goes against their beliefs this is often referred to as an act of commission and when they fail to do something in line with their beliefs that is often referred to as an act of omission. Individuals may also experience betrayal from leadership, others in positions of power or peers that can result in adverse outcomes;

(2) Moral injury is the distressing psychological, behavioral, social, and sometimes spiritual aftermath of exposure to such events;

(3) A moral injury can occur in response to acting or witnessing behaviors that go against an individual's values and moral beliefs."

¹ <https://blogs.va.gov/VAntage/93025/va-research-reveals-link-between-moral-injury-and-suicide-risk/#:~:text=Veterans%20moral%20injury%20from%20combat%20experiences&text=Experiencing%20a%20potentially%20morally%20injurious,among%20Veterans%20and%20military%20personnel>

² https://www.ptsd.va.gov/professional/treat/cooccurring/moral_injury.asp

Signs and Symptoms of Moral Injury

Moral Injury can result in a loss of faith/belief, a spiritual/existential crisis, shame, guilt, sorrow, loss of trust in self and others, self-condemnation, inability to forgive self and others, avoidant or self-destructive behaviors, social isolation, and mental health disorders such as Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder and depression.

Ministering to a Person with Moral Injury

Moral injury is often the last disclosure made to Chaplains due to the injury's very personal and shameful aspects. Chaplains are more likely to see the effects of the moral injury through marital and family problems, grief and spiritual concerns related to military service, problems with alcohol and drugs, and issues related to anger and violence.

How Chaplains Can Help

1. Helpful Pastoral Characteristics
 - Importance of rapport-building
 - Cultural competence balanced with not assuming you understand
 - Willingness to ask hard questions in a nonjudgmental way
 - Willingness to live with ambiguity – Comfort with Discomfort
 - State-of-the-art knowledge
2. Knowing When to Refer
 - When mental health disorders are present
 - Moral injury usually co-occurs with mental health problems
 - Not "either/or" usually "both/and"
 - When issues exceed competence
 - When in doubt, confer/consult
 - When possible, collaborate with mental health provider
3. Best Care is Collaborative
 - Know what mental health care is available
 - Build relationships with other providers
 - Discuss cases and consult
 - Attend team meetings
 - Know the treatments the client is receiving
 - Collaborate – don't work cross-purposes
 - Ask the client
 - Learn about Evidence-Based Treatment
4. Community Support
 - Crucial for coping
 - Protective factor
 - Provides evidence that:
 - World is benevolent, meaningful
 - Survivor is deemed worthy
 - Pastoral care = an understanding confidant
 - Groups = mini-community

Clergy Resources

Learning about Moral Injury is both timely and important. Veteran Affairs has made this possible and easy by providing free online resources for the public.

In 2021 Veteran Affairs established a national initiative aimed at more collaborative care between mental health and chaplaincy called Integrative Mental Health³. It is based on the belief that "emotional, social, psychological, and spiritual needs are interconnected – the professionals and communities that attend to these needs should be coordinated and integrated for optimal care." Check out their website and the other resources listed below.

Integrative Mental Health

<https://www.mirecc.va.gov/IMH/>

Coaching Into Care

Toll-Free Phone: 1-888-823-7458

<http://www.mirecc.va.gov/coaching/index.asp>

MakeTheConnection.net

<http://maketheconnection.net>

VA Mental Health and Chaplaincy

<http://www.mirecc.va.gov/mentalhealthandchaplaincy>

VA National Center for PTSD

<http://www.ptsd.va.gov/public>

³<https://www.mirecc.va.gov/IMH/>

CHAPLAIN AND CDI APPOINTMENTS May-June 2022

NEW CHAPLAIN APPOINTMENT

Chaplain (2nd Lt.) Aaron Gonzenbach

NEW CDI APPOINTMENTS

2nd Lt. Christian Action (MAR/MDWG)
2nd Lt. Carolyn Araki (PCR/HIWG)
MSgt. Arthur Barker (MAR/VAWG)
1st Lt. John Cummings (SER/MSWG)
Capt. Theresa Engel (MAR/SCWG)
Maj. Anthony Evangelista (SER/GAWG)
Capt. Christine Everhard (PCR/HIWG)
2nd Lt. Sharon Fuentes (SER/FLWG)

NEW CDI APPOINTMENTS (continued)

Lt Col. Anthony Hamill (PCR/CAWG)
2nd Lt. Andrew Holsinger (GLR/ILWG)
1st Lt. Dana Kerrigan (NER/PAWG)
2nd Lt. Rhonda Lewis-Brown (MAR/NCWG)
Capt Shawnie Livera (PCR/CAWG)
Capt. Kelly Jowers (GLR/OHWG)
2nd Lt. Thyra Nagy (RMR/WYWG)
2nd Lt. Ramirez-Carlson (NHQ)
Maj. Victor Santos (MAR/MDWG)
2nd Lt. Darnell Seawright (SWR/OKWG)
1st Lt. Cari Sherrod (MAR/VAWG)
2nd Lt. Christina Willis (PCR/CAWG)

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT AWARDS May-June 2022

Level 2 – Benjamin O. Davis

2nd Lt. Carolyn Araski – HIWG
Maj. Anthony Evangelista – GAWG
Chaplain (1st Lt.) David Lowe – FLWG

Level 3 – Grover Loening

1st Lt. Charles Augustine – ALWG
Maj. Robert Green – IAWG
1st Lt. Melissa Parker – PAWG
1st Lt. Rachel Pridgen – ALWG
1st Lt. Ellen Randolph – ALWG

Level 4 – Paul Garber

Ch., (Capt.) David Grossman – ILWG

Level 5 – Gill Robb Wilson

1st Lt. Jo Lynn Fenasci Ergle – LAWG
Maj. Lana Holub – TXWG
Lt. Col. Elizabeth Marx – PAWG
Lt. Col. Brian Nielsen – ILWG
Maj. George Roy – ILWG

CHAPLAIN EMERGENCY SERVICE SCHOOL GRADUATES NESAS

NESA Basic Training Class

June 21-25 2022

Ch., (Lt. Col.) Williams Adams III – PCR (MC-CS)
Ch., (Lt. Col.) Mark Bell – MIWG (MC-CS)
Capt. Louie Bush – WSWG (CSS-CS)
Maj. Uei Lei – ILWG (CSS-CS)
Capt. Brenda Morrissey – NYWG (CSS-CS)
Ch., (Capt.) John Moser – IDWG (MC-CS)
1st Lt Cherry White – MIWG (CSS-CS)

NESA Advanced Training Class

June 27-July 1 2022

Ch., (Lt. Col.) Williams Adams III – PCR (MC-DS)
Capt. Louie Bush – WSWG (CSS-DS)
Capt. Brenda Morrissey – NYWG (CSS-DS)
Ch., (Maj.) Thomas Tostenson – AZWG (CSS-DS)
1st Lt Cherry White – MIWG (CSS-DS)
Ch., (Lt. Col.) Matthew Wissell – MAWG (MC-DS)

REFLECTION ON IWO JIMA CEMETERY DEDICATION (1945)

by Chaplain (Major) Gary Atkins, NH Wing Chaplain



Rabbi Atkins was born on December 19, 1945 in Cleveland, Ohio. After college, he enlisted in the U.S. Air Force. During his military service, Atkins became seriously interested in his Judaism. After completing his service, Atkins studied and was ordained at the Rabbinical School of the Jewish Theological Seminary of America. He returned to the Air Force as a chaplain and served as Area Jewish Chaplain for the Far East, stationed at Clark Air Base, Philippines. In the chaplaincy, he developed and lived an outlook of interfaith cooperation, respect, and sharing, which has been part of his life ever since. After his honorable discharge from the Air Force, Rabbi Atkins served pulpits in Georgia, Pennsylvania, and Connecticut. Upon retiring from the pulpit, he and his wife, Iris, moved to New Hampshire to be near family, friends, and the seacoast. Learning that there was a need for a chaplain for the Civil Air Patrol, in 2017 he became chaplain for the Seacoast Composite Squadron, and in 2019 the New Hampshire Wing Chaplain.

I participated in the annual Memorial Day ceremony at the Jewish cemetery in Manchester, New Hampshire. I was asked to speak and shared the following words. I invite you to read them, as the words of Chaplain Gittelsohn are so much more meaningful than anything I could write:

I am proud to have followed in the footsteps of many Jewish chaplains who have served in the U.S. Armed Forces. The tradition started during the Civil War and has continued since. Some of you may know that in a part of Arlington National Cemetery called "Chaplains Hill," markers are dedicated to Christian and Jewish Chaplains who died while on active duty, shepherding the men and women with whom they served. I have seen it, and it is an awe-inspiring place. There are 14 Jewish chaplains remembered there. May their memory, and the memory of all their Christian colleagues, always be for a blessing. Perhaps the most memorable words by a chaplain in World War II were shared by Chaplain Roland Gittelsohn, given in 1945 at the dedication of a temporary Fifth Marine Division Cemetery in Iwo Jima.¹ Bodies were, after the war, either brought back to the States or moved to the Veterans Cemetery in Manila, P.I. (There I shared in conducting annual memorial services while stationed at Clark Air Base.)

But there is a not-so-proud story behind his words. Columnist Jeff Jacoby shared it in the Boston Globe on Sunday.² Here is the essence of the situation. There was apparently resistance among the Christian chaplains to a Jewish chaplain presiding over the graves of Christians. Gittelsohn reportedly bowed out, instead delivering a eulogy to a smaller Jewish ceremony — a ceremony attended by at least three Christian chaplains incensed by the intolerance of their fellow chaplains. The chaplain's eulogy was apparently copied and distributed throughout the Division, with a copy making it to Time Magazine and eventually the world, sometimes under the title The Purest Democracy.¹ Here is a part of it:

This is perhaps the grimmest, and surely the holiest task we have faced since D-Day. Here before us lie the bodies of comrades and friends. Men who until yesterday or last week laughed with us, joked with us, trained with us. Men who were on the same ships with us and went over the sides with us as we prepared to hit the beaches of this island. Men who fought with us and feared with us. Somewhere in this plot of ground there may lie the man who could have discovered the cure for cancer. Under one of these Christian crosses, or beneath a Jewish Star of David, there may now rest a man who was destined to be a great prophet – to find the way, perhaps, for all to live in plenty, with poverty and hardship for none. Now they lie here silently in this sacred soil, and we gather to consecrate this earth in their memory.

It is not easy to do so. Some of us have buried our closest friends here. We saw these men killed before our very eyes. Any one of us might have died in their places. Indeed, some of us are alive and breathing at this very moment only because men who lie here beneath us had the courage and strength to give their lives for ours. To speak in memory of such men as these is not easy. Of them too can it be said with utter truth: "The world will little note, nor long remember what we say here. It can never forget what they did here."

No, our poor power of speech can add nothing to what these men and the other dead of our Division who are not here have already done. All that we even hope to do is follow their example. To show the same selfless courage in peace that they did in war. To swear that by the grace of God and the stubborn strength and power of human will, their sons and ours shall never suffer these pains again. These men have done their jobs well. They have paid the ghastly price of freedom. If that freedom be once again lost, as it was after the last war, the unforgivable blame will be ours, not theirs. So it is we the living who are here to be dedicated and consecrated.

We dedicate ourselves, first, to live together in peace the way they fought and are buried in this war. Here lie men who loved America because their ancestors generations ago helped in her founding, and other men who loved her with equal passion because they themselves or their own fathers escaped from oppression to her blessed shores. Here lie officers and men, negroes and whites, rich men and poor—together. Here no man prefers another because of his faith or despises him because of his color. Here there are no quotas of how many from each group are admitted or allowed. Among these men there is no discrimination. No prejudices. No hatred. Theirs is the highest and purest democracy.

As for me, I spent three years in the Far East... stationed at Clark Air Base, with a small congregation there. But also with frequent TDY's to other bases in the Philippines as well as bases in Thailand and Taiwan. Lots of experiences... had a child born there and adopted another. I am proud to have served... and am equally proud to be serving as a chaplain once again in the Civil Air Patrol, United States Air Force Auxiliary.



¹<https://www.usmcu.edu/Research/Marine-Corps-History-Division/Frequently-Requested-Topics/Historical-Documents-Orders-and-Speeches/The-Purest-Democracy/>

²<https://www.bostonglobe.com/2022/05/29/opinion/like-hearing-lincoln-gettysburg/>

INTERFAITH CALENDAR

August 2022 – November 2022

August 2022

- 6 **Transfiguration Sunday** – Christian
- Transfiguration of the Lord** – Orthodox Christian
- 7 **Tisha B'Av** – Jewish* ***
- 15 **Assumption of the Blessed Virgin** – R Catholic
- Dormition of the Theotokos** – Orthodox Christian
- 21 **Khordad Sal** – Zoroastrian

October 2021

- 5 **Yom Kippur** – Jewish* ***
- 5 **Dussehra** – Hindu
- 8 **Mawlid al-Nabi** – Islam*
- 9-16 **Sukkot** – Jewish* ***
- 17 **Sh'mini Atzeret** – Jewish* ***
- 18 **Simchat Torah** – Jewish* ***
- 20 **Gurgaddi** – Sikh
- 22-25 **Diwali** – Hindu, Jain, Sikh
- 26 **Birth of the B'ah** – Baha'i*
- 27 **Birth of the Baha'u'llah** – Hindu*
- 31 **Reformation Day** – Protestant Christian

September 2022

- 4 **Paryushana Parva** starts (7 days) – Jain
- 8 **Nativity of Mary** – Christian
- 18 **US Air Force Birthday**
- 21 **Nativity of the Theokokos** – E Orthodox
- 26-27 **Rosh Hashana** (2 days) – Jewish* ***
- 26 **Navarati-October 5** – Hindu*

November 2021

- 1 **All Saints Day** – Christian
- 2 **All Souls Day** – Christian
- 7 **Diwali** – Hindu, Jain, and Sikh
- 5 **Goverdham Puja** – Hindu
- 11 **Veterans Day** – U.S. Federal
- 21 **Presentation of the Theokokos** – E Orthodox
- 24 **Martyrdom of Guru Tegh Bahdor** – Sikh
- 26 **Day of the Covenant** – Baha'i*
- 24 **Thanksgiving** – U.S. Federal/Interfaith
- 27 **Advent begins** – Christian
- 28 **Ascension of Abdu'l Baba** – Baha'i*

* 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

Diwali by Professor Ashe Shipman, Yale University, page 21

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

USEFUL ITEMS FOR THE CHAPLAIN CORPS "TOOL BOX"

Chaplain Corps Resources have moved to the Civil Air Patrol National Website!

<https://www.gocivilairpatrol.com>

Go to Members → National Staff Areas -> Chaplain Corps

<https://www.gocivilairpatrol.com/members/cap-national-hq/new-chaplain-corps-page> for

Education and Training Opportunities <https://www.gocivilairpatrol.com/members/cap-national-hq/new-chaplain-corps-page/education-and-training-opportunities>

Includes schedules for Regional Staff Colleges, Chaplain Corps Service School (ChESS), Online TLC

The Transmitter Newsletter <https://www.gocivilairpatrol.com/members/cap-national-hq/new-chaplain-corps-page/the-transmitter>

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

Retirement Procedure

https://www.gocivilairpatrol.com/media/cms/Retirement_Procedure_Ltrsigned_F7B105C4F8FD7.pdf

OTHER LINKS:

Chaplain Corps 2022 Google Calendar

<https://calendar.google.com/calendar/u/o/r?cid=aGMuY2FwLmdvdl9zcGRkOGsxamt2ZTBubjocTcyNTMya2FvMBncm91cC5jYWxlbmRhci5nb29nbGUuY29t>

CAPR 80-1 The Civil Air Patrol Chaplain Corps

https://www.gocivilairpatrol.com/media/cms/R_801_7_March_2022_16CAD11D61D57.pdf

CAPP 40-80 Chaplain Corps Handbook and Specialty Track Guide

https://www.gocivilairpatrol.com/media/cms/P_4080_2022_C327F8B9DD0EA.pdf

CAPF 80-1 Chaplain application

https://www.gocivilairpatrol.com/media/cms/F_801_2022_0B8BF7226AF7F.pdf

CAPF 80-2 CDI application

https://www.gocivilairpatrol.com/media/cms/CAPF_802_2022_BCA1BF2490583.pdf

CAPP 80-3 The New Senior Member Character Development Curriculum 7 Oct 2019

https://www.gocivilairpatrol.com/media/cms/CAPP080_003_7_October_2019_Core_Va_0D2A2FF3A1D38.pdf

CAPP 80-4 Wellness and Resilience: Handbook for the Five Pillars of Wellness and Resilience

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

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

CAP Prayer Team requests send to Chapel@capchaplain.org

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 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 80-1

<http://prhome.defense.gov/M-RA/MPP/AFCB/Endorsements/>

Council for Higher Education Accreditation (CHEA)

Database of institutions with degrees accepted in Chaplain Applications under CAPR 80-1 Attachment 6

<https://www.chea.org/search-institutions>