



The *Transmitter*

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From the Chief of CAP Chaplain Corps

Chaplain (Col.) James Hughes

"A Paradigm of Excellence!"

"We never do anything consciously for the last time without sadness of the heart." Thomas de Quincey

As my term as the Chief of the Civil Air Patrol Chaplain Corps comes to a close I must begin by expressing my gratitude to many. Thank you to Major General Joseph Vazquez for selecting me for this post and supporting me for the past three years. Special thanks to my executive staff, which has changed many times over the years. They include Chaplains Ken Van Loon, Van Don Williams, Paul Ward, James Sickmeyer, Charlie Sattgast, Jim Howell, Ron Tottingham, Jeff Williams, Marcus Taylor, J. Delano Ellis, John Murdoch, and Major Jaimie Henson. I am very grateful to those who have served as Region Chaplains during my tenure. Your creativity and dependability has been inspirational to me. I appreciate the profound contributions of Chaplains Adma Ross, Tim Miner and Linda Pugsley. Most of the time I feel that all I have really done is open the gates and then set the horses free. Thank you to all who have had the courage and commitment to make things better.

On March 1, 2014 I became the Chief of the Chaplain Corps because Chaplain Delano Ellis had developed a plan with the National Commander to appoint me as Chief following his resignation as Chief. Knowing that this was a possibility I had formulated a plan to transform the Chaplain Corps and meet the needs and responsibilities connected to the Corps. As with most plans it was only partially successful, but there were so many unplanned successes that our present situation far transcends any vision I had. I am glad for the vision, insight, courage and hard work of so many that made this so.

Beginnings:

We began with defining of ourselves. For too long the Chaplain Corps has depended on others to define its mission and purpose. Even those who became Chaplains and Character Development Instructors (CDIs) were forced to use their own perceptions and experiences to bring structure to their CAP service.

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Understanding ourselves was obviously going to be the first step in transforming the Corps’ culture into a paradigm of excellence. I proposed statements that gave content to the questions of who we are, where we are going and how are we going to get there. These statements were refined at each of the Chaplain Corps Region Staff Colleges in 2014.

This was the beginning of change. Every part of the Chaplaincy was up for review. The process of change was defined and task forces were created to execute the changes. They included Character Development Instructors, chaired by Major Jaimie Henson; Region Staff Colleges, chaired by Chaplain Ron Tottingham; Character Development for Seniors, chaired by Chaplain Paul Ward; Chaplain Awards chaired by Chaplain Ken Van Loon; Chaplain Training (221 series), chaired by Chaplain James Hughes; Character Development Lessons, chaired by Chaplain Hughes; and Mission Chaplain, chaired by Chaplain Marcus Taylor. Little did I know what was to follow.

Changes:

For two years the Chaplain Corps worked with passion and purpose. Goals were set for each year to respond to the most pressing needs within CAP and the Chaplain Corps. They included a full reevaluation Chaplain program, the resourcing of all CAP units with Chaplain Corps personnel, the revitalization of the CDI program and training, and the provision of Chaplain support for all CAP missions, activities and training events. The update of CAPR 265-1 proved to be time-consuming and intense. When this was finally accomplished the summary of changes reflected a new vitality and optimism in the Corps. Some of these changes included:

- Restatement of the Chaplain Corps mission.
- Deleted the use of supplementary clergy.
- Character Development material must be approved by CAP Chief of Chaplains.
- Chaplains and CDI’s must use approved Character Development material.
- Training requirements for CDI applications were changed.
- Duties of the Chief of Chaplains defined more specifically.
- Duties of the Deputy Chiefs defined more specifically.
- Term limits for Wing Chaplains were deleted.

Another foundational process was begun. The specific responsibilities of the Wing and Region Chaplain were defined to include the management of two programs that are traditionally the responsibility of the Chaplain Corps. Within the regions and the wings, that Chaplain Corps has responsibility for the mentoring, organizing and monitoring of the Character Development program and the resourcing, organization, training and deployment of Chaplain Teams in response to missions.

Hitting our stride:

As we began our third year together, we entered into one of the Chaplain Corps’ most productive years in its history. The Chaplain Corps embraced its 65th year of service with a variety of events, commemorations and transitions. All of the Staff Colleges celebrated the anniversary and many wings, regions and even National joined in the recognition. Over 23 Chaplain Corps personnel were

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honored at the National Award Ceremony. A new history of the Chaplain Corps in booklet form was published with additional material to be released at a later date. The creation of a Chaplain Corps challenge coin, a 65th Anniversary logo, the expanded use of the leadership stoles for Chaplains serving at every level, the update of a new Chaplain Corps web page, articles in the CAP Volunteer and the most complete social media of any organization in CAP were highlights of year that will have impact on decades to come.

Even while Civil Air Patrol was celebrating the 65th Anniversary of the Chaplain Corps, two significant paradigm shifts were taking place. After years of work the CDI and Chaplain Corps Missions task forces introduced their work to the Chaplain Corps and CAP. From a starting point where CDIs' existence was being questioned, the CDI program emerged as a significant part of the responsibilities and future of the Corps. Training materials, like the CAPP 225 and other resources, focus on the needs of cadets and the broadening of perspective of the CDIs.

The Mission Chaplain task force continued to fine tune the complete remake of the Mission Chaplain requirements. Instead of one level of qualification, three were proposed. These would provide different levels of training based on the interests of the Mission Chaplain. The Mission Chaplain Support Specialist was introduced as a Mission qualification for CDIs that will enable the Chaplain Corps to work more effectively with other agencies and the military. The training received its first test as a course at the National Emergency Services Academy (NESA). Chaplain training had never been offered at NESA and proved to be a sound idea and an effective option for future Chaplain and CDI training. The qualifications (Specialty Qualification Training Records [SQTRs]) had to wait for its final approval and implementation in CAP until the following year.

While more visible aspects of the program were occurring, other important changes were taking place. With the changes to the CAPR 265-1 being implemented, the supporting training materials (CAPP 221A, CAPP 221B, CAPP 221C) were going through a complete rewrite and release. These reflect the changing philosophies and culture of today's Chaplain Corps program. The Chaplain Corps leadership at the National level was also going through personnel changes. Given the radical difference between the role of the Chief of the Chaplain Corps and the Chief's staff play in the administration of the program in the past and what it is today, a regular turnover in the Chief's staff was implemented to create the largest possible pool of experienced Chaplain Corps leaders.

Breakthroughs:

As my fourth year of Chief began, my commitment to the Chaplain Corps Advisory Council (CCAC) was to finish strong. There would be no coasting or victory lap. I had no idea of the intriguing opportunities that would emerge as the year progressed.

- **Mission Chaplain Program Update**

After a successful beta test at NESA, the Mission Chaplain team were poised to release the program to the Corps. The problem of leadership still lingered, so the team planned and executed a Train the Trainers event at Maxwell, AFB. The training was very well received and provided trainers for every region. At this moment, the SQTR for Mission Chaplain and Chaplain Support Specialist are still in final coordination. Regardless, the team has pressed forward to provide a complete two-week training schedule at NESA this year.

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- **Chaplain Corps Publications Reengineering**

With a corporate-wide reengineering of all CAP regulations, the Chaplain Corps reentered the process to update and streamline its documents. This was an opportunity to incorporate structural and procedural changes that have already been in place and to introduce new items. The National Commander had previously approved a restructuring of the National Staff to include six positions instead of four. This was an acknowledgment of the demanding roles now being placed of the volunteer Chaplaincy. Other procedural and logistical issues were updated which include the addition of Wing and Region level positions for CDIs. The Code of Ethics was revised and included in the 265-1 in keeping with the new philosophies of the re-engineering. The result of the review should be a more useable and eloquent regulation.

- **Character Development Initiative**

Because of the leadership of Chaplain Stu Boyd, the Chaplain Corps was given an opportunity to study the future of character development from the faculty of the Air Force Academy – Center for Character and Leadership Development. A team was organized and a trip was arranged for the CAP team to spend four days at the Academy learning, studying and planning for the future. The information provided a foundation for the transformation of the character development program in CAP. The reengineering of character development will take place at Maxwell AFB in late June at the CD Summit. Preliminary conceptualizations include material that focuses on the Phases of the Cadet program.

Phase 1 and 2 will consist of 24 lessons taught over a 2-year cycle that focuses on character traits. Phase 3 will be project and leadership based for the advanced cadets. Phase 4 will be an advanced character development project that will help prepare for the Spaatz test.

- **ROTC Initiative**

A few months ago, the Corps was approached with a proposal that Civil Air Patrol Chaplains could provide character development training for ROTC cadets. Since there are over 1200 ROTC detachments scattered across the United States, CAP was unable to take responsibility for all of them. Discussions between CAP-USAF, the Air Force and the Chaplain Corps followed and all agreed that a test program would be necessary. Ten Chaplains were selected to participate in the initial program which will begin in the fall of 2017. After an evaluation of the effectiveness of the training, the program will be made available to all qualifying Chaplains.

Much can happen in four years. I have donated over 4000 hours, traveled over 70,000 miles, attended 25 Chaplain Corps Region Staff Colleges, held countless conference calls and meetings, and visited the Pentagon three times. If I had known what this job would entail before I started, I definitely would have done it. After all, this was God’s desire for me.

We have come a long way in a very short time. Even so, we still have far to go. What is both inspiring and comforting is the confidence I have in the caliber of Chaplains and CDIs in the Corps to accomplish this challenging work for years to come. I have been honored to serve as your Chief. I encourage you to join me in praying for our new National Commander and Chief of the Chaplain Corps.

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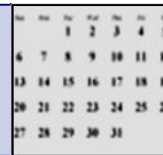
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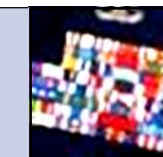
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CIVIL AIR PATROL CHAPLAIN CORPS

OUR IDENTITY....

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

OUR VISION....

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

OUR MISSION....

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

OUR CORE VALUES....



- Integrity
- Volunteer Service
- Excellence
- Respect

2017 UPCOMING EVENTS Mark Your Calendars!

CHAPLAIN CORPS REGION STAFF COLLEGES

GREAT LAKES REGION

May 22-24, 2017 at Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio
with special focus on the changes in mission chaplain qualifications and the new CSS program
contact Director, Chaplain (Lt. Col.) Gary Eno, gary.eno@ohwg.cap.gov

MIDDLE EAST REGION

NORTHEAST REGION

SOUTHEAST REGION

SOUTHWEST REGION, at Session 1

are encouraging its personnel to attend the Chaplain Corps Emergency Services School (ChESS)
to be held at National Emergency Service Academy (NESA) at Camp Atterbury, Ind.
(see below)

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

Chaplain Corps Emergency Services School (ChESS) at NESA

for details see NESA website (nesa.cap.gov/) and/or contact Chaplain Marcus Taylor mtaylor@hc.cap.gov

ChESS at NESA Summer Session 1, 9–15 July 2017

Mission Chaplain-CAP Support (MC-CS) & Chaplain Support Specialist-CAP Support (CSS-CS) Rating Training Track

ChESS at NESA Summer Session 2, 16–22 July 2017

repeat MC-CS & CSS-CS Rating Training Track

ChESS at NESA Fall Session, exact date & location TBA for late Sept/early Oct 2017

repeat MC-CS & CSS-CS Rating Training Track

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

CAP NATIONAL CONFERENCE

31 August- 2 September 2017
Marriott Riverside & Riverwalk Hotels
San Antonio, Tex.



2017 Military Chaplain Association (MCA)
National Institute & Annual Meeting
October 24-26
Newport News Marriott at City Center

MEET CHAPLAIN (LT. COL.) RON TOTTINGHAM, CAP

Chief of the Chaplain Corps, Personnel
Chaplain Corps Executive Council (CCEC)

Editor's Note: *You may have noticed many changes in the Chaplain Corps. New programs are flourishing. The new Character Development (CD) specialty track is operational, with additional CD sessions and a major lesson update soon to come. The ChESS program provides focus and training in emergency services for mission chaplains and CDIs. Regulation CAPR 265-1 and CAPP 221 and 225) were updated. Our new Chaplain Corps web site* is fully functional on all devices, and communication is being enhanced exponentially through the use of Facebook, Twitter, and far beyond.*

At the same time, many more names are appearing in our national staff roster (see p. 5). The Chaplain Corps has only one part time paid staff member. Volunteers, from the Chief of the CAP Chaplain Corps to our newest squadron chaplains and CDIs, take on the rest of the work. "The Transmitter" is introducing some of these chaplains and CDIs, in this issue Chaplain (Lt. Col.) Ron Tottingham, Chief of the Chaplain Corps - Personnel and a member of the Chaplain Corps Executive Council (CCEC).



Chaplain (Lt. Col.) Ron Tottingham began his CAP career in 1983 and was appointed as a chaplain in January 1984. Since then he has served the Corps at the wing, region and national levels, notably for two terms as North Central Region (NCR) Chaplain, Dean of the Dean of the Chaplain Corps Region Staff Colleges (CCRSCs) and in 2008 as Interim Chief of Chaplains and national Deputy Chaplain. Currently, as Chief of the Chaplain Corps - Personnel, Chaplain Tottingham serves again as the Dean of the Chaplain Corps Region Staff Colleges (CCRSC), planning curriculum, managing resources, and providing a vision for the future. Says Tottingham, "The staff colleges used to train new chaplains and CDIs in the basics. Now they provide continuing education for Chaplain Corps personnel who return every year for study."

Raised on a farm in southern Missouri, Tottingham received Christ as his Savior as a youth. He enlisted in the Marines at age 17, serving in the 3rd Recon Infantry Regiment, in Vietnam in 1965 as an infantry machine gunner, and in the Military Police. He studied karate in the Marines and become in 1993 a 10th degree black belt Grandmaster. Discharged from the Marines after serving for six years, he returned home to marry his high school sweetheart. Their family now includes three children and a growing number of grandchildren.

After receiving a call to ministry in 1968, Tottingham studied at Texas Theological Seminary and Omega Theological School to receive his Bachelor and Master's degrees and a PhD in counseling psychology. He founded Empire Baptist Temple in Sioux Falls, South Dakota in 1974, where he pastored for 33 years and established Great Plains Divinity School. Throughout, he focused on outreach ministries, including military, VA Hospital, and prison chaplaincy. He became a military endorser for the Unaffiliated Baptist Churches of America, an out-patient counselor for Offutt AFB Mental Hospital, and a South Dakota State Penitentiary chaplain. He has authored over forty books on topics that include faith, church doctrine, local church management, pastoral counseling, PTSD, preaching, and martial arts.

Chaplain Tottingham has several colorful interests. Not surprisingly, this chaplain from South Dakota is a motorcycle rider. He continues his interest in martial arts. According to on-line martial arts sources (<http://www.gmau.org/leadership/>) he has appeared in two Hollywood films, including "In Harm's Way" with John Wayne. Since entering a CAP, he has devoted much of his time to successfully recruiting new CAP chaplains. His sense of mission is infectious. Asked for tips on his recruiting technique, he remarked, "I just go out and talk to people, give them my 'spiel,' and they join!"

CHAPLAIN CORPS IN THE NEWS

Updated Chaplain Corps Historical Display at CAP National Headquarters

Reported by Chaplain (Lt. Col.) Timothy Miner, Virginia Wing Chaplain

Civil Air Patrol's national historian, Colonel Frank Blazich, recently updated the historical display of the corps memorabilia located at the national headquarters building. The display now contains material from the 65th anniversary of the corps in 2015. More recent material is included as well, such as the new optional stole/scarf now being used by members of all faiths and denominations. Several of our Chaplain Corps personnel who at Maxwell AFB, Ala. attending National Staff College were among the first to view the updated display.



New Chaplain Corps Historical Display Case at CAP National Headquarters



Views of lower shelf of Chaplain Corps Historical Display

CHAPLAIN CORPS IN THE NEWS

Two Wings Reward Corps Members with President's Volunteer Service Awards

By Virginia Wing Chaplain (Lt. Col.) Tim Miner, CAP

On April 13, 2017, just prior to National Volunteer Week, the Wing Chaplains of the Virginia and NatCap Wings announced the certification of 14 members of the Civil Air Patrol chaplain corps to be recognized with President's Volunteer Service Awards (PVSA) for contributions in 2016. The honored members will receive lapel pins based on the level of service they donated to their wings and the corps.

The PVSA is a civilian program created in 2002 by President George W. Bush to honor volunteers in the United States. The levels of 100, 250 and 500 hours determine whether a volunteer receives the bronze, silver or gold award for that year. The wing chaplains used the time recorded on their member's CAP Form 34 annual report to decide who receives the award for the past year. There is also a PVSA 4,000 hour award for Lifetime Achievement towards which the CAP members are now accruing credit.

The wing chaplains are using the PVSA to inspire their members towards a "ministry of presence" where the very act of "showing up" is a vital service to those who conduct emergency services and youth development programs. The PVSA is a non-CAP recognition that can now highlight CAP as one of the nation's premier volunteer organizations in the United States.

The members are from the Virginia Wing unless noted:

Receiving the PVSA (Gold) for over 500 hours of volunteer service:



Chaplain (Lt. Col.) Michael Strickland (NatCap Wing)

Chaplain (Lt. Col.) Tim Miner

Chaplain (Major) Reginald Burgess

CDI, Major Paula Towry

CDI, Captain Carla Warnock

Receiving the PVSA (Silver) for over 250 hours of volunteer service:



Chaplain (Captain) Randle Dixon

Receiving the PVSA (Bronze) for over 100 hours of volunteer service:



Chaplain (Lt. Col.) James Lowther (NatCap Wing)

Chaplain (Captain) Mary Katherine Benya

Chaplain (Major) James Moser

CDI, Captain Antony Davies

CDI, Lt. Marybeth Slocumb

CDI, Lt. Meredith Parlett

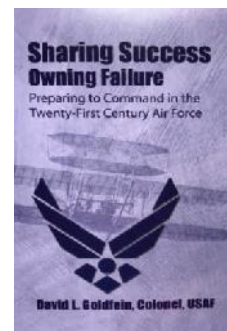
CDI, Lt. Col. Elliot Korona

CDI, Captain Kelly Muzzin

Virginia Wing Holds a Cadet Essay Contest on Character Inspired by the Air Force Chief of Staff's Book

by Chaplain (Lt. Col.) Timothy Miner, Virginia Wing Chaplain

At the combined wing and region conference on April 4, 2017, the Virginia Wing awarded the first prize for its inaugural cadet essay contest on character and the core values to Cadet Technical Sgt. Carter Harrison. The prize was an autographed copy of a book on ethical leadership which inspired the event. The military officer who wrote the book, "Sharing Success Owning Failure: Preparing to Command in the Twenty-First Century Air Force" was General David L. Goldfein, the Chief of Staff of the United States Air Force. It inspired the creation of an essay contest for Civil Air Patrol cadets in the Virginia wing to write about the importance of character and the core values.



The prize was given at the conference banquet by Deputy Chief of Chaplains of the USAF, Chaplain (Brigadier General) Steven Schaick, USAF, and the wing commander, Colonel Dean Gould, CAP. Schaick began his USAF career as a CAP cadet in the Wisconsin Wing and now serves on the air staff working under Goldfein's leadership. On May 18, the Fredericksburg Composite Squadron cadet received the final installment of his prize – a handwritten note of congratulations sent directly to his home from Goldfein.

Harrison was one of many CAP cadets who voluntarily submitted essays on the importance of character and the core values for future leaders of the United States. A team of chaplains and character development instructors from the wing under the leadership of Captain Carla Warnock, a CDI from the Coastal Composite Squadron, formed the panel of judges who read and

rated each essay for its ethical presentation and clarity of expression.

"Writing an essay about character and our core values makes you think deeper," said the home-schooled cadet when asked to compare the contest with the usual classroom discussion format. "The more time you have, the better formulated your thoughts can be." The cadet also received a letter from the Chief of the Chaplain Corps of the Civil Air Patrol, Chaplain (Colonel) James "Jay" Hughes, CAP. The chaplain believes that "character development is the fundamental commitment CAP makes to the quality of life of its members and the country." In his letter to Harrison, Hughes thanked him for his "willingness to contribute to the moral growth of the members and the organization." Quotes from the essay contest are already used in social media posts.



The winner of the first Civil Air Patrol character essay contest in 2017, Cadet Technical Sergeant, Carter Harrison, CAP, received an autographed copy of "Sharing Success Owning Failure" at the award ceremony in April and the CSAF's personal note of congratulation in the mail.

Schaick and Gould also presented certificates, recognition coins and letters from Hughes to three other cadets: Cadet Master Sergeant, Clara Harrison; Cadet Chief Master Sergeant, Corwin Turner, and Cadet 1st Lieutenant Cory Moon. Moon received the first "Chaplain (Major General) Robert Preston Taylor Prize" for her essay and for her example of living the core values.

When the winning cadet was asked how it felt to get something in the mail from an Air Force general, he said, "It was special ... that he personally wrote the letter. It shows that he was interested in the essay competition. Since the prize was an autographed copy of his book, it is cool to have a personal note from him as well."

To see more information, including photos of all award winners, visit: www.capchaplain.com/EssayContest

WELCOME ABOARD!!!!

Chaplain and CDI Appointments

February 2017 – April 2017

CDI APPOINTMENTS

Lt. Col. Jessica Black (PCR/CAWG)
2nd Lt. Brett Cole (MER/MDWG)
Maj. John Connelly (PCR/CAWG)
1st Lt. Michael Dechert (MER/DCWG)
1st Lt. Bradley Doubrava (NCR/KSWG)
2nd Lt. Donald Durbin (GLR/ILWG)
2nd Lt. David Ferguson (GLR/OHWG)
Capt. Andrew Franklin (SWR/TXWG)
Capt. Laura Furniss (RMR/MTWG)
Capt. Mark Gajewski (GLR/WIWG)
1st Lt. Jill Genco (NER/PAWG)
1st Lt. Steven Gillespie (SER/ILWG)
2nd Lt. David Grossman (GLR/ILWG)
Capt. Jerome Grotts (SWR/ARWG)
Lt. Col. Jeffrey Gulick (GLR/ILWG)
2nd Lt. John Heppler (SWR/TXWG)
Lt. Col. William Hunton (SWR/LAWG)
Capt. Jan Johnson (RMR/WYWG)
Capt. Steven Keller (NCR/MNWG)
Lt. Col. Robert Kelly (SER/GAWG)
2nd Lt. Sarah Kotlinski (NER/PAWG)
1st Lt. James Lahti (SWR/AZWG)
1st Lt. Tracy Loftis (SER/TNWG)
SSgt. Kristopher Matthews (GLR/ILWG)
Capt. Jenni Mistich (RMR/COWG)
Capt. Paul Moeykens (NER/VTWG)
2nd Lt. Ronald Morgan (NHQ)
Maj. Jason Noyes (PCR/CAWG)
Capt. Davis Pepitone (SWR/NMWG)
2nd Lt. Vijaya Ravella (MER/DCWG)
1st Lt. Matthew Saak (PCR/CAWG)
Lt. Col. Carol Schaubsluger (SWR/AZWG)
Lt. Col. Steven Schultz (SER/FLWG)
Capt. Timothy Stratton (GLR/ILWG)
2nd Lt. Alissia Thompson (GLR/ILWG)
2nd Lt. Matthew Thompson (GLR/ILWG)
Maj. Donald Warren (PCR/WAWG)
Capt. Agatha Vogelgesang (MER/MDWG)

CHAPLAIN APPOINTMENTS

Capt. Gary Atkins (NER/NHWG)
Capt. Clarence Brammer (NCR/MOWG)
1st Lt. Joshua Czyz (NER/NYWG)
Capt. Christopher Findley (SER/TNWG)
Capt. Robert Fox (MER/VAWG)
Capt. Robert Gubala (NER/RIWG)
Capt. Lt. Jacob Hill (NER/NYWG)
Capt. David Knight (RMR/MTWG)
Capt. Patrick Malon (GLR/WIWG)
Capt. Cynthia Mortensen (SWR/NMWG)
Capt. Eric Wiseman (PCR/AKWG)

NEW APPOINTMENTS

***Congratulations to the following
on their recent appointments!!!***

Chaplain (Lt. Col.) Jeffrey Williams
Rocky Mountain Region Chaplain*

Chaplain (Lt. Col.) Daniel Goulet
Maryland Wing Chaplain

Chaplain (Maj.) Mckinley Wood
Wyoming Wing Chaplain

Selected to participate in a pilot program
for CAP support of the Air Force ROTC

A training program will prepare those selected
to lead in an ROTC detachment

Chaplain (Maj.) Terry Barlow
Chaplain (Maj.) Anthony Barros
Chaplain (Lt. Col.) Louis Eason
Chaplain (Lt. Col.) Sergio Freeman
Chaplain (Lt. Col.) Herbert (Terry) Joslin
Chaplain (Lt. Col.) Larry Killian
Chaplain (Capt.) Tom LeBeau
Chaplain (Lt. Col.) Tim Miner
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Chaplain (Capt.) Keith Wallace

CHAPLAIN CORPS UPDATES

From The Receiver, the Rocky Mountain Region (RMR) Chaplain Corps Newsletter
Chaplain (Lt. Col.) Jeffrey Williams RMR Chaplain, editor

The Ongoing Work of the Character Development Curriculum Task Force

See previous article on this Task Force in the Winter 2017 edition of "The Transmitter"



Polaris Hall – Home to the CCLD

A group of CAP Chaplain Corps members visited the USAF Academy Center for Character and Leadership Development (CCLD) in February 2017. Their goal was to determine how to improve the quality and intent of our

Character Development Lessons.

During the week-long session, the members of the task force met with the Commandant of Cadets, the director of the CCLD, and a number of instructors. In addition, they were briefed on the Character Development materials used by the USAF Academy Prep School.

Chaplain (Col.) Jay Hughes, in his presentation at the North Central Region/Rocky Mountain Region Chaplain Corps Staff College, noted several changes in the Character Development

To begin with, there will be twenty-four new lessons written which will focus on character traits rather than directly on the CAP Core Values of Integrity, Volunteer Service, Excellence, and Respect.

program. These will be discussed when the task force meets again at National Headquarters in Alabama at the end of June. Until then, while waiting for budget issues to be resolved, the task force is meeting online to discuss the changes.

To begin with, there will be twenty-four new lessons written which will focus on character traits rather than directly on the CAP Core Values of Integrity, Volunteer Service, Excellence, and Respect. A person's good character leads to embracing the Core Values, so we will be teaching a different view of the same material. Unlike today's practice where a CDI or Chaplain may choose any of several hundred lessons, the new lessons will be standardized across CAP.

By making these program changes, the Chaplain Corps recognizes the cognitive development of the cadets, that a twelve year old does not learn materials in the same way as a nineteen-year-old.

The way we teach Character Development will also change. Our Phase 1 and 2 cadets will attend the regular Character Development session. Phase 3 cadets, those who have attained their Mitchell Award but not the Earhart, will be mentored by the unit Chaplain or CDI and will teach the Character Development lessons. Phase 4 cadets, those who have attained the Eaker, will be given special research projects to complete.

These cadets will submit their work in the new "CAP Journal of Character Development," mentored by the Wing Chaplain and members of the Region and National staff.

By making these program changes, the Chaplain Corps recognizes the cognitive development of the cadets, that a twelve year old does not learn materials in the same way as a nineteen-year-old. These changes will also help our cadets who are in college remain active in the program, if they choose.

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On Submitting Your Form 34

One of the advantages of the online CAPF 34 system is that we get a snapshot of our activities at any time. Because the data is stored online, an accurate summary is available at the instant a Chaplain or Character Development Instructor (CDI) enters activity data. Therefore, because leaders at all levels of the organization rely on the data, you should complete the entries as quickly as possible after an activity.

23 Apr 2017	1	5	0	\$0.00	Attended Comman conference
22 Apr 2017	3	15	126	\$105.00	Wing Conference, I gave Invocation for Banquet.
09 Apr 2017	1	4	75	\$0.00	Group 4 meeting
08 Apr 2017	1	5	150	\$30.00	Counter Drug meet

Please note, the Chaplain Corps is the only portion of CAP which has this reporting requirement. When our leadership is discussing the benefits of CAP, especially around the time that Congress is deliberating a budget or continuing resolution, our data can be used to estimate the value of the contributions of all CAP members. This is the same process that the various election polls use in taking a sample of the population and extrapolate the winners of various elections. Thus our reports are very important.

As with any report, there are a couple of notes:

- Many reportable items are not recorded because Chaplain Corps members wait to do their data entry. The CAPF 34 system is designed for you to enter data frequently. Your report will be much more accurate if you do this.
- Some entries may be dropped because of a system-rounding error. With the exception of expense, entries with a decimal point (i.e., 1.25 hours) will not be properly saved. You need to round off to the next hour.

Please remember: if you are having any problems or questions about the Chaplain Corps Reporting System (CAPF 34), please ask your Wing Chaplain.

CAPR 265-1 Revision

Over the past few years the Chaplain Corps has evolved. We have gained several new positions at the National level, and have streamlined many of the procedures which are spelled out in the regulation. In addition, National has begun to re-engineer all the regulations to decrease duplication, conflicts, and inconsistencies.

The Chaplain Corps regulations, both CAPR 265-1 and CAPR 265-2 (Code of Ethics) are part of this re-engineering process. There are several changes of note:

- New positions at the National level.
- Increased opportunities for Character Development Instructors (CDIs) to work at Group, Wing and Region levels as administrators.
- Revisions of the "Of the Year" awards to eliminate the *Senior Chaplain of the Year* and to have all chaplains compete for a single award.
- Revisions of the language concerning reporting, deleting the idea of a semi-annual report, and recognizing that reporting is ongoing. This reflects the technology that allows any commander to receive a snapshot of the Chaplain Corps in the same way they receive a snapshot of other data in the *Commander's Dashboard* application.
- Clarification of appointing military chaplains to the CAP chaplain positions.
- Incorporation of the Code of Ethics into CAPP 221A.

The next draft of the regulation is expected to be available later this year. Because of the changes in CAPR 265-1, you will also see some changes in the CAPP 221 series, as well as in the CAPP pamphlets which define our Specialty Track training.

CHAPLAIN CORPS UPDATES

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Update on Emergency Services

*See previous articles on mission qualifications
and ChESS training in the Fall 2016
and Winter 2017 editions of "The Transmitter"*

Over the next few years, as chaplains renew their Emergency Service qualifications, they will notice some changes.

Mission Chaplain – CAP Support

This is the basic Mission Chaplain rating for all CAP Chaplains. These chaplains will be able to support all CAP led missions, similar to the current Mission Chaplain. Unlike the current Mission Chaplain ratings, this will not expire.

Mission Chaplain – Disaster Support

Chaplains designated with the Disaster Support advanced rating will be able to support other agencies such as the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) and Home Land Security, in addition to state and local emergency agencies.

Mission Chaplain – Air Force Support

CAP appointed Chaplain who meet specific Air Force requirements will be eligible for USAF assigned tasks and support.

Under the new system Character Development Instructors will also have specific Emergency Service ratings.

Chaplain Support Specialist

– CAP Support

CDIs with this ES rating will be prepared to give Chaplain Support as a part of a Chaplain Support Team. They will work with Chaplains to better serve during CAP led missions.

Chaplain Support Specialist

– Disaster Support

In the same way Chaplains have advanced training and ratings to work with FEMA and other agencies, so do Character Development Instructors who choose to pursue this rating.

A Chaplain Support Team normally will have two chaplains and one Chaplain Support Specialist, a CDI with specific ES training. These teams can deploy to provide a complete ministry during Emergency Services operations, both to CAP and any other agencies, depending on their ratings and qualifications.

There will be two training sessions for Mission Chaplains and Chaplain Support Specialists held at the National Emergency Services Academy in July 2017. Chaplains and CDIs who cannot attend these sessions should be able to complete the training for these new positions locally or during the Chaplain Corps Region Staff Colleges.



CAP CHAPLAIN CORPS EMERGENCY SERVICES SCHOOL (ChESS) AT NESA

Training Program for the

2017 NESA Two One-Week Training Sessions

July 10-14 and July 17-21, 2017

Camp Atterbury Joint Maneuvers Training Base, Edinburgh, IN

for Operations Plan, Final Details, and Preparation Guidelines
Contact Chaplain (Lt. Col.) Marcus Taylor, maylor@hc.cap.gov

2017 Pacific Coast Region Chaplain Corps Staff College



Attendees

Front Row (l. to r.): Chaplain (Lt. Col.) Richard Nelson; Lt. Col. Nancy Woodward (CDI); Lt. Col. Pat Okawa (CDI); Chaplain (Capt.) David Prado; Lt. Col. Gerald Prior; Senior Member Shirliann Cook (CDI); 1stLt Catherine Frederic (CDI)

Middle Row (l. to r.): Chaplain (Capt.) Mike Morison; Chaplain (Maj.) Paul Vance; Chaplain (Lt. Col.) Bob Ledden; Chaplain (Lt. Col.) Jim Crawford; Maj. Nancy Nelson (CDI); Col. Ken Parris (CDI).

Back Row (l. to r.): Chaplain (Maj.) Robert Harris; Chaplain (Lt. Col.) Perry Polk; Chaplain (Lt. Col.) Ralph Camp; Chaplain (Lt. Col.) Charlie Sattgast; Chaplain (Col.) Whit Woodward; Chaplain (Maj.) Fred Morgan; Chaplain (Maj) Gary Dickey.

The 2017 Pacific Coast Region Chaplain Corps held its annual staff college on March 23-23 at Beale Air Force Base in Marysville, CA, north of Sacramento. Region Chaplain (Lt. Col.) Richard Nelson directed the college. Civil Air Patrol Chaplains and Chaplain Support Staff from all over the Pacific Coast Region attended. Beale is a High Security Base the home of the U2 spy plane i.e. the Dragon Lady. We received a tour of the facility, including a tower tour and an explanation of the suits worn by U2 pilots in flight at 70,000 feet (*see photo on the right*). A chase car is needed for landing, as the pilot is immobile when suited up. Only the arms are able to move and ground visibility is limited.

The main body of instruction, “Stress Management during Crisis” was given by Gerald L. Jones, the Director of Chaplain Services at Sutter Roseville



Medical Center, pictured on the left. The students received many tools to use in chaplaincy and daily life.



The curriculum also included an introduction to the new emergency service (ES) training programs. Soon to be implemented, these programs will cross train our chaplains and CDIs to the same standards as other ES entities. We will be certified to assist and available for missions assigned to those groups. Exciting changes are coming to the CAP Chaplain Corps!

Chaplain (Capt.) Mike Morison gave a presentation on “The High Flight Academy,” a spiritual weekend for cadets based on the “Moon Walk,” by the late Astronaut James Irwin. This program has been successful in California. He and Col. Parris (former CA Wing Commander and current Assistant to the National Vice Commander) also gave a briefing on the new Mission Chaplain and Chaplain Support Specialist program.

We were also blessed with a visit and briefing from Chaplain (Col.) James Hughes, Chief of Chaplains about upcoming opportunities, changes and education.

2017 NCR and RMR Chaplain Corps Staff College



Attendees

Front Row, (l to r): Chaplain (Lt. Col.) Jeffrey Williams; Chaplain (Lt. Col.) Larry Biederman; Maj. Naomi Hendricks (CDI); 1st Lt Sally Williams (CD Chaplain (Maj.) Jill Holm; Lt. Col. Shirley Rodriguez (CDI); Chaplain (Lt. Col.) Ken Van Loon.

Middle Row, (l to r): Chaplain (Lt. Col.) Don Mikitta; Chaplain (Col.) David Van Horn; Chaplain (Capt.) Terry McIlvain; Chaplain (Capt.) Roger Gillming; Chaplain (Lt. Col.) Leonard Hale; Chaplain (Maj.) Mckinley Wood; Chaplain (Capt.) Phillip Vogels; retired CMSgt. Bob Dandridge; Chaplain (Lt. Col.) Dan Hudson.

Back Row, (l to r): 1st Lt. Jeffrey Michalski (CDI); Chaplain (2nd Lt.) Kevin Wallace; Chaplain (Lt Col.) Ron Tottingham; Chaplain (Lt Col.) Eugene Abrams; Chaplain (Capt.) David Knight.

The North Central Region (NCR)/Rocky Mountain Region (RMR) Chaplain Corps Staff was directed by Chaplain (Lt. Col.) Dan Hudson, PhD, April 24-27 2017. Held at the Columban Fathers Retreat Center, Bellevue Neb., both the NCR Chaplain (Lt. Col.) Don Mikitta and RMR Chaplain (Lt. Col.) Jeffrey Williams hosted the college, while Chaplain (Lt. Col.) Eugene Abrams served as Staff Chaplain. We had the CAP Chief of Chaplain (Col.) James Hughes and a former CAP Chief of Chaplains (Col.) David Van Horn, (MO -117) and Deputy CAP Chief of Chaplains, Personnel (Lt. Col.) Ron Tottingham joined in the event. Col. Regena Aye, NCR Commander, addressed the attendees.

Our key training event was a Funeral Support Symposium led by CMSgt (ret.) Bob Dandridge. Additional Chaplain Corps sessions on Cadet Programs and Emergency Services were conducted. The daily devotions were based on Spiritual Resiliency.

The graduation banquet was held at the Papillion (Neb.) Latter Day Saint Stake Center. The banquet speaker was retired CMSgt. Victor B. Roundtree; the Cadet Color Guard was from the Gen. Curtis Lemay Composite Squadron. Graduates received certificates of attendance, five students graduated and college staff received certificates for their support. The 2018 event is scheduled 23-26 April.

Point Of View

The NCR/RMR college as viewed by 1st Lt Sally Williams, CDI, Rocky Mountain Region

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This was my second year attending the Chaplain Corps Region Staff College in Bellevue, NE. It was also my privilege to being the presence of USAF retired CMSgt. Robert M. Dandridge, who spoke the year on "Funeral Support." Not having a military background, I was not aware of the details the USAF had to consider while conducting a military funeral. Chief Dandridge, who had served as a part of several base Honor Guards during his career, arranged a demonstration by the Offutt AFB's Honor Guard. Although I will not be conducting military funerals, this training will help me better teach our cadets about the purpose and procedures of Honor Guards.

Chief of Chaplains (Col.) Jay Hughes, who was our speaker on Thursday, gave us information on the proposed changes in the chaplain and CDI programs. NCR Commander (Col.) Regina Aye showed us the standings of each region in a number of areas.

The banquet, which takes place on the last evening of the college, was provided for us by the Papillion LDS Stake. Not only was the food delicious, but several people from Papillion joined us at each table. During the conversations we learned a lot about their interests, and they came away with a greater appreciation of the Chaplain Corps. Chaplain (Lt. Col.) Fred Smelter, who started the tradition of the LDS Stake hosting the college over fifteen years ago, passed away in 2014. We fondly remembered his service, both at the Stake and in CAP. The Curtis LeMay Composite Squadron provided the color guard, handling their duties exactly as we were taught by the Base Honor Guard.

I made many friends and I look forward to working with them in future CAP activities. A big part of attending our CAP school is the networking which helps us build relationships. At the Squadron Leadership School or Corporate Learning Course we meet our squadron and wing counterparts. At the Chaplain Corps Staff College we have the opportunity to meet leaders from all over the region plus leaders at the national level. During our time at Staff College we stayed at the Columban Fathers Retreat Center. The peace that is in the natural part of the landscape -enabled us to focus on each other and not on electronic devices. It is hard to leave the facility. Next year's RMR CCSC will be at the Air force Academy Prep School. I hope to see you there.

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PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT AWARDS

These members of the CAP Chaplain Service attained the following awards in the Senior Member Professional Development Program. We are proud of their accomplishments.



Level 2 – Benjamin O. Davis

1st Lt. Roger C. Ayscue – NCWG
 1st Lt Bradley M. Doubrava – KSWG
 1st Lt. Georgia Friesen-Frailley – GAWG
 1st Lt. Barry Gore – NJWG
 Chaplain (Capt.) Michael L. Hammett – SCWG
 Chaplain (Capt.) Jacob Hill – NYWG
 1st Lt. Robert L. Holdsworth – CTWG
 Chaplain (Maj.) Daryl S. Jeffers – PAWG
 Chaplain (Capt.) Douglas S. Kearns II – KSWG
 Capt. Steven K. Keller – MNWG
 Chaplain (Capt.) Kevin A. Massey – ILWG
 1st Lt. Christopher C. Shaw – NJWG
 Capt. Michael S. Stone – MTWG
 Capt. Agatha M. Vogelgesang – MDWG



Level 3 – Grover Loening

Chaplain (Maj.) Lloyd E. Blevins – NCWG
 Capt. Paul A. Carmean – WVWG
 Maj. Charles J. Case – WVWG
 Capt. Laura E. Furniss – MTWG
 1st Lt. Steven Gillespie – TNWG
 Chaplain (1st Lt.) Carey A. Girgis – OHWG
 1st Lt. Bethany R. Hiller – TXWG
 Capt. Jan L. Johnson – WYWG
 Chaplain (Capt.) David L. Knight – MTWG
 Maj. Joan L. Lee – NYWG
 Chaplain (Capt.) Shannon C. Maness – NCWG
 Chaplain, (Maj.) Frederick Morgan – CAWG
 Chaplain (1st Lt.) Mark R. Shulman – PAWG
 Chaplain (Maj.) Bruce A. Wright – COWG



Level 4 – Paul Garber

Chaplain (Maj.) Anthony Barros – OKWG
 Chaplain (Maj.) Gary Alan Dickey – CAWG
 Capt. Eduardo Linares – FLWG
 Chaplain (Maj.) Mary H. Spaulding – TXWG
 Maj. Michael E. Swavely – PAWG



Level 5 – Gill Robb Wilson

Chaplain (Lt. Col.) Larry Biederman – NEWG
 Chaplain (Lt. Col.) Perry W. Polk – PCR
 Chaplain (Lt. Col.) Michael Strickland – DCWG

For guidance in pursuing your Professional Development, consult CAPR 50-17; CAPP 221 (for chaplains); CAPP 225 (for CDIs)

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JEWISH SPRING HOLIDAYS

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The Passover Seder

"These are the feasts of the Lord, holy gatherings, which you shall proclaim in their seasons. On the fourteenth day of the first month towards evening is the Lord's Passover. And on the fifteenth day of the same month ixxs the feast of the unleavened bread to the Lord: seven days you must eat unleavened bread. On the first day you shall have a holy gathering: you shall do no servile work..."
(Leviticus 23:1-8, Koren Tanach)

Each year in late winter, a Jewish friend or two asks me what I'm planning for Passover. Am I going away or having seders (pronounced say'der, Hebrew for "order") at home? At each seder, held the first and second nights of Passover, we retell and reenact our peoples' departure from slavery in Egypt – a celebration of freedom and family.

When our children were still at home, they invited many of their friends and our seders had both a somber and hilarious quality, depending on where we were at in the seder. If one has no family or hosting a seder is burdensome, such as for singles, the disabled, and elderly, it's encouraged to join someone else's seder. The seder is not a meaningless ritual, but rather provides cues for discussion and interactive learning. The kinds of Haggadahs (hah-gah'dah, book used to follow the seder) are limited only by imagination. There is The Family Seder for those with younger children at the table; The Concise Seder for those in a hurry, The Holocaust Haggadah for those wishing to honor and remember those who perished, as well as many, many others. Each person at the table has a copy of the same Haggadah at their place to follow along and help share with the many readings.

The Bible speaks of the responsibility of Jewish parents to teach their children about the Exodus from Egypt. This is a night when bonds are forged between children, parents, and generations. It's a night, as we say in the Haggadah, every Jew should regard him or herself as if he/she were personally freed from Egyptian slavery.

To prepare for the Passover, we begin almost a month earlier by working to eliminate all items with leavening, or made with wheat or other grains that can rise – in Hebrew, "chametz" (say the ch like in "Bach") from our home. Not only are bread and many other foods items on the list – this cleaning and elimination includes checking even the pockets of our clothing for crumbs – children are very adept at stashing crackers or cookies in pockets!

On the day of the seder, we prepare the seder plate with symbolic foods that are used during the telling. Often, we invite non-Jewish friends who are curious to learn about Passover.

One bit of trivia many do not realize is that some matzah, unleavened bread used during Passover, was only recently made by machines. Go to YouTube and type "Haggadah" in the search bar – there are videos, long and short, depending on how much time you have to explore on this topic. <http://Aish.com> and <http://Chbad.com> also have a lot of info on Passover. This year, Passover began the evening of April 10.

The Omer

The second night of the seder we begin to count the omer:

“And you shall count for yourselves from the morrow after the Sabbath, from the day you brought the ‘omer wave offering: seven complete Sabbaths there shall be: to the morrow after the seventh Sabbath, shall you number fifty days ... and you shall proclaim on this very same day, that it may be a holy gathering to you: you shall do no servile work: it shall be a statute forever in all your dwellings throughout your generations.”

(Leviticus 23:15-16, 21 Koren Tanach)

The omer is a measure of barley (approximately two quarts) that was brought as the offering to the Temple in Jerusalem on the second day of Passover. This was followed by the counting of the omer where the Jews counted every day for seven weeks, - forty nine days total – leading up to the festival of Shavuot on the fiftieth which also celebrates the receiving of the Torah at Sinai.

At the end of evening prayers in each of the forty nine nights, counting the omer is done with a special blessing, said aloud, verbalizing the number of that day in the counting. Many have the custom during the omer counting days to focus on improving specific character traits by honing in on one aspect of each, helping to regain control over emotions and refining their character, step by step, in a way that's based on the eternal truths of Torah

The 33rd day of counting the omer, Lag B'Omer (begins the night of May 13 this year) is celebrated as a holiday for two reasons:

1. Between Passover and Shavuot, during one year in the early 2nd century, 24,000 disciples of Rabbi Akiva (greatest sage of Israel in the Mishnaic period) died because they were not respectful to each other. Therefore this is a period of semi-mourning (no weddings or other celebrations). On the 33rd (LaG=33 – the Hebrew alphabet letters have numerical equivalents) day of the omer, they stopped dying.
2. An outstanding later disciple of Rabbi Akiva, Rabbi Shimon bar Yochai, (Mishnaic Sage and author of the Zohar, principle work of Jewish mysticism, Kabbalah), passed away. Having fulfilled his mission in this world, he asked that the anniversary be celebrated as a happy day. Bonfires and cookouts are the norm.

Shavuot

At the end of counting the omer, we come to the major festival of Shavuot (Sha-voo-oat), celebrating an event so important, the world would be an entirely different place without it. On this day, 3,329 years ago, the entire Jewish nation stood at the foot of Mount Sinai and the transmission of the Torah began from heaven to earth.

Torah (which means “instruction”) was the first set of instructions to recognize the world of ordinary people who are not kings – to champion human rights, animal welfare, education, environmental responsibility, freedom of information, medical ethics, social action – creating much hope for the future. Much of what the Torah teaches remains radical even in our modern times.

The Creator of the world provided instructions for what we do with it. In its most specific sense, Torah refers to the Five Books of Moses, written over the 40 years by Moses while he and his people roamed the Sinai desert. In a more general sense, Torah includes all 24 books of the Hebrew Bible. Even more generally, Torah includes the oral traditions, writings, and saying of Torah Sages throughout the generations.

On the first night of Shavuot, many Jewish congregations host all night learn-a-thons. The next morning, men, women, and children attend services to hear the giving of The 10 Commandments read in Hebrew from a Torah scroll. It's customary on Shavuot to decorate our homes and synagogues with flowers, fruits, and greens. King David passed away on Shavuot. This year, Shavuot begins the evening of May 30.

INTERFAITH CALENDAR

April-August 2017

April 2017

- 1 Lazarus Sunday – Eastern Orthodox Christian
- 5 Ramnavami – Hindu*
- 6 Anniversary of the Founding
– Church of Latter Day Saints
- 9 Palm Sunday – Christian, Eastern Orthodox Christian
- 10 Mahavir Jayanti – Jain, Hindu*
- 10-18 Pesach/Passover – Jewish
- 11 Lord's Evening Meal – Christian, Jehovah's Witness
- 11-14 Theravadin New Year – Buddhist
- 13 Holy Thursday – Christian Eastern Orthodox
- 14 Good Friday – Christian, Eastern Orthodox Christian
- 16 Easter – Christian, Eastern Orthodox Christian
- 16 Native American Church Easter Prayer Meeting
– Indigenous American
- 20-28 Ridvan Nowuruz– Baha'i
- 22 Yom Hashoah – Jewish
- 24 Lailat al Miraj – Islam*
- 25 The 11th Panchen Lama's Birthday – Buddhist
- 28 Yom Ha'atzmaut – Jewish

May 2017

- 1 Yom Ha'Atzmaut - Jewish
Beltane – Wicca
- 2 Twelfth Day of Ridvan – Baha'i
- 3 Saints Philip and James – Christian
- 4 National Day of Prayer (USA) – Interfaith
- 10 Visakha Puja/Budda's Birthday – Buddhist*
- 12 Lailat al Bara'ah – Islam
- 14 Lag B'Omer – Jewish
- 20 Armed Forces Day
- 23 Declaration of the Bab – Baha'i
- 25 Ascension of Our Lord – Christian
- 27 Ramadan begins – Islam*
- 31-June 1 Shavout – Jewish*

June 2017

- 4 Pentecost – Christian
- 11 Trinity Sunday – Christian
- 16 Martyrdom of Guru Arjan Sahib – Sikh
- 21-22 Lailat al Kadr – Islam
- 25 Eid al Fitr – Islam*
- 29 Fast of the Holy Apostles – Eastern Orthodox

July 2017

- 4 Independence Day
- 9 Martyrdom of the Bab - Baha'i
- 11 St Benedict's Day – Catholic Christian
- 13 Obon – Buddhist, Shinto
- 24 Pioneer Day – Mormon
- 31 Tisha B'Av – Jewish*

August 2017

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

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

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

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

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

Air University (AU) Press

<http://aupress.maxwell.af.mil/index.asp>

Chaplain Corps Internal Facebook Page (Closed Group)

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

Chaplain Hughes' Twitter Page

<https://twitter.com/CAPChapChief>

The Chaplain Corps National HQ Site!

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

<https://capchaplain.com/>

Chaplain Corps Calendar

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

Chaplain Corps Library Database

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

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

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

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

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

Spiritual Resiliency Database

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

CAPP 225 Update February 2016

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

CAPP 221 Series Update June 2016

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

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

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

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

Harvard Divinity School Multifaith Calendar

Listing and commentary on key multifaith religious holidays

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

Armed Forces Chaplain Board (AFCB) List of Ecclesiastical Endorsers

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

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

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

A starting point in evaluating programs and credentials

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

