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What We Do Makes A Difference

A MESSAGE

From the Chief of the CAP Chaplain Corps Chaplain, Colonel Charlie Sattgast

Over the past several months I've had the opportunity to talk with quite a few members of our chaplain corps. Over and over I have heard that our commanders, chaplains, and CDIs are

excited about the new Values for Living 2.0 character forum curriculum. The cadets are enjoying the new lesson format and the facilitators have liked the flexibility the lessons allow as well as the interactive format that touches on all different learning styles.

I've heard the concern that cadets will enter the lesson cycle at many different points over the two years of lesson roll-out. There's a logical unfolding of the lesson order, but the lessons are also designed to stand alone because it's inevitable that not every cadet begins the program at the same time. If a cadet enters CAP somewhere in the middle of the cycle, the topics will still be relevant to the cadet's ethical development month by month.

We're in the process of moving the character forum Values For Living 2.0 curriculum downloads into CAP's brand new LMS so we can provide content that needs to be restricted to authorized instructors, and that should be available by the beginning of June. I want to encourage you—if you haven't yet gone through the new facilitator training, please do so. It's available in the CAP Learning Management System (LMS), which you can access through e-Services.

As CDI, 1st Lt. Tara Lang, notes on page 9, character matters. Civil Air Patrol has one of the best leadership development programs for young people available today, but teaching teens customs and courtesies, drill, and how to lead others is not enough. The world is full of strong leaders who lead without ever demonstrating basic virtues like integrity or courage. The investment you make as a chaplain or CDI in developing tomorrow's ethical leaders really does make a difference in the future of our world. Today's Civil Air Patrol cadets will be tomorrow's leaders in business, finance, government, science, technology, sports, entertainment and the military. That means your work as a chaplain or CDI is literally changing the world, one squadron meeting at a time.

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- 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.

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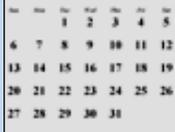
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2019 CHAPLAIN CORPS STAFF COLLEGES (CCSCs)

MID-ATLANTIC REGION May 28-31, 2019, Ft. Pickett, VA

Contact Ch. Mike Strickland, Director

ROCKY MOUNTAIN REGION June 17-20, 2019

Contact Ch. Jeffrey Williams, jwilliams@hc.cap.gov

SOUTHEAST REGION June 17-21, 2019, Maxwell Air Force Base, AL

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**GREAT LAKES REGION June 24-26, 2019, Ft
Wendell H. Ford Training Center, Greenville, KY**

EMERGENCY SERVICE TRAINING

JUNE 23-29 MAXWELL AFB

Basic MC-CSS CAP Support (cutoff date June 10th)

JULY 14-27 NESA/CHESS*

Basic MC-CSS CAP Support 14-20 July

Advanced MC-CSS Disaster Support 21-27 July

**Those attending the Basic course at NESA may also complete the Advanced course during the two weeks at NESA (Each course is a one-week process).*

OCTOBER 6-12 or 13-19 MCGHEE TYSON ARB, TN

Basic MC-CSS CAP Support

2019 ON-LINE TRAINING LEADERS OF CADETS (TLC)

July 20, and October 19, 2019 See info on page 5

TLC (Basic) is a requirement for becoming a CDI. Registration will open a month before the course. Contact RMR Ch. Jeff Williams, jwilliams@hc.cap.gov. Limited to 35 students and open to members from every wing.



CAP NATIONAL CONFERENCE

August 8-10, 2019

**Baltimore Marriott Waterfront,
Baltimore, MD**

For Information: <https://www.qocivilairpatrol.com/members/events/conference2019>

To Register: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/2019-civil-air-patrol-national-conference-tickets-59199137213>

Hotel reservations: <https://book.passkey.com/gt/217163067?qtid=331046685cadb7ee8e64c4f83ca31ddo>

CHAPLAIN CORPS IN THE NEWS



PA WING CHAPLAIN CAP ROLE: “SIMPLY A WILL OF GOD”

by 1st Lt. Rusana Kasriel,
Public Affairs Officer, PA Wing

*Reprinted from CAP News,
April 4, 2019, www.cap.news*

For Rabbi Mark Shulman, becoming a Civil Air Patrol chaplain was neither planned nor on any “bucket list.” As a fulltime rabbi leading a congregation in Bethlehem, Pennsylvania, his life was full.

The journey started when someone told him about the organization. Even though he grew up as an Air Force brat, Shulman had never heard of CAP. So when a congregant approached him, his response was, “What is that?”

“It was simply a will of God,” Shulman said, that got him involved with CAP. He has served as the Pennsylvania Wing's chaplain since Oct. 2.

While attending a squadron meeting, Shulman fell in love with the mission and, of course, he was Chaplain Corps. “You’re a rabbi – we need chaplains!” he was told.

That was the beginning of the adventure of a lifetime. It’s not easy to become a chaplain in the U.S. Air Force auxiliary. Civil Air Patrol chaplains are the only members of the organization who can directly serve Air Force active, Reserve and National Guard units. Accordingly, they must pass the same muster as their active and reserve counterparts.

Shulman received his commission as a CAP chaplain July 7, 2015. That’s when he realized he was not an island, but part of a team – an important point, as many see the Chaplain Corps as detached from the rest of CAP. Now a chaplain, Captain Shulman credits Lt. Col. Dane Carroll, commander of the Pennsylvania Wing’s Lehigh Valley Composite Squadron 296, with helping integrate him to serve in a capacity that would make a difference.

It was Carroll who encouraged him to become a part of a CAP aircrew so he could be connected more deeply in the mission – not only to the community but also to cadets and senior members. In the Chaplain Corps, it’s called a “Ministry of Presence.”

Shulman’s first test as a chaplain came when he staffed the Pennsylvania Wing’s 2016 encampment and worked side-by-side with his mentor, Chaplain, Lt. Col. Randall Matheny, who showed him the ropes of being effective in stress-filled environment, not just for cadets but for senior members.



Chaplain, (Capt.) Mark Shulman officiates at the wedding of Staff Sgt. Shawn Utermolen and Toby May. Utermolen is a member of the Pennsylvania Wing Quakertown Composite Squadron 904

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He spent long hours ministering day and night during the encampment. Sometimes a chaplain is the difference-maker, not just for cadets but for senior members who find themselves under stress dealing with other senior members or cadets or personal struggles. The victories were won, cadets secured, senior members undergirded and friendships forged.

Shulman not only changed lives but also created friendships. Staff Sgt. Shawn Utermohlen of Quakertown Composite Squadron 904, also a sergeant in the U.S. Air Force, and his now-wife Toby asked him to preside over their wedding Nov 24.

“It was a wonderful blend of traditions and having CAP and the USAF front and center,” Shulman said.

Indeed, over the past few years he has served fellow CAP members at funerals, memorial services and other lifetime or organization events. Members don’t often hear about CAP chaplains who diligently and quietly go about ministering to the needs of Civil Air Patrol and their communities across the country, yet their presence — like Shulman’s — is always felt whenever the need arises.

ONLINE TRAINING LEADERS OF CADETS

by Chaplain (Lt. Col.) Jeffrey Williams
as appeared in the *Receiver*, April 2019

Since the last *Receiver* we have had two sessions of Training Leaders of Cadets (Basic). Sixteen students graduated from the January session, and twenty from the April session. Although the courses are sponsored by the Rocky Mountain Region, we encourage students from every Region and Wing to participate.

The current CAPR 60-1, Cadet Programs, calls for senior members to renew their TLC credentials every 48 months. You can do this by taking the Basic course, by taking the Intermediate course, or teaching one of the courses. The regulation mentions an online refresher course, but that has not yet been released in the eServices learning management system.

We will be offering the online TLC Basic on July 20 and October 19. In addition, we have received a request to offer the course on something other than a Friday and Saturday so to accommodate those interested students with specific religious needs. Tentatively we have scheduled a session for four hours on two nights, May 20 and 21. The commanders who have requested the course still need to verify that the dates will work for their people. Because there are members across the country who desire this accommodation, we may offer an additional evening session in November as well. Of course, everyone is invited to participate in those evening sessions as well as on the July and October dates.

During the January class we had some problems with our chosen webinar application. We moved to Zoom.US for April, and will continue to use that platform. Because we are always trying to improve our presentations, we changed our format slightly to help minimize background noise and to be able to retain a permanent record of our conversations.

Our standing faculty, Major Keith Christian, Captain Jessica Parsons, and Captain Meghan Parsons, have done an outstanding job with this course. Major Tera Cowles will be joining us on the faculty. We are always looking for additional people who desire to teach.

Please remember that you need to assist with a CAP school such as TLC to earn both your Garber (Level IV) and Wilson (Level V) senior training awards. By teaching a module or two of TLC online you can meet these requirements from the comfort of your own home.

Virginia Wing Presents Award Honoring the First CAP “Air Chaplain”

Reported by VA Wing Chaplain Tim Miner

During the opening session of the joint Virginia Wing and Mid-Atlantic Region conference on March 30, 2019, the Virginia Wing commander, Colonel Dean Gould, presented the “Chaplain Robert P. Taylor Prize for Compassion and Service” to Captain David I. Spence of the Southside Composite Squadron in Chesterfield.

The annual prize is a unique award created by the chaplaincy and leadership of the Virginia Wing to recognize the most outstanding example of service during the past year by any member of the wing given to another member or their family while undergoing a time of great hardship. This award is named for Chaplain (Major General) Robert Preston Taylor, USAF, who was the first chaplain assigned to the headquarters of the CAP in 1950 to organize the newly created volunteer chaplain corps for the organization.



Virginia Wing commander, Colonel Dean Gould, presents the Chaplain Robert P. Taylor Prize for Compassion and Service to Captain David I. Spence of the Southside Composite Squadron during the wing's conference on March 30, 2019



Chaplain (Major General) Robert Preston Taylor was the first active duty Air Force chaplain assigned to the headquarters of CAP in 1950 to create the independent chaplaincy for the organization. He later became the third Chief of USAF Chaplains.

Spence received the 2019 prize for leading his unit's support and service to a senior member and her cadet children from his squadron at the unexpected death of the husband and father. The actions of Spence were nominated by the wing chaplain and his unit commander. According to Spence's commander, Captain James A. Manning, “Captain Spence led the squadron's efforts to support this family and even reached out to get additional critical resources from around the commonwealth. While nothing could bring back their family member, David's tireless efforts eased the burdens brought on by an untimely death.”

Gould called Spence's leadership and service a “shining example of how Virginia Wing members rise up to fulfill the national commander's vision that ‘one Civil Air Patrol’ comes together to excel in its service to its membership.” During the presentation, the audience heard about the many acts of selfless bravery, compassion, and ministry of Chaplain Taylor during the Battle of Bataan, the Bataan Death March, and 42 months as a prisoner of war during World War II. Taylor also was one of the first Army chaplains to switch to the new United States Air Force. He was instrumental in creating the independent chaplaincy for CAP. The Virginia Wing named this award for compassionate service to remember one of the organization's most heroic and historic chaplains. This prize, created in 2017, is the only effort that does so within the Civil Air Patrol.

HELP NEEDED!

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CHAPLAIN AND CDI APPOINTMENTS

February 2019–April 2019

CHAPLAIN APPOINTMENTS

Capt. Eric Carr (NER/PAWG)
Capt. Barry Green (NER/NYWG)
Capt. Neil Harper (SER/TNWX)
Capt. Phineas Jacobus (SWR/TXWG)
1st Lt. Chanoch Lebovic (NER/NYWG)
Capt. John Moser IV (PCR/WAWG)
Capt. John Muniz (NER/NJWG)
Capt. Peter Preble (NER/MAWG)
Capt. Isaac Rosenberg (SER/FLWG)
Capt. Leroy Sewell (SER/GAWG)
Capt. Robert Spykstra (NCR/IAWG)

CDI APPOINTMENTS

1st Lt. Herman Bayter (NER/NYWG)
Capt. Anita Berro/PCR/CAWG)
Capt. Mary Bryant (GLR/KYWG)
Capt. Kimberley Carlson (RMR/MTWG)
Capt. Darlene Cray (NER/NHWG)
Maj. Angelina Ellinghaus (SWR/OKWG)
2nd Lt. Jo Lynn Fenasci Ergle (SWR/LAWG)
SMSgt. Michael Felts (GLR/KYWG)
1st Lt. Evan Floyd (NER/PAWG)
2nd Lt. Chon Gann (MAR/MDWG)
1st Lt. Nicholas Greenman (GLR/KYWG)
Lt. Col. Donald Gulliksen (SWR/TXWG)
2nd Lt. Jason Hansen (MAR/SCWG)
2nd Lt. Nevin Hirsch (MAR/MDWG)
2nd Lt. Kelly Higdon (MAR/NCWG)
Capt. Nathan Hoffman (SER/FLWG)
1st Lt. Amber Jones (GLR/OHWG)
Lt. Col. Marchelle Jones (SWR/ARWG)
Lt. Col. Dallas Kratzer II (GLR/KYWG)
Capt. Zachary Lam (PCR/WAWG)
1st Lt. Kevin Levy (NER/NJWG)
Maj. Gary Longley (NER/MAWG)
Maj. Christopher Melcher (GLR/OHWG)
Lt. Col. Betty Moore (RMR/UTWG)
1st Lt. Carol O'Brien (GLR/INWG)
2nd Lt. Christine Pacheco (GLR/KYWG)
1st Lt. Melissa Parker (NER/PAWG)
Capt. Barry Schwartz (NER/NYWG)
SSgt. Stephen Taylor (NER/PAWG)
Col. Rebecca Tilton (SER/MSWG)
Capt. Joseph Thorn (PCR/WAWG)
2nd Lt. Wesley Towle (NER/CTWG)
2nd Lt. Daniel Turner (RMR/COWG)
2nd Lt. Sherry Turner (RMR/COWG)
Lt. Col. Beverly Vito (SWR/NMWG)
2nd Lt Robert Woods (RMR/UTWG)

NEW ASSIGNMENTS

Congratulations

on the following recent appointments:

Chaplain (Lt. Col.) William Adam, III

Washington Wing Chaplain

Chaplain (Capt.) Gary Atkins

New Hampshire Wing Chaplain

Chaplain (Capt.) Frank Gough

Florida Wing Chaplain

Chaplain (Lt. Col.) Sherri Lee

Colorado Wing Chaplain

Chaplain (Col.) Kenneth Parris

Hawaii Wing Chaplain

2019 OF THE YEAR AWARDS

CAP–NHQ has announced the following 2019 OF THE YEAR AWARD winners!

Senior Chaplain of the Year: Chaplain (Lt. Col.) Nancy Smalley AZWG/SWR

Squadron Chaplain of the Year: Chaplain (Maj.) Reginald Burgess VAWG/MAR

Character Development Officer of the Year: Lt. Col. David Hernandez CTWG/NER

THE CDI CORNER



Character Development Lessons: Do They Matter?¹

by 1st Lt. Tara Lang, PAWG

1st Lt Tara Lang has been a member of Civil Air Patrol since 2017 and a Character Development Instructor for over a year. States Lt. Lang, “I got involved with the Scranton Composite Squadron when my son joined in 2015. I saw first-hand how it helps our youth become responsible adults and I wanted to be a part of it.”

In general, the world today seems to lack the fundamentals of character. This makes what we do as character development instructors even more important. In a society where morals are confused, helping cadets learn the principles of character can give them a clear path.

Character Development lessons help cadets learn that there are failures along the way to success but they must learn ways to push through the fails and hard times, and then make better decisions down the road. CAP Character Development classes give the cadets a safe place to give opinions, voice ideas and learn to accept failures. They are provided a safe place to ask questions they may not be comfortable asking elsewhere.

The first step in developing one’s character is to acknowledge personal shortcomings. Your character defines who you are. Once you know who you want to be known as, it is the vision and goals that we teach these cadets that will help them throughout their lives. In a society where we can be overly protective of our youth, they are not always learning the life skills that were once taught or learned through everyday hardships.

This program teaches the skills to succeed in anything you put your heart and mind to, to have integrity in all you do, do it to the best of your ability (Excellence) and if you fail, to get right back up and try again. In ending, one quote I read on character really hit the mark. It comes from Frank Outlaw, who once said,

Watch your thoughts: They become your words.

Watch your words: They become your actions.

Watch your actions: They become your habits.

Watch your habits: They become your character.

Watch your character: It becomes your destiny.²

¹Reprinted from *Chaplain Chat*, the PA Wing Chaplain Corps Newsletter, Second Edition – Spring 2019, PA Wing Chaplain (Lt. Col.) Mark Shulman, editor, mshulman@pawg.cap.gov

² For a discussion of the origins of this quote, see <https://quoteinvestigator.com/2013/01/10/watch-your-thoughts/>

LEADERS MAKE TIME TO MENTOR

by Col. James Allen Ridley, Sr., Commander, CTWG



Col. James A. Ridley, Sr. is the Commander of the Connecticut Wing, serving prior as the Wing Chief of Staff. He has served at the squadron, group, wing and region levels in such capacities as cadet programs officer, public affairs officer, deputy commander, commander, region plans and programs officer. Col Ridley has directed two Region Staff Colleges and a Region Cadet Leadership School for the Northeast Region. He has lectured at four Northeast Region Chaplain Colleges and provided strong support for the 2019 college held 1-5 April in Niantic, CT.

Col. Ridley's previous articles in The Transmitter, "The Value of Chaplains and CDIs at Cadet Encampment," appeared in the Winter 2017 issue, and "Commanders Preach the Core Values – Good Commanders Live by Them," appeared in the Winter 2018 issue.

A man is walking along the side of the road and falls into a hole, try as he might he just couldn't get out of it. Walking by was a doctor. Seeing the doctor, the man yells, "Hey Doc, I'm stuck down here in this hole can you help me?" The doctor in turn took out a pad, wrote a prescription and threw it down to the man and went on his way. A few moments later a minister walked by. Once again, the man yells "Hey Reverend, I'm stuck down here in this hole can you help me?" The minister paused, took out a pad, wrote a prayer for the man and threw it into the hole and walked away. Then a friend of his walked by, spotting her the man yelled, "Hey Michele I'm stuck down here in this hole can you help me out?" Without hesitation his friend leapt into the hole and joined him. "Are you crazy?" the man exclaimed, "Now were both stuck in here" to which Michele responded, "Yeh, but I've been down here before and I know the way out".



Everyone from time-to-time needs someone to stand by them, guide them, encourage them and mentor them. As leaders we cannot abdicate from our responsibilities as mentors. We must be prepared to mentor our cadets, our seniors and when necessary our peers always being cognizant of one fact - we too need mentorship. Leaders collect mentors and consult with them often, I know I do.

A Personal Note

In my last article for *The Transmitter* I used an experience from my past to make a point; so why stop now! My first CAP command was of a cadet squadron. In that unit we had a young man whom I will refer to as "Sam." Sam's whole life was CAP. Sam was not well liked by the seniors, nor the cadets for that matter. When Sam made mistakes and was ready to quit CAP numerous seniors, including my Deputy Commander wanted to let him, but I wouldn't allow it. Trying to get him to stay and better himself became a priority for me. My Deputy Commander said "Jim, I don't understand it, why don't you just let this kid leave? He's a problem and we would be lucky to be rid of him," to which I replied, "Yeh, but he's one of my lambs now and all my lambs get an even break."

This was a challenge for me. Why was this cadet acting out? What was his issue? Could I help him be a better cadet, a better role model for other cadets and could I mentor him to the point where his life could be better? I could but I needed help. That help came in the form of woman I respected and admired, my Cadet Programs Officer.

As the months wore on she and I mentored Sam, through good times and bad. We guided him and met with his mother on more than one occasion. To complicate things Sam, a high school Junior, would drop out of school, re-enter and drop out again. Sam wouldn't study, couldn't get up on time to get to school and skipped school often which caused his mother much concern and anguish. She simply didn't know what to do. Sam was a good cadet though. Sharp uniform, constantly passing tests and gaining rank. While this was helping the squadron prosper it wasn't helping Sam.

Something had to give. After months of nurturing and guiding Sam, my Cadet Programs Officer and I met with his mother and came up with a plan: terminate Sam's membership in CAP due to the fact he was not furthering his education. Sam was devastated, begged us not to do it. We gave him one choice – he can stay in CAP if, and only if, he allowed his mother to enroll him in a military academy high school in an adjoining state. We gave Sam no other choice and he made the right decision.

Psalm 78:72
“With upright heart he shepherded them and guided them with his skillful hand”

One and a half years later he graduated high school with honors, joined the Army National Guard, met a young lady and got married. Sam's life was on a positive track but I often wonder if we didn't take the time to mentor him several years ago, where would he be today? The mentorship, not only by me but by another caring senior member made a major difference in this young man's life, a lesson not lost on me all these years later.

Getting to Know People is the Beginning of the Mentorship Process

Just like Sam there are many other members, cadets and seniors, who need guidance. How often it is that these people are also pre-judged by those around them; an instant dislike or negative connotations associated with them based on the way they conduct themselves at squadron meetings and activities. During one senior staff meeting I held just such attitudes were brought up regarding yet another cadet. This prompted a dialog amongst the staff which included our squadron Chaplain. After hearing all the points of view provided I asked the question, “do any of you know him?” This brought a puzzled look on several of their faces. I went on, “we only see them for two and a half hours a week, do you really know what's in the cadet's head, their heart? What's going on at home?” The answer of course was “no, not really”.

Before mentoring can begin the mentor needs to get to know the mentee and learn what drives them and gain an understanding of the challenges they are facing. Cadets from broken homes, seniors who have lost their jobs or whose spouses have left them, workplace grievances that cause angst, depression and personality changes do exist but are not always obvious. A mentor, or in some cases a Chaplain who can counsel, are essential for these valued member's mental health, development and in some cases, can prevent a tragedy from occurring. Sometimes a caring ear and a few comforting words will do the trick and sometimes “tough love” is in order as was the case with Sam. This type of mentoring is known as situational mentoring.

Good Leaders Don't Develop Followers - They Develop Other Leaders

Situational Mentoring is not the only type of mentoring there is, in fact there are several types. Leadership mentoring for example is focused on character development. In CAP, commanders mentor their immediate subordinates, which is known as Supervisory Mentorship. An example of which are Region Commanders mentor their Wing Commanders. Some leaders mentor those who came before and are a bit older than they are but who are interested in learning new ways to approach situations. This type of mentorship is known as Reverse Mentoring. Peer Mentorship is when those who hold a position mentor others who hold that same position.

Regardless of what type or style of mentoring is utilized they all share the same characteristics. Good mentors are good listeners and become trusted advisors to those whom they mentor and help the mentee to develop goals they wish to accomplish. Those goals could be inside or outside of CAP. Cadet goals may include the accomplishment of a cadet achievement, pilot training, college or academy acceptance, entrance into the military or private sector job market. For seniors it could be advancement in a specialty track or command position. A good mentor is always truthful and optimistic and helps bridge the gap between theory and practice often using examples of their own development over time. Mentors communicate values, vision and knowledge furthering the development of those they mentor.

Peter 5:3 – “Not domineering over those in your charge, but being examples to the flock”

Finally, as leaders’ imparting knowledge is only a part of the mentoring process, if a mentor fails to live the ideals which they teach, the lessons they imparted will be lost. Leading by example is not just a catch phrase - it is a practice that must be followed and lived by especially for those who mentor cadets. Failing to live by that which we teach will undue all the good the mentoring process had achieved. The mentee must trust and look up to the mentor and leading by example will go a long way in gaining that trust and loyalty.

Conclusion

Before anyone accepts a leadership position they should be willing to accept all the responsibilities that come with it. Mentoring is one of those responsibilities, especially where young lives are concerned. One of the memories of my youth which has stayed with me all these years later is a sign I saw on a roadway near where I grew up. It was large enough for even those with troubled eyes to read and it proclaimed most proudly that “Never has an adult stood so tall as when they stooped down to help a child”. It was true then and it is true now. As a leader the legacy we leave behind is this - we should always endeavor to make a positive difference in the lives of those we lead. Mentoring someone to a better place, a better path is something we should strive for. It will make them and the organization better today than we were yesterday and build a better future for us all.

NEW! Middle East Region is renamed as Mid-Atlantic Region



See CAP News, March 29, 2019

<https://www.cap.news/middle-east-region-becomes-mid-atlantic-region/>

The Civil Air Patrol’s National Commander Major General Mark Smith has approved the renaming of its Middle East Region to become the Mid-Atlantic Region. The region includes seven wings, Delaware, Maryland, National Capital, North Carolina, South Carolina, West Virginia and Virginia.

According to Region Commander Colonel Bruce Heinlein, the change will more accurately reflect the region’s character and geographic location. In the past, the region’s name had led some to confuse its location as being in Southwest Asia.

A new unit patch is being ordered for the region.

Chaplain Corps Creates National Interfaith Prayer Team

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

In March 2019 the Chief of Chaplains of the Civil Air Patrol, Chaplain (Colonel) Charlie Sattgast stood up the first national prayer team to support all members of the organization regardless of their faith. The initiative was a direct result of the national leadership seeking the corps' spiritual and prayerful help. Less than two months later, 105 members of the chaplain corps are faithfully praying according to the tenets of their own traditions for the needs and requests of members around the world.

The kernel of the team was initially organized by Major Antony Davies, a character development instructor in the Virginia Wing, as a ministry of the wing for its members. As the 2018 Mid-Atlantic Region CDI-of-the-Year, he was looking for a way to give back to the wing. Within a few short weeks, however, the request from the national headquarters made the initiative ripe for a national response.

According to Davies, the team is "... an electronic version of an interfaith chapel that is there for every member of the Civil Air Patrol and for their families. Regardless of the faith of the requester, there will always be members of the team from a variety of religious paths that have the heart and the calling to seek divine and holy support for anyone who asks for it."

"It is critical that this be a CDI-led activity," said Davies. "The spiritual and initial chapel support of the CAP should be inclusive and welcoming for members of all faiths." Recently two additional CDI members of the team have volunteered to share the weekly coordination of the prayer requests coming from all over. "This is truly a team effort," Davies added.

Team members receive weekly lists of the current prayer requests received by the coordination team. Every member chooses the requests that they are called to support as often as they are able. Being a team member is a calling that requires only an intention to serve others and the willingness to share time during the day in quiet prayer, meditation or reflection.

**Are YOU willing to serve
on the
National CAP Chaplain
Corps' Prayer
Team?**



To volunteer service on the Civil Air Patrol National Prayer Team, contact the coordinators at the "eChapel" by using the generic address of chapel@capchaplain.org. Also, every member of the corps should know and share the address throughout the entire organization since this is the email where all members of CAP can send their prayer requests. Every request is treated with confidentiality and importance.

During a recent CAP event, the national commander, Major General Mark Smith shared that he is a "believer in the power of prayer." The corps' National Prayer Team is only one more way that chaplains and CDIs can meet the commander's intention to "excel in service to our members."

NCR REGION CHAPLAIN CORPS STAFF COLLEGE OF PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT 2019



Attendees

Back row (l to r): Ch. (Lt. Col.) Don Mikitta (NCR), Ch. (Col) David Van Horn (MO Wing), Ch. (Capt.) Mark Bradshaw (MO Wing), Ch. 2nd Lt, Kevin Wallace (MO Wing), Ch. (Capt.) Roger Gillming (NE Wing), Lt. Col. Jeffrey Michalski (CDI, NE Wing), Ch. (Maj.) Mark Wilkinson (MO Wing), Ch., (Lt. Col.) Eugene Abrams (NCR), Ch., Lt. Col.) James Sickmeyer (NHQ), Ch. (Capt.) Terry McIlvain (KS Wing), Ch. (Capt.) David Knight (MT Wing), 1st Lt Tommy Hiebert (CDI, MN Wing), Ch. (Capt.) Clarence Brammer (MO Wing), Ch. (Lt. Col.) Ken Van Loon (NCR), Ch. (Lt. Col.) Leonard Hale (MO Wing).

Front row (l to r): Ch. (Lt. Col.) Jeffrey Williams (RMR), (Lt. Col.) Anna Marie Bistodeau (CDI, NCR), 1st Lt Sylvia Small (CDI, SD Wing), Ch. (Maj.) Jill Holm (MN Wing), Ch. (Lt. Col.) Dan Hudson (NCR, (Director), Capt. John Reed (CDI, MN Wing).

The North Central Region (NCR) Chaplain Corps Staff College of Professional Development 2019 of the Civil Air Patrol (CAP) was directed by Chaplain (Lt. Col) Dan Hudson, 22-25 April 2019 at the Columban Fathers Retreat Center, Bellevue NE. The NCR Chaplain (Lt. Col) Don Mikitta hosted the college, while Chaplain (Lt. Col.) Eugene Abrams served as Staff Chaplain. CAP Chief of Chaplains Chaplain (Col.) Charles Sattgast, Chaplain (Lt. Col.) Marcus Taylor, Chaplain (Col.) David Van Horn (MO 117), & former Deputy CAP Chief of Chaplains, Personnel, (Lt. Col.) Ron Tottingham joined in the event. SMSgt Rickey Franz briefed for the NCR Commander.

8 chaplains and 5 character development instructors attended class at Columban Fathers Retreat Center, Bellevue, NE to be trained in the new standard for the Chaplain Support Team. We were joined by 3 chaplains and 1 CDI for the second series of classes. Classes were 22-25 April 2019. The staff college was assisted by 5 Mission Chaplain-CAP Support rated chaplains and we accomplished lessons 1- Overview as a reviewal, Suicide Awareness with Chaplain (Lt. Col.) James Sickmeyer, a Table Top Exercise, and a Video Table Top Exercise with 18 other FEMA exercise sites led by Chaplain (Lt. Col.) Marcus Taylor.

Additional training included Aerospace Education led by Lt. Col. Donald Hahn, preview of FEMA IS-505, Religious and Cultural Literacy and Competency by Chaplain (Lt. Col.) Jill Holm. Chief of Chaplains (Col.) Charlie Sattgast and SMSgt Rickey Franz briefed on their areas of expertise, Chaplain (Lt. Col.) Don Mikitta briefed on the Cadet Program.

The graduation banquet was held at the Papillion (NE) Latter Day Saint Stake Center. The Banquet speaker was Chaplain Sattgast, the Cadet Color Guard was from the Gen. Curtis Lemay Composite Squadron. Graduates received certificates of attendance, one student graduated and Staff College Staff received certificates for their support. The 2020 event is scheduled 20-23 April.

2019 NORTHEAST REGION CHAPLAIN CORPS STAFF COLLEGE

Reported by Chaplain (Lt. Col.) Adma Ross, Director
Photo credits: Chaplain (Capt.) Jacob Hill



Attendees

Back row (l to r): 2nd Lt. Susan Davis (CDI), Ch. (Capt.) Jacob Hill, Ch. (Capt.) Gary Akins, Ch. (Capt.) John Capen, Ch. (Lt. Col.) Barry Baron, Ch. (Capt.) John Muniz, Ch. (Capt.) William Killeen, Lt. Col. Ronald Rudolph (CDI), Capt. Barry Gore (CDI).

Front row: Ch. (Maj.) Paul Majkut (Army Reserves), Ch. Peter Preble, Ch., (Capt.) William Killeen, Ch. (Capt.) Mark Shulman, Ch. (Col.) Kevin Cavanaugh (ANG), Ch. (Lt. Col.) Adma Ross, Ch. (Capt.) Larry Johnson, Ch. (Capt.) James Law, Ch. (Lt. Col.) Dennis Mercieri, Lt. Col. David Hernandez (CDI), Lt. Col. Jeffrey Travers (CT Wing), Ch. (Lt. Col.) Sergio Freeman.

Not in photo: Ch. (Lt. Col.) Eric Wismar, Col. James Ridley (CT Wing Commander)

The 2019 **Northeast Region Chaplain Corps Staff College** was held Monday, 1 April through Friday, 5 April at the CT Army National Guard Regional Training Institute at Niantic, CT. Chaplain (Lt. Col.) Tim Miner provided the featured instruction for the college, a series of topics that included the development of the Flight Time 2.0 in partnership with the USAF Academy, the Spiritual Resilience and the Pillars of Wellness Initiatives, and CAP's Social Media program.



Camp Niantic National Guard Regional Training Institute

Active duty Chaplain (Maj.) Paul Majkut spoke of his assignment as Family Life Chaplain at the US Army Reserve Command at Fort Belvoir, Virginia. Majkut credited his beginnings as a CAP cadet in the CT Wing Royal Charter Squadron. He has returned to the squadron with his son, now a CAP cadet. Lt. Col. Eric Wismar, Chaplain for the CT 103rd Airlift Wing ANG and the CAP Stratford Eagles squadron updated attendees on the support that he and chaplains and CDI attendees of the 2018 NER-CCSC provided to the families of deceased and injured cadets from the Stratford squadron following a fatal auto accident that occurred during the week of the 2018 college.

Chaplain, Lt. Col. Barry Baron, recently retired US Army Chaplain (Col.), provided a review of his active service as Religious Affairs Expert in the Army's Office of the Chief of Chaplains. Baron addressed college as well on "Effective Multi-Faith and No-Faith Chaplaincy." Other notable presenters included Col. Bryan Cooper (NER CDI) on "Relating to Cadets Using Aerospace Tools," Lt. Col. David Hernandez on "Customs and Courtesies," Chaplain (Capt.) Larry Johnson on "Grief Counseling" by Chaplain (Capt.) Larry Johnson, and Lt. Col. Steve Rocketto (CT Wing Aerospace Officer) on "Earning the Yeager Award."



Attendees enjoyed flying their model aircraft during the session "Relating to Cadets Using Aerospace Tools."



Chaplain Law walking the Labyrinth

We held morning interfaith devotions. Additional evening sessions provided spiritual enrichment. In anticipation of Yom HaShoah, Holocaust Remembrance Day (May 2), attendees viewed one survivor's story in a film selected by Capt. Barry Gore. The following evening we participated in a Labyrinth walk using a set furnished by Chaplain Larry Johnson.

Lt. Col. Rocketto reviewed the history of the development of the helicopter, from Igor Sikorsky (who began his work during the time of Tsarist Russia) to the present. Attendees then travelled to Groton, CT to visit the operations of the 1099th National Guard Theater Aviation Sustainment Group (TASMG). The TASMG staff extended us a warm welcome and led us in a tour of the facility's operations for maintaining, repairing, and modifying US Military Black Hawk helicopters and other aircraft. On their return to Niantic, attendees toured the chapel at the US Coast Guard Academy located in nearby New London.



Photo op for college attendees in front of a TASMG Black Hawk helicopter



The TASMG staff demonstrated the model for the propulsion of the Black Hawk helicopter.

Chaplain (Lt. Col.) Sergio Freeman (Deputy Chief of the Chaplain Corps, Personnel) spent the week with us providing support and fellowship. In a series of sessions he provided an overview of the work of the Corps and the current status of its program initiatives. Freeman officiated at the banquet held at Nett Hall on the Niantic base, presenting the Invocation, Attendee Awards, Closing Remarks and the Blessing. State Chaplain of the CT National Guard (Col.) Kevin Cavanaugh delivered the keynote address.

PACIFIC COAST REGION CHAPLAIN CORPS STAFF COLLEGE

Fairchild AFB, April 08-11 2019

Reported by 2ndLt Shirliann Cook, PCR-CCSC PAO
Region Chaplain Lt. Col. Richard Nelson, Director



Run by a group of dedicated volunteers and hosted by Spokane Composite Squadron, Fairchild AFB in Spokane, Washington, this year's Pacific Coast Region Chaplain Staff College was an immense success.

The college promised to be an amazing opportunity for growth. Our 26 Chaplains, Character Development Specialists, guests and even a few surprise visitors attending were not disappointed! Upon our arrival on base, the staff was eager to assist, promoting the core values of the USAF from check-in to check-out. Billeting at the AFB Fairchild Inn was fabulous and the rooms were spacious with all the comforts of home.

Monday afternoon, as registration began, the room was filled with rejoicing as friends reunited with stories shared over coffee, snacks, hugs and laughter. Our first class began at 17:00 with a welcome and overview for the week. We were introduced to our Liaison Member and Commander of the hosting squadron, Lt. Col. David Snyder. Other staff officers introduced included our national Chief of Chaplains (Colonel) Charlie Sattgast, Dean of the College Chaplain (Maj.) Michael Morrison, and Director Chaplain (Lt. Col.) Richard Nelson, as well as the many other staff members dedicated to creating a memorable experience. I [*Lt. Cook*] would like to extend a round of applause to Director of all things A/V, Chaplain (Lt. Col.) R. Harris. Without his dedication, equipment and servant heart none of the sound, PowerPoint presentations or productions prepared for classes would have been possible. We enjoyed a wonderful dinner prepared by Colonel Virginia Nelson, who also kept snacks, water and coffee on hand for the week. Chaplain Harris presented the closing session, Professional Development within CAP and the Chaplain Corps.

Tuesday morning devotions was well attended. Chaplain (Col) Ken Parris began the session with the National Anthem, uniform inspection, and instruction on proper customs and courtesies. Our safety officer Capt. David Nicholson followed with his daily safety briefing. Chaplain Sattgast shared with us the regulations and changes coming to the Chaplain Corps as well as a class on Training the Trainers, in which ideas were shared to improve upon our CDI lesson plans. Dinner and fellowship, hosted by the Fairchild AFB CAP Squadron, filled our spirits as well as our bellies.



Chief of Chaplains Charlie Sattgast in thought during the KC-135 orientation flight

Wednesday was an amazing time. We met on the flight line and prepared for our orientation flight for an orientation flight in the KC F-35. Flying to Northern California, we observed the refueling of 15 fighter jets and returned safely to Fairchild AFB. It was an experience that will forever be remembered and shared within our fellowship. What a day!!! After our lunch break we heard from Prof. Susan Rowe Morison on the difference between observation and interpretation. Senior Member Molly Hartel also presented ongoing skill development for personal, individual and unit, building upon the five pillars of wellness introduced to cadets in October 2018.

Thursday College Dean Morison reviewed an intriguing and humbling YouTube video on the Pledge of Allegiance by the late comedian Red Skelton. We also had several Chaplain and CDS presentations that provided suggestions for ways to present the CDS lesson plans employing our phase 3 cadets as much as possible.

The week was an amazing experience, enjoyed greatly by all who attended. If you have been considering attending Regional Chaplain Staff College I highly recommend that you plan to attend next year. Many thanks to all who planned this experience for Regional Chaplain Staff College 2019! Watching the jets soar was inspiring, exhilarating and calming all at once. It was truly an honor to

observe the flight crew at work fueling as well as the power and skill of the F15s as the Pilots made contact with the boom. As we witnessed the precision and excellence of the crew of the KC-135 during the refueling mission, our pride in our heritage was renewed'



Attendees

Back row (l to r): Ch. (Maj.) Michael Morison, Ch. (Lt. Col) Robert Harris, Ch. (Maj.) Andre Martin, Ch. (Lt. Col.) Richard Nelson, Maj. Jon Domke, 2nd Lt. Katherine Baran, Ch. (Col.) Charlie Sattgast, Ch. (Col.) Kenneth Parris, Capt. David Nicholson, Ch. (Capt.) David Knight, 2nd Lt. Wes Freman, Ch. (Lt. Col.) David Franklin, 1st Lt. Matthew Saak, Ch. (Lt. Col.) Robert Ledden, Ch. (Lt. Col.) Gary Dickey, 2nd Lt. Shirliann Cook, 2nd Lt. Ronald McCall II, Ch. (1st Lt.) Dolores Ellior, Lt. Col. David Snyder, SM Molly Hartel, Ch. (Maj.) John Southwick, Ch. (Maj.) Paul Vance, Lt. Col. Gerald Pryor, Missing from photo: Col. Virginia Nelson, Lt. Col. Patricia Okawa, Lt. Col. Randi Potter.

INTERFAITH CALENDAR

May-August 2019

May 2019

- 2 Yom Hashoah* – Jewish
- 2 Ridvan ends
- 2 *National Day of Prayer*
- 6 Ramadan begins* – Islam
- 9 Yom Ha'Atsmaut – Jewish
- 18 *Armed Forces Day*
- 20 Pentecost – Christian
- 23 Lag B'Omer* – Jewish
- 22 Declaration of the Bab – Baha'i
- 29 Ascension of the Baha'u'llah* – Baha'i
- 30 Ascension of the Lord – Christian

June 2019

- 1 Lailat al Qadr* – Islam
- 4 Ramadan ends – Islam
- 5 Eid al Fitr* – Islam
- 6 Ascension – Orthodox Christian
- 9-10 Shavuot – Jewish
- 9 Pentecost – Christian
- 16 Martyrdom of the Guru Arjan – Sikh
- 16 Pentecost – Orthodox Christian

July 2019

- 4 *Independence Day*
- 9 Martyrdom of the Bab – Baha'i
- 24 Pioneer Day – Mormon

August 2019

- 6 Transfiguration of the Lord – Eastern Orthodox Christian
- 10-11 Tisha B'Av* – Jewish
- 10-11 Eid al Adha* – Islam
- 10 Waqf al Hajj begins* – Islam
- 15 Assumption/Dormition of the Theotokos – Christian
- 18 *Air Force Birthday*

Minor Jewish holidays recommended by Chaplain Aharon Cohn:

May 8 Yom HaZikaron May 19 Pesach Sheni June 2 Yom
Yerushamayim July 21 Tzom Tammuz August 8 Tu B'Av

See: <https://www.hebcal.com/holidays/>

* Holy days generally begin the previous sundown. 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 "TOOL BOX"

Chaplain Corps Internal Facebook Page (Closed Group)

https://www.facebook.com/groups/16639568303/?notif_t=group_r2j

The Chaplain Corps National HQ Site

CD lessons, past Transmitter issues, and other resources

<https://capchaplain.com/>

Chaplain Corps Blog

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

The Chaplain Corps on Twitter

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

CAP Five Pillars of Wellness and Resilience

<https://capchaplain.com/resources/wellness/>

CAP Mission Chaplain Training Program

<https://capchaplain.com/mission-chaplain-program/>

CAP Chaplain Corps and Air Force Chaplain Corps Book of Prayer

https://www.gocivilairpatrol.com/media/cms/BookOfPrayers_093F10A091CAE.pdf

CAP Picture Sharing (Flickr has been acquired by SmugMug)

<https://civilairpatrol.smugmug.com/>

Link to Values for Living 2.0 program

<https://www.gocivilairpatrol.com/programs/cadets/library/character>

Values for Living 2.0 Facilitator Training Course

<https://www.capnhq.gov/CAP.LMS.Web/Default.aspx>

CAP CISM Wellness and Resilience Training

<https://www.gocivilairpatrol.com/programs/emergency-services/critical-incident-stress-management-cism--resiliency>

CAPP 221 Chaplain Specialty Track

https://www.capmembers.com/media/cms/P221_F28D3A31A9924.pdf

CAPP 221A Technician Level

https://www.capmembers.com/media/cms/P221A_5FC4131B0F475.pdf

CAPP 221B Senior Level

https://www.capmembers.com/media/cms/P221B_C5812A0221682.pdf

CAPP 221C Master Level

https://www.capmembers.com/media/cms/P221C_4F00E2E614797.pdf

CAPP 225 CDI Specialty Track February 2016

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

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

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

Divinity School Multi-faith Calendar

Listing and commentary on key multi-faith religious holidays

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

Major and Minor Jewish Holidays

<https://www.hebcal.com/holidays/>

Armed Forces Chaplain Board (AFCB) List of Ecclesiastical Endorsers

Ecclesiastical endorsers meeting requirements for chaplain appointment under CAPR 265-1 § B.6.b

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

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

A starting point in evaluating programs and credentials

<http://ope.ed.gov/accreditation/Search.aspx>

