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AN UPDATE FOR THE NEW YEAR

From the Chief of the
CAP Chaplain Corps
Chaplain (Colonel) Charlie Sattgast

As we roll the new year I'd like to share some important updates on our chaplain and CDI programs.

The New Character Development Program

We had hoped to have the new Values For Living 2.0 Character Development curriculum available by the beginning of 2018, and I know many people are anxious for an update on the program. We have the first year's-worth of lessons through the final editing process, so that portion of the project is going well. The detail that has taken longer than anticipated is the instructor training that will be required for chaplains and CDIs who will present the new program. We are pleased that the Air Force Academy has agreed to produce our instructor video training module, but the wheels of progress have not moved as fast as we would have liked on the training module. This past week we were reassured that the Academy is intent on helping us with this important part of the new program, so our current aspirational release date for Values for Living 2.0 is mid-year. Please continue to use the current Values for Living material in the meantime and we will let you know as soon as the new program is live.

Mission Chaplain/Chaplain Support Specialist Program

The Mission Chaplain Program is in full swing with several training dates this coming year for the CAP Support rating, plus the new addition of the Disaster Support and Air Force Support ratings. (See page 5 for details on upcoming schools.) I'd like to express my thanks to Chaplains Taylor, Pugsley, and Williams for their work on these programs. We will be looking at ways to make these important areas of training available with the greatest efficiency and least out of pocket expense for you in the future.

Air Force Assigned Missions

One of the unique aspects of the CAP Chaplain Corps is that we are the most closely aligned with the Air Force of any mission within CAP because our chaplains can directly serve the military as fully functional military chaplains. The reality that goes along with that is the inevitable need for compliance with Air Force requirements. In the past few months we have been directed that all Air

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Force Assigned Missions for chaplains (AFAMs) must be processed through WMIRS so that our chaplains are covered under insurance and tort protection as they serve the military. We are figuring out how to respond to these new requirements and will be offering a pamphlet in the near future that addresses the process for Air Force Assigned Missions.

You Make Me Proud

In the wake of recent national-level incidents, including the most recent two school shootings, the CAP Chaplain Corps has been there to minister to those affected by tragedy. In a world where a lot is wrong, the men and women of CAP's Chaplain Corps continue to make a lot right by bringing hope and comfort, and investing in the lives of tomorrow's leaders. To each of you who give your time, treasure, and heart to the cadets and senior members of CAP, thank you. You make a real difference. It's a difference that has lasting value.



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- 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....



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Volunteer Service
Excellence
Respect

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Chief of Chaplains
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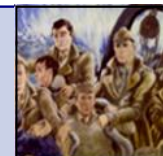
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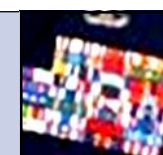
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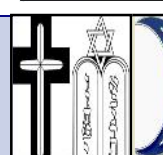
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UPCOMING EVENTS -- Mark Your Calendars!

2018 CHAPLAIN CORPS STAFF COLLEGES (CCSC)

NORTHEAST REGION April 9-13, 2018

Camp Niantic Regional Training Institute, CT Army National Guard, Niantic, CT

Director: Chaplain Adma Ross aross@hc.cap.gov

PACIFIC COAST REGION April 16-19, 2018

Camp Pendleton, CA

NORTH CENTRAL REGION April 23-26, 2018

Columban Fathers Retreat center, Bellevue, NE

Registrar: Chaplain Roger Gillming, pastorroger.gillming@gmail.com

JOINT MIDDLE EAST-SOUTHEAST REGIONS May 6-11, 2018

Location tentative, in the vicinity of Goldsboro, NC

Registrar: Chaplain Van Don Williams, vwilliams@hc.cap.gov, phone (347) 528-0080

GREAT LAKES REGION May 21-24, 2018*

Fort Custer CRTC, Battle Creek, MI

*rooms available Sun, May 20

ROCKY MOUNTAIN REGION June 25-28, 2018*

RMR-CCSC combined with Region Staff College & Cadet Leadership School

Rocky Mountain University at Air Force Academy Prep School, Colorado Springs, CO

* rooms available Sun, Jun 24

SOUTHWEST REGION TBA

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CAP National Conference
Anaheim, California

August 23-25, 2018

Chaplain Advisory Council 22 August
Preconference Workshops 21-22 August



CHAPLAIN CORPS EMERGENCY SERVICES SCHOOL (ChESS) TRAINING OPPORUNITIES

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

March 11-17, 2018 at Scott AFB, IL

contact Chaplain (Lt. Col.) Van Don Williams, ChESS Registrar
vwilliams@hc.cap.gov; phone (347) 528-0060
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ChESS AT NESAs

July 13-28

(including staff preparation & shutdown)

July 15-21 (travel days 15 & 21 July)

Mission Chaplain/Chaplain Support Specialist
(MC-CS/CSS-CS) CAP Support

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July 22-28 (travel days 22 & 28 July)

Advanced Training Track Disaster Support
(MC-DS & CSS-DS) Ratings

MC-CS/CSS-CS is a prerequisite to take advanced course

contact Chaplain (Lt. Col.) Van Don Williams, ChESS Registrar
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Advanced Mission Chaplain Training – AF Support

MC-AF (Chaplains Only)

November 2018, day & location TBD

Information Coming Soon

2017: THE YEAR IN REVIEW

JANUARY 2017

Train the Trainer Exercise

Held to qualify staff for the new Chaplain Corps Emergency Services School (ChESS) at NESAs in July

FEBRUARY & JUNE 2017

Character Development Initiative

February 2017 visit to USAF Academy Center for Character and Leadership Development
June CD Summit at Maxwell to plan reengineering of character development curriculum

March to JULY 2017

Region Chaplain Staff Colleges

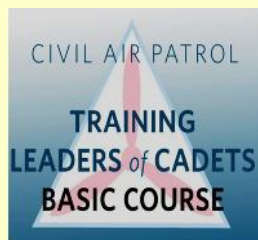
March: PCR
April: NCR/RMR; May: GLR
July: MER, NER, SER, SWR at NESAs

AUGUST 2017

CAP National Conference San Antonio



- * Investiture of Chief of Chaplains Charlie Sattgast
- * Prayer Breakfast with National Commander Smith
- * Workshops available online: Meet Chief of Chaplains; Mission Chaplain/Chaplain Support Specialist; IT Issues



SEPTEMBER 2017

Rocky Mountain Region Hosted First Online Training Leaders of Cadets

DECEMBER 2017

Wreaths Across America

at National Cemeteries and in veterans sections of local cemeteries across the nation



WE CAME A LONG WAY IN 2017!

COMING SOON IN 2018:

New Character Development Curriculum
Revised SQTR for Mission Chaplain & Chaplain Support Specialist (CSS)
Summer NESAs will Train Basic and Level II Mission Chaplains/CSS

CAP CHAPLAINS IN THE NEWS

Chaplain (Lt. Col.) Linda Pugsley, CAP
Named Grand Marshall in Florida
Veterans Day Parade

Civil Air Patrol Chaplain Linda Pugsley served as the Grand Marshall for her Tampa area community's November Veterans Parade. She also served as guest speaker at the memorial service following the parade.¹



Pugsley's passion for her work with veterans is well known and was featured in a June 26, 2017 CAP News article.²

"Linda Pugsley said she will be carrying the banner of all who served in the nation's military while serving as grand marshal in this weekend's Veterans Day Parade. But the chaplain/ lieutenant colonel will have a special affinity for Vietnam veterans, who she said got a rough homecoming when they returned from the war."

Her spoken memories of her Vietnam service are captured in a Ken Burns PBS documentary video.³

Pugsley joined the USAF Reserves at Hanscom AFB in 1967 and then volunteered for two tours as an Air Evacuation Flight Nurse in Vietnam. In 1978 she resigned her position as Flight Nurse with a rank of major to pursue a career in ministry. Ordained in 1989 at Great Hope Christian Fellowship Church, she still serves the church as Associate Pastor and has received a Doctor of Biblical Studies degree from Colorado Theological Seminary.

In 2003 Pugsley joined CAP and has served notably as Florida Wing Chaplain and currently as South East Region Chaplain. A mission chaplain, Pugsley has served ADY at MacDill AFB, as support for Hurricane Recon and other disasters, and currently as a key member of the ChESS (Chaplain Corps Emergency Service School) team.

Chaplain (Lt. Col.) David Bobbey, CAP
presented with
2017 Military Chaplains Association
Distinguished Service Award

Civil Air Patrol (CAP) Chaplain David Bobbey received a 2017 Military Chaplains Association Distinguished Service Award at a ceremony at the Association's National Institute held in Newport News, Virginia on 24 October 2017.



Bobbey currently serves as Deputy Chaplain for the Middle East Region.

His duty positions, after being commissioned as a CAP Chaplain in 2002, included service in the North Carolina Wing at the squadron and group levels and as the Wing Chaplain. A CAP mission chaplain, he provides chaplain support to Air Force service personnel and their families at Pope Air Force Base.

Bobbey began his career in military chaplaincy in 1969 as an Air Force Reserve Chaplain, followed by active duty service with the 101st Airborne during the Vietnam War. Retired in 1990, he continued to serve as a missionary with Cadence International's ministry to military personnel, serving in the Republic of Panama, then stateside at Fort Bragg and Pope AFB, and finally in 1997 as Cadence International's Eastern Regional Director.

To read more about Chaplain Bobbey and his award, visit Chaplain Tim Miner's recent post, "CAP Chaplain David Bobbey feted by Military Chaplains Association," on our website at: <https://capchaplain.com/>

Pugsley footnotes, continued from column 1

¹http://www.chronicleonline.com/news/local/so-many-wounded-and-so-much-work/article_b53f08e0-c366-11e7-9fa6-073f570a1510.html

²<https://www.wedu.org/linda-pugsleys-story/>

³<https://www.cap.news/cap-chaplain-served-two-tours-as-flight-nurse-during-vietnam-war/>

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WELCOME ABOARD!!!!

Chaplain and CDI Appointments

October – December 2017

CDI APPOINTMENTS

1st Lt. Cesar Alayon (SER/FLWG)
Capt. Corie Anderson (NCR/MNWG)
2nd Lt. Mike Bailado (RMR/COWG)
Maj. Ian Burkett (GLR/KYWG)
Maj. Karren Clonts (RMR/COWG)
2nd Lt. Philip Connor (NCR/MNWG)
2nd Lt. Shirliann Cook (PCR/ORWG)
2nd Lt. Phyllis Dixon (SWR/AZWG)
2nd Lt. Laurie Farrar (PCR/ORWG)
Lt. Col. Richard Ferguson (SWR/TXWG)
2nd Lt. Michael Freed (PCR/CAWG)
2nd Lt. Sherelyn Garland (GLR/MIWG)
1st Lt. John Harper (NCR/KSWG)
2nd Lt. Harold Helmboldt (GLR/MIWG)
Maj. William Hess (MER/NCWG)
Lt. Col. Michael Karabasz (SER/GAWG)
Maj. David King (PCR/WAWG)
2nd Lt. Teresa McNeil (RMR/COWG)
2nd Lt. John Minasian (NER/CTWG)
2nd Lt. Susan Napoli (PCR/NVWG)
2nd Lt. Edward Nickless (PCR/CAWG)
Lt. Col. LouAnn Maffei-Iwuc (NER/MAWG)
2nd Lt. Steven Ramirez (SWR/AZWG)
Capt. JeNeal Roland (SWR/TXWG)
Lt. Col. Joseph Stanford (RMR/COWG)
Capt. Jason Wilkinson (MER/NCWG)
1st Lt. Deborah Willetts (MER/NCWG)

CHAPLAIN APPOINTMENTS

Capt David Bowerman (MER/VAWG)
Capt. Robert Guilliams (NER/CTWG)
Capt. David Houser (NCR/MOWG)
Capt. William Killeen (NER/CTWG)
Capt. Michael Lipareli (NER/PAWG)
1st Lt. Jerome Lowe (SER/FLWG)
Capt. Adam Moser (SWR/TXWG)
Capt. Carlos Ortiz (GLR/KYWG)
Capt. Kenneth Oster (PCR/CAWG)
Col. Kenneth Parris (NHQ/NHQWG)
Capt. David Waffel (SER/MSWG)
Capt. Ronald Yarnell (NCR/IAWG)

NEW APPOINTMENTS

Congratulations

on the following recent appointments

Chaplain (Capt.) Rick Gabbitas
Utah Wing Chaplain

Chaplain (Capt.) Paul Reaves
Georgia Wing Chaplain

Chaplain (Lt. Col.) David Poland
Ohio Wing Chaplain

Chaplain (Capt.) Andy Martin
Oregon Wing Chaplain



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COMMANDERS PREACH THE CORE VALUES – GOOD COMMANDERS LIVE BY THEM



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 three Northeast Region Chaplain Colleges and is providing strong support for the 2018 college to be held 13-19 April in Niantic, CT.

Col. Ridley's previous article in The Transmitter, "The Value of Chaplains and CDIs at Cadet Encampment," appeared in the Winter 2017 issue.

One of the first lessons taught to new cadets are the CAP Core Values of **Integrity, Respect, Volunteer Service** and **Excellence** in all we do. They are expected to be adhered to and are reinforced continuously during a cadet and senior member's service. Commanders are no exception. Why should we expect our members to live by the core values if our commanders don't?

The CAP Core Values are similar to the Air Force's Core Values of **Integrity** First, Service Before Self, and **Excellence** in All We Do. In fact each of the branches of the U.S. military have a set of core values their soldiers, sailors, and guardsmen are expected to live by and all of them share commonalities. The U.S. Army's Core Values are Loyalty, Duty, **Respect**, Selfless Service, Honor, **Integrity** and Personal Courage. The U.S. Navy and Marine Corps share three core values, Honor, Courage and Commitment, which build the foundation of trust and leadership. Even the U.S. Coast Guard has their own set of Core Values – Honor, **Respect** and Duty. Looking deeply into each, **Respect** and **Integrity** are key, and these are attributes that we should expect from our leaders, our commanders.

A Personal Note

My own style of leadership and adherence to the core values came long before I even knew of them, in fact they developed over time and were born from several sources. The earliest recollection I have is the teachings of my parents and grandparents as a child. As a young-adult there were lessons I was taught in R.O.T.C. by Vietnam veteran officers and NCOs. Those lessons engrained in me as a member of the Pershing Rifles National Honor Society resonate and serve as the foundation for what I believe today

One of the first things we learned was the meaning behind the society's colors and its membership ribbon. The colors of the society were blue and white, blue represented loyalty, devotion, friendship and truth while white represented purity of heart. The membership ribbon was modeled after the U.S. Army's good conduct ribbon and consisted of six white stripes on a field of blue, each stripe represented something we were expected to live by. The stripes signified devotion to duty and country, bold true heart, readiness to meet any situation, leadership, military proficiency and scholarship, traits I have tried to live up to all these years later.



Pershing
Rifleman Colors

Living the Core Values Builds Trust - Servant Leadership

In March of 2009, retired Air Force General Stephen R. Lorenz, the former leader of the Air Education and Training Command, took a few minutes to discuss leadership during a visit to Columbus Air Force Base in Mississippi. During his speech, General Lorenz stated that he believes "all leadership, especially in the United States Air Force, is built on the core values of integrity, service and excellence." General Lorenz felt that the Air Force's strength lies with each Airman, officer and enlisted, in living by these values, "All leaders, if they follow

those values, should do one other thing – be themselves” he said, a sentiment echoed by our own CAP leadership.

CAP’s new National Commander, Maj Gen Mark Smith, promotes and believes in living by our core values. Since his first speech after assuming command this past summer, General Smith has spoken many times about professionalism and the core values. General Smith has stated that there are five pillars of professionalism with Safety and Compliance acting as the ‘book ends,’ the other elements being Aircrew Professionalism, Self-Improvement and Leadership Training and Education. He encourages all members to take these to heart, especially his commanders. These pillars could never be achieved without the core values and ethical behavior.

Commanders at all levels make decisions and choices every day, many affecting those we lead. Adherence to the core values helps them to make wise decisions. At the heart of these values is **respect**, but there is so much more that goes into earning **respect**. One of those is another core value, **integrity**. Before commanders or any in leadership positions can be respected they must conduct themselves in a professional, ethical manner. This begins by demonstrating their **respect** for others, especially those under their command.

Another way to gain **respect** is to lead by example, never asking those under your command to do something you yourself wouldn’t do, in other words practicing servant leadership. Once commanders achieve this they will be respected. Therein resides the pitfall. It takes time to develop **respect** and seconds to destroy it. People will follow you if they **respect** you. This leads to trust. Yet once a leader does something to damage that trust, losing their **respect** is not far behind.

An Illustration: Integrity

An experience I had in the 1990s while I was advising college R.O.T.C. students seeking entrance into the Pershing Rifles has stuck with me all these years. During a training exercise at Camp Smith in New York, two trainees, Randy and Ben were tasked to act on their honor and take turns carrying each other out of the woods. They were told no Riflemen would be watching them. They were on their honor to follow the directions of the exercise. Half way through Randy, feeling tired, suggested they should walk most of the rest of the way and resume carrying each other when they came near the end of the trail. His teammate, Ben, said “No.” When Randy asked him why not, no one would know, Ben simply said “I would know.” Ben was 19 and tragically lost his life in an Army Ranger training accident two years later, but on that day Ben taught Randy about integrity. This story has been told to a new group of trainees every year since. The lesson was never lost on me either. Whenever I think of integrity I think of this young man. As a Riflemen myself I would never want to shame his memory by not embracing this important core value, or any other for that matter.

While it is impossible to achieve perfection, adhering to the core value of **excellence** in all we do is a goal each commander should set. When a commander demonstrates this, their members will notice. Hopefully they will try to emulate it and be as good a volunteer as their commander is. There are those who believe that as individuals climb the corporate ladder they can put in less time than those on the lower rungs. This is not so. Good commanders put more time and more dedication into their units and its members than others do. They set the example and live what they preach. Good leaders are not only responsible, They hold themselves accountable to the organization and to their subordinates, for that is who they are serving and the CAP core values are at the heart of that accountability. Maj. Gen. Smith includes the core values in his Command Philosophy. He states in that philosophy that “Our high ethical standards set us apart from other organizations and garners trust from those whom we interact,” adding that “every member of the Civil Air Patrol must embrace our core values and put them to practice continuously.”

Conclusion

The core values are not merely pretty words placed on a poster and hung for all to see. If our leaders live by them, demonstrate them and preach them then they, our commanders, will be our posters. It is easy to preach, but it is an entirely different matter altogether to demonstrate these values. Yet, good commanders do just that, and daily. They have earned their subordinate members’ respect and trust. They set the example for others to follow, and they will be remembered for it. This is the legacy we should all look to achieve.

THE STORY OF THE FOUR CHAPLAINS

Four Chaplains Sunday will be observed on 4 February in 2018



Information gleaned from the
Four Chaplains Memorial Foundation website,
<http://www.fourchaplains.org/the-saga-of-the-four-chaplains/>

Submitted by Lt. Col. Karen Semple, CDI, Montana Wing

Editor's note: The painting on the left, by Nils Hogner, was completed in 1950 for the dedication of the Foundation of the Four Chaplains by President Harry S. Truman on Feb. 3, 1951. The original, almost 20 feet high, can be found at the Chapel of the Four Chaplains in Philadelphia.

On the evening of Feb. 2, 1943 the U.S.A.T. Dorchester was carrying 902 service men, merchant seamen and civilian workers from Newfoundland toward an American base in Greenland. Once a luxury coastal liner, the ship had been converted into an Army transport ship. The Dorchester, one of three ships in the SG-19 convoy, was moving steadily across the icy waters, escorted by Coast Guard Cutters (CGC) Tampa, Escanaba and Comanche.

Earlier in the day, the CGC Tampa had detected a submarine with its sonar. German U-boats were constantly prowling the sea lanes, and several ships had already been sunk. The Dorchester was only

150 miles from its destination; however, the captain ordered all men on board to sleep in their clothing and to keep life jackets on. Many soldiers sleeping deep in the ship's hold disregarded the order because of the engine's heat, while others ignored it because the life jackets were uncomfortable.

On Feb. 3, at 12:55 a.m., a German U-223 submarine approached the convoy on the surface, and fired a fan of three torpedoes. The Dorchester was struck by one on the starboard side amid ship, far below the water line. When the ship's Captain was alerted that the ship was taking water rapidly and sinking, he gave the order to abandon ship. In less than 20 minutes, the Dorchester slipped beneath the Atlantic's icy waters.

Tragically, the torpedo hit also knocked out power in addition to radio contact with the three escort ships. Fortunately, CGC Comanche saw the flash of the explosion. It responded and rescued 97 survivors. The CGC Escanaba also circled the Dorchester, rescuing an additional 132 survivors. The third cutter, CGC Tampa, continued on, escorting the remaining two ships.

The blast immediately killed scores of men and seriously wounded many more. Others, stunned by the explosion were left groping in the darkness. According to eyewitnesses, men jumped from the ship into lifeboats, overcrowding them to the point of capsizing. Rafts tossed into the Atlantic drifted away before soldiers could get into them. Also according to eyewitnesses, four Army chaplains were lights in the darkness who brought hope in the midst of chaos and despair. Those chaplains were: Lt. George L. Fox, Methodist; Lt. Alexander D. Goode, Jewish; Lt. John P. Washington, Roman Catholic; and Lt. Clark V. Poling, Dutch Reformed. Quickly and quietly, the four chaplains spread out among the soldiers where they worked to calm the frightened, guide the disoriented toward safety and tend the wounded.

"Witnesses of that terrible night remember hearing the four men offer prayers for the dying and encouragement for those who would live," said Wyatt R. Fox, son of Reverend Fox. One witness, Private William B. Bednar, found himself floating in oil-smearred water surrounded by dead bodies and debris. "I could hear men crying, pleading, praying," Bednar recalls. "I could also hear the chaplains preaching courage. Their voices were the only thing that kept me going." Another sailor, Petty Officer John J. Mahoney, tried to re-enter his cabin but Rabbi Goode stopped him. Mahoney, concerned about the cold Arctic air, explained he had forgotten his gloves. "Never

mind,” Goode responded. “I have two pair.” The rabbi then gave the petty officer his own gloves. In retrospect, Mahoney realized Rabbi Goode wasn’t conveniently carrying two pair of gloves, and that the rabbi had already decided not to leave the Dorchester.

By this time, most of the men were topside, where the chaplains opened a storage locker and began distributing life jackets. It was then that Engineer Grady Clark witnessed an astonishing sight. When there were no more lifejackets in the storage room, the chaplains removed theirs and gave them to four frightened young men. “It was the finest thing I have seen or hope to see this side of heaven,” said John Ladd, another survivor who saw the chaplains’ selfless act. When giving away their life jackets, Rabbi Goode didn’t call out for a Jew; Father Washington didn’t call out for a Catholic; nor did Reverends Fox and Poling call out for a Protestant. They simply gave their life jackets to the next man in line. As the ship sank, survivors in nearby rafts saw the four chaplains with arms linked and braced against the slanting deck. Their voices could also be heard offering prayers.

Of the 902 men aboard the U.S.A.T. Dorchester, 672 died, leaving only 230 survivors. When the news reached American shores, the nation was stunned by the magnitude of the tragedy and the heroic conduct of the four chaplains. That night Reverend Fox, Rabbi Goode, Reverend Poling and Father Washington became an enduring example of extraordinary courage, faith and selflessness.

On December 19, 1944, the Distinguished Service Cross and Purple Heart were awarded posthumously to the Four Chaplains’ next of kin. A one-time-only posthumous Special Medal for Heroism was authorized by Congress and awarded to next of kin by President Eisenhower on January 18, 1961. Congress attempted to confer the Medal of Honor but was blocked by the stringent requirements that required heroism performed under fire. The special medal was intended to have the same weight and importance as the Medal of Honor.

In 1988, February 3 was established by a unanimous act of Congress as an annual "Four Chaplains Day." February 3, 2018 marks the 75th Anniversary of the sinking of the Dorchester.

From the Four Chaplains website: “We may never be asked to give up our own life jacket to save another person, but the story of the Four Chaplains can inspire us to reach out a helping hand in a time of need.”

American Legion posts throughout the nation hold memorial services the first weekend of February to remember the Four Chaplains. From personal experience, I know they would welcome your participation in the service. I encourage you to reach out to a local American Legion post in your area, or perhaps travel to a city that is holding a Four Chaplains Memorial Service so you can see what it’s all about. It is a very moving experience. – by Lt. Col. Karen Semple

The Chapel of the Four Chaplains, graciously permitting us to display their painting, adds the following:

The legacy of The Four Chaplains is coordinated at The Chapel of Four Chaplains located at the Navy Yard in Philadelphia, through their Four Programs for Four Chaplains:

1. The Legion of Honor which recognizes ordinary people who do extraordinary things. To honor the legacy of the Four Chaplains, this program recognizes selfless service in many, many forms throughout our communities, schools, veteran service organizations and neighborhoods. This programs recognizes the many veterans who are performing selfless acts for many of our wounded and disabled veterans. We are averaging over 400 Legion of Honor inductees internationally on an annual basis.
2. The Annual Scholarship program for children from 5th grade through high school. This is a competitive nationwide scholarship program which awards over \$5000 per year to students who write an essay, art work, or You Tube Video on the theme of selfless service.
3. Our veterans outreach program which takes care of military veterans who are seeking a chaplain, or a burial honor guard, or VA benefits, or who are struggling with service related injuries that result in substance abuse, PTS, homelessness, joblessness and suicidal ideation. This includes the conducting of symposiums on the opioid epidemic and the veteran suicide epidemic. This has been a huge area of growth for us in recent years.
4. Our Emergency Chaplain and First Responder Chaplain program which has a cadre of Chaplains available through our network to respond to natural disasters and emergencies as these occur throughout the nation. The Four Chaplains Foundation also sponsors professional training for First Responder Chaplains and for Medical Mental Health professionals.

The Chapel will commemorate the 75th Anniversary with the 50th Annual Banquet, this year on February 8, 2018 at the Sheraton Society Hill in Philadelphia. For more information on the work of The Chapel please call [215-218-1043](tel:215-218-1043) or visit www.fourchaplains.org.

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.



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Lt. Col. Joseph J. Stanford – COWG



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MINOR JEWISH HOLIDAYS

From a Jewish Perspective



Contributed by
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Tu b'Shevat

As we enter the civil New Year 2018, the first minor Jewish holiday on the horizon is Tu b'Shevat – the fifteenth of the Hebrew month Shevat.

“When you come to the land and you plant any tree, you shall treat its fruit as forbidden; for three years it will be forbidden and not eaten. In the fourth year, all of its fruit shall be sanctified to praise the Lord. In the fifth year, you may eat its fruit.” Leviticus 19:23-25

Our sages determined when the counting for those years should begin. With the re-establishment of the Jewish State of Israel, Tu b'Shevat has become an Israeli Arbor Day – when trees are planted with gusto throughout the country. In the late 16th century, Jewish mystics developed the custom to have a seder (meal with an order), featuring foods from the seven species described in the Bible as being abundant in the land of Israel. These are: wheat, barley, grapes, figs, pomegranates, olives and dates. (Deuteronomy 8:8) Aish.com has a traditional text for this kind of a seder, in case you're interested in exploring it.

The evening of Tuesday, 30 January 2018 is the when the next Tu b'Shevat begins.

Purim

Purim is celebrated on the 14th of the Hebrew month Adar (“Be Happy! It’s Adar!” This year, Purim begins at sundown on 28 Feb).

“And Mordechai wrote these things, and sent letters to all the Jews who were in all the provinces of the king Achashverosh, both near and far, to enjoin upon that that they should keep the fourteenth day of the month Adar, and the fifteenth day of the same, year by year, as the days on which the Jews rested from their enemies, and the month which was turned to them from sorrow to joy, and from mourning to holiday; that they should make them days of feasting and joy, and of sending choice portions to one another, and gifts to the poor.” Esther 9:20-22

To make a long story short, I'll quote a Jewish saying: “They tried to kill us; we won; let's eat!” The story in the Book of Esther is the central focus of this holiday as its primary observance is to hear the reading of the entire Book of Esther, commonly known as The Megillah (which means scroll – there are other scrolls; however, when we refer to The Megillah, this is the one we're referring to.) It's customary during the reading to boo, hiss, stamp feet (with Haman's name written on the soles of the shoes) and rattle noisemakers whenever the name of Haman, the villain of the story, is mentioned. The purpose of this custom is to “blot out the name of Haman.” (A rabbinic command.) Kids love it!

In observance of the scripture cited above, we also send gifts of food or drink to friends, neighbors, the elderly and make donations to charity. A common treat among Ashkenazic Jews (those from Eastern Europe) is hamantaschen, (hah-mahn-tash'-en) triangular, fruit-filled cookies. There are lots of recipes online.

To further fulfill Mordechai's instruction to feast, we have a custom to hold festive celebrations on Purim which also involves dressing in costume. This is because God is not a central character blatantly present in

the Book of Esther; it was through His Providence, behind the scenes, the Jews were saved. Because He was hidden, working in the background, the custom evolved to also somewhat conceal our own identity as we celebrate. When my son was younger, he delighted in dressing as Mordechai, the good guy, complete with wearing a burlap (sackcloth) tied with rope at the waist and putting ashes on himself. The girls were all about being miniature versions of Queen Esther. These days, Purim parties can be themed ranging from carnival themes, Jungle themes, Far Eastern themes, to baseball themes – limited only by the imagination of the organizers – and participants come dressed in appropriately-themed costumes; however, one can often still find young Queen Esthers and Mordechais in the crowd.

Two days of Purim are celebrated in walled cities, while one day is celebrated everywhere else. The second day is called Shushan Purim, in reference to the walled city of Shushan where the Royal Family (and the evil Haman) resided, as per Queen Esther's request to the King to ferret out any who still intended evil against the Jews. (To get the full story on that, see Esther 8 – 9:19). Since there are no walled cities in the United States, we only celebrate one day of Purim.

In 2018, Purim begins at sundown on 28 February, with the reading of The Megillah.

May you be well.

Editor's Note:

Jewish Holiday, Lt. Col. Karen Semple completes a yearlong cycle of articles on Jewish holidays. Future quarterly issues of the Transmitter will include links to past articles by CDI Semple that are appropriate to the season.

As a postscript to Lt. Col. Semple's Fall article covering Channukah, see her participating with her congregation in a Chanukah Candlelight service at the Montana State Capitol:

<http://www.ktvh.com/2017/12/hanukkah-celebrated-at-montana>

In 2018, Passover will be observed from 29 March to 7 April. The link to Lt. Col. Semple's 2017 Passover article can be found at: http://capchaplain.com/downloads/Transmitter_Spring_2017.pdf

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CAP CHAPLAINS CITED BY FEMA



In a Letter of Commendation addressed in November 2017 to Civil Air Patrol Commander Major General Mark Smith, FEMA cited the work of CAP Chaplains in support of FEMA staff during the 2017 Hurricane Season. In this letter, officials from FEMA's Individual Assistance Division affirmed:

We appreciate the effort of Chaplain Timothy Miner, who took the lead in organizing the chaplains from the Civil Air Patrol, the Fairfax County Community Chaplain Corps, and the Salvation Army. The CAP Chaplaincy supported our operations 24 hours a day, from September 5-13, 2017, as part of the FEMA Chaplaincy test program. We are grateful for your time and the emotional and spiritual support to FEMA staff as we supported survivors in the response and recovery process.

Details of this CAP support effort were reported in the Fall 2017 issue of The Transmitter.¹ CAP chaplains specifically noted there included Chaplains (Lt. Col.) Michael Strickland, National Capital Wing Chaplain; (Lt. Col.) Timothy Miner, Virginia Wing (VAWG) Chaplain; (Maj.) Reggie Burgess (VAWG); (Capt.) Madelyn Campbell (VAWG); (Lt. Col.) Edco Bailey (MDWG Chaplain); (Lt. Col.) Richard Bower (MDWG); and (Maj.) James Moser (VAWG).

¹<https://capchaplain.com/transmitter-newsletter/>

MESSIAH IN THE PASSOVER

Passover from the Perspective of Messianic Judaism



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Editor's Note

This article on the Passover by Messianic Jewish Rabbi Mark Shulman is part of a series of articles published in the Transmitter to provide insight into the holidays listed in our religious calendar and the diverse faiths they represent. We thank Rabbi Shulman for his testimony and welcome his ministry.

Being raised in a traditional modern orthodox Jewish family, Pesach – Passover was (and is) a key part of my expression of faith and of hope. As a Messianic Jewish Rabbi for 12 years I had to re-evaluate my understanding of the Torah-Holy Scriptures. The Passover and Feast of Unleavened bread being the first two Spring Feasts of the bible, how do they fit with Faith in the Messiah Yeshua/Jesus?

To clarify, the Messianic Jewish faith is the belief that Jesus/Yeshua (His name means salvation) is the promised Messiah of the Tanach-Hebrew scriptures. If that is true, then how do we understand God and His appointed times through Him?

The scriptures command us to remember and celebrate God's mercy in delivering the Israelites out of Egypt.

"You shall also observe the Feast of Unleavened Bread, for on this very day I brought your hosts out of the land of Egypt; therefore you shall observe this day throughout your generations as a permanent ordinance. In the first month, on the fourteenth day of the month, at evening, you shall eat unleavened bread until the twenty-first day of the month at evening" (Exodus 12:17-18 NASB).

This can be a celebration for not only Jews, but for all that walk-in faith, as it has always been. Not only did the Jewish people leave Egypt, but all that were faithful to the instructions of the Passover Lamb slaughtered. The book of Numbers 9:14 says:

"If a foreigner is staying with you and wants to observe Pesach for the Lord, he is to do it according to the regulations and rules of Pesach - you are to have the same law for the foreigner as for the citizen of the land." (CJB)

The Exodus is a Shadow of the greater deliverance that was to come in the form of the Messiah. It is the Messiah through His promised sacrifice that will not only deliver man from physical bondage but spiritual bondage. The Exodus from Egypt by the faithful was and is a down payment of what was to be future deliverance in greater measure. It is no coincidence Jesus/Yeshua chose Passover to reveal His intentions.

"Now the Judean festival of Pesach was coming up; ... It was just before the festival of Pesach, and Yeshua knew that the time had come for him to pass from this world to the Father. Having loved his own people in the world, he loved them to the end." (John 6:4 & 13:1 CJB)

The Messiah is the Passover Lamb, dying for the sins of all who will recognize Him as the redeemer of sin and the answer to death being defeated. For a believer in the Messiah today, the Seder is the setting for the beginning of our victory over sin, death, and the Adversary. It says in Revelation 12 verse 11; *"They defeated him because of the Lamb's blood and because of the message of their witness..."* This verse, and others like it, affirm what Yeshua (Jesus) promised in the Seder and accomplished by His sacrificial death on the tree, that we can celebrate new life!

What does the New Covenant, the Apostolic Writings say about Jesus's/Yeshua's relationship with the Passover? The book of Hebrews says: *"By trusting, He (Jesus) obeyed the requirements for the Pesach, including the smearing of the blood, so that the Destroyer of the firstborn would not touch the firstborn of Isra'el."* (11:28 CJB) I believe that the coming of the Messiah brings the Passover season to life for all trust in the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob! We no longer put blood on the doors of our homes or our gates. Yesua's (Jesus') blood atonement is the perfect, eternal offering. Now the whole world is invited to the Seder... the Seder of all Seders! Guess who's coming to the Seder? All that desire to come in faith of the Lord's wonderful plan... Amen

INTERFAITH CALENDAR

February 2018 – April 2018

February 2018

- 2 Presentation of Our Lord to the Temple – Eastern Orthodox Christian
Feast of the Presentation – Roman Catholic, Christian
- 4 Four Chaplains Sunday – Interfaith (See article on p. 14)
- 8 Nirvana Day – Buddhist
- 11 Transfiguration – Christian
- 11 Scout Sunday – Interfaith
- 12 Clean Monday – Eastern Orthodox
- 13 Shrove Tuesday – Christian
- 14 Ash Wednesday – Christian
- 14 Maha Shavaratri – Hindu*
- 15 Nirvana Day – Jain
- 16 Chinese New Year – Shinto, Daoist, Buddhist
- 26-28, 2 Feb Intercalary Days – Baha'i*
- 26 Transfiguration – Christian
- 27-4 April Great Lent– Eastern Orthodox
- 28 Shrove Tuesday – Christian

March 2018

- 1-20 Nineteen Day Fast – Baha'i
- 2-3 Holi – Hindu*
- 2-4 Hola Mohalla – Sikh
- 10 Purim – Jewish
- 17 St. Patrick's Day – Christian
- 21 Naw Ruz – Baha'i, Zoroastrian*
- 25 Palm Sunday – Protestant & Roman Catholic Christian
- 26 Ramanavami – Hindu
- 29 Maundy Thursday – Christian
- 29-7 Feb Passover – Jewish
- 30 Good Friday – Christian
- 25 Feast of the Annunciation – Christian
Annunciation of the Theotokos – Eastern Orthodox Christian

April 2018

- 1 Easter – Protestant & Roman Catholic Christian
- 1 Palm Sunday – Eastern Orthodox Christian
- 1 Native American Church Easter Prayer Meeting – Indigenous American
- 3 Mahavir Jayanti – Jain, Hindu*
- 6 Anniversary of the Founding – Church of Latter Day Saints
Holy Friday – Eastern Orthodox Christian
- 8 Easter – Eastern Orthodox Christian
- 11 Yom HaShoah – Jewish
- 12-13 Lailat al Miraj – Islam
- 14 Vaisakhi – Sikh, Hindu
- 18-19 Yom Ha'atsmaut – Jewish
- 20-2 May Ridvan Nowruz – Baha'i
- 28 Yom Ha'atsmaut – Jewish

* 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>.

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

Chaplain Corps Internal Facebook Page (Closed Group)

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

Chaplain Corps Blog

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

The Chaplain Corps on Twitter

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

The Chief of Chaplains on Twitter

<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 of 2018 Region Staff Colleges

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

Chaplain Corps Library Database

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

CAP Chaplain Corps and Air Force Chaplain Corps Books of Prayer

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

Chaplain Corps Flickr Picture Sharing

<https://www.flickr.com/photos/capchaplains/>

Spiritual Resiliency Database

<https://capchaplain.com/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 Master 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

Harvard 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>

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

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

