



# Transmitter

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## A MESSAGE

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

**Chaplain (Colonel) Linda Pugsley**

Team- We are diving quickly into a new year...again!

We have accomplished many things in our vibrant Chaplain Corps.

The changes to CAPR 80-1 are up for review; the CAPP 40-80 is almost ready to post; the online Chaplain Emergency Services School (ChESS) is rolling along; the use of the Chaplain Support Team (CST), consisting of at least one Chaplain and two or more CDIs/CSSs, is increasing in its usage and requests.

We are almost ready to initiate the monthly resilience review videos, in conjunction with the monthly safety briefing.

The collaboration of Health Services, Safety and the Chaplain Corps is ever on the increase to assure total care and safety for our members.

We now are able to help cover the college ROTC units and do funerals for the VA. The Auxiliary Chaplains College is going full steam ahead, with the first combined graduation class of the Active and Reserve Basic Chaplain Course and the CAP Chaplains this February at Maxwell AFB, AL.

So much by so few. You are each a treasure beyond measure. I am personally grateful for each and every one of you. Your servant hearts are sharing joy, encouragement, and comfort in all areas of CAP.

It's a big ask, but I encourage all of you to keep up your ministry of presence at the squadron meetings, SAREXs, DREXs, Cadet Activities of all types, but especially the Wing Encampments.

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I just finished doing Chaplain duties for the weeklong FLWG Winter Encampment. I had an awesome CST with me, including three CDIs (two CSS trained). We provided care to almost 400 members. 246 cadets were participating, and we were able to provide a Catholic Mass with 78 cadet attendees and a non-denominational Christian service with 147 cadets attending. The evening Reflections was a combination of some fun music, dancing, and leadership encouragement. We provided counsel to many hurting/homesick souls and only one had to leave, for a medical reason.

I am sure you all have similar stories and accounts. Serving, comforting, counseling...this is what we do. And this is what we need to continue to do...for God and country.

Happy New Year to you all. God is with us.

Ch, Col Linda J. Pugsley  
Chief of Chaplains

## Civil Air Patrol Celebrated Its 81<sup>st</sup> Birthday on December 1, 2022



<https://mobile.twitter.com/i/events/1467215662619627520>

The origins of Civil Air Patrol date to 1936, when Gill Robb Wilson, World War I aviator and New Jersey director of aeronautics, returned from Germany convinced of impending war. Wilson envisioned mobilizing America's civilian aviators for national defense, an idea shared by others.<sup>1</sup>

In 1941, Wilson, with New York Mayor Fiorello LaGuardia, publisher Thomas Beck, and newspaperman Guy Gannett proposed a Civilian Air Defense Services as a model for organizing the nation's civilian air resources. General Henry "Hap" Arnold, with a board of key military officers, reviewed the plan, and in November 1941 the Commerce, Navy, and War departments approved their proposal for a Civil Air Patrol. CAP national headquarters began operating on December 1 under the direction of National Commander Maj. Gen. John F. Curry. Gill Robb Wilson served as Civil Air Patrol's first executive officer and is regarded as the founder of CAP.

The Chaplain Corps Facebook page chose to celebrate CAP's birthday this year sharing a picture of the "Cathedral of the Air,"<sup>2</sup> located at the entrance of the Lakehurst Naval Station. See the story of Gill Robb Wilson's connection to the Cathedral on page 8 of this issue.

<sup>1</sup> <https://www.gocivilairpatrol.com/about/history-of-civil-air-patrol>

<sup>2</sup> [https://www.facebook.com/groups/16639568303/?notif\\_t=group\\_r2j](https://www.facebook.com/groups/16639568303/?notif_t=group_r2j)

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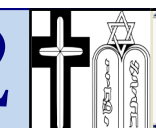
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## CIVIL AIR PATROL CHAPLAIN CORPS

### OUR IDENTITY....

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

### OUR VISION....

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

### OUR MISSION....

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

### OUR CORE VALUES....

- Integrity
- Volunteer Service
- Excellence
- Respect



# 2023 UPCOMING EVENTS

## CHAPLAIN CORPS EMERGENCY SERVICE SCHOOL (ChESS)

### 2023 Online/Virtual Basic ChESS (CAP Support)

Spring session 06-30 March 2023 M, T, & Th\* 1700-1900 CST

Mission Chaplain (MC-CS) & Chaplain Support Specialist (CSS-CS)

Fall Session October/November TBA

### ChESS at NESAs 2023

#### ADVANCED LEVEL TRAINING 18 June-July 1

Attendees may choose either Week 1 or Week 2 to train for the ratings of

Mission Chaplain-Disaster Support (MC-DS)

Chaplain Support Specialist-Support (MCC-DS)

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\*To register for the upcoming Spring session 06-30 March send the form below to Ch (Lt. Col.) Van Don Williams [vwilliams@hc.cap.gov](mailto:vwilliams@hc.cap.gov)

1. Name
2. Rank/Title
3. CAPID
4. Region/Unit Number
5. CAP email address  
(please be sure to contact Ch Tim Miner at [tminer@hc.cap.gov](mailto:tminer@hc.cap.gov) to obtain your Chaplain Corps email address)
6. Copy of CAP 101 Card
7. Cell phone number
8. Designation Status – (Chaplain or CDI)
9. Appointment Date to the CAP Chaplain Corps
10. Religious Preference
11. FEMA Student ID number (acquired when you do the FEMA prerequisites)

#### Prerequisites:

- Be a fully appointed CAP Chaplain or CDI
- Completion of Level 1, GES 116, ICUT, CAPT 117 (Levels 1, 2, & 3)
- Completion of the Chaplain/CDI CAP Specialty Track Technician Rating
- FEMA SID (Student ID Number) - To obtain this go to <https://cdp.dhs.gov/femasid/>
- FEMA Courses IS100 (ICS), IS200, IS 700 (NIMS)

## CHAPLAIN CORPS GOOGLE CALENDAR LINK

<https://calendar.google.com/calendar/u/o?cid=aGMuY2FwLmdvdl9zcGRkOGsxamt2ZTBubjcoTcyNTMya2FvMEBncm91cozC5jYWxlbmRhci5nb29nbGUuY29t>

## 2023 CHAPLAIN CORPS STAFF COLLEGES

### SOUTHWEST REGION

Mar 9-11, 2023 Little Rock, AR  
Contact SWR Chaplain (Lt. Col.) Smalley

### NORTHEAST REGION

April 23-27, 2023 Hancock ANG Base, Syracuse, NY  
Contact NER Deputy Chaplain (Maj.) Jacob Hill

### NORTH CENTRAL REGION

April 24-28, 2023 Columban Fathers Retreat Center, Bellevue, NE  
Contact NCR Chaplain (Lt. Col.) Donald Mikitta

### MID ATLANTIC REGION

May 15-18, 2023 Camp Dawson, WV  
Contact MAR Chaplain (Lt. Col.) Michael Strickland

### SOUTHEAST REGION

May 15-18, 2023 Location TBD  
Contact SER Chaplain (Lt. Col.) Van Don Williams

## 2023 ON-LINE TRAINING LEADERS OF CADETS (TLC)

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

First 2023 Date: April 15

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

Registration will open some weeks in advance of the April 15<sup>th</sup> session.

There are three modules to be completed in the old CAP eServices Learning Management System before the class. These modules can be found under Cadet Programs / TLC Basic in the LMS.



# Civil Air Patrol Chaplain Corps College 2023 Calendar



## FEBRUARY

Auxiliary Chaplain Class 4 & Graduation 1-3 Feb (at Maxwell AFB) Chaplain Tillery

## MARCH

Auxiliary Chaplain Class 1 06-20 March (Online) Chaplain Coles  
 Advanced Character Development 13-20 March (Online) Chaplain Jenney  
 First Quarter Graduation Ceremony 30 March (Online) Chaplain Reutemann

## APRIL

Auxiliary Chaplain Class 2 17 April-01 May (Online) Chaplain Coles

## MAY

Wing Chaplain Course 01-22 May (Online) Chaplain Miner

## JUNE

Flight Chaplain Course 05-26 June (Online) Chaplain Miner  
 Auxiliary Chaplain Course 3 05-26 June (Online) Chaplain Coles

## JULY

Region Chaplain Course 10-31 July (Online) Chaplain Miner

## AUGUST

CAP National Conference 17-19 August (Bellevue, WA) Chaplain Miner

## SEPTEMBER

Auxiliary Chaplain Class 1 11-25 September (Online) Chaplain Coles  
 Advanced Character Development 11 September-02 October (Online) Chaplain Jenney

## OCTOBER

Wing Chaplain Course 02-23 October (Online) Chaplain Miner  
 Auxiliary Chaplain Course Class 2 09-30 October (Online) Chaplain Coles

## NOVEMBER

Third Quarter Graduation Ceremony 13 November (Online) Chaplain Reutemann

## DECEMBER

No Classes

**NOTES: Virtual graduation ceremonies are conducted twice a year**

**CPE program schedule TBD**

# REGION CHAPLAIN MEETING WITH CHIEF OF CHAPLAINS

on December 12, 2022

At her December Zoom update meeting with region chaplains, Chief of Chaplains (Col.) Linda Pugsley announced upcoming changes and other matters requiring attention. In scheduling the Zoom call, Chaplain Corps XO Chaplain (Lt. Col.) Tim Miner previewed the issues on the agenda.

## NEW DRAFT OF CAPR-80-1 (NOV 2022)

**A new Draft of CAPR 80-1 is under review at NHQ, the most significant changes being:**

- \* **CAPCCARS (former Form 34) will be canceled.** Instead, regional chaplains and other leaders will gather statistics submitted via WMIRS and After Action Reports (AARs).
- \* Under the revisions, **CDI applications will no longer go through region.**
- \* Ethics statements will be moved from CAPP 40-80 to a training pamphlet.
- \* Ordination certificate will be removed as a chaplain application requirement.

## CHANGES TO CAPCARRS RECORD KEEPING.

Under the revised 80-1, statistics will be entered into WMIRS and AARs, no longer into CAPCARRS. (Until the change, continue your entries into CAPCARRS!) The Chaplain Corps has been using CAPCARRS data in its reports to CAP NHQ and the USAF. Our data input informs those up the chain of command about our activity and budgetary needs.

- a) **WMIRS** input is (*only*) for activities with approved mission numbers their activity, such as SAREXs, Area Command Exercises, and NHQ SITREP prayer coverage. (Compiled by Ch. Eno)
- b) Chaplains, CDIs, and CSSs will submit **AARs to cover other significant activities.** (Forward these AARs to your wing and region chaplains.)
- c) **The number of cadets who receive CD lessons**, as recorded in unit software (Lt. Col. Rodriguez will collect this data).

## ENCAMPMENTS.

Chief Pugsley noted that Encampments are vital to the Chaplain Corps ministry. Wing Chaplains must ensure coordinated Corps coverage by Chaplain Support Teams (Chaplain and CDI/CSS) for the entire length of the encampment. CDIs/CSSs need not submit AARs, which is the wing chaplain's responsibility.

## CHAPLAIN AND CDI APPLICATIONS ARE GOING ONLINE!

We are ready to go online. A new CDI application form is on the way with the changes. Chaplain Pugsley noted that mission data entry is always a priority for IT and commanders. Commanders have many signature requests, and many applications understandably seem to linger at the wing commander's desk. Wing chaplains need to remind them!

Online applications will simplify and speed up the application process. But to complete chaplain applications, candidates must still have transcripts and endorsements sent directly to Chaplain Corps administrator Kenya Bogans by the school/endorser.

## CDI APPLICATIONS UNDER THE REVISED CAPR 80-1 WILL BE HANDLED IN WING.

A new CDI application form is on the way with this change. Only the Squadron Commander and Wing Chaplain will need to sign CDI CAPP 80-2 applications. The region commander can note "N/A" and sign these forms if the squadron or wing commander is unavailable.



# CHAPLAIN CORPS IN THE NEWS

## Mid-Atlantic Bethesda-Chevy Chase Squadron Holds Holiday Open House

The Mid-Atlantic Region Chevy Chase Composite Squadron held its Open House and Holiday Party on December 1, 2022. Attendees learned about CAP and Chaplain (Capt). David Wong prepared a display of materials related to chaplaincy.



Wong opened the event with an invocation and provided facts and history of the three major holidays bracketed between December 18 (Hannukah) to January 7 (Eastern Christian Churches' Feast of the Nativity). With his wife (see photo), Wong decorated three "Photo Booths" featuring Kwanzaa, Hanukkah, and Christmas.

"Family is everything around the holiday season. All three celebrations have a time for feasting with family members. These and any other holidays are not about the gifts given or received. It's all about spending time with family," says Wong.



## Delaware Wing Character Development Instructor Represents CAP at Tuskegee Airman Program



Delaware Wing CDI and Director for Aerospace and Education Lt. Col. Jean-Marie Nixon represented CAP at the Friday, October 28<sup>th</sup> dedication of "Little Florence" in honor of the Late Tuskegee Airman and Red Tail pilot, Lt. Col. Leo Gray at Delaware Air Park in Cheswold, DE.

The Delaware State University Aviation Association (DSUAA) Florida "Sunshine" Alumni Chapter for the Delaware State University Aviation Program sponsored the event. Nixon met with DSUAA members Bishop Douglas Thomas, chapter President Arnold Nearn, and members of the local Women in Aviation Delaware Diamonds chapter.

Lt. Col. Nixon appears in the photo below with Bishop Thomas. She tells us that "Little Florence" has a red tail as well as a red nose.



# CHAPLAIN CORPS IN THE NEWS

## Civil Air Patrol Observes Four Chaplains Sunday February 3, 2023

The Four Chaplains were four United States Army chaplains who gave their lives to save other soldiers during World War II. The four chaplains were sailing on the USAT Dorchester troop transport on February 3, 1943, when a German submarine U-223 torpedoed the vessel. As the vessel sank, the four chaplains calmed the frightened soldiers and sailors, aided in the evacuation of the ship, and helped guide wounded men to safety. The chaplains also gave up their own life vests when the supply ran out.<sup>1</sup>

230 of the 902 men aboard the ship were rescued. On December 19, 1944, all four chaplains were posthumously awarded the Purple Heart and the Distinguished Service Cross. The Chaplain's Medal for Heroism was authorized in 1961 and presented by the President of the United States to the chaplains' families.

The Chaplain Corps Facebook page chose to celebrate CAP's birthday this year, sharing a picture (below) of the "Cathedral of the Air,"<sup>2</sup> located at the entrance of the Lakehurst Naval Station. The cathedral, built in 1932, was conceived by then Rev. Gill Rob Wilson and financed by the American Legion. Its stained glass windows depict the history of flight and memorials to the loss of naval airships.

One window<sup>3</sup> at the Cathedral of the Air (r.) features the Four Chaplains. It stands to the left in the Narthex as you enter. The upper portion portrays the four Chaplains: Clark V. Poling, Dutch Reformed; George L. Fox, Methodist; Father Johnny P. Washington, Roman Catholic; and Rabbi Alexander D. Goode, Jewish. The lower portion displays emblems of their faiths, joined in depicting their sacrifice: Crucifix and Rosary (Roman Catholic), Cross and Boat (Protestant), and Tablets of the Law (Jewish).



<sup>1</sup> Original article appeared in the Transmitter's Winter 2011 issue.

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<sup>3</sup> *The Stained Glass Windows of the Cathedral of the Air*, Naval Engineering Center, Lakehurst, NJ., Robert J Manning, 1991.

## MEET THE CHAPLAIN CORPS EXECUTIVE TEAM

### Chaplain (Lt. Col.) Gary Eno



**Chaplain (Lt. Col.) Gary Eno serves as the Civil Air Patrol Chaplain Corps Deputy to the Chief of Chaplains for Plans and Programs (HCX)**

Chaplain (Lt. Col.) Gary Eno [“Gary”] began working with the Civil Air Patrol (USAF Auxiliary) in October 2005, and he received his DoD endorsement as Chaplain in January 2006. During his first assignment with a Senior Flight, he learned the basics of Emergency Services, working with cadets, and the importance of Aerospace Education, the three Congressional mandated Domestic missions of CAP.

Eno moved to a Cadet Squadron in Dover, Ohio, serving as the squadron chaplain for the next three years. At Dover, he progressed in his Professional Development and Emergency Services training and was promoted to Major. While at Dover, he was named the next Ohio Wing Chaplain. Eno was promoted to Lt. Col. in that position, earning the Gil Robb Wilson Award, the Civil Air Patrol’s highest level of Professional Development. After several years as an Ohio Wing Chaplain, Eno was appointed the Great Lakes Region Chaplain and served there for three years. At both the Wing and Region levels, Gary earned Exceptional Service Awards.

In 2007 the local 220<sup>th</sup> Ohio Air National Guard Engineering Installation (E. I.) Squadron asked Eno to be their Chaplain, an Air Force Assigned Mission (AFAM) position. He continues to serve the 220<sup>th</sup> E.I. Squadron, ANG. Eno has also taught numerous CISM courses, CPR courses, First Aid courses, Suicide Prevention courses, and other professional development courses to help other CAP members progress in their training.

<sup>a</sup> Eno became a CNESS (Chaplains Emergency Services School) Instructor and participated in many mass casualty training exercises, notably three Patriot North exercises hosted by the Air Force. Additionally, Eno received training as a Mission Scanner, Search and Rescue Ground Team Leader, and Blue Beret, which comes with a pledge of honor and a leadership creed. On the last Patriot North Exercise, the Command team voted Chaplain Eno Outstanding Performer.

Chaplain Eno has participated in more than a few encampments, bivouacs, staff colleges, professional development weekends, NESAs (National Emergency Services Training Academy) training events, Wing and Region and National Conferences/meetings, and the occasional mission. He is currently working through some Chaplain training modules online with CAP University to be completed at Maxwell AFB. Gary also serves as the CAP representative on the Board of Directors of the Military Chaplains Association.

A Personal Note from Chaplain Eno:

“Civil Air Patrol has made me a better Chaplain, a better leader, and a better person. I have also gained many friendships along this journey which are dear to me, and from whom I have gained much knowledge and wisdom. I thank God for all of these amazing people and these rare opportunities. It is a joy to serve our Lord and an honor to serve the Civil Air Patrol in their Chaplain Corp.”

## CD MINIs

Series by Major Olga Simoncelli, CT Wing Master Level CDI

### MINI #1 TRY YOGA AND LIVE MORE ACTIVE, LONGER LIVES IN GOOD HEALTH.

Do you Downdog? It is a shortcut for asking if you've tried yoga. Yoga is an ancient Hindu system comprised of controlled breathing techniques, mild meditation, and the adoption of specific bodily poses. Yoga is generally practiced for health and relaxation. One of the major benefits is gaining greater flexibility with gentle stretching, as well as muscle tone when holding certain positions.

Many other positives are ascribed to the practice of yoga – freedom from pain, the ability to be more active, even longevity. **The reason Downdog is capitalized here is that it's an app, which happens to be free, and it's fantastic!** The app is super user-friendly. You can adjust the level of the workout, the amount of time you wish to practice, the background music, the narrator, and so on. No sequence is EVER the same, and you get a different workout every time. You can do it off of your tablet or phone, even when traveling, no excuse!



In CAP, we tried it with cadets during a Physical Training (PT) session at the beginner level. The cadets found it fun and challenging since many lack flexibility. One of the PT tests, the Sit & Reach exercise, focuses specifically on flexibility. CADETS – Sit & Reach becomes much easier with the practice of yoga! My squadron cadets challenged me to take the same test they do and I maxed out, beating them all because I still work out and PRACTICE YOGA!

Try Downdog and let me know how you like it. Live more active and longer lives in good health!

<sup>1</sup> <https://www.downdogapp.com/>

### MINI #2 LAUGHTER IS THE BEST MEDICINE!



Why? Short answer is it makes you feel better. Chemically speaking, when you laugh, your body releases endorphins, known for easing pain, stress and lifting your mood! Just a few minutes of laughter a day reportedly can improve your health too, and in many different ways, including boosting your immune system.

So where do we find these giggles? Personally, I love funny animal videos, they are easy to find online or on YouTube. Silly kitty antics can make you laugh. Or you might prefer to watch a stand-up comic or a favorite TV comedy, play with a pet and

enjoy their amusing behavior, share a joke with a friend, chat with a buddy that makes you laugh (as long as you're not laughing at someone, only WITH someone!). Any other ideas?

In all you do, try to keep things light, stay positive and optimistic! Don't stress over minor mistakes, try to find humor in everyday things. Have a laugh! You can even call it cheap thrills.



# RELATIONSHIP BUILDING & CONFLICT RESOLUTION – PART II

By Colonel James Ridley, Sr., CDI and NER Chief of Staff

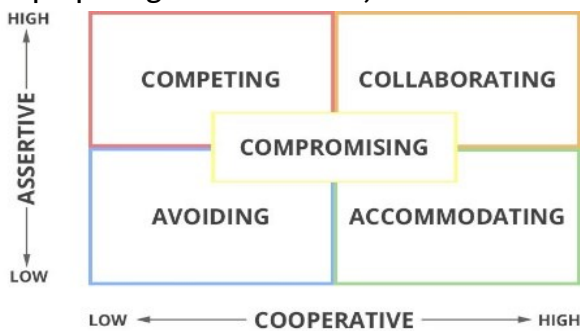


Col James A. Ridley, Sr. has long contributed to the Transmitter on a variety of subjects and their relevance to command and leadership. Col Ridley recently concluded a series of articles breaking down each of the CAP Core Values and what it should mean to the volunteer Airman of the Civil Air Patrol. Following these articles, Col Ridley will use these core values to focus on the importance of relationship building and conflict resolution in a two part series of articles.

***"If your brother sins, go and show him his fault in private; if he listens to you, you have won your brother."***

**Matthew 18:15**

In my last article I wrote about relationships, building them and sustaining them. This is not something that is easily done, many relationships end poorly, in some cases with people never speaking to one another for the rest of their lives. Our pride often gets in the way. We see this every day in marriages, friendships, with our siblings and children, and of course, in the office. When preparing for this article, I came across a blog on the Champlain College website<sup>1</sup> entitled, "The Top



*Five Conflict Resolution Strategies*" which were listed as: 1. Don't ignore the conflict, 2. Clarify what the issue is, 3. Bring involved parties together and talk, 4. Identify a solution, and 5. Continue to monitor and follow up on the conflict. I had to sit back and smile, as while this was the first-time I had seen these five techniques written down, it reminded me of a past incident in which I used these exact techniques in resolving a department conflict.

I shall never forget this week, it was in August of 2014. I was serving for the final time as the Connecticut Wing Encampment Commander, being held at what was then known as Camp Niantic (now Camp Nett). Early on in the encampment, the personnel in the Public Affairs (PA) department were not getting along. One might say there was almost an open rebellion against their director. They tried to resolve things themselves to no avail, something had to be done and ignoring the situation was not an answer. I gathered all the PA team into my office late one day, I also invited the two Chaplains assigned to the encampment and my Deputy Encampment Commander. I had a table top easel with white flip paper and a magic marker brought over from one of the classrooms and asked the director to explain what the conflict was all about and followed this by asking each of the department personnel to do the same in their own words. After listening to each and everyone of them without interruption, I had the director write the top reasons for the conflict on the paper pad and we discussed each and every one of them and how they might be resolved. The suggestions for resolution were added to a second page under the heading "Plan of Action."

By the time we were done, they all agreed that their problems were not as severe as they once thought and that the plan we devised together during our discussion could work. I then told them to sign a vehicle out of the encampment fleet, go into town and socialize over a cup of coffee, an ice cream, something, but not to do so on base. Later that night we heard them returning, the windows of the

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van down and nothing but laughter emanating from the vehicle. They had no issues the remainder of the encampment and by the end theirs was the highest performing department by far. In fact, when they took their department picture for the annual yearbook, they included the easel and pad in the photograph and listed it as "The Plan." Talking things out instead of letting things fester will produce far better results than ignoring the issues which drive us apart. Communication is the key!

Simply put, life is too short and conflict impedes efficiency and success. All too often we walk away from relationships we once held very dear or of importance. The lesson here is don't ignore the problem, don't ignore each other. Follow the three 'C's' – Communicate, Conflict Resolution, Commitment. It may save a friendship or a career.

*“There is one who speaks rashly like the thrusts of a sword, but the tongue of the wise brings healing.”*  
Proverbs 12:18.

## DID YOU KNOW?

Contributed by Lt. Col. Cathie Spaulding  
NER Director of Administration

### Did you know how to submit a request for an award?

Ideally, members should submit their nominations through E-Services.

Log into E-Services, click on the menu at the top, personnel, and then award recommendation. Once on this page (shown below) you will select the award in the drop-down and then fill in the rest on the form. If a file is too large and the system won't allow it to be attached, the member should send it directly to me.

**If a nomination is submitted through the E-Services awards module, it will automatically go to the Wing personnel officer and the Wing Commander.**

If someone submits a paper (CAPF 120) nomination, it should be sent to the Wing Personnel Officer. When Wings have made their selections, they will either register their approvals in E-Services (which will automatically send it to me) or email me the submission packet.

The screenshot shows a web-based form titled "RECOMMENDATION FOR DECORATION" (CAP FORM 120, DEC 08). The form is divided into several sections:

- 1. \*Recommend Individual/Unit Indicated Be Awarded:** A dropdown menu with "--Select--" as the current selection.
- 2. Personal Data (Data Required for Individual Award):** A section for entering CAPID or name. It includes fields for "Rank, First Name, Middle Initial, and Last Name", "CAPSN", "Grade", "Unit Name and Charter Number", and "Wing".
- 3. Unit Data (Data Required for Unit Citation):** A section for unit information. It includes a dropdown for "NER-NER-001" and fields for "Unit Name and Charter Number" (containing "NORTHEAST REGION HQ - NER-NER-001") and "Wing" (containing "NER").
- 4. \*Inclusive Date(s) of Act, Achievement, or Service (Required for all awards):** Fields for "Start Date" (DD MMM YYYY), "End Date" (DD MMM YYYY), "Historical Award?" (checkbox), and "Approval Date" (DD MMM YYYY).
- 5. Previous Awards and Decorations (List previous CAP awards and dates below!)** A text area for listing previous awards.

Editor's note: See Chaplain Corps award details in CAP-80 Section 10. **Chaplain Corps awards**

# ONLINE TLC

## Training Leaders of Cadets

### Five Years And Counting



Chaplain (Lt. Col.) Jeff Williams

Submitted by  
Chaplain (Lt. Col.) Jeff Williams,  
Iowa Wing Chaplain

*Chaplain (Lieutenant Colonel) Jeff Williams has been a CAP member since 1977. He was appointed a CAP Chaplain following graduation from Concordia Theological Seminary (Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod), and has served as Unit Chaplain, ROTC Chaplain at Kansas State University (while he was completing his Ph.D. in Education), Colorado Wing Chaplain, Rocky Mountain Region Chaplain, and now Iowa Wing Chaplain. He served for five years as HC/NHQ director of IT. He and his wife Sally (a CDI) now live in Slayton, Minnesota. They have two daughters.*

In July 2017, while helping at the Rocky Mountain Region Cadet Leadership School at Hill AFB, Utah, I had the pleasure of speaking with a unit commander. She expressed the frustration of trying to become a CDI, which at that time required that the applicant complete Training Leaders of Cadets (Basic). Because of weather and other logistical issues, the course had been scheduled and canceled three times in the past two years.

Scheduling any activity is difficult in the Rocky Mountain Region. You can't get here from there to attend events because the mountains are in the way. For most of the states, winter begins on September 1 and ends on May 31. Our western states are big. The weather is always an issue, and a one-day class becomes three with transportation. Online classes make sense. With the agreement of Colonel Tom Kettell, the Region Commander, we decided to schedule online TLC Basic in September 2017.

Our first problem was finding an online platform. I had already set up a Learning Management System (Manhattan Virtual Classroom) for handouts, course introductions, and the like. We were able to make arrangements with the Colorado Mountain College in Leadville to use their virtual classroom. The infrastructure was ready, the class was a hit, and we learned a lot about giving classes online.

Immediately we were approached for additional TLC Basic sessions. No good deed, so they say, goes unpunished. Eventually, we decided to offer one class per quarter, the third Saturday of the first month of that quarter. We canceled only one due to the lack of students from the borrowed WebCT (trademark of Cisco) to Zoom; the LMS is now Moodle because of the lack of ongoing support for Manhattan Virtual Classroom.

Although we have a base team of instructors, only one has participated in every session. Major Keith Christian, a CDI from Colorado, is the co-director of the program and the technical manager

for our infrastructure. His experience as a unit commander and having three offspring who have risen high in the cadet program (at least one Spaatz) helps us beyond measure.

Our other instructors have been exceedingly helpful. Several taught a single session either to renew their TLC credit (General Aye comes to mind, it was an honor to have her teach) or to receive teaching credit for their Garber. Others formed part of the core group for several years, including several Spaatz award winners.

My team of teachers and technicians started this online TLC Basic so that we could break the log jam of CDI applications. We were successful beyond measure. Many of our graduates are now part of the Chaplain Corps. Although TLC Basic is no longer part of the application prerequisites for becoming a CDI, both the Chaplain and CDI specialty tracks require the course for the Technician level. Therefore we are still serving the Chaplain Corps by offering the course. In addition, many Cadet Programs officers have taken advantage of the course for their training. We have helped many units across the country, and our overseas units obtain the Quality Cadet Unit Award by making the classes available quarterly.

Should an online or virtual classroom session replace a face-to-face offering? No, you receive a greater benefit from increased interaction with other students during the breaks and over lunch. If an online session is available for you, take the opportunity to improve your CAP networking. However, this is a very good alternative if you can't get into an in-person session.

Our 2023 schedule is out. We will hold TLC Basic sessions in January, April, July, and October. You may register at <http://caphclib.us>. Speaking for the entire team, we are honored to serve everyone in CAP by offering these courses

## **2022 ON-LINE TRAINING LEADERS OF CADETS (TLC)**

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

**Next Date: April 15  
@<http://caphclib.us>.**

**Go to "Event Registration."**

There are three modules to be completed in the old CAP eServices Learning Management System before the class. These modules can be found under Cadet Programs / TLC Basic in the LMS.

For an earlier history of the RMR online TLC initiative, see:

*Chaplain Corps Updates: Online Training of Leaders of Cadets Course, The Transmitter, Fall 2017, reprinted from The Receiver, the Rocky Mountains Region (RMR) Chaplain Corps Newsletter, October 2017, Chaplain (Lt. Col) Jeffrey Williams RMR Chaplain, editor.*

[https://www.gocivilairpatrol.com/media/cms/Transmitter\\_Fall\\_2017\\_BE65734E4FE04.pdf](https://www.gocivilairpatrol.com/media/cms/Transmitter_Fall_2017_BE65734E4FE04.pdf)

*Virtual Region Chaplain Corps Staff Colleges, The Transmitter, Fall 2021.*

[https://www.gocivilairpatrol.com/media/cms/Transmitter\\_Fall\\_2021\\_FD7029AB8072F.pdf](https://www.gocivilairpatrol.com/media/cms/Transmitter_Fall_2021_FD7029AB8072F.pdf)

*Rocky Mountain Region Chaplain Corps Hosts First Online TLC Course, by Tim Miner, Chaplain Corps News*

<https://capchaplain.com/2017/10/04/rmr-hosts-online-tlc/>



# PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT AWARDS

## October 2022-January 2023



### Level 5 – Gill Robb Wilson

Maj. Deborah Boldren – TXWG  
Maj. Mary Bryant – KYWG  
1<sup>st</sup> Lt. Frontis Ertle III – LAWG  
Lt. Col. Jerad Hoff – SWR  
Lt. Col. Uni Lei – DCWG  
Capt. Belinda Lewis – TNWG  
Capt. Louis Merck – WIWG



### Level 3 – Grover Loening

2<sup>nd</sup> Lt. Sharon Fuentes – FLWG  
Capt. Luke Elliott – NCWG  
1<sup>st</sup> Lt. Tetley Lee – VAWG  
Maj. John Minasian – CTWG  
Maj. Lisa Neal – MIWG



### Level 4 – Paul Garber

Chaplain (Maj.) Rochelle Coles – NJWG  
Maj. Robert Hogan – TXWG  
Maj. Randall Knox – MNWG  
Maj. Nicholas Marcantonio – FLWG  
Maj. John Minasian – CTWG  
Chaplain (Capt.) Mark Ober (INWG)  
Maj. Marybeth Slocomb – MNWG  
Capt. Vivian Surwill – NVWG



### Level 2 – Benjamin O. Davis

1<sup>st</sup> Lt. Anna Boron – WIWG  
1<sup>st</sup> Lt. Edward Brown – MAWG  
1<sup>st</sup> Lt. Edward Chen – CAWG  
1<sup>st</sup> Lt. Ana Garcia-Garland – WAWG  
2<sup>nd</sup> Lt. Timothy Hagen – MNWG  
1<sup>st</sup> Lt. Kimberly Hughes – OHWG  
2<sup>nd</sup> Lt. Reyna Jasmer – WAWG  
Maj. Randall Knox – MNWG  
2<sup>nd</sup> Lt. Frank Larrea – TXWG  
Chaplain (Capt. Jeffrey LeMay – GAWG  
Chaplain (Capt.) Jason McNutt – TXWG  
1<sup>st</sup> Lt. Thyra Nagy – WYWG  
1<sup>st</sup> Lt. Paul Scown – UTWG

Don't worry when you are not recognized,  
But strive to be worthy of recognition.

*Abraham Lincoln*

Leadership is a potent combination of strategy and character,  
But if you must be without one, be without strategy.

*Norman Schwartzkopf*

## NEW CHAPLAINS AND CDIS November 2022-January 2023

### New Chaplains

Chaplain (Maj.) Jonathan Anderson (PCR-WAWG)  
Chaplain (1<sup>st</sup> Lt.) Mary Beth Bowles (NCR-NDWG)  
Chaplain (Capt.) Matthew Harper (MAR-DCWG)  
Chaplain (Capt.) David Hoffman (NER-NJWG)  
Chaplain (Lt. Col). Warren Rohnett (SWR-TXWG)  
Chaplain (1<sup>st</sup> Lt.) Ashwin Welch (GLR-OHWG)

### New CDIs

Maj. Susan Barnett (SER-FLWG)  
Capt. Dean Billigmeier (SWR-ARWG)  
2<sup>nd</sup> Lt. Jonda Bowers (GLR-INWG)  
2<sup>nd</sup> Lt. Jennifer Breedlove (SWR-AZWG)  
1<sup>st</sup> Lt. Michael Briggs (MAR-VAWG)  
Maj. Brian Callahan (SWR-TXWG)  
2<sup>nd</sup> Lt Shane Dickinson (MAR-MDWG)  
Capt. Edward Ducey (SER-TNWG)  
1<sup>st</sup> Lt. Christopher England (GLR-INWG)  
Maj. Eric Fremming (SWR-TXWG)  
2<sup>nd</sup> Lt. Amelia George (NCR-MOWG)

### New CDIs (continued)

2<sup>nd</sup> Lt. Anthony Hinkel (SER-MSWG)  
C MSgt Dillon Johnson (SER-FLWG)  
MSgt Kenneth King (MAR-MAR)  
Capt. Michael Llamas (PCR-CAWG)  
Maj. Lori Meter (GLR-ILWG)  
Lt. Col. Todd Meyer (GLR-WIWG)  
Capt. Pamala Morgan (SWR-LAWG)  
Capt. Kristen Miller (SER-FLWG)  
Capt. Pamela Miller (GLR-KYWG)  
2<sup>nd</sup> Lt. Frank Larrea (SWR-TXWG)  
Capt. Belinda Lewis (SER-TNWG)  
Capt. Julio Padilla (PCR-NVWG)  
2<sup>nd</sup> Lt. Mary Richard (MAR-WVWG)  
Capt. Elizabeth Saunders (GLR-OHWG)  
2<sup>nd</sup> Lt. Kristen Tetley (MAR-VAWG)  
1<sup>st</sup> Lt. Lee Tetley (MAR-VAWG)  
Lt. Col. William Vendramin (GLR-INWG)  
Capt. Randy Vest (SWR-ARWG)  
Lt. Col. William Waite (RMR-COWG)  
2<sup>nd</sup> Lt. Timothy Wojcik (MAR-SCWG)

## NEW REGION & WING ASSIGNMENTS

**Chaplain, Lieutenant Colonel Steve Mathews**

Mid Atlantic Region Chaplain

**Chaplain, Lieutenant Colonel Michael Strickland**

Mid Atlantic Deputy Region Chaplain

**Lieutenant Colonel Anna Marie Bistodeau**

North Central Region CDI

**Lt. Col. Phil Kost**

Southwest Region CDI

**1<sup>st</sup> Lieutenant Mary Beth Bowles**

North Dakota Wing Chaplain

**1<sup>st</sup> Lt. Hope Morante**

NJ Wing CDI

**Maj. Robert J Proefrock**

NY Wing CDI

# A Unitarian Universalist Approach to Spiritualist Chaplaincy in Civil Air Patrol



**by Chaplain (1<sup>st</sup> Lt.) Edward Knight  
NER MA 015**

*Chaplain Edward Knight serves Civil Air Patrol as the chaplain for the Westover Composite Squadron, meeting at the Westover USAF Air Reserve Base in Chicopee, MA. An ordained Unitarian Christian minister, he is a board member of the Unitarian Universalist Faith Alliance & Ministries. He serves his community as Community Chaplain Emeritus of the City of Springfield, MA, and provides Auxiliary Chaplain Support for the US Coast Guard, District 1 Sector (Boston). The Westover Squadron allows Knight to practice his calling to youth ministry. In his doctoral dissertation in Neuro Anthropological Theology, he examined youth in their cultural environments and their relationship to enculturated religiosity.*

This article came to fruition with respect and admiration for the Civil Air Patrol's Chaplain Corps. No words can accurately describe CAP's efforts to keep America's Volunteerism at its height. Its commitment to an all-American cause of servitude to God and Country, goes above and beyond expectation. In faith and spirituality, and with an ecumenicity of purpose, this presentation can be a paradigm for the CAP Chaplain Corps.

The 1961 merger of Unitarianism and Universalism brought the present-day UU Society with its eclectic theology. Baptized as a Universalist, I have never forgotten my Judeo-Christian roots, but at the same time have been able to incorporate the religious worldviews of so many other faiths.

My journey into ministry (chaplaincy) began during my youth. I have always been involved in church ongoing and had a "calling" to servitude and humility in my teens. I heard the call and responded accordingly. Today, I look back with no regrets and view my life as a blessing. From time to time, I question my degree of religiosity but continuously dwell in an abundance of spirituality. It is from this spiritual perspective that I write as a chaplain.

Both Cadets and Seniors need our services. The role of a CAP chaplain goes beyond what any written word, here or anywhere else, can espouse. Resolving conflicts, administering Character development lessons, aiding individuals troubled by life issues (especially noting signs of suicidal thoughts), and healing the wounds of social injustices are just some of the tasks that CAP chaplains MUST take upon themselves. The role is not easy, and the path is strewn with twists and turns. Of utmost, critical importance will be the role of becoming a great communicator. Communication is the primary source of our very essence. No one faith, no one individual, and no one set of values can do this. WE as a team NEED each other... hence, let our communication begin.

CAP incorporated Five Pillars (Mind, Body, Relationships, Family, Spirit) into its Wellness Program, and it is here that I will posit the fact that they are similar to UU Values. Albeit some UU values reference religious beliefs, they can clearly define our moral compass in a spiritual direction. "UU Principles and Sources" can aid in teaching Character Development by visionary mindsets of the CDI and Chaplain.

I am presenting UU Principles and Sources here in a redacted format so the reader can understand them. From this point, the reader is free to accept or reject any of the concepts. Use whatever you believe is beneficial. Disregard those which do not align with your values. In this methodology, UUism can shed new light upon the CAP Pillars and your chaplaincy. The reader can find further studies on UU Principles and Sources on the UUA website ([www.uua.org](http://www.uua.org))

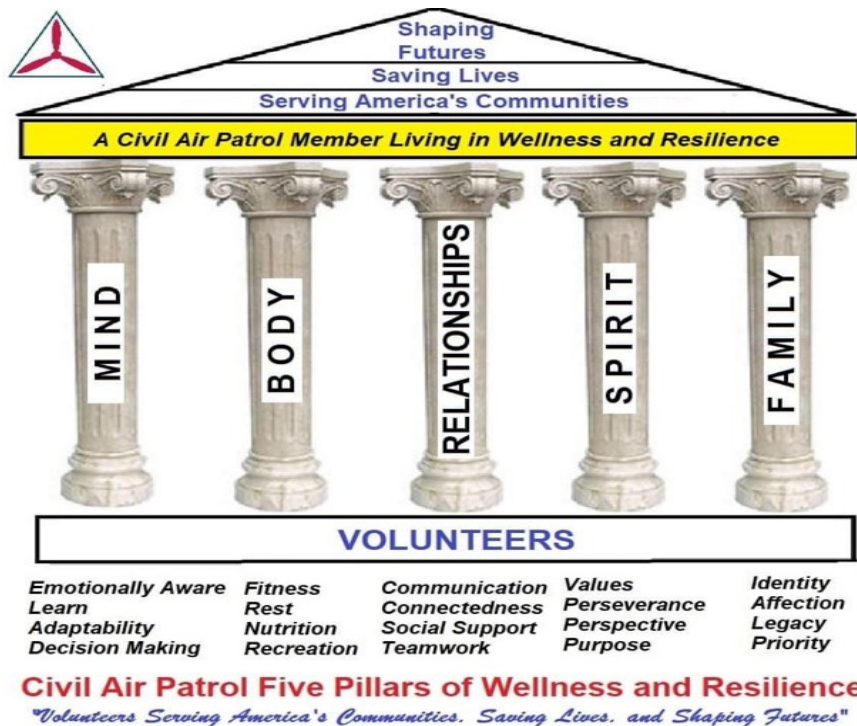
**Unitarian Universalist Principles:**

- 1) The inherent worth and dignity of every person.
- 2) Justice and Equity for all.
- 3) Acceptance of one another.
- 4) A free and responsible search for truth.
- 5) The Right of Conscience.
- 6) The goal of World Commitment.
- 7) Respect for life
- 8) Spiritual Wholeness

**Unitarian Universalist Sources:**

- 1) Direct experience affirmed in all cultures.
- 2) Words and Deeds of Prophetic Peoples.
- 3) Wisdom from World's Religions.
- 4) Jewish and Christian Teachings
- 5) Results of Science
- 6) Spirituality

This article intends to offer the reader tools to place in their toolboxes. As you have seen, UUism can be described as a river; fast and slow, wide and narrow, deep and shallow. It can offer much to those willing to visualize its unlimited possibilities. In spiritual faith, we are one with each other.



# WHAT IS INTERNATIONAL HOLOCAUST MEMORIAL DAY?

by Chaplain (Major) Gary Atkins, NH Wing Chaplain



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

Did you know there is more than one Day in the calendar dedicated to remembering the horrors of the Holocaust... not just the Six Million Jews martyred in World War II, plus as well millions of other people who Nazi Germany persecuted during the Second World War? In addition, this Day remembers the victims of genocide across the world. It is an opportunity to remember people who were impacted by genocide in Cambodia, Rwanda, Bosnia and Darfur, and other countries. In 2005, The United Nations proclaimed January 27 as the Day dedicated as International Holocaust Memorial Day. Why? This is the Day that the Auschwitz concentration camp, the largest of too many, was liberated in 1945.

Each year, a different theme is chosen and publicized. In 2023, the theme is ‘One Day.’ There are many ways to interpret and apply this theme, including (taken from their website):

One Day for Holocaust Memorial Day – a chance to learn and teach about the Holocaust and remember those who are or have been affected by genocide.

One Day in history – find out what happened on a specific day in history and how many lives were changed that Day.

One Day when life is changed – how life changed for the victims of genocide in just one day.

One Day at a time – for those suffering, the only way to cope was to take one day at a time.

One Day in the future – the prospect of having a day in the future, which is a better future with no genocide.

International Holocaust Memorial Day features commemorative traditions and ceremonies. In Germany, Austria, and Italy, ceremonies and vigils are held throughout the nation, with films and stories depicting the horrors often being shown and told. The United States Holocaust Memorial Museum holds its own ceremony on January 27, with survivors of Nazi persecution invited to attend and share stories of their suffering. Israel’s official Holocaust Memorial Museum, Yad Vashem, conducts a similar ceremony.

It is easy to research teaching resources and programs. Each year, as the number of survivors diminishes, there are fewer opportunities to hear from survivors. But today, in videos and written memoirs, the tragedy is remembered. Hopefully, lessons are taught to the next generations.

If you are reading this after January 27, I invite you to use this “preview” of remembrance for remembering on the date decided by the state of Israel, 27 Nisan in the Hebrew calendar. This year it occurs on April 18, chosen because it remembers the resistance to genocide demonstrated in the Jewish uprising in the Warsaw ghetto.

There are many ways to Remember the Holocaust. Check out the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum website as a starter.

# INTERFAITH CALENDAR

February 2023 – May 2023

## February 2023<sup>^</sup>

- 3 *Four Chaplains Sunday – Interfaith<sup>o</sup>*
- 6 *Tu Bi'Shvat – Jewish\**
- 15 *Nirvana Day – Jain, Buddhist*
- 21 *Shrove Tuesday – Christian*
- 22 *Ash Wednesday, Lent Begins – Christian*
- 25–March 1 *Intercalary Days – Baha'i*

## April 2023

- 4 *CAP Chaplain Corps Birthday*
- 2 *Palm Sunday – Christian*
- 4 *Mahavir Janyanti – Jain*
- 5 *First Seder – Jewish*
- 6–13 *Passover (Pesach) – Jewish\* \*\*\**
- 6 *Holy Thursday – Christian*
- 6 *Theravadin New Year – Buddhist*
- 7 *Good Friday – Christian*
- 9 *Easter – Christian*
- 13 *Holy Thursday – Eastern Orthodox*
- 14 *Good Friday – Eastern Orthodox*
- 16 *Easter – Eastern Orthodox*
- 18 *Lailat al Qadr – Islam*
- 18 *Yom Hashoah – Jewish\**
- 20–May 2 *Ridvan – Baha'i*
- 22 *Eid al Fidr\*; Ramadan ends – Islam*
- 22 *Hindu New Year – Hindu*
- 26 *Yom Ha'atzmaut – Jewish\**

## March 2023

- 7 *Purim – Jewish\**
- 8 *Lailat al Bara'ah – Islam\**
- 17 *St Patrick's Day – Christian*
- 18 *Lailat al Miraj – Islam\**
- 21 *Naw Ruz – Baha'i\*; Zoroastrian*
- 22 *Ramadan begins (in evening of) – Islam*
- 25 *Feast of the Annunciation – Christian*
- 27 *Clean Monday, Lent begins – Orth. Christian*

## May 2023

- 4 *National Day of Prayer – US Federal*
- 5 *Armed Forces Day – US Federal*
- 9 *Lag B'Omer – Jewish\**
- 18 *Ascension of the Lord – Christian*
- 24 *Declaration of the Bab – Baha'i\**
- 26–7 (2 days) *– Jewish\* \*\*\**
- 28 *Pentecost – Christian*
- 26–7 *Shavuot (2 days) – Jewish\* \*\*\**
- 29 *Ascension of the Baha'u'llah – Baha'i\**

### <sup>^</sup>Four Chaplains Sunday:

See article in this issue on page 9  
and at Chaplain Corps Facebook page Hashtag:  
<https://www.facebook.com/hashtag/fourchaplainsday>

\* Holy days always begin the previous sundown

\*\*\* Those observing these holidays refrain from participation in non-religious activities or travel. In Judaism this also applies from twilight Friday through nighttime Saturday (Shabbat)

This list is intended to be a general guide drawn from the following sources and is not intended as an inclusive list of special holy days recognized by all religious bodies:

Harvard Divinity School: <https://hds.harvard.edu/community-life/religious-and-spiritual-life/multifaith-calendar> Useful multifaith calendar.

Hebcal: <https://www.hebcal.com/holidays/>. Useful description and listing of major and modern Jewish holidays.

### See articles in past issues of the Transmitter

- **Shavuot** on page 19 of the Spring 2020 issue by Chaplain (Capt.) Gary Atkins, [https://capchaplain.com/downloads/Transmitter\\_Spring\\_2020.pdf](https://capchaplain.com/downloads/Transmitter_Spring_2020.pdf)
- **Minor Jewish Holidays**, by Lt Col Karen Semple (CDI) and
- **Messiah in the Passover** by Chaplain (Lt. Col.) Mark Shulman, [http://capchaplain.com/downloads/Transmitter\\_Winter\\_2018.pdf](http://capchaplain.com/downloads/Transmitter_Winter_2018.pdf):

## USEFUL ITEMS FOR THE CHAPLAIN CORPS "TOOL BOX"

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

<https://www.gocivilairpatrol.com>

Go to **Members** → **National Staff Areas** → **Chaplain Corps**

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

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

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

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

**Values for Living 2.0 lessons** <https://www.gocivilairpatrol.com/programs/cadets/library/character>

or on AXIS Learning Management System through E-Services; → Online Learning → Learning Management System → AXIS. Access to copyrighted videos is limited to chaplains, CDIs, and commanders.

**Retirement Procedure**

[https://www.gocivilairpatrol.com/media/cms/Retirement\\_Procedure\\_Ltrsigned\\_F7B105C4F8FD7.pdf](https://www.gocivilairpatrol.com/media/cms/Retirement_Procedure_Ltrsigned_F7B105C4F8FD7.pdf)

### Chaplain Corps 2022 Google Calendar

<https://calendar.google.com/calendar/u/o/r?cid=aGMuY2FwLmdvdI9zcGRkOGsxamt2ZTBubjcocTcyNTMya2FvMBncm91cC5jYWxlbmRhci5nb29nbGUuY29t>

### CAPR 80-1 The Civil Air Patrol Chaplain Corps

[https://www.gocivilairpatrol.com/media/cms/R\\_801\\_7\\_March\\_2022\\_16CAD11D61D57.pdf](https://www.gocivilairpatrol.com/media/cms/R_801_7_March_2022_16CAD11D61D57.pdf)

### CAPP 40-80 Chaplain Corps Handbook and Specialty Track Guide

[https://www.gocivilairpatrol.com/media/cms/P\\_4080\\_2022\\_C327F8B9DD0EA.pdf](https://www.gocivilairpatrol.com/media/cms/P_4080_2022_C327F8B9DD0EA.pdf)

### CAPF 80-1 Chaplain application

[https://www.gocivilairpatrol.com/media/cms/F\\_801\\_2022\\_0B8BF7226AF7F.pdf](https://www.gocivilairpatrol.com/media/cms/F_801_2022_0B8BF7226AF7F.pdf)

### CAPF 80-2 CDI application

[https://www.gocivilairpatrol.com/media/cms/CAPF\\_802\\_2022\\_BCA1BF2490583.pdf](https://www.gocivilairpatrol.com/media/cms/CAPF_802_2022_BCA1BF2490583.pdf)

CAP Prayer Team requests send to [Chapel@capchaplain.org](mailto:Chapel@capchaplain.org)

The Chaplain Corps on Twitter <https://www.twitter.com/CAPChaplains>

Chaplain Corps Internal Facebook Page (Closed Group) <https://www.facebook.com/CAPchaplains>

Chaplain Corps Civil Air Patrol Hashtag

<https://www.facebook.com/hashtag/civilairpatrol>

Chaplain Corps Character Matters Hashtag

[https://www.facebook.com/hashtag/charactermatters?\\_gid=16639568303](https://www.facebook.com/hashtag/charactermatters?_gid=16639568303)

Chaplain Corps Volunteer Service Hashtag

<https://www.facebook.com/hashtag/volunteerservice>

CAP Chaplain Corps and Air Force Chaplain Corps Book of Prayer

Armed Forces Chaplain Board (AFCB) List of Ecclesiastical Endorsers

Ecclesiastical endorsers meeting requirements for chaplain appointment under CAPR 80-1

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

Council for Higher Education Accreditation (CHEA)

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

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