



The Compass

Southeast Region Chaplain Corps Newsletter



*Chaplain Corps
News
From around the Region!*



**A Message from
SER Region Chaplain**
Chaplain, Major Eric S. Cooter

As the new Southeast Region Chaplain, it is a great privilege to serve our Region Commander, Col. Barry Melton, the entire Region Staff, and to serve alongside each of you in this ministry. As we enter a brand new year, there are many

events coming in 2019, we can look forward to participating in, and I especially want to encourage each of you to attend:

**17-21 June 2019 SER Chaplain Corps Staff College,
Maxwell AFB, AL**

With all of these events (see pg.9), there are also many local squadron meetings, Group SAREX's, Wing EVAL's, Commander's Calls, Encampments, training, and so much more at which, the Chaplain Corps can bring the ministry of presence.

While serving our fellow Airmen, and over the next year, I encourage all Southeast Region Chaplain Corps personnel to focus on the following goals: **(cont'd on page 3)**



**A Message from
Deputy Region Chaplain**
Chaplain, Lt Col Van Don Williams

To the Chaplain Corps of the Southeast Region, "Welcome" to a new year that God has blessed us to see. I am Chaplain Van Don Williams, former New York Wing, Northeast Region, and National Deputy Chief of Chaplains. I look forward to meeting

many of you in my travels around the region, as we look to advance the Chaplain Corps Goals and Objectives of our Region Chaplain.

I am pleased to announce that our Chaplain Region Staff College will be held at Maxwell AFB this year and hope that you will attend. The curriculum will be challenging and inspirational

I look forward to working with you as we serve our Region and CAP with a Ministry of Presence.

Blessings,
Ch, Lt Col Van Don Williams, CAP
Deputy Region Chaplain

Join your fellow Chaplains and Character Development Instructors
At Maxwell AFB, AL in June 2019!

2019 SER Chaplain Corps Staff College: Grow, learn, serve!



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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



Guiding Standards

- We will be committed to maintaining impeccable personal moral standards in order to promote excellence in character and leadership.
- We will be professional and approachable in our duty performance.
- We will be faithful to their individual religious traditions and practices.
- We will be respectful of others who hold spiritual beliefs and religious practices different from ourselves.
- We will work together in ministering to others.

Vision Statement

The Chaplains of Southeast Region will be representatives of the Holy in all missions of their respective units (groups, wings, region). If authorized, will do the same for the United States Air Force and civilian entities as part of the CAP mission.

The Southeast Region Character Development Specialists will be proficient in assisting the Chaplains in teaching of Character Development Classes, and will support the Chaplains in any emergency services missions in which, they are qualified to participate with the Chaplains.

A Message from The Region Chaplain

2019 SE REGION CHAPLAIN CORPS GOALS



RECRUITING:

- Within two years fill 80% of all unit Chaplain Corps vacancies with either a Character Development Specialist or Chaplain.

MINISTRY of PRESENCE:

- Strive to ensure 80% of all Wing level activities are supported by Chaplain Corps personnel.
- Require and maintain accurate *After Action Reports* from Chaplain participants for all SAREVAL/SAREX's, actual missions, major chaplain support events (encampments, leadership academies, etc.) and provide copies to the Wing Commander and Wing Chaplain.

CHARACTER DEVELOPMENT:

- Ensure all units are conducting monthly Character Development Forums.

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT:

- Work toward coaching and mentoring at least 50% of all Chaplains and Character Development Specialists to achieve Level IV in the Professional Development Program.
- Work toward coaching and mentoring at least 50% of all Chaplains and Character Development Specialists to achieve Master Rating in their respective Chaplain Corps Specialty tracks.

EMERGENCY SERVICES RATINGS:

- Work toward coaching and mentoring at least 50% of our Chaplains and Character Development Specialists to achieve at least the Mission Chaplain/CSS (CAP Support) rating by the end of 2020.

FORM 34 REPORTING:

- Ensure 100% compliance with the Form 34 reporting program by all Chaplains and Character Development Specialists.

I am proud to serve alongside each of you, and I am grateful for your service to God, to CAP, and to your community, state, and nation. As we continue to work to achieve these goals, please know Chaplain Williams and I are here to assist and support you. Please contact me and let me know how we can do to be your ministry partners for success!

Chaplain (Major) Eric Cooter, SER/HC

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2019 Southeast Region Chaplain Corps Staff College

From the Dean ...

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Ch, Lt Col Van Don Williams, CAP
Deputy Region Chaplain
Dean, 2019 SERCCSC

**MARK YOUR
CALENDARS
17 – 21 June 2019**

**Registration forms,
training schedule, fees, and
more will be announced
soon.**



**Please join us at Maxwell AFB,
AL!**

**2019’s SER Chaplain Corps Staff College
promises to be a week of excellent leadership
training, supportive fellowship, diverse
worship, and all led by incredibly
gifted and inspiring instructors!**



Southeast Region Mission Chaplain/Chaplain Support Specialist Training Opportunities



For those Chaplains and Character Development Instructors interested or involved in Emergency Service, The Chaplain Emergency Service School (ChESS) training program will be conducting training at these locations in 2019:

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| March 23-29 | Basic MC-CSS CAP Support course
Scott AFB, IL |
| June 23-29 | Basic MC-CSS CAP Support course
Maxwell AFB, AL |
| July 14-27 | Basic and Advanced courses
NESA, Camp Atterbury, IN |
| October TBD | Basic MC-CSS CAP Support
McGhee Tyson ARB, TN |

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Meet your Southeast Region Chaplain Corps Team



SER Region Chaplain Chaplain, Major Eric S. Cooter

Chaplain Cooter joined CAP as a cadet in Tennessee and served from 1980 to 1986. He eventually served as his unit's Cadet Commander. He also served at wing level as Cadet Advisory Council Chair, Encampment Cadet Commander and later, as a Wing Cadet Program Officer. Chaplain Cooter received the General Carl A. Spaatz Award (#708) in 1984 and was promoted to Cadet Colonel.

After a regretful break in service, Chaplain Cooter re-joined CAP in 1999. He has served as Unit Chaplain, Group 5 Chaplain FLWG, FLWG Chaplain, and currently as SER Chaplain. In addition to his ministry as SER Chaplain, he continues to serve as a Mission, Instructor, and Orientation Pilot, actively flying Harbor Patrol missions, and providing flight instruction.

Chaplain Cooter serves as Rector (priest in charge) of St. Monica's Episcopal Church, Naples, FL. Prior to this call he served on the staff of the Bishop of the Diocese of Southwest Florida. Prior to ordained ministry, Chaplain Cooter worked as a retail executive for two national retail chains, as Retail Buyer, and earlier in his career as a field manager.

Chaplain Cooter holds an MDiv from Sewanee, University of the South, and a BBA from East Tennessee State University. He also holds the following FAA certificates/ratings: Certified Flight Instructor, Instrument Airplane, Commercial Pilot, Instrument, Airplane, ASEL, AMEL, Advanced Ground Instructor, Remote Pilot.

AWARDS: Meritorious Service Award, Commander's Commendation Award, Gill Robb Wilson Award, General Carl A. Spaatz Award (#708), 2015 SE Region Senior Chaplain of the Year, 2015 FLWG Senior Chaplain of the Year, 1985 Tennessee Wing Cadet of the Year, 1985 Frank G. Brewer, Sr. Memorial Aerospace Award (SER)

SPECIALTY TRACKS: Chaplain (Master), Cadet Programs (Master), Aerospace (Senior)



Deputy Region Chaplain Chaplain, Lt Col Van Don Williams

Chaplain Williams joined CAP in 1984 as a Finance Officer for the Academy Aeronautics Cadet Squadron of New York Wing. In 1998, he was appointed as Moral Leadership Officer for Academy squadron and did additional duty as MLO for August Martin Cadet Squadron. In 1999, as a CAP Chaplain and assumed the duties of Group Chaplain for New York City Group. In Oct, 2001, he was assigned as Wing Chaplain where he recruited and trained 12 chaplains and 20 Moral Leadership Officers. In 2002, he became the first CAP Chaplain to graduate from a USAF sponsored Ethical Leadership course.

"In 20+ years of continuous involvement with Civil Air Patrol, Chaplain Williams has completed all levels of professional development, attaining the prestigious Gill Robb Wilson award in 2002. He has held numerous positions in CAP; Northeast Region Chaplain and Northeast Region Director of Critical Incident Stress Management, National Deputy Chief of Chaplains for Administration and Professional Development and Staff Chaplain for National Staff College

Chaplain Williams is a member of the International Critical Incident Stress Foundation (ICISF) of Ellicott City, Md, where he is a National Certified Instructor for several CISM courses: Pastoral Crisis Intervention (I & II), Assisting Individual in Crisis, Group Crisis Intervention, Grief Following Trauma, Suicide Awareness for the Crisis Responder, and the Changing Face of Disaster Mental Health. He holds Certificates in Specialized Training from the ICISF in Mass Disasters and Terrorism, Spiritual Care in Crisis Intervention, and Schools & Children Crisis Response.

Presently, Chaplain Williams is assigned to the Southeast Region, as Deputy Region Chaplain and Interim Wing Chaplain for Puerto Rico. Chaplain Williams has taken on additional duties as Staff Chaplain, Instructor and Registrar for the Chaplain Emergency Service School located at the National Emergency Service Academy in Indiana.



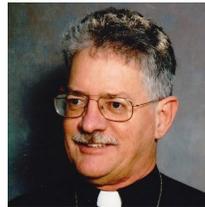
Ch, Lt. Col David Smelser,
Mississippi
Wing Chaplain

Chaplain (Lt Col) David R. Smelser serves as the Mississippi Wing Chaplain, and is endorsed by the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship. Smelser was born in Mobile, Alabama. He attended Troy University where he earned the B.S. Degree in Journalism, and was 2Lt. through ROTC in 1977. He was assigned as an Administration Officer at Altus AFB, OK, completing his service in 1981,

He entered New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary and the Air Force Chaplain Candidate Program serving summer tours at Laughlin Air Force Base, TX and at the Air Force Academy. He graduated in 1984 with the Masters of Divinity degree and ordained by Dauphin Way Baptist Church, beginning ministry at as Pastor at Trinity Baptist Church in Philadelphia, PA. He served as Chaplain for the 913rd Tactical Airlift Group, U.S. Air Force Reserve at Willow Grove Air Reserve Facility, PA, and completed Chaplain Basic Courses at Maxwell AFB in 1986.

Ch. Smelser transferred to the Individual Mobilization Augmentee Program, HQ Air Force Reserve, and served at Shaw AFB, SC, mobilized in August 1990 for Dessert Shield. He later served at Little Rock AFB, AR and at McConnell AFB, KS as an IMA. In 1995, he became a Chaplain with the 93rd Wing, Air Force Reserve, at Barksdale AFB, LA, and returned to Mobile, Alabama to become an IMA at Eglin AFB, FL.

Smelser joined CAP in 2003, served in Mississippi Wing, Texas Wing, and later in Alabama as Chaplain at the Mobile Composite Squadron. Smelser then moved to MS to work at the South Mississippi Correctional Institution, and while there was appointed Mississippi Wing Chaplain in 2014. He is married to the former Janet Cox, and has one daughter, Rhonda.



Ch, Capt. Frank Gough,
Florida
Wing Chaplain

Chaplain (Captain) the Rev. Dr. Frank D. Gough II joined Civil Air Patrol in 2001, when he was appointed Chaplain for SER-FL-315, Inverness Composite Squadron, in Citrus County, Florida, where he pastored an Episcopal Church.

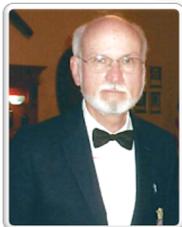
In 2010 Chaplain Gough was called to pastor a church in Shalimar, Florida, and was subsequently appointed to serve as Chaplain for SER-FL-423, Eglin Composite Squadron on Eglin Air Force Base.

In 2015 he was appointed as Group 1 Chaplain, while he continued to serve as Squadron Chaplain at Eglin Composite Squadron. He is a also licensed private pilot, SEL.

Father Gough was awarded Florida Wing Squadron Chaplain of the year in 2015, 2016, and 2017. In 2018, he was called upon to serve as Wing Chaplain for the Florida Wing. He continues to serve as a full-time priest and pastor to his congregation in Shalimar.

Prior to being ordained a priest, Father Gough served as a Marina Manager, and as a Professional Youth Minister for 16 years, and as an author of Sunday School curriculum for middle school and junior high students.

Fr. Gough is also an avid motorcyclist, aviator, golfer and boater. He has been married to his wife, Sharon, for 28 years, and they have two adult children, Frank D. Gough III, and Larissa (Gough) Beebe.



Ch. Lt. Col Preston Joslin,
Tennessee
Wing Chaplain



Ch. Lt. Col Robert McMillan,
Alabama
Wing Chaplain

EDUCATION

Bachelor of Arts Degree in Religion, Belmont University
Master of Divinity Degree, The Southern Baptist Theol. Seminary
Doctor of Philosophy Degree, International Seminary Region Staff College (February 11, 2010)
National Staff College (May 23, 2014)

ASSIGNMENTS

October 2016 – Wing Chaplain (TN-001)
Oct 2014 – Deputy Chaplain, Tennessee Wing (TN-001)
Sept 2010 – Chaplain, Group I, Tennessee Wing (TN-128)
Apr 2009 – Chaplain, Sevierville Squadron (TN-093)
Nov 2008 – Character Development Instructor (TN-093)

OPERATION QUALIFICATIONS

Mission Chaplain

MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS

Gill Robb Wilson Award (3291)
Paul E. Garber Award
Grover Loening Award
Brig Gen Benjamin O. Davis Award
Leadership Award (with Silver Star)
Charles E. “Chuck” Yeager Aerospace Education Red Service Ribbon
2010 SER Squadron Chaplain of the Year
Commander’s Commendation Award

SPECIALTY TRACK

Chaplain, Master Level

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIP AND AFFILIATION

Military Chaplains Association
United States Air Force, retired
International Mission Board, SBC, Japan, retired

EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION

April 1, 2016 – Lieutenant Colonel
March 2, 2012 - Major
March 4, 2009 – Captain

Chaplain McMillan joined CAP in 2004 and was appointed as a Chaplain to a local squadron. He was appointed as the Deputy Wing Chaplain in 2007 and served in this position for two years before taking over as Wing Chaplain in 2009. He served in this capacity and remained active in a local squadron for three years. Upon his move to Alabama in 2014, he joined the Mobile Composite Squadron and was assigned as Wing Chaplain at the beginning of 2015.

Chaplain McMillan has been active in CAP’s Emergency Services program since first joining and holds or has been certified in radio communications, scanner and ground team member. He has completed the IS100, 200, 700 and 800 level courses.

He also has completed all the Chaplain professional development courses, SLS, CLC, the CAP basic officers course, attended several Regional Chaplains Staff Colleges, as well as CAP’s National Staff College. He currently holds a professional development Level 5 and the rank of Lt. Colonel.

He is married to the Reverend Tammy McMillan who serves a local United Methodist Congregation. They have one daughter who resides in Oklahoma.



Ch, Lt. Col Paul Reeves,
Georgia
Wing Chaplain



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Puerto Rico
Wing Chaplain

Chaplain Reeves has been active in the Civil Air Patrol since 2005. In 2007, he was appointed as Chaplain in the Georgia Wing and attached to the Statesboro Composite Squadron, which he helped found in 2006. He was the chaplain for Group Four Georgia Wing from 2014 until 2017 when he was selected as the Wing Chaplain.

Before graduating from Georgia Southern, he served as Music Minister for a small church in southern Bulloch County for three years. Chaplain Reeves earned an MBA in 1989 and served in IT in several Georgia companies in Statesboro, Dublin, McDonough, and Atlanta. In 1999, the church he had served as interim Music Minister commissioned him to go to seminary to study Worship Leadership and Music. He attended New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary in August 1999 and while there, he served two churches in the New Orleans area as their Minister of Music. He earned my Master of Divinity from New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary in 2002 and after seminary, he served churches in North Carolina and in Statesboro, Georgia.

After the economic downturn in 2008 and 2009, he returned to Georgia Southern in IT, where he has been since 2009. He has never given up his calling as a minister of the Gospel, and continues as a volunteer minister for Eastern Heights Baptist Church and, most since 2013, First Baptist Church in Statesboro.

Ch. Reeves loves serving, pastoring, and taking care of the cadets and senior members of Civil Air Patrol. He is a qualified as mission chaplain and a mission scanner. Chaplain Reeves plans to keep on for as long as God gives him strength. It is a privilege to serve the Airmen of the Georgia Wing! Chaplain Reeves is married to Lynn Stults and they have three sons: Brandon, Ben, and Andrew, all musicians, too!

Appointment of the next Puerto Rico Wing Chaplain is pending.

The Wing Chaplain

Source: CAPP 221B p. 11

The wing chaplain serves on the commander’s staff in a fashion similar to the squadron chaplain, but with additional supervisory responsibilities. The orderly success of the CAP Chaplain Corps is largely dependent upon the effectiveness of wing chaplains.

The wing chaplain has responsibility for the programs, events and activities of the Chaplain Corps within the wing. The wing commander expects the wing chaplain to plan for the training, deployment and support of the chaplains in the wing so that the overall mission of the wing can be accomplished. The wing commander depends upon the wing chaplain to manage chaplain issues within the wing.

As does any other staff officer, the wing chaplain must provide the wing commander with accurate and up-to-date information on the condition of the chaplain activity within the wing. Timely reports, verbal updates and consistent attendance at staff meetings are effective ways of keeping the wing commander informed.

The wing chaplain serves as an advisor and counselor to the wing commander on issues of ethics, morality, morale and religion. Because the wing will tend to be a larger and more cosmopolitan organization than a squadron, issues can be more intense and volatile for a wing commander. The workload and activities of a unit commander is multiplied many times for a wing commander. The wing chaplain must keep pace with the activities of the wing in order to provide timely guidance, support and encouragement.



Chaplain Corps News from Mississippi Wing

It is hard to believe 2019 has just started! The Christmas Decorations have just been packed. The Church Calendar says it's Epiphany. What are the goals of the Mississippi Wing Chaplain Corps?

- 1. Recruit more Chaplains:** this is an on-going goal. Some units are new and have never had a Chaplain. Other units have Chaplains that are aging and not able to participate as much. We need new chaplains willing to serve.
- 2. Train New Chaplains:** The Chaplain should become a student of Senior Professional Development. The things we learned in College and Seminary, well it's a changing world! Things and methods in youth ministry have changed. A New CAP Chaplain should equip themselves to become effective servants (Isn't this in the scripture?)
- 3. Develop New Skills:** The Chaplain is often called to lead Character Development...and that's it! A Chaplain today needs to learn about new the Mission Chaplain Program. Find courses related to Disaster Response through the Red Cross and other agencies. I recommend you sit in on Aerospace Education Seminars. If you haven't been to one, make sure you attend the Southeast Region Chaplain/Character Development Officer Staff College this year. Look for courses in Pastoral Care and Religious Education. There are opportunities to learn – find them!

Chaplain David R. Smelser, Lt Col, CAP
Mississippi Wing Chaplain
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Chaplain Corps News from Florida Wing

What's the Mission? A tool to accomplish the Mission.

Far too often we all fall into the complacency of doing the same routine we've done before. In our roles as chaplains, that's not necessarily a good thing. Yes, routines can be good, but only as a tool to help us accomplish our mission. Informally asking a few other chaplains about their maintenance of Form 48 interviews, I learned that not one of them made a practice of interviewing new members and new cadets and maintaining this information for their own use. Only one chaplain I asked even knew if he had non-Christian cadets in his squadron. (He did!) So we need to ask ourselves a few questions:

- What's the Mission?
- What's the purpose of being a chaplain in Civil Air Patrol anyway?
- What is the purpose of chaplaincy to cadets?
- What is the end result we are trying to achieve with every cadet and every senior member?

Getting lost in the details or doldrums is like flying cross-country without a destination in mind. Sure, you'll get somewhere eventually, but will it be a place you would like to go? Or will it only be a case of flying smoothly to the scene of the crash? We need to remember that one of our purposes as chaplains, and particularly with cadets, is to help mold and develop moral and dependable adults. To facilitate the development of volunteer leaders with high integrity, devoted to service to others, committed to excellence and respectful of all people.

But how do we work to accomplish this if we don't know the people with whom we are working? The Form 48 religious interview guide is a tool we can use to get to know the men, women, and cadets with whom we serve. CAPF48 can provide the opening needed to begin or deepen our relationships with other CAP members so that we can be effective in our roles as moral leaders in our units. It's not an exhaustive guide, but it IS a good starting place; it is a good tool to use to help us develop the relationships we need with them if we are going to be effective in our mission to minister to all those under our care. We will find that if we take the time to begin to develop and deepen these relationships, our mission becomes much easier, and a lot more enjoyable.



Chaplain Corps News from Tennessee Wing

“How did you get to be a chaplain with the Civil Air Patrol?”

I have been asked this question on a number of occasions. It is an easy question to answer for I can point to the beginning of a wonderful journey that I have enjoyed for more than a decade. A member of the church where I serve as pastor, 1st Lt Sabrina Tarwater, mentioned to my wife that a chaplain was needed in her squadron. My first response was, “I am too old.” I possessed the educational and pastoral experience needed for CAP, but I was beyond the age limit that is required by the US Air Force. When I learned that there was no age limit in CAP I said, “Sign me up.” Thus began the process of applying for and becoming a member of the CAP.

I visited the Sevierville, Tennessee CAP Squadron, SER-TN-093, and met the leadership and cadets. The commander was 1stLt Paul Hodge, who interviewed me, gave me some application forms, finger print cards, and some helpful information booklets on CAP, and I was on my way to becoming a Senior Member. My application was approved and I became a Senior Member 2 June 2008. My next goal was to become a chaplain. I completed CAPF 35, Chaplain Application, along with all of the required attachments, and submitted it to my commander. Meanwhile, I contacted my endorsing agency, North American Mission Board, SBC, and began the process of applying for an ecclesiastical endorsement. It was approved and sent to National Headquarters, CAP. I was approved by serve as a chaplain with the Civil Air Patrol on 4 March 2009.

That is how I got to be a chaplain in the Civil Air Patrol.

But, there’s more. During those first few months as a Senior Member I learned about Professional Development, online courses, training exercises, and more. After I became a chaplain, the commander, Captain Hodge, suggested that I consider being a Mission Chaplain. My first thought was “Why.” I soon discovered that opportunities to serve as a chaplain were greater as a mission chaplain. In later articles I will explain the benefits of taking advantage of CAP training opportunities. My goal is to continue growing as a chaplain in the Tennessee Wing and the South East Region. My desire is for the assigned Chaplains and Character Development Officers to grow in every aspect of training available to them. The opportunities are unlimited.



Chaplain Corps News from Georgia Wing

The Chaplains of the Georgia Wing are a widely distributed group. We have a number of chaplains in the northern part of the state but just a few in the southern part, where I make my home in Statesboro. Because of our wide disbursement around the state, frequent in-person conversations are very difficult. One of my goals for our Wing's Chaplain Corps is to start a quarterly gathering of chaplains in the four quadrants of the state to build camaraderie and esprit de corps. We need each other to support, encourage, and minister.

A second goal is to bring important training to the Wing. With the advent of the new Mission Chaplain requirements and training, we must find ways to make the training available closer to home because of time and monetary expenses. Not only do we need Mission Chaplain training, we need to have training sessions with respect to our mission to the local squadrons and groups. We have experts in our Corps that are able trainers with respect to self-esteem support among our members, depression and anxiety recognition, and pastoral counseling.

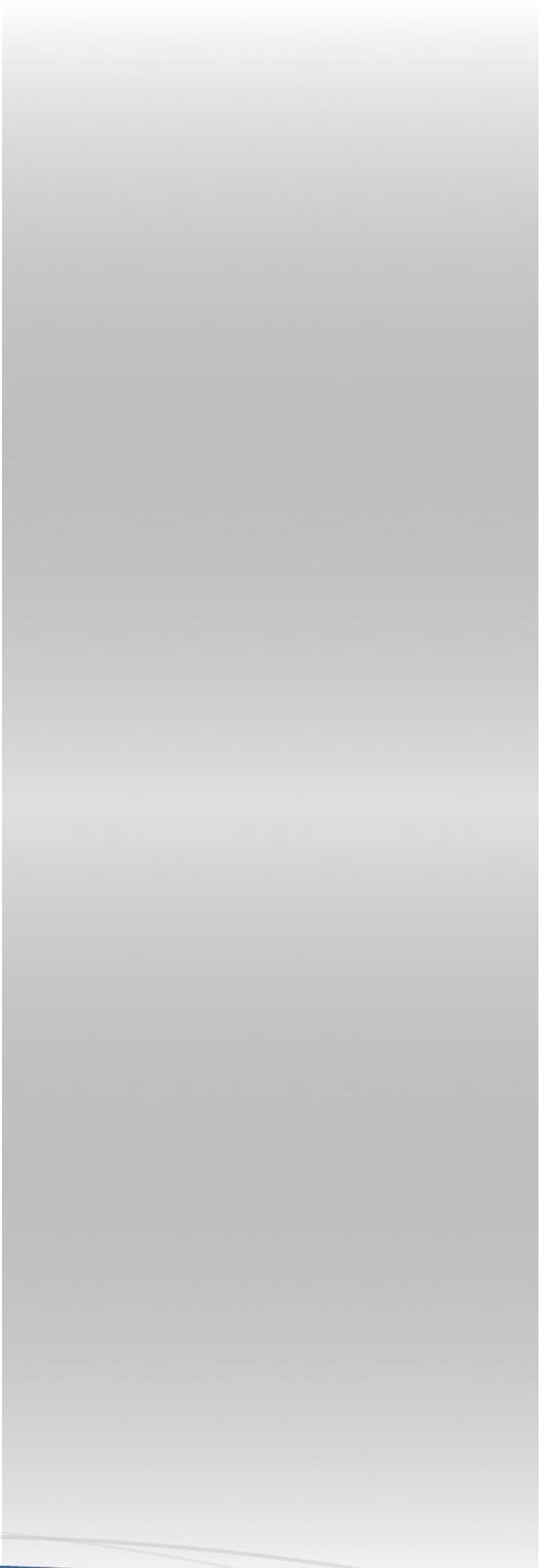
I know that, as the Mission Chaplain for the 2016 Georgia Wing SAREVAL, I was hit with both pastoral counseling and CISM duties. I was thankful to have just finished online refreshers in both. We never know when we may be thrust into a situation where we need to call on all of our training to accomplish our mission. The more training we can do in our Wing among our chaplains, the better we'll be prepared when called upon to act.

Finally, since we have many squadrons without chaplains or CDIs, I hope to put together a cross-list of chaplains that can cover more than one squadron in terms of Character Development and Pastoral Care. I know that our Chaplains, and CDIs, are a generous, caring group of individuals that want to see cadets, senior members, squadrons, groups, and the entire Wing succeed. Chaplains and CDIs are provide the character and moral support to each one. We don't have squadrons, groups, or wings without individual people. They are our most important asset and they are worthy the best care we can provide.



Chaplain Corps News From Alabama Wing

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Upcoming Events around the region and nation!



23 Mar	TNWG CONFERENCE – Murfreesboro, TN
30 Mar	GAWG CONFERENCE– Atlanta, GA
5-7 Apr	ALWG CONFERENCE – Huntsville, AL
12-14 Apr	MSWG CONFERENCE – Ocean Springs — near Biloxi, MS
23-26 May	FLWG CONFERENCE – Orlando, FL
31 May-2 June	SER CONFERENCE – Peachtree City, GA
9-15 June	Region Staff College – McGhee Tyson ARB, TN
17-21 June	SER Chaplain Corps Staff College – Maxwell AFB,
19-21 July	SER Commanders’ Retreat – Sevierville TN
8-10 August	NATIONAL CONFERENCE – Baltimore MD

Are you called to serve in the CAP Chaplain Corps?

CHAPLAINS

1. You must meet all requirements for Civil Air Patrol senior membership (see [CAPR 39-2](#), Civil Air Patrol Membership).
2. You must be a fully ordained or qualified clergy/religious professional of their faith group.
3. You must be actively engaged in or retired from a denominationally approved vocation.
4. You must obtain an ecclesiastical endorsement from a faith group listed by the Armed Forces Chaplains Board
5. You must have Bachelor's Degree from institution listed in ACE Higher Education Directory.
6. You must possess a post-baccalaureate graduate degree of at least 72 semester hours (108 quarter hours) in the field of theological or related studies from a qualifying educational institution.
7. Clergy without accredited graduate degree may ask for a waiver providing they have a minimum of 5 years full time pastoral experience.
8. Contact your wing chaplain for an application

CHARACTER DEVELOPMENT INSTRUCTORS

1. You must meet all requirements for Civil Air Patrol senior membership (see [CAPR 39-2](#), Civil Air Patrol Membership).
2. You must have completed the Training Leaders of Cadets (TLC) seminar
3. You must have completed the CAP Basic Instructor Course
4. You must obtain a letter of recommendation from a leader in your community
5. You will need to be interviewed and recommended by the wing chaplain in your state
6. Contact your Wing Chaplain for an application

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Next edition
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April 2019!

Share your stories!



Newsletter Editor NEEDED!

Airmen, Commanders, Chaplains, and Character Development Instructors

Do you have an inspiring story about a recent event?

Do you have pictures of Chaplains or CDI’s in action?

Do you want to share the news of how the Chaplain Corps inspires cadets and Senior Members to live the **CAP Core Values**?

NO LATER THAN 1 March 2019

Please submit pictures (JPEG), stories, and activities of you in action! (SAREX’s, CD Forums, Worship Services, etc.)
to:

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We are seeking a Newsletter editor to gather stories and pictures, then create and publish **The Compass** The NEW quarterly newsletter of the Southeast Region Chaplain Corps.

If you can:

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- Utilize software to create a high quality publication.
- Collaborate with several writers across multiple wings.
- Follow up and meet deadlines.

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Next
Volunteer Editor**

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