

“Welcome to the Chaplain’s Service.....”

The Civil Air Patrol Chaplaincy is an organization of civilian clergy representing the major faith groups. Civilian clergy receive appointment as a CAP chaplain and become responsible for implementing the CAP chaplain program. The CAP chaplain program is designed to meet the specific needs of cadet and senior volunteer members who are working to accomplish the threefold mission of CAP: Emergency Services, Aerospace Education, and the Cadet Program.

The United States Air Force provides supervision and guidance for CAP chaplains. The CAP chaplain is a civilian ministering to the religious needs of the CAP membership in the finest traditions of CAP, the Air Force and the nation. CAP chaplains, often, serve as force multipliers on domestic bases where active duty chaplains have been deployed leaving the Chapel Ministries without supply priests, ministers or rabbis.

CAP chaplains enhance the member’s religious and home training in spiritual and moral values. They express care and concern for the cadets by providing an adult sounding-board and they are available to counsel cadets whenever requested. Cadets need the chaplain’s guidance in the development of their life values. To address this need, CAP chaplains conduct moral leadership programs based on programmed themes, such as “Values for Living,” providing guidance in character building and moral values.

Through a “Ministry of Presence,” CAP chaplains impart an influence for good and an opportunity for members to share with them their joys, hurts and frustrations. This pastoral care is provided for both cadets and senior CAP members. Chaplains also participate in emergency services missions and exercises by providing a chaplain presence for victims and for members taking part in an emergency or disaster operation.

The CAP chaplain performs professional religious functions such as religious services, liturgies and rites. In this, and numerous other ways, the CAP chaplaincy offers a unique opportunity for clergy to perform their ministry in an ecumenical setting. The CAP chaplain will be ministering in cooperation with other ministers, priests, and rabbis. Mutual respect for one another’s beliefs engenders a spirit of cooperation and admiration between themselves and among those whom they serve in Civil Air Patrol.

SOME TYPICAL DUTIES OF A CAP CHAPLAIN

- ✚ Serve as a member of the commander’s staff as advisor on spiritual and moral issues.
- ✚ Open and close each unit meeting with prayer or meditation when requested.
- ✚ Conduct worship services.
- ✚ Prepare and guide moral leadership discussions.
- ✚ Interview new members and maintain a religious interview guide file.
- ✚ Participate in emergency service and rescue missions and disaster exercises.
- ✚ Provide counseling and spiritual guidance for senior and cadet members.
- ✚ Participate in cadet encampments and when selected, accompany cadets on annual CAP international air cadet exchange programs.
- ✚ Represent the CAP chaplaincy at denominational conferences, meetings, and national conventions.
- ✚ Visit homes of unit members, and those of disaster victims and their families.
- ✚ Assist in recruiting other CAP chaplains.

REQUIREMENTS FOR APPOINTMENT AS A CAP CHAPLAIN

Applicants must be in good standing with and have current credentials from their ecclesiastical authorities and meet the professional standards and experience required by their denominational sponsors or superiors.

A college degree and a theological seminary degree or its equivalent from a recognized and accredited college/university or seminary is required for appointment as a CAP chaplain. In exceptional cases, a waiver can be granted to clergy who do not have a seminary degree, but who do have a college degree, and present a resume of practical experience beyond their college degree. Waiver chaplains will be appointed in the grade of First Lieutenant.

Only endorsements issued by denominations and religious organizations, which are registered with the Armed Forces Chaplain Board, Department of Defense, Washington, DC 20301, will be accepted. As a prerequisite to appointment as chaplain, an applicant must receive endorsement from an ecclesiastical endorsing agency recognized by the Armed Forces Chaplain Board, Department of Defense, Washington, DC 20301. Individuals on active duty, reserve, or ANG with the status of chaplain in the U.S. Armed Forces need not obtain another endorsement.

HOW TO OBTAIN AN APPOINTMENT

First, write your denominational endorsing agency and request their written approval for you to serve as a CAP chaplain. After obtaining the documents listed below, present them to the Commander of the Unit in which you wish to serve. The Commander will forward them to the Wing Chaplain for review. The Wing Chaplain will schedule an interview with you and when you have completed the Initial Membership Process (Level I and Cadet Protection Program; which includes a fingerprint and FBI background check) these items will be sent to the National Chief of Chaplains and National Headquarters, Maxwell Air Force Base, Alabama, by the Wing Chaplain for appointment.

- ✚ A copy of your letter requesting ecclesiastical endorsement
- ✚ Three copies of CAP Chaplain Appointment Application, CAPF35. Be sure the Unit Commander signs the appropriate block on the CAPF35 prior to submission to the National Chief of Chaplains
- ✚ Pay all CAP membership dues to your Unit Commander and have him/her issue a check payable to National Headquarters CAP and mail together with your application. If you need help locating the address of endorsing agency, call or write the National Chaplain, National Headquarters CAP, Maxwell AFB, AL 36221.

The National Chief of Chaplains will review your application and educational certifications and make an appointment by notifying your Wing Chaplain and your Unit Commander. At an appropriate time designated by your Commander, you will be promoted to the grade of “Chaplain, First Lieutenant” and pinned with the religious symbol appurtenant to your office. Additionally, clergypersons who possess a doctorate in the field of religion, theology, counselling, etc. may be considered for a higher grade at the time of appointment.

Serving God and country without the possibility of deployment into harm’s way has proven to be a fulfilling ministry, especially for those clergypersons who are just leaving seminary or who have a few hours per month to give to the development of the youth of America. Those who have not met the academic requirements for chaplaincy may elect to serve in the Chaplain Service as a Moral Leadership Officer. If you have interest in ministry to the officers, and cadets of CAP, contact the Wing Chaplain for information and instructions on applying.

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Meet the Region Chaplain



CHAPLAIN, LIEUTENANT COLONEL
J. DELANO ELLIS, II, CAP

While a student in the Public School System of Philadelphia, Chaplain Ellis joined Civil Air Patrol in June 1957 at the age of Fourteen (14) and was attached to Squadron 1016 in the Pennsylvania Wing at the Benjamin Franklin Institute. He served in the United States Air Force with an AFSC of Air Police in MATS.

Upon graduation from the Philadelphia Public Schools, the Chaplain attended Cheyney University (*formerly known as Cheyney State Teachers College*) and from there completed his education at Howard University in Washington, earning a Bachelor of Arts Degree in History with a minor in Sociology. After completing Nazarene Theological Seminary and earning a Masters Degree in Religious Education, Chaplain Ellis was assigned to the Friendship Church of the Nazarene in Memphis, Tennessee in 1966. After several pastorates and Itinerant Appointments the Chaplain was elected to serve as Bishop of the Pentecostal Churches of Christ at Cleveland, Ohio in 1989.

In 1990, after many years away from Civil Air Patrol, he applied for an appointment as a Chaplain for the Civil Air Patrol and a Charter to organize a Composite Squadron in the Ohio Wing and was appointed on 1 December 1994 in the Grade of O-2 (*Chaplain, First Lieutenant*). On 1 January 1995 the Chaplain was appointed to the Grade of O-3 (*Chaplain, Captain*); 1 March 1996, O-4 (*Chaplain, Major*); and 7 December 1999, O-5 (*Chaplain, Lieutenant Colonel*) in the United States Air Force Auxiliary.

Chaplain Ellis was the Founder and Organizer for Squadron 407 of the Ohio Wing, Civil Air Patrol. In June 1992 the Chaplain formed the Inner-city Unit with one hundred teenage boys and girls, along with twenty adults who had previous military experience. From that humble beginning until 1998, more than fifteen cadets have entered the United States Military Services and more than twenty have entered college.

Chaplain Ellis served the Ohio Wing as Group Chaplain and was appointed to the office of Ohio Wing Chaplain in the Civil Air Patrol, Superintendent of Chaplains for East Cleveland Safety Forces; and Chaplain for the City of Cleveland's Police Department.

Chaplain Ellis proves that one can "be busy" and still have time to "give something back." During his tenure as Ohio Wing Chaplain, Chaplain Ellis formed the "CHAPLAIN TRAINING FLIGHT" for the purpose of training and mentoring Chaplains and Moral Leadership Officers for service in the Civil Air Patrol. He presently serves as Great Lakes Region *Command* Chaplain. The Chaplain is a

Level Five member of Civil Air Patrol and has assisted the United States Air Force in memorializing veterans and fallen active duty soldiers, sailors and airmen.

Chaplain Ellis not only serves under the “blue” cover, but also the “green”. The chaplain was appointed to the grade of O-5 (*Chaplain, Lieutenant Colonel*) in the United States Army Cadet Corps (*American Cadet Alliance*) on 1 May 2005 and was given the assignment of National Chaplain for the American Cadet Alliance. As National Chaplain, Chaplain Ellis leads a team of Chaplains who are available to serve the Force Multipliers for the Army.

He has distinguished himself further by earning the ACA Commendation Medal for Humanitarian Service and Life Saving during the Katrina Disaster in Texas with the Texas State Guard. The Chaplain also serves the Ohio State Defense Force in the office of Chaplain and provides moral and spiritual assistance to the Commanding General and a force of upwards three-thousand soldiers. He is the recipient of the Military Chaplains Association’s (MCA) Distinguished Service Award and the City of Cleveland’s Distinguished Service Medal for Life Saving.

In civilian life, Chaplain Ellis is the Metropolitan-Archbishop for the Anglican-Pentecostal Churches in the United States with upwards, five-hundred bishops and districts under his leadership. In this role, the Archbishop is acknowledged by more than twenty-million Pentecostals in the Americas and on the African Continent as Father-in-God. Bishop Ellis is married to the Reverend Dr. Sabrina Joyce Ellis and is father to six (*three of which are serving in ministry*); grandfather to twenty-one and great-grandfather to one. What a legacy!

The Chaplain is recipient of numerous awards from the Air Force, Civil Air Patrol, and the United States Army Cadet Corps, as shown herein.

Air Force Outstanding Unit Award	(Ribbon)
National Defense Medal – <i>With Bronze Star</i>	(Medal)
Armed Forces Expeditionary	(Medal)
Air Force Overseas – <i>Short Tour</i>	(Ribbon)
Air Force Longevity Service Award	(Ribbon)
Air Force Small Arms Expert	(Ribbon)
Air Force Training Award	(Ribbon)
CAP Commander’s Commendation	(Medal)
CAP Gill Robb Wilson – Level V	(Medal)
CAP - Paul E. Garber – Level IV	(Medal)
CAP - Grover Loening – Level III	(Medal)
CAP - Benjamin O. Davis – Level II	(Ribbon)
CAP - Red Service (15 year Pin)	(Ribbon)
CAP - Membership – Level I	(Ribbon)
CAP - I.A.C.E	(Ribbon)
CAP - Senior Recruiter (3 Propellers)	(Ribbon)
U.S. Army Cadet Corps Commendation	(Medal)
Ohio Military Reserve Unit Award	(Ribbon)
City of Cleveland Distinguished Service	(Medal)
Unit Citation, OHMR	
Unit Citation, USACC	

