



Arkansas Wing Needs a Few Good Chaplains and Moral Leadership Officers!

The mission of the Civil Air Patrol (CAP) Chaplain Service is to provide for the religious, moral, and spiritual needs of all Civil Air Patrol members. The dedicated men and women who comprise the CAP Chaplain Service are religiously trained and certified, and specifically appointed for this exciting ministry. CAP chaplain service members are at the forefront of the community serving humankind.

Our vision is: The Civil Air Patrol Chaplain Service--the world's best volunteer chaplaincy.

Our vision builds on more than 50 years of outstanding service to America. If you would like to join this proven ministry team, then please read on.

There are two categories of membership in the CAP Chaplain Service. Both must meet the full standards for senior (adult) membership in CAP as a starting point. Chaplains have the highest qualifications and, therefore, have the greatest responsibilities. CAP chaplains must meet the same religious standards as chaplains who serve in the US Armed Forces.

Moral leadership officers (MLOs) have more limited qualifications and, therefore, more limited responsibilities. MLOs assist chaplains by providing moral leadership classes when chaplains cannot be present, and they assist chaplains with worship and emergency services ministries to the extent allowed by their religious bodies.

Being part of the CAP Chaplain Service marks one as a leader amongst peers.

CAP performs approximately 85% of the Air Force authorized search and rescue missions within the continental United States. CAP also provides invaluable assistance during natural disasters. During 2005 hurricane Katrina and other disasters.

As integral components of the CAP team, chaplain service members comfort disaster victims, survivors, and family members; strengthen and support the disaster relief workers; and bring a healing presence in the midst of chaos and tragedy.

Not every clergy person is cut out for this type of ministry. Those who are, however, find opportunities for ministry where no ordinary civilian pastor could. To get more information on this unique ministry you can download "[WANT TO BE PART OF A SELECT GROUP OF CIVIC-MINDED RELIGIOUS LEADERS?](#)"

This pamphlet describes in detail the CAP Chaplain Service and how you can be involved. If you have any questions you can contact our [Recruiting Team](#).

Thank you for taking a moment to look at The Civil Air Patrol Chaplain Service--the world's best volunteer chaplaincy!

Overview of Chaplaincy in the Civil Air Patrol

Chaplaincy in the Civil Air Patrol (U.S. Air Force Auxiliary) is a unique opportunity for a parish priest to have profound impact on his community. Civil Air Patrol (www.capnhq.gov) began in 1941 with a mission to defend the homeland of from possible enemy activity and to promote aerospace education among the youth of the nation. Through the years, these missions have increased to air/ground search and rescue, life flights, drug surveillance and again to homeland security.

The ministry of the Chaplain is multifaceted. This includes:

CADET PROGRAMS.

The CAP Chaplain is responsible to the commander for conducting Moral Leadership classes with teens who are Civil Air Patrol Cadets. Moral leadership involves a “ministry of presence” as well as speaking into the lives of these young people. The Moral Leadership program is a required part of the advancement program of a Civil Air Patrol cadet. Chaplains also minister at Summer Encampments of cadets at military bases and on cadet activities.

SEARCH AND RESCUE

Whether counseling with a wear search crew or reassuring a family anxiously awaiting word on their loved one who is lost, the CAP Chaplain is in a unique role to minister into the lives of those involved with potential tragedy. An informed Chaplain knows the search and rescue procedure and serves as spiritual counselor to all involved.

SENIOR (ADULT) PROGRAMS

The Chaplain serves the Commander as the chief “moral and morale guide” of the squadron, group, wing or region. A “ministry of presence” is vital in earning the right to speak into the lives of the CAP volunteer who potentially lays down his or her life in service to others.

PASTORAL RESPONSIBILITIES

A CAP chaplain conducts services from simple prayer services on a search mission to a formal military funeral. The CAP Chaplain serves first as a Priest and then as a CAP officer.

REQUIREMENTS TO SERVE

All CAP Chaplains meet the full requirements of active duty Air Force Chaplains and are required to receive endorsement by the Archdiocese of the Armed Forces. Proper forms and procedures are available at any CAP organization or by contacting the Director of Chaplains Services, Headquarters, Civil Air Patrol. Chaplains train at the local, state and national level improving their ministry and leadership in CAP and local parish. CAP Chaplains serve as volunteers without financial compensation.

POINT OF CONTACT

For additional information, you may contact Chaplain (Lt Colonel) Peter Nortier, Arkansas Wing, Civil Air Patrol