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Civil Air Patrol Mission Specialist Designation



St. Augustine said: "God judged it better to bring good out of evil, than to suffer no evil to exist."

Our nation was shocked and horrified when on the afternoon of November 5, 2009, we heard of an Army Major who killed 13 people and wounded 30 others in a mass shooting at Fort Hood, TX.

In the investigation and report that followed that deadly day, the Secretary of Defense found, among other things, the Civil Air Patrol Chaplain Corps Regions Staff College does not include training on mass casualty response. This finding was followed up with a directive, the "Air Force Chief of Chaplains and the CAP should ensure CAP chaplains are prepared to respond to the full range of emergencies, to include mass casualties."

In January of this year the first Staff Train the Trainer Course was conducted to prepare instructors to begin a Mission Chaplain (MC)/Chaplain Support Specialist (CSS) training program. This new program will be provided at the newly established Chaplain Corps Emergency Services School now incorporated in the CAP National Emergency Services Academy at Camp Atterbury, IN. The first two sessions of this school to train CAP Mission Specialists were held this past month concluding on the 21st of July. More such classes will be offered at least twice each year.

This new mission and training is being incorporated for all new CAP chaplains and is available to those currently serving. All CAP chaplains are now able to gain an advanced designation to prepare them to assist in all real-world missions of the CAP when called upon to support national emergencies and mass casualty

missions. Chaplains who complete a separate specialty within this training regimen may also be certified to provide support to active USAF units when chaplains are sent forward.

Congratulations to CAP Chief of Chaplains Jay Hughes and his entire team as they have labored many hours contributing their time to such a worthy effort. We are proud to have the professional chaplains of the Civil Air Patrol as full partners in the MCA.

Lyman Smith
Executive Director

[Civil Air Patrol Chaplain Corps](#)
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In Memoriam

Chaplain Billy Jack (B.J.) McKee

CAPT, CHC, USN, Retired
Cooperative Baptist Fellowship
MCA Member 1968
MCA Life Member 1988
Deceased June 25, 2017
Dallas, TX



Welcome New Members

The Rev. Sarah Lammert

Chair, Executive Committee
National Conference on Ministry to the Armed Forces
Universalist Unitarian
Jamaica Plain, MA

Chaplain Mario S. Palanca

Captain, United States Army Reserve
Roman Catholic
Honolulu, HI

Chaplain Jared L. Vineyard

Captain, United States Army
Southern Baptist
Wahiawa, HI



Arlington National Cemetery National Dialogue

Arlington National Cemetery (ANC) is at another crossroads in its history. In about twenty-five years, ANC will run out of space as an active cemetery to honor our Nation's veterans. In order to significantly extend ANC's capacity, changes to either eligibility criteria and/or expansion of the cemetery's geographic footprint are required. Through Public Law 114-58, Congress directed the Secretary of the Army to provide this report to identify the current status and inform ways to extend the life expectancy of the cemetery well into the future.

ANC leaderships has developed a survey as they seek input from as many as possible in determining the future of the cemetery.

Please take a few minutes to complete the survey. You may access it [here](#).

If the link does not work, please go to this web location -

<http://www.arlingtoncemetery.mil/News/Post/4178/National-dialogue-begins-at-Arlington-National-Cemetery>

The full report on the future of Arlington is located [here](#).

WANTED: FULL-TIME PASTOR **St. John's Lutheran Church**

St. John's Lutheran Church, located in Ambridge, PA, is seeking a Pastor to replace our current Pastor who has announced his intent to retire. St. John's is a small, but very active conservative Lutheran congregation affiliated with the AFLC. The congregation has been in continuous existence for over 100 years.

The church is located in the Old Economy Village historic district, close to the Trinity School for Ministry, and is considered to be the finest example of Neo-Georgian church architecture in existence.

The physical plant includes a large education building and a parsonage, and is well maintained and managed. The congregation has no debt.

Pastors responding to our call must believe that the Bible is the "inspired, inerrant and infallible" word of God, and must be willing to attain membership on the roster of Pastors of the Association of Free Lutheran Churches.

Our immediate need is a Pastor who will help define our vision, and lead us to grow in numbers. We realize that this is a daunting task, and pray that God will send us a Good Shepherd to watch



ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH OF OLD ECONOMY
AMBRIDGE, PENNSYLVANIA

over his sheep in Ambridge.

Location: 1320 Church Street, Ambridge, PA 15003 Office Phone (724) 266-5618

Contact: Fred Kellinger

109 Priscilla Drive

Sewickley, PA 15143

(412) 741-7903

fred.kellinger@comcast.net

[Position Description](#)

MCA Executive Director Sought

With Lyman's announced departure, we seek qualified candidates for the Executive Director position.

A draft position description is attached for your review. We intend this to be a full-time position with the total compensation package up to \$80k per year plus expenses. Residency in the Washington D.C. area is not necessarily required.

Interested parties who meet the qualifications are invited to submit their packages to Chaplain Karen Stocks, c/o MCA, PO Box 7056, Arlington, VA 22207 or send via email to chaplains@mca-usa.org.

All packages should be received by August 4th for consideration. Please direct questions to Chaplain Stocks at KarenStocksMCA@outlook.com. Thank you.

[Position Description](#)

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