

June 29, 2019

Dear Coalition of Spirit-filled Churches Military and Veterans Affairs Chaplains,

We trust that you are well and enjoying your ministries.

An important part of a chaplain's professional life is continuing education as well as networking and fellowship with other chaplains. It provides for a healthy exchange of ideas and opportunities to develop professional relationships. Similarly, it is essential to meet with chaplains of your own faith group AND to consult with your Endorser on personal and professional matters. We expect you to meet with us at least every 3 years.

With this in mind, we are strongly encouraging you to consider attending the

Military Chaplains Association's: National Institute and Annual Meeting 2019

The Coalition of Spirit-filled Churches' Annual Federal Chaplains Gathering

Sunday, August 18 check-in and dinner, check-out on Weds, the 21st

Embassy Suites, by Hilton

Oolumbia Greystone

200 Stoneridge Drive * Columbia, South Carolina 29210



To register for lodging, please visit https://embassysuites.hilton.com/en/es/groups/personalized/C/CAEGSES-MCA-20190818/index.jhtml.

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Please register NOW for the annual National Institute at <u>https://www.afr-reg.com/MCA2019/</u>. [You can do so online or download a form, print it, complete it and send a check. If you do so online, please print the screen for your confirmation!]

Among our speakers are:

Chaplain Jason Nieuwsma, a VA chaplain who will speak on the new - and groundbreaking - Mental Health Integration Chaplaincy Center which is the part of the VA's chaplaincy initiative to address the role of chaplaincy with mental health.

Judge Dwaine Thomas, a Tennessee Circuit Court judge who will discuss the remarkable work he has done in setting up a Veteran's Court in his circuit, and how it has become remarkably successful with the support of peer veterans supporting - and challenging - those veterans who come in front of his bench.

Chaplain, Major General, Steven Schaick, Chief of Chaplains, US Air Force, who has confirmed his presence to speak on the challenges he has faced in the first year of his tenure as Chief of Chaplains and what the road looks like going forward for him.

<u>This conference will meet our expectations for your denominational presence and continuing education</u> as a professional chaplain – and hopefully will also provide some spiritual R & R and encouragement! We will be scheduling time for each of you to spend with me reviewing your professional goals during the 4 days together.

Any questions about this endorsing office request may be addressed to the undersigned at <u>Chaplaincy@Spirit-filled.org</u> or 877-CSC-CHAP.

May you be blessed, enriched, and refreshed!

Sincerely

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