


The Coalition of
Spirit-filled Churches
For Pastoral Care in Specialized Settings

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February 8, 2023

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

We trust that you are well and enjoying your ministries in these very challenging times.

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 2023
&
The Coalition of Spirit-filled Churches'
Annual Federal Chaplains Gathering (Pre-Conference)**

SAVE THE DATE!

July 25 is our check-in and dinner, check-out on the morning of the 29th.

Graduate Hotel

About Lodging. The MCA folks were able to negotiate a good price for lodging: \$112 per night (which is at the military/federal per diem rate) at Graduate Hotel -- Columbia, SC. When you call them **(803- 779-7779)** to make reservations, let them know that you are with code "MCA," and you will get the discounted rate. The rooms are the same price, whether king or two doubles.

!!!Reservations are NOT YET AVAILABLE!!!

To view lodging, please visit
www.graduatehotels.com/columbia-sc



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Our first meeting as CSC Chaplains is dinner, July 25th [1800 hours, meet in the hotel lobby], so that as a group we may enjoy some great networking and fellowship. The 26th and 27th will be set-aside for times of one-one meetings with your endorser for mentoring, fellowship, prayer, encouragement, and care.

About the Venue. This year, the MCA Meeting will be held in **Columbia, SC, at the famous and historical Graduate Hotel (a section of it used to be Governor's Residence).** The MCA meeting will take place Thursday evening (July 27th) and all-day Friday, closing-out Saturday noon, July 29. We are asking that CSC Chaplains gather a couple days ahead of the MCA Meeting, **using either July 24 or 25 as a travel day (depending on distance traveled) and plan to meet as a distinct faith group on the evening of Tuesday, the 25th and all day Wednesday and Thursday. Then, we will attend the MCA conference. The 29th or 30th (depending on you!) will be a travel day back to respective homes.** [By the way, Columbia is a great place to relax, see sights, and do tourism. Some folks may wish to use the occasion to supplement their permissive TDY with personal leave to really make a vacation out of the week.]

In addition to registering for lodging, you **will need to register for the MCA Continuing Education Conference.** **[A LINK WILL BE SHORTLY FORTHCOMING.](#)**



This is important! → When you make your plans, **PLEASE** let me (Dave) know that you are registering by texting me at 757-927-2427 or emailing me at Chaplaincy@Spirit-filled.org. We **MUST** have a count.

This conference will meet our expectations for your denominational presence and continuing education as a professional federal chaplain – and hopefully it 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 combined 4-day conference.

Any questions about this endorsing office request may be addressed to the undersigned at Chaplaincy@Spirit-filled.org or 877-CSC-CHAP [877-272-2427]. For more information about the US Congress-Chartered Military Chaplains Association, please visit www.mca-usa.org.

May you be blessed, enriched, and refreshed!

Sincerely,

Dave

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