2018 Chaplain Corps Summit Awards Banquet
Ch, Brig Gen Steve Chisolm and Ch, Col Bill Yates with Annual Award Winners Ch, Capt Christina Pittman and MSgt Jeremiah Henderson
Suicide Awareness and Prevention

September is Suicide Awareness and Prevention Month. Your situational awareness and spiritual care has never been more important! There is no magic solution to complex issues like suicide and the inner workings of human minds and hearts. But we do know that relationship failures, financial strain, conflict in marriage and family, stress in the workplace and clinical depression are common signals. So far in CY18, there have been six suicides in the ANG and 64 in the ARNG. What can we do to help? Team up with leaders, co-workers, your DPH and A&FRPM on base. Anecdotal evidence shows that multiple layers of support surrounding hurting Airmen can really make a difference. Let’s join in fervent prayer that we can intervene and make the save for those who are suicidal and despairing. Make sure you visit our new ANG Prevention Web Page and explore the many tools and resources: https://www.ang.af.mil/prevention

New Air Force Chief of Chaplains and Deputy Chief

Chaplain, Maj Gen Steven A. Schaick and Chaplain, Brig Gen Ronald M. Harvell were recently confirmed as the next Chief and Deputy Chief of Chaplains. Last week they were both promoted to their new ranks and have assumed the duties of their new positions. We join the Total Force in congratulating them and praying for their leadership, families and overall wellbeing as our newest Chaplain Corps Senior Leaders.

The Five Rs

Chaplain Schaik recently unveiled his five priorities that define who we are, what we do, how we do it and why we do it, shaping the substance and culture of the Total Force Chaplain Corps. First is Relationships. In the context of the First Amendment, this is about religious freedom in connecting God, Airmen, overall health and spiritual wellbeing together with partnerships, community building and synergies that are vital for our Corps. Second is Relevance. Rooted in religious principles and holy texts, how can we assist Airmen in finding their power source to be resilient? Third is Relevance. Here the emphasis is on excellence and asking hard questions, like “How do Airmen – especially younger members – perceive HC?” Key to the discussion is credibility, awareness and understanding of who we are and what we do in the Chaplain Corps and how we impact Airmen and the mission. Fourth is Readiness. The profession of arms requires many forms of readiness, but especially spiritual readiness and fitness. Because human beings have fundamental spiritual, moral and emotional needs, we cannot ignore them without serious consequences. Ch Schaik emphasized the theme of “Inspire Readiness” and to take the perspective of looking back from the future with confidence that we all did what we needed to do, “No Regrets!” And finally, Respect. Respect begins within the Chaplain Corps. We must all walk the talk of respecting each other, our unique personalities and common service to greater ends beyond ourselves. And translating mutual respect among all the Airmen we meet.

Thank you for your commitment to religious freedom, serving Airmen and building stronger and safer communities through spiritual care and resiliency. Your labors are making a difference.

Chaplain Bill Yates

“Locally, Globally—Always Ready, Always on Mission!”

New MVA: Director, ANG Chaplain Corps

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While we don’t provide worship to a significant number of retirees, I would suggest that if a significant amount of your time at drill is preparing worship services for less than 50% of your base population, then maybe the next time you complain about not having enough time at drill to get everything done and you are not meeting your wartime requirements, then maybe, just maybe you are not spending your time at drill in the most effective manner. Now before the fuse I just lit turns into an explosion, I would like to remind you that we all know there is a struggle every drill weekend in order to accomplish all of our requirements. I’ve mentioned deliberate planning more than once in my articles—I’d just offer that you do an honest time study. Where are you actually spending your time at drill? How much of it is spent meeting requirements (all of it should be, if it isn’t then you shouldn’t be doing it)? Be honest and look at everything. We are required to serve all Airmen with the goal of preparing spiritually fit Airmen to fly fight and win. We are required to implement (and manage the resourcing of) the commander’s religious support program, we are required to be ready to “fight tonight,” we are required to conduct (and document) upgrade training and all required training for the positions we are in or desire to be in. That is how you should be spending your time. I encourage you to take a hard look at your programs, and adjust where necessary.

I witness and hear testimony daily about the great ministry many of you do. I deeply appreciate the hard work and sacrifice you all willingly take on to be a Citizen Airman. I am proud to be a member of this great organization and have the opportunity to serve alongside all of you.

SMSgt Recore
Three Leadership Relationships to Engage

Last week, 19 ANG Chaplain Corps members participated in a joint leadership training event here in D.C. Ch Yates and I attended an afternoon session which began with MG William Walker, D.C. National Guard. Walker, a retired DEA special agent, spoke on three relationships each young leader needed to develop within their lives and career.

He advised having a coach, a mentor and a sponsor. Walker defined a coach as that person who encourages you to excel and grow in your capacity as a leader. They provide insight and guidance into the effective use of your talents and skills. They challenge you to be your best and instill confidence within you. A mentor is that person who has great expertise and experience in the area you seek to pursue. They provide lessons learned from their experiences and how these lessons apply to you. They also serve as the person who confront and challenge your decisions and behaviors making sure these align with your stated goals and purposes. Basically, they’re the ones who are allowed to get into your chili. For Walker, a sponsor is that person who believes and sees the greatness in you. They become your promoter by speaking well of you to others. They never miss a chance to highlight to others all of your positive qualities, skills and accomplishments.

These are not new concepts to me and a part inside of me wants to shuck of your positive qualities, skills and accomplishments. They never miss a chance to highlight to others all of your positive qualities, skills and accomplishments. For Walker, a sponsor is that person who be-

ally having purpose and meaning associated with this passion, e.g. upholding motto, “so others may live.” Dr Chappell’s lecture continues with other defining attributes, not just physical brute strength, all other pillars essential to success. President Franklin D. Roosevelt once remarked, “Physical strength can never permanently withstand the impact of spiritual force.” One of the reasons spirituality wins wars is because it increases people’s ability to endure stress and persevere. When times get difficult, people need to be able to answer the important question, “why am I here?” They tend to need to know there is meaning and purpose -- all areas within our chaplain corps lane. Speaking of purpose, a quick reminder that September is Suicide Prevention and Awareness Month. NGB recently launched our ANG Prevention Web Page: https://www.ang.af.mil/prevention/

NGB also released an intro for the web page as it went live: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CMXL-v9c9a0 . Please continue to spread the word and tag it on social media platforms: #ANGcares365.

The vision is to make everyone aware, that our ANG family is here and available, 24/7, 365 days a year, not just on a drill weekend. The website includes a help tools and resources to help overcome con-

Resiliency & Purpose

This summer, Chaplain (Maj) Christina Pittman (169 FW, SC) and I presented at the ANG Chaplain Corp RPA/ISR Airmen Resiliency Team Training. Our focus was examining the unique lens of pastoral care and counseling approaches during traumatic stress events. One key take-away was the unique spiritual focus that creates an atmosphere of spiritual fitness and shared meaning in all adverse conditions.

A number of other presentations also stressed the important role of the AF Chaplain Corps to ensure the delivery of effective spiritual care to our Airmen in High Risk/High Demand career fields. And one of the strategies that the AF has engaged in order to achieve that objective is embedding our chaplain corps directly into these high risk, high demand career fields. These fields include special tactics units, remotely piloted aircraft units, and intelligence agencies. Our presence provides not only direct access to care, but ensures Airmen within these units receive the level of care they need, and the type of specialty care they deserve in performing their missions. This extends our warfighting capability, so we can achieve a high state of performance, where we can focus on better performance and recovery.

Our unique lens does provide greater purpose and meaning in life. One of the presenters, Dr Wayne Chappell has given an excellent lecture available on YouTube entitled, “The Psychology of a Hero,” in which he provides some characteristics of some of America’s most elite operators. The very first item mentioned on this list is passion, defined as a desire to succeed, and more importantly having purpose and meaning associated with this passion, e.g.
From the Staff...

Patriot South/North 19
We are currently taking requests for participants in Patriot South and North. Please email me and Ch Williams if you’re interested in participating.

Here’s the CBTs you’ll need to accomplish in order to participate. Email all certificates of completion to me AND Ch Williams. If you’ve already completed the CBTs, don’t reaccomplish them.

Patriot Training CBTs:
A. Training #1 DSCA Phase I –
   1. Log into JKO at https://jkosupport.jten.mil
   2. Click on the Course Catalog Tab
   3. The 4th training down will be Defense Support of Civil Authorities (DSCA) Phase I Course
B. Incident Command (ICS) CBTs –
   1. Login to FEMA at http://training.fema.gov/IS/NIMS.aspx
   2. Take each of these CBTs: 100, 200, 505, 700, and 800

If you’d like to participate in Patriot South 19 or Patriot North 19, you’ll have to plan ahead since this is unit-funded. We’ll require a MAJCOM-approved AMP beginning with FY20 Patriots. Since we’re just now announcing this, for FY19 participants, priority will be given to everyone who already projected their participation in their FY19 AMP, and all additional members will be considered for the remaining openings. Key note: In your AMP, project your participants by name, and expect an associated cost of $500-$700 travel/per diem and 7 ST/AT/FTNGD days per participant.

Dates: Patriot S — 2-8 Mar ’19, incls travel (Savannah CRTC, GA)
Patriot N — 13-19 Jul ’19, incls travel (Volk Field, WI)

Sep Wing Evaluations: 124 FW, 144 FW, 153 AW, 181 IW. Your 3rd Quarter evaluator is Ch Brewer. He will be virtually reviewing everyone’s AMPS, AFTR, ADLS, MilPDS, and MICT. His feedback will be included in an inspection report uploaded to the ANG/IG Gatekeeper SharePoint, which your Wing IG can access. Contact your Wing IG for that report.

ANG Chaplain Corps Upcoming Events
11—13 Sep, Senior Chaplain Course & Religious Affairs Strategic Leadership Course, AFCCC (school days funded)
18—20 Sep, Chaplain Corps Current Educational Issues Course, AFCCC (unit-funded)
9 Oct—20 Nov, RA Apprentice Course, AFCCC (school days funded)

Congratulations to SMSgt Recore on a well-deserved AFCM for continued dedication to the ANG Chaplain Corps. Thank you for your service!
From the field...

Religious Affairs Apprentice Course 18002
Maxwell AFB, AL

Basic Chaplain Course 18A
Maxwell AFB, AL

Graduates of the Basic Chaplain Course 18C & Religious Affairs Apprentice Course 18005, Maxwell AFB, AL

Photo Lt to Rt. Ch Tony Repic, Religious Support Team Award and Ch Brian Banke, Academic Award, Basic Chaplain Course 18C, Maxwell AFB, AL
August 2018, Chaplain Chisolm and Chaplain Yates and members of the ANG MAJCOM Assistant pose for a group photo in front of a KC-135 from the 171 ARW PA ANG. Special Assistants were there for their Bi-Annual Special Assistant Training, which was held at the 171 ARW PA ANG Base.

PREP for Couples and Single and Family Wellness Classes poses for group pictures at Strong Bonds Instructor Training held at the 171 ARW PA ANG Base. A total of 16 Chaplains, 18 Religious Affairs Airmen and 7 Airman and Family Readiness Program Managers were trained.
From the field...

Photos of Ch John Bailey Keeping Busy During His Deployment to Southwest Asia

Baptism in the Jordan River. By Ch Bailey, 187 FW, AL ANG

Posed with the "Megatron"

Great job! Coined by AFCENT/HC

CE unit visitation on the bobcat
Please read the below announcements and guidance very carefully since they include important strong bonds training information:

FY 2019 Strong Bonds Training (funding) Requirement Submittals
After Action Reports (AARs) - 2018
CY 2019 Strong Bonds Instructor Certification Training Courses (SBITC)

TRAINING AND FUNDING REQUIREMENTS PROCESS – IMMEDIATE ACTION NEEDED!!
All Wing Chaplains and SB POCs – Fiscal Year 2019 ANG Strong Bond Training (Funding) Requirements are due now. All SB Training/Funding Requirements (website submittals) will be considered through September 30th, 2018. Post all training/funding requirements on the following web link: https://airguard.ang.af.mil/A1/A1S/HCSBonds/ using 4 digits: (2019). Your prompt response will assist the ANG Strong Bonds Team in assuring appropriate funding for all ANG Wings/Units requesting retreat training. Deadline for Funding Submittals – 30 September 2018! Thank You!! Also, please ensure your Strong Bonds training requirements are included in your 2019 Airmen Ministry Plan (AMP) to include FY19 Strong Bonds financials. Please contact Mr. Ed Brown with questions or concerns at edwin.b.brown.ctr@mail.mil

Tips for Strong Bonds Funds Management – ESP Code “AV”:
The FM Commits ESP “AV” Funds by validating the Form 9. The Contracting Office Obligates ESP “AV” Funds by letting a Contract.
GPC cards assigned to the Wing Chaplain Corps, commits funds upon loading of “AV” funds.
GPC cards assigned to other sections within a Wing, obligate Wing funds until the Journal Voucher process is completed. Upon the completion of the Journal Voucher, then (and only then) are Strong Bonds Funds (ESP “AV” Funds) Committed/Obligated. "When using a GPC card outside the Chaplain Corps please make sure the Journal Voucher is completed or if not, you will think you’re spending Strong Bonds monies but you’re not; you will be spending Wing funds. Please have this conversation with your FM or RA whichever is applicable.
SPECIAL NOTE: The Strong Bonds Program operates on O&M Funds ONLY! We do not issue MILPERS (ST or AT Days or Dollars).

After Action Reports: AARs for FY2018 are due now. If you need more time, please contact our office immediately so [we] can establish a future date of submittal. AARs (4, 8, 12 and Yellow Ribbon) are required for each event. Yellow Ribbon events which include either Strong Bonds curriculum or a briefing require an AAR. Also it is extremely important that all FY18 AARs are submitted as soon after the event as possible. Please contact Mr. Ed Brown with questions or concerns at edwin.b.brown.ctr@mail.mil

Strong Bonds Instructor Training Certification Courses – 2019:
Though we do not have any confirmed specific course locations or curricula for 2019, we hope to provide at least two principle courses in or around the months of April and/or August. We also plan to host Laugh Your Way to a Better Marriage SBITCs at the AFCCC for BCC and RAA courses the weekend prior to their start dates. More information to follow. In order to meet our program and training needs, courses and curricula will be offered to our ANG Strong Bonds Support Teams (Chaplains, Chaplain Assistants, A&FRPMS, spouses and volunteer support) in an appropriate and timely manner. PLEASE NOTE WHEN REGISTERING FOR STRONG BONDS INSTRUCTOR TRAINING COURSES YOU ARE OBLIGATING NGB/HC FUNDING. THEREFORE DO NOT REGISTER WITHOUT YOUR WINGS (DTS) PRIOR APPROVAL. CANCELLATIONS ARE AUTORIZED ON A CASE-BY-CASE BASIS.

Again, thanks to every Chaplain, Chaplain Assistant, Airman and Family Readiness Program Manager and Key Volunteers for your continued support and efforts to make the ANG Strong Bonds Program a success. Your efforts have a direct and positive impact on our Airmen and their respective families. If you have any questions or concerns regarding anything listed in this newsletter article, please do not hesitate contacting either myself or Ch Bruce Brewer. Gods Blessings to All
AFCCARS

NO CHANGES THIS MONTH

ABC Tool (1802-1), and UserFile (1710-1) for September 2018 Reporting

**Our ANG Chaplain Corps SharePoint has migrated to a new site:
https://eissp.area52.afnoapps.usaf.mil/org/HC/Pages/default.aspx
Please update all the places you have the old SharePoint link saved.

Airman Ministry Plan (AMP) The new ABC Tool has issues flowing smoothly into an AMP product (MPT tab of AFCCARS ABC Tool). Until the issues are resolved, complete your FY19 AMP using the old ABC Tool 1703-1. Only use this old ABC Tool for AMP purposes—not for regular monthly reports to NGB. Once the issues are resolved, we will give detailed instructions on how to transfer your AFCCARS AMP into the most recent ABC Tool.

** Do not be afraid of the AMP within AFCCARS!! A direct quote from the Air Force Chaplain Corps HC site, “The AMP is a product of the ministry planning process. The AMP is a published document which identifies, validates, and prioritizes ministry deliverables and resource requirements at the tactical-level. The Senior RST develops the AMP in partnership with their team members, and in concert with the Chaplain Corps Strategic Priorities, ... the supported Commander's intent, and other relative requirements. The AMP must be realistic and measurable. MAJCOM-DRU-FOA/HC validates the AMP and the supported Commander (typically the Installation Commander) approves it prior to implementation.” Please take time to input your AMP information into the ABC Tool. Once the initial data is input, the year-to-year update is simplified.

FYA. The unit types of all units are listed as Squadrons (or equiv). This is the only authorized unit type for AFCCARS, and your units should be categorized (or re-categorized) accordingly

Reminder 1 Send your monthly reports to MSgt Angel Huertas (Cc SMSgt Obst).
Reminder 2 Use the tools provided below FIRST if you need training—if you still have questions, MSgt Huertas or SMSgt Obst will assist.

TRAINING

Base Recorders in need of initial/refresher AFCCARS training must FIRST watch the training videos below. Also, review the How-To Step-by-Step Guide located on the ANG/HC SharePoint. Your AFCCARS Subject Matter Experts* (SMEs) are at your disposal afterwards to assist further.

TEC video #1, AFCCARS Initial Setup Example:
https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLZ5V-jmb10JVTQDJxPaOqq3T-QPlBM394

TEC video #2, AFCCARS Troubleshooting:
https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLZ5V-jmb10JWeyvydaR8tpSydKg-215De

Regular user training: https://www.milsuite.mil/video/watch/newvideo/5738
Base Recorder training: https://www.milsuite.mil/video/watch/newvideo/5737

*AFCCARS SMEs: MSgt Huertas or SMSgt Obst. If you are unable to access the SharePoint, let us know.

Resources available to assist with setting up and updating your AFCCARS reports.
Location: ANG/HC SharePoint
Accessions and Training...

**Accessions Process for Religious Affairs Amn**

IAW AFI 52-102v2 para 4, the AFECDF 5R, and AFI 36-2626 para 2.5, follow these instructions. Wing Chaplains and Superintendents conduct an interview, review the following documents, and then email a package (as a single PDF) to the CFM, SMSgt Recore; courtesy copy SMSgt Obst.

- **MFR retraining letter.** This must be eSigned or wet signed by the wing chaplain and NCOIC. Include the CFM’s (SMSgt Recore) endorsement block on the MFR. The CFM will sign and return this to the wing once the accession has been approved.
- **Student Information Sheet.** Filled out by for the member—no signatures required.
- **Last 3 EPRs/LOEs.** A combo of these is okay too. Examples: one EPR and two LOEs; two EPRs and one LOE. Note: evals have been required for 2 yrs for ANG. If none exist, we recommend you accomplish an LOE with the Airman’s help, and kindly request for someone in the previous chain to sign it.
- **vMPF RIP.** The member can print this out by logging into vMPF—Self-Service Actions—Personal Data—Duty History—View/Print All Pages. Don’t remove any pages.
- **Fitness printout.** Found in AFFMS
- **Form 422**

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**HC Vacancies...**

**GoANG** website. Contact your base recruiting office to advertise your positions here too.

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**Key Notes:**

Standard ANG Chaplain Corps offices entail the following staffing:

- (1)O5
- (2)O4s
- (1)E7
- (1)E6
- (1)E5

For advertisement modifications/removals/additions, please notify MSgt Huertas.

**NOTE:** We cannot put personal cell phones in your advertisement (it violates PII). We can only input duty cells and official office phones.

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- One Religious Affairs Amn (E5)—164 AW, Memphis, TN ANG, POCs Maj Conger 901-291-7373; Ms. Chism 901-291-7478
- One Chaplain (05) — 142 FW, OR ANG, POC Ch Howard, Comm 509-842-2156
- One Chaplain (O4) — 150 SOW, Albuquerque, NM ANG, POC MSgt Quintana Comm 505-853-5128, DSN 246-1920
- One Chaplain (O4) — 129 RQW, Moffett Federal Airfield, CA ANG—POC Ch Beyer, Comm 817-852-3220, DSN 874-3220
- One Chaplain (O4) — 188 FW, Fort Smith, AR ANG, POC Ch Smith, AR JFHQ/HC, Comm 479-573-5541, DSN 778-5541
- One Chaplain (O4) — 189 AW, Little Rock, AR ANG, POC Ch Smith, AR JFHQ/HC, Comm 479-573-5541, DSN 778-5541
- Two Chaplains (O4s) — 154 WG, HI ANG, JBPHH, POC Ch Boling, Comm 808-448-8261, DSN 315-448-8261
- One Religious Affairs Amn (E5) — 154 WG, HI ANG, JBPHH, POC Ch Boling, Comm 808-448-8261 DSN 315-448-8261
- One Chaplain (O4) — 152 AW, Reno, NV, POC Ch Crandell, Comm 559-454-5152, DSN 830-8785
- One Religious Affairs Amn (E5) — 139 AW, St. Joseph, MO, POC Ch Ludwig, Comm 816-236-3175, DSN 356-3175
- One Chaplain (O4) — 143 AW, N. Kingstown, RI ANG, POC Ch Yi, 401-267-3269, DSN 476-3269; MSgt Levasseur 401-639-5413
- One Religious Affairs Amn (E5) — 146 AW, 146th AW, Channel Islands, CA ANG, POC Ch Love, Comm 805-986-7959
- One Religious Affairs Amn (E5) — 123 AW, Louisville, KY ANG, POC Tsgt Lawson, DSN 741-4602
- One Chaplain (O4) — 193 SOW, Harrisburg, PA ANG, POC Ch Qualmann, Comm 314—565-8009, DSN 565-8009
- One Chaplain (O4) — 116 ACW, Robins AFB, GA ANG, POC Ch Bridges, Comm 478-952-0624, DSN: 241-1274
- One Chaplain (O4) — 104 FW, Westfield, MA ANG, POC Ch DeVoe, Comm 413-568-9151, DSN 698-1082
- One Religious Affairs Amn (E6) — 137 SOW, OK ANG, POC Ch Baker, Comm 405-686-5036, MSgt Smith 405-686-5334
- One Religious Affairs Amn (E5) — 104 FW, Westfield, MA ANG, POC Tsgt Anderson, Comm 413-568-9151, DSN, 698-1572
- One Chaplain (O3) — 169 FW, McEntire JNGB SC ANG, POC Ch Pittman, Comm 803-647-8265, DSN, 583-8265
- One Religious Affairs Amn (E5) — 169 FW, McEntire JNGB, SC ANG, POC Ch Pittman, Comm 803-647-8265, DSN, 583-8265
The Chaplaincy Connection is a monthly newsletter provided to members of the ANG Chaplain Corps (active/retired) and military community. Our intent is to provide members communication on the focus, efforts, and accomplishments of our ANG Chaplain Corps teams. All past newsletters can be found on the ANG/HC SharePoint listed above.

Locally, Globally—Always Ready, Always on Mission

Please direct any suggestions, comments, or article submissions for the next newsletter to MSgt Angel Huertas