



## **New chaplain ministry appointment**

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I am pleased to inform you that effective 22 OCT 23, I have been appointed the California Wing Chaplain, responsible for the Civil Air Patrol Chaplain Corps activities throughout California. The California Wing Chapel Team I lead is comprised of nearly 100 chaplains and chaplain support specialists. This team provides chaplain services to over 3,700 members in over 70 units across the state. California Wing is the most mission active of all U.S. Air Force Auxiliary wings, conducting at least one emergency services or disaster relief mission a day. The wing operates nearly 30 aircraft strategically based around the state in performance of these missions.

As Wing Chaplain, I also provide auxiliary chaplain support to U.S. Air Force personnel in California on a services-as-needed basis. Presently, I support the AFROTC Detachments at UC Berkeley and San Jose State University as Detachment Chaplain.

Since 2019, I have also served as Command Chaplain for the 6,000 personnel of the California National Guard's California Cadet Corps, which provides an applied leadership program similar to Junior ROTC to students, aged 10 to 18. I am the first chaplain appointed by the Governor and State Adjutant General to serve in this capacity.

This year is the 30th anniversary of my service as a chaplain. I started this journey as the founding chaplain of the Oakland Police Chaplain Corps, where I still serve as Chief Chaplain. Additionally, I helped found and continue to support the Alameda County Sheriff's Office and SF BART Police Department as a senior chaplain. I greatly appreciate the love and support I have received from my fellow Bay Area Episcopalians as I worked to pioneer chaplaincy programs in all of the aforementioned agencies.

~ The Reverend Kenneth W. Parris, deacon