

## Civil Air Patrol (CAP) Chaplaincy Endorsement Process

CAP chaplaincy is a voluntary position with the CAP – Air Force Auxiliary. CAP chaplains provide spiritual support to search and rescue crews and participate in character development opportunities for youth.

### Presbyterian ministers seeking to serve the Civil Air Patrol must:

- Possess an M.Div. degree
- Be an ordained Minister of Word and Sacrament with at least two years of post-ordination pastoral experience
- Be in good standing with their Presbyteries
- Maintain personal conduct above reproach
- Be able to receive a favorable background check
- Complete an application and gain endorsement with the Presbyterian Federal Chaplaincies

**NOTE:** There is no age limit or physical examination required for CAP chaplaincy.

To begin the endorsement process, the candidate must connect with their Presbytery EP/GP and the Presbyterian Federal Chaplaincies staff at [info@presfedchap.org](mailto:info@presfedchap.org). The process will include the following:

- **Application (to include):**
  - Brief Life Sketch
  - Motivation Statement
  - College and Seminary Transcripts
  - Denominational Resume
  - Spouse Concurrence (Military)
  - Photograph (jpeg)
  - Sermon (Digital)
  - Presbytery contact for presbytery approval (name, email, and phone number)
- **Reference Check**
  - The PFC will send out the required reference forms to those listed in your application
- **Presbytery Approval Form**
  - The PFC will send the required form to your presbytery
  - Candidates will need to dialogue with their EP/GP or Stated Clerk and the required committee (i.e., COM or CPM)
- **Background Check** (Source: Protect My Ministry)
- **Interview** (Normally by Zoom)
- **Endorsement Form** (Completed by the PFC)
  - DD 2088 (Military)
  - BP-A1119 (FBOP)
  - VA Form 10-253 (VA)

The Civil Air Patrol information can be found at [capchaplain.com](http://capchaplain.com)

The Presbyterian Federal Chaplaincies application packet can be found on our website [presfedchap.org](http://presfedchap.org).