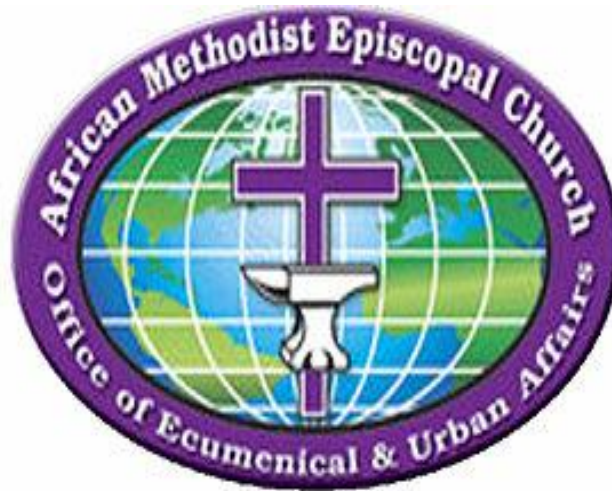


# THE COMMISSION ON CHAPLAINS GENERAL BOARD REPORT – JUNE 2017



**THE RIGHT REVEREND FRANK M. REID III ~ ENDORSING AGENT**

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**THE REVEREND AMMIE L DAVIS ~ EXECUTIVE LIASON**

# The Commission on Chaplains General Board Report – June 2017

Chaplains serve as an extension of the local church in places that other members and church staff sometimes cannot go. The Chaplaincy has a place of service for you. Chaplains are not only in hospitals and in military uniforms. They are in boardrooms and classrooms. They work with a diverse group of people in various settings. Chaplains have virtually unlimited opportunities to serve in hospitals, military, law enforcement, institutions, corporations and places that are sometimes closed to “professional clergy.”

## **COMMITTEE MEMBERS**

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NON-MEMBER OF HMTCA

## ENDORISING AGENT'S GREETINGS

### *"A Legacy of Empowering Excellence"*

The African Methodist Church has established a legacy of excellence through our extraordinary chaplains. Henry McNeal Turner and Theophilus Stewart are just a few of the early pioneers who served God, the church of Christ and the nation as chaplains. Under the leadership of Bishop John Andrew Gregg, the AME Church became one of the leading denominations in military chaplaincy.

Legendary AME Chaplains with names like John A. DeVeaux Jr., Carroll R. Chambliss, I.V. Tolbert, W.O. Gillard, Elliott Strickland, Calvin H. Sydnor III., Mabel Mixon, John Morrison, Greene H. White, William H. Hightower, Lorenzo D. Bennett, Cecelia Williams continued the AME Church's empowering legacy of excellence.

Today, the AME mantle of excellence is being held high by Chaplains like Benita Livingston, Kenneth Johnson Jr., Addison Burgess Sr., \* Maurice Buford\* and Autumn Wilson\*.

This is my first full report as the Endorsing Agent for our Zion. I want to thank the following organizations and persons for their leadership and guidance this year: all the leadership entities of The AME Church, The Commission on Chaplains, The Henry McNeal Turner Associations and Bishop Reginald Jackson (the AME Endorsing Agent for 2012-2016).

Finally, the help and guidance of Supervisor Marlaa Reid and retired Navy Chaplain, The Reverend Ammie L. Davis (8th District) have been invaluable this year. They are the key staff people who have worked hard to uphold and build upon our legacy of empowering excellence in the 21st Century.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Bishop Frank Madison Reid, III

**\*See Significant Achievement Highlights**

## AME CHAPLAINCY MINISTRY OVERVIEW

Chaplains are an extension of the local church, taking the gospel and prayer to places many churches and pastors cannot go. We ask for your continued prayers for chaplains as they take the gospel as ambassadors of African Methodism.

### Our **Chaplaincy Strategy:**

- **Embrace** our chaplains and their families
- **Educate** our pastors and churches on the ministry of the chaplaincy
- **Engage** our pastors and denominational leaders on an intentional strategy in support of our chaplains and their families
- **Enlist** chaplains for continued local church ministry on all levels of the church

### Our **Chaplaincy Goals:**

- Endorse the best AME chaplains
- Conduct annual chaplain training events
- Provide pastoral care to our chaplains (Chaplains' Ambassador Program-Initiative)

### Our **Chaplaincy Strength:**

- **80 AME Endorsed Chaplains**
  - ❖ Federal Chaplains
    - 50 Military
    - 17 Veterans Affairs
    - 1 Federal Bureau of Prisons
  - ❖ Non-Federal Chaplains
    - 7 Board of Chaplaincy Certification
    - 2 Prison
    - 1 Hospice
    - 2 Corporate

**ECCLESIASTICAL ENDORSEMENT REQUIREMENTS**

The 2012 Book of Discipline requirements for endorsements is listed under "Commission on Chaplains"—Section E-5, pages 182. To ensure a complete response to requests for endorsements, each candidate must prepare, complete and submit the following documents:

**Endorsement Checklist for Endorsing Agent files:**

1. Letter from Presiding Bishop stating the candidate is in good and regular standing (Letter should be sent directly to Bishop Reid).
2. Curricula Vitae (CV) or Resume
3. Copy Itinerant Deacon and Elder Ordination Certificate with seal
4. Official Transcripts (Mail sealed transcripts to Bishop Reid).
5. Type of job for endorsement
  - Federal (VA, Military or Federal Bureau of Prisons)
  - Non-Federal (CPE, Hospice, Corporate, Hospital, etc.)

**Note: Federal Chaplains (only) are seated as General Conference Delegates**

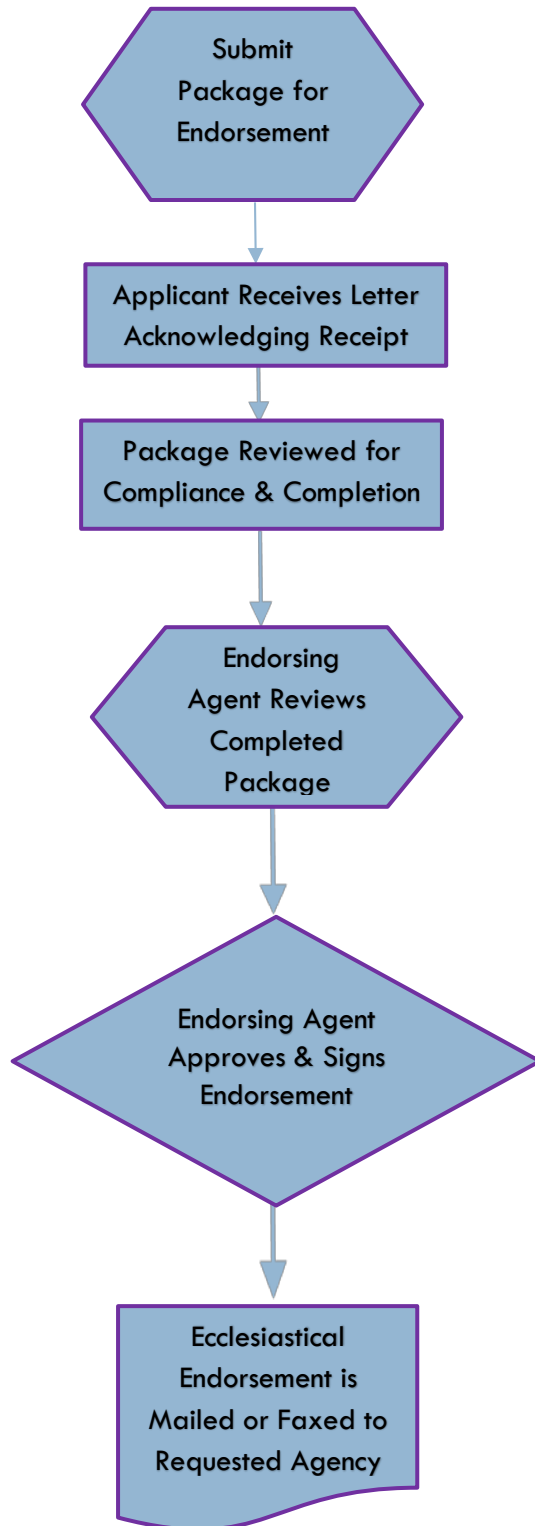
6. Copy of the recent background check (Mail to Bishop Reid).
7. Current Photo
8. Copy of References submitted with application
9. Interview with the Bishop Reid and the Commission on Chaplains (may be completed via Skype or Google Hangout)
10. Copy of the last endorsement form signed by the former Endorser Agent.
11. A Copy of the last Annual Conference Chaplain's Report (not applicable for new endorsed Chaplains or Chaplain Candidates).
12. A "Call to Chaplaincy" Personal Statement (one-page only).
13. A Certified Copy of Mental Health Assessment results conducted within the last two years is required (Mail to Bishop Reid).
14. Complete Application for Ecclesiastical Endorsement & Profile Form via link: <https://goo.gl/forms/OeAMaZcrjIQfcmxk2>

Candidates may scan all documents and email them to [bishopreid138@gmail.com](mailto:bishopreid138@gmail.com)

**Mail the completed package to:**

Bishop Frank M. Reid III  
 The Office of the Endorsing Agent  
 1498-M Reisterstown Road -Suite 318  
 Pikesville, MD 21208  
 Office: (443) 963-9440

**ECCLESIASTICAL ENDORSEMENT PATHWAY**



## ECCLESIASTICAL ENDORSEMENT REQUESTS

As of July 12, 2016 - May 31, 2017

**The Department of Defense (5)****The Veterans Affairs (11)****Board of Chaplaincy Certification (7)****National Guards (1)**

**Chaplaincy Ministry (3)**  
**(Hospice, Prison, Corporate, Hospital)**

ENDORISING AGENT  
 2016-2017 EVENTS, MEETING, & VISTATIONS  
 As of March 31, 2017

**August 12, 2016**—Attended Retirement Ceremony of Chaplain (LCDR) Ammie L. Davis at the Naval Construction Battalion Center, Gulfport, Mississippi

**September 8, 2016**—Met with Chaplain (CAPT) Jack Lea III (RET), the Executive Director of the National Conference on Ministry to the Armed Forces, in Baltimore, Maryland

**November 16, 2016**—Met with Randy Edwards, the Chaplaincy Coordinator, Federal Chaplaincies for the Southern Baptist Convention (SBC) Chaplaincy and Endorsing Agent for the North American Mission Board (NAMB), in Alpharetta, Georgia

**December 6, 2016**—Met with the Commission on Chaplains at the General Board Meeting in Nashville, Tennessee

**December 8, 2016**—Attended Naval Chaplaincy School and Center Basic Leadership Course 17010 Graduation at Fort Jackson, South Carolina. Chaplain (LTjg) Netetia Walker, a member of the 4<sup>th</sup> Episcopal District graduated.

**December 8, 2016**—Attended Army's Captain Career Course Banquet at Fort Jackson, South Carolina. Chaplain(CPT) Stephanie Handy, a member of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Episcopal District graduated on December 9, 2016.

**January 5, 2017**—Annual Endorsing Agent meeting held with AME Chaplains and the Henry McNeil Turner Chaplains Association (HMTCA) in Memphis, Tennessee

**January 9-11, 2017**—Attended the Annual Endorsing Agent's Training at the National Conference on Ministry to the Armed Forces (NCMAF) in Alexandria, Virginia

**January 11, 2017**—Panelist at the Marine Corps University Martin Luther King Jr., Breakfast in Quantico, Virginia

**January 30, 2017** – Submitted the Annual AME Chaplain Religious Compliance Form to the Armed Forces Board for Military Chaplains

## MILITARY CHAPLAINCY

Military chaplains provide military personnel and their families with religious services and programs where they can exercise their right of freedom of religion. The military depends on all faith groups to provide theologically trained, spiritually motivated and qualified ministers to serve as chaplains.

**Active Duty**--Military personnel and families often endure frequent transfers from one installation to another. As a result, they are often isolated and limited in active involvement in AME churches. AME chaplains serving on full-time active duty help bridge this gap.

**Reserve/National Guard**--Ministers engaged in full-time ministry within the AME Church may be qualified to serve as chaplains to Reserve and National Guard units. As an adjunct to their full-time pastorate, these chaplains are affiliated with a military unit. This relationship enhances their church's outreach and ministry.

**Chaplain Candidate**--The Chaplain Candidate Program was developed to provide qualified and competent chaplains for Active Duty, Reserve, and National Guard. This program affords seminarians a firsthand look at the responsibilities and opportunities for ministry within the military chaplaincy.

## HEALTHCARE CHAPLAINCY

Healthcare chaplains are persons called by God and trained to serve in an environment of sickness, pain, birth and death. The term "holistic medicine" means treating people as total beings: mind, body and spirit. Total patient care provides for a person's spiritual as well as physical and mental needs. Chaplaincy programs that provide pastoral care are essential services in total patient care.

**Healthcare chaplains serve in variety of facilities:** VA medical centers, Hospice, Mental Health Centers and facilities for those who are mentally handicapped, hospitalized, and wounded.

THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE  
ECCLESIASTICAL ENDORSED CHAPLAINS  
ARMED FORCES CHAPLAINS  
ACTIVE, RESERVES & NATIONAL GUARDS  
As of January 31, 2017



### ❖ UNITED STATES ARMY (9)

- COL RAMOTSEPA DAN NKOPODI (SOUTH AFRICAN)
- COL ADDISON BURGESS SR
- LTCOL HOLLIS GRACE
- MAJ MONICA LAWSON
- MAJ MARK CISCO (RESERVE)
- CPT STEPHANIE HANDY
- CPT SAMUEL SIEBO
- CPT A'SHELLARIEN D. LANG (NATIONAL GUARDS)
- CPT LEVY MARSHALL (RESERVE)

### ❖ UNITED STATES NAVY (10)

- CAPT (SEL) MAURICE BUFORD
- CDR GLENDA JENNINGS-HARRISON
- LCDR DEVON FOSTER
- LCDR CHRISTILENE WHALEN
- LCDR SHERRI GARRETT (RESERVE)
- LCDR JAMES ASKIEW (RESERVE)
- LT NANCY CREWS
- LT MONYA STUBBS
- LT AUTUMN WILSON
- LTJG NETETIA WALKER

### ❖ UNITED STATES AIR FORCE (9)

- COL IONA SMITH
- LTCOL DWAYNE JONES
- LTCOL KENNETH JOHNSON JR
- LTCOL HAROLD OWENS (NATIONAL GUARDS)
- MAJ REGINA SAMUEL
- MAJ SHAWN MENCHION
- MAJ TRAVIS ALLEN
- CPT TARA DIXON
- CPT TEMERA TATEM

THE VETERANS ADMINISTRATION (VA)  
ECCLESIASTICAL ENDORSED CHAPLAINS

As of May 31, 2017



❖ **VA CHAPLAINCY - ACTIVE (13)**

- THE REVEREND DR. ACIE COLLINS
- THE REVEREND DEBERRY COOK
- THE REVEREND JENNIFER DUKES
- THE REVEREND ROBERT C. FREEDMAN JR
- THE REVEREND LIONEL JACKSON
- THE REVEREND MELVIN JONES JR
- THE REVEREND OREA JONES-WELLS
- THE REVEREND G. DIANNE LEWIS
- THE REVEREND DR. BENITA LIVINGSTON
- THE REVEREND OBIE MADISON
- THE REVEREND DR. VALERIE SANDERS
- THE REVEREND JACQUELINE LONG
- THE REVEREND REGINALD CLEAVER

❖ **VA CHAPLAINCY - RETIRED (4)**

- THE REVEREND DR. WILTON BLAKE
- THE REVEREND CECILIA WILLIAMS
- THE REVEREND LEODIS STRONG
- THE REVEREND DR. QUENTIN WHITE

THE FEDERAL BUREAU OF PRISONS  
ECCLESIASTICAL ENDORSED CHAPLAINS  
As of May 31, 2017



❖ **FEDERAL BUREAU OF PRISONS (1)**

- The Reverend Valerie Perry-White

THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE  
ECCLESIASTICAL ENDORSED CHAPLAINS

ARMED FORCES CHAPLAINS - RETIRED

As of January 31, 2017



❖ **UNITED STATES ARMY - RETIRED**

- COL CALVIN SYDNOR
- COL JAMES S COOPER
- LTCOL JAMES R. JOHNSON SR
- LTCOL WILLIAM LIP TROT
- MAJ SANDY MCLEAN
- MAJ RONALD OWENS

❖ **UNITED STATES NAVY - RETIRED**

- CAPT JOHN MORRISON
- CDR DAVID BROWN
- LCDR MABEL MIXON
- LCDR GERALD BAILEY
- LCDR JON R. BLACK
- LCDR CASSIE ALLEN
- LCDR ATTICUS TAYLOR
- LCDR AMMIE L. DAVIS

❖ **UNITED STATES AIR FORCE - RETIRED**

- COL WILFRED H. BRISTOL
- LTCOL OLEDIA F. BELL
- LTCOL ROGER L. ARMSTEAD
- MAJ JOSEPHINE PINKNEY
- MAJ BRUCE JONES
- MAJ EFFSON C. BRYANT
- MAJ LEROY WEATHERS
- CPT WINSTON JONES

## Ecclesiastical Endorsed Chaplains' Significant Achievements & Highlights

- **Chaplain Addison Burgess** - Promoted to Colonel (USA) US Army Central and Third Army Command Chaplain
- **Chaplain Maurice Buford** – Selected for promotion to Captain (USN)
- **Autumn Wilson** – First AME Chaplain assigned to the US Naval Academy in Annapolis, Maryland
- **Reverend Dr. A'Shellarien Lang** – First woman to serve as Chaplain in the Delaware Army National Guards
- **Chaplain Shawn Menchion** – Promoted to Lieutenant Colonel (USAF)
- **Chaplain Regina Samuels** – Selected for promotion to Lieutenant Colonel (USAF)
- **Chaplain David Brown** – Organized a new mission church Hale Ho'onani Fellowship-AME Church in Hawaii
- **Chaplain Stephanie Handy** - Completed the Army's Doctor of Ministry Degree program at Erskine Theological Seminary (USA)
- **Chaplain Mark Cisco** – Promoted to Lieutenant Colonel (USA Reserves)
- **Chaplain Gerald Bailey** – Graduated with a Master in Social Work from Rutgers University, Piscataway, NJ (USN Retired)
- **Chaplain Glenda Harrison** – Plan to retire from active-duty service on January 1, 2018 after serving over 20 years as a Navy Chaplain (USN)
- **Chaplain Effson Bryant** – Board Member (Chaplain) for the newly developed National Association for Black Veterans, Inc. (NABVETS) in Columbia, SC (VA, USAF-Retired)
- **Chaplain Obie Madison** - serve as a full time permanent Chaplain at Fargo VA health Care in Fargo, North Dakota (VA)
- **Chaplain Christilene Whalen** – Promoted to Lieutenant Commander (USN)
- **Chaplain Timothy Storms** – Completed Doctor of Ministry; Prophetic Preaching and Praxis program at United Theological Seminary in Dayton, Ohio (VA)
- **Reverend Dr. G. Dianne Lewis** – Promoted to Chief of Chaplain Services at the Charlie Norwood Veterans Affairs Medical Center in Augusta, Georgia (VA)

## DID YOU KNOW?

The lack of diversity in the military may play a role in unequal justice for black troops. In 2016, about 78% of military officers were white, and 8% were black. (USA Today)

- Black troops are far more likely than their white comrades to face court martial or other forms of military punishment, according to a study to be released Wednesday, June 7, 2017 (USA Today)
- Over the past decade, racial disparities have persisted in the military justice system without indications of improvement," the report states. "These disparities are particularly striking for black service members, who face military justice or disciplinary action at much higher rates than white service members in every service branch. In fact, the size of the disparity between white and black service members' military justices involvement has remained consistent over the years, and, in the case of the Air Force and Marine Corps has increased." (USA Today)
  - Black Marines were 2.6 times more likely than whites to receive a guilty finding at a general court martial, the military judicial proceeding for more serious offenses.
  - Black airmen were 71% more likely than whites in the Air Force to face court martial or non-judicial punishment, discipline meted out for less serious offenses.
  - The Army and Navy, show disparities as well. Black soldiers were 61% more likely to face court martial than whites in the Army; and black sailors were 40% more likely than whites in the Navy to be court martialed. That percentage is 32% for black Marines.

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