



BIOGRAPHY

Chaplain (Colonel) J. Delano Ellis, II

Chaplain, Colonel J. Delano Ellis is the National Chief of, Chaplains having supervision for each of the eight Regions, totaling upwards six-hundred Chaplains within the Civil Air Patrol. Prior to this position he was assigned as the Great Lakes Region Chaplain and the Ohio Wing Chaplain, where he served approximately nine consecutive years. Prior to those assignments, Chaplain Ellis founded the Cushite Composite Squadron in Ohio Wing where he served as Chaplain for the Unit and later was appointed Chaplain for Group IV of the Ohio Wing.

Chaplain Ellis joined the Pennsylvania Wing CAP as a cadet in 1957 and was attached to Squadron 1016 at the Benjamin Franklin Institute. Upon graduation from the Philadelphia Public Schools, he served in the United States Air Force as an Air Police Officer in the Military Air Transport Service (MATS).



Chaplain Ellis received a Master's Degree in Religious Education from Nazarene Theological Seminary and he also holds a Bachelor of Arts Degree in History from Howard University. After several pastorates and Itinerant appointments he was elected to serve as Bishop of the Pentecostal Churches of Christ at Cleveland, Ohio in 1989 where he currently serves. He is the Metropolitan-Archbishop for the Anglican-Pentecostal Churches in the United States with over five-hundred bishops and districts under his leadership serving more than twenty million Pentecostals.

In 1990, he returned to CAP with a Chaplains appointment and a Charter to organize the "Cushite" Composite Squadron at Cleveland, Ohio. He served his community as Superintendent of Chaplains for the East Cleveland Safety Forces and Chaplain for the City of Cleveland's Police Department. He formed the "Chaplain Training Flight" which trained and mentored Chaplains and Moral Leadership Officers for service in CAP.

His awards and decorations include the CAP Exceptional Service Award (*one device*), Commander's Commendation, and CAP's highest academic award -- the Gill Rob Wilson Award. He also has the Cleveland Police Distinguished Service, National Police Academy Medal of Honor and the President's Award for Volunteer Service.

Bishop Ellis is married to the Reverend Dr. Sabrina Joyce Ellis and is father to six (*four of which are serving in ministry*); grandfather to twenty-three and great-grandfather to one. He is a 33rd Degree Mason.