

REPORT OF THE PACIFIC REGION CHAPLAIN



REPORTING PERIOD 2009-2010

SUBMITTED BY:

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It has been my privilege to have served as the Pacific Region Chaplain since October 1, 2008. The following serve with me:

- Ch, Maj Charlie Sattgast – Deputy Region Chaplain
- Ch, Lt Col Bob Ledden – Professional Development Officer
- Ch, Maj Debra Prosser – Protocol Officer
- 1st Lt Adelle McKinney – Public Affairs Officer
- Lt Col Pat Okawa – Admin Officer

Wing Chaplains assignments within the Pacific Region are as follows:

- Alaska Wing – Ch, Maj Franklin Blodgett
- California Wing – Ch, Lt Col George Dawson
- Hawaii Wing – Ch, Maj James Merritt
- Nevada Wing – Ch, Maj Elizabeth Tattersall
- Oregon Wing – Ch, Maj Randy Potter
- Washington Wing – Ch, Lt Col Danny Riggs

1. GENERAL DATA: From the Form 34As (Wing Chaplain Statistical Report) submitted by the Wing Chaplains, the following information about the PCR Chaplain Corps was gathered (1/1/10-6/30/10):

Number of reports submitted by the PCR Chaplain Corps personnel: 72
 Non-reporting: 20

According to the Form 34As submitted for reporting period Jan-Jun 2010, there are currently 48 Chaplains and 45 Character Development Instructors serving in the PCR. Nearly 56% of the squadrons in the PCR are not covered with either a Chaplain or CDI. An interesting observation: where we have strong chaplains' programs in place we are drawing people to assist - so it is common now to see a Chaplain/CDI team in some of our squadrons.

SQUADRON COVERAGE WITHIN THE PCR							
Type	Number	With Chaplains	With CDIs	1 Chaplain/ 1 CDI	2 Chaplains/ 2 CDIS	2 CDIs	3 CDIS
Cadet	27	3	6				
Composite	112	30	23	7	1	3	1
Senior	16	3	3				

From January through June the PCR Chaplains and CDIs reported participating in 2,614 activities, spent 9,113 hours, traveled 54,447 miles and invested \$36,113.25.

In regards to the training Levels completed by members of the PCR Chaplain Corps:

LEVEL OF TRAINING	CHAPLAINS	CDIs
I – Orientation	14	11
II – Benjamin O. Davis	3	5
III – Grover Loening	10	11
IV – Paul E. Garber	10	10
V – Gill Robb Wilson	11	8

2. REGION CHAPLAIN CORPS STAFF COLLEGE: The Pacific Region Chaplain Corps Staff College was conducted at Nellis Air Force Base, Nevada from Monday, 29 March to Thursday, 1 April 2010. The staff college was hosted in the Chapel Support Center.

The PCR CCRSC was comprised of a student body of 19 CAP Officers (7 wore a staff member hat). Students from four of the six wings attended (due to distance, Alaska and Hawaii were not represented). Three wing chaplains and one deputy wing chaplain were in attendance. This year the majority of students flew to the school due to the location. Students traveled from as far as Washington and Oregon with the largest number coming from California. There were 11 Chaplains and 8 Character Development Instructors in attendance. Due to economic/work or family situations, there were 7 cancellations by those who had pre-registered.

PCR CCSC Theme: Beginning with the 1999 PCR CCSC, a yearly theme has been selected to inspire both students and staff. The selection of the theme is to further enhance their professional development process by extending the lessons learned during PCR CCSC to their respective roles and responsibilities in all aspects of their CAP life. The PCR CCSC Director in consultation with the Dean selected the 2010 PCR CCSC theme: “Compassionate-Attentive-Proactive”.

PCR CCSC Focus: Two areas received the majority of our focus: Suicide prevention/intervention/postvention and Emergency Services.

Ch, Lt Col Jim Sickmeyer (NCR HC), a certified instructor, was invited to conduct a training and certification course in QPR – Question, Persuade, Refer – which teaches people in techniques of suicide prevention, intervention and postvention (<http://www.qprinstitute.com/>).

Lt Col Mike Lewis (PCR Emergency Services Officer) and Ch, Lt Col Paul Ward (PCR Chaplain) developed a scenario for conducting a mission table top. It included a briefing of an incident using the ICS format for a mass casualty by Ch, Lt Col Tom Miller (Incident Commander). The attendees were divided up into groups to discuss the incident and conduct problem solving, and then discuss the findings/solutions. This table top had an official practice mission number and helped give qualification toward Mission Chaplain certification or renewal of certification for the chaplains, in addition to providing required ES training for everyone present. Lt Col JC Arens assisted those

present in entering data in WMIRS as well as getting several rated as Mission Staff Assistants.

Following the ES tabletop a CISM exercise was conducted based on the tabletop scenario, which will counted toward keeping each attendee's CISM qualifications current. Ch, Maj Richard Nelson (CAWG CISM Team Leader) facilitated this exercise.

Aerospace Education for the CCRSC consisted of a tour of the Threat Weapon Facility and two exercises led by Lt Col Virginia Nelson (PCR AE Officer). The second exercise involved building foam rockets and launching them for distance.

Ch, Maj Charlie Sattgast and Ch, Lt Col Paul Ward each led a session devoted to Cadet Programs – Adolescent Development and Cadet Activities.

Ch, Col Whit Woodard, Chief of CAP Chaplain Corps gave a briefing on what is taking place on the national scene.

The CCRSC academic portion concluded by participating in a combined session with the PCR RSC which was being conducted during the same time. Col Larry Myrick (PCR CC) addressed both student bodies regarding the CAP Structure and Leadership Principles.

The daily meditations were led by either a Wing Chaplain or Deputy Wing Chaplain: Ch, Lt Col Chuck Ingram; Ch, Maj Randy Potter; and Ch, Lt Col Danny Riggs. Ch, Lt Col Bob Ledden led a Memorial Service for those of the PCR Chaplain Corps who had gone on to their eternal reward since the last CCRSC.

Photos of this event can be found at:

<http://secure.smilebox.com/ecom/openTheBox?sendevent=4d5459774f54637a4f546c384d6a49784f5459344e44413d0d0a&sb=1>



Plans for the 2011 PCR CCRSC:

The dates for the 2011 PCR CCRSC are Monday afternoon to Thursday early afternoon, 14-17 March. The location will be Travis AFB, Fairfield, CA.

Ch, Maj Charlie Sattgast – Dean of PCR CCRSC, is working on the curriculum for the training event. The theme will be: “Capable – Accessible – Partnership”.

3. MENTORING: Several approaches to mentoring and developing junior chaplains for eventual assignment as Wing chaplains and the development of wing chaplains for assignment as region chaplains have been utilized. Among them are:

--- Publicizing the mentoring program developed by the former National Chief of CAP Chaplain Corps – Ch, Col Charles Sharp.

--- Encouraging the current Wing Chaplains to look for potential replacements and mentor them by bringing them on staff is an approach is one of the most common in the PCR Chaplain Corps and has been successful in the CAWG, NVWG, ORWG and WAWG. It is the practice of the majority of Wing Chaplains (and the Region Chaplain) to keep the deputy chaplain in the loop via phone calls and the inclusion in e-mail exchanges. Though this approach is informal, it has proved effective. Of course, the practice of providing either a continuity book or a transmittal file should always be a part of mentoring one’s successor.

--- “*So You Are the New Wing Chaplain,*” a handbook written by Ch, Lt Col Paul Ward is available on the PCR Chaplain Corps web-site. It is also sent to new Wing Chaplains upon their appointment.

4. ACCOMPLISHMENTS AND ACTIVITIES:

May 15, 2010 was a day many Oregon Wing Members will remember for a long time, because it was a day we set aside to honor one of our faithful members, Northwest Coastal Squadron Commander, Mission Radio Operator and Character Development Instructor, Captain Bill Rust.

The week after returning home from attending the Pacific Region Chaplain Corps Staff College, Bill was diagnosed with mesothelioma, a debilitating form of lung cancer caused by asbestos exposure.

Bill, also known as “Sarge”, retired from the Army after 25 years, and has been well-known and well-liked member of CAP since moving to the Tillamook area. In addition to serving as Northwest Coastal Squadron Commander, Bill is a Character Development Officer (CDI), and has served in General



Capt Bill Rust (center), his wife Karen (center right) with members of the WAWG Chaplain Corps.

Emergency Services (GES), including as Ground Team Leader, Ground Branch Director, Urban Direction Finding Team, Mission Radio Operator, Communications Unit Leader, and Liaison Officer on dozens of searches over the years. And not willing to just sit back and rest on his laurels, he began working on a Mission Staff Assistant certification the week before his diagnosis.

More than fifty-five CAP members from Oregon and Washington attended the banquet conducted at the Wilsonville Holiday Inn, including Oregon Wing Commander Brian Bishop, Pacific Region Deputy Chaplain Charlie Sattgast, Oregon Wing Chaplain Emeritus Bob Ledden, Oregon Wing Chaplain Randy Potter, Washington Wing Chaplain Danny Riggs, Washington Chaplain Dave Franklin and CDI Deborah Kawaguchi.

Several awards were presented to Bill that evening, including the 2009-2010 ORWG Character Development Instructor of the Year Award. Letters of appreciation and recognition from the National Chief of CAP Chaplain Corps - Ch, Col Whit Woodard – and the Pacific Region Chaplain - Ch, Lt Col Paul Ward - were read to Bill and those in attendance.

The evening was organized by Aurora Squadron Commander Captain Ken Hunt.

Activities:



2nd Lt Kevin Bottgen was appointed as a Character Development Instructor. Kevin is an officer in the Salvation Army, but also very active in the Sitka composite squadron.

An outstanding Chaplain in Alaska would have to be Ch, Maj Blair Rorabaugh. Chaplain Rorabaugh is one of those chaplains that take seriously in relating to the different men and women in his squadron. Besides his primary role as chaplain he has the following ratings: Mission Observer, Mission Scanner, Skills Evaluator, Transport Mission Pilot, Basic Emergency Services Qualification Badge, Basic Ground Team Badge, ISO 100, 200, 700, and 800, also qualified to be a flight release officer and counterdrug. Chaplain Rorabaugh is the only chaplain in Alaska that has completed Level three. In January of this year he completed the aircraft ground handling and has been active in encouraging the other CAP members in the squadron and to helping whoever the Commanding Officer is for the composite squadron. When the Commanding Officer is gone Blair comes up with the agenda for the meetings (also the leading force behind potlucks and other squadron activities that helps glue the squadron together).

Ch, Maj Rorabaugh, along with Ch, Maj Franklin Blodgett, took part in the graded SARX in May.

Chaplain Blodgett completed the new online Officer Basic Course on May 1, 2010.

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1st Lt Michael Lynch went to Haiti as a part of 7 person medical team on a humanitarian mission following the Haitian earthquake.



Ch, Maj Richard Nelson served as the Cadet Training Group (CTG) Chaplain for the 2010 CAWG/NVWG Encampment.

There was a good representation of the CAWG Chaplain Corps at the Annual Gill Robb Wilson Memorial Observance conducted at the Covina Hills Forest Lawn on Memorial Day.

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Ch, Maj James Merritt (HIWG HC) served as Chaplain for the Hawaii Cadet Encampment at Kanahoe Marine Corps Base. The Base is on the North Shore of Oahu. He did a lot of counseling to cadets each night and had several counseling sessions with senior members who were leading the Encampment. Chaplain Merritt also taught one Sunday Morning CDI class about Fathers since it was Father's day that morning. He also trained two CAP Senior members in how to conduct CDI classes.

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Ch, Maj Elizabeth Tattersall – Douglas County Composite squadron: Glider Pilot of the Year, Chaplain of the Year, and Senior Member of the Year for 2009.

Ch, Maj Ralph Camp presented to the UCC course on the role of a chaplain, and completed the UCC course.



Ch, Maj Elizabeth Tattersall attended TLC, as did Maj Nancy Akerson (CDI). Maj Akerson also attended PAO school.

The NVWG Chaplain Corps and CISM Team each received an Outstanding rating in the evaluated SARX. Those participating were Ch, Maj Elizabeth Tattersall; Ch, Maj Ralph Camp; and Maj Carolyn Irby.

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Oregon Wing Chaplain Corps Program received a grade of “Highly Successful” in the Air Force CAP Compliance Inspection conducted the week-end of December 5-6. This grade of “Highly Successful” is the highest grade possible.

The following chaplains served on a mission base during a USAF guided SARX in the ORWG: Ch, Lt Col Bob Ledden (MC/CISM); Ch, Maj Randy Potter and newly appointed Ch, Capt Denise Mosher.

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Ch, Lt Col Danny Riggs and Ch, Maj Dave Franklin served as Mission Chaplains for a WAWG SARX.

CDI Appointments: Maj Gregory Barker and 2nd Lt Daniel Long



Maj Deborah Kawaguchi served on staff at the CAP Flight Academy.

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Ch, Maj Charlie Sattgast and Ch, Lt Col Paul Ward served as chaplains for the 2010 National Cadet Competition in McMinnville, Oregon.

Ch, Lt Col Paul Ward was on staff for a SLS/CLC for the CAWG in 2010.

Ch, Maj Elizabeth Tattersall and Ch, Lt Col Paul Ward led an inter-faith service at the 2010 PCR Conference in Sparks, Nevada.

Chaplain Corps personnel from the CAWG, NVWG, ORWG and WAWG participated in the "Wreaths Across America" project.

Awards:

CAWG:

Chaplain of the Year – Ch, Lt Col Charles "Chuck" Ingram
Character Development Instructor of the Year – Maj Karen Nahrstadt
Bruce Joyner Ministry of Excellence Award for CDI – 1st Lt Mike Lynch
Sammy Campos Ministry of Excellence Award for Chaplain – Ch, Maj David Coleman
Meritorious Service Award – Ch, Lt Col George Dawson

NVWG:

Chaplains of the Year – Ch, Lt Col Tom Miller and Ch, Capt Ralph Camp

ORWG:

Character Development Instructor of the Year – Capt William "Bill" Rust

WAWG:

Chaplain of the Year – Ch, Maj William Adam

PCR:

Character Development Instructor of the Year – Maj Karen Nahrstadt, CAWG
Squadron Chaplain of the Year – Ch, Lt Col Charles "Chuck" Ingram, CAWG
Senior Chaplain of the Year – Ch, Lt Col Danny Riggs, WAWG
Meritorious Service Award – Ch, Lt Col Paul Ward, PCR

NATIONAL:

Maj Karen Nahrstadt of the CAWG was named 2010 National Character Development Instructor of the Year.

5. MILITARY SUPPORT:

AKWG – no report

CAWG – Ch, Lt Col George Dawson provides services at Travis AFB.

Ch, Capt William Hampton is a retired Navy chaplain.

Ch, Maj Harlan Confer is a retired Army chaplain.

There are possibly 3-4 other chaplains who meet the educational requirements of the DOD/USAF Chaplain Corps. 18 Chaplains came in on waivers.

HIWG – no report.

NVWG – All of the NVWG Chaplains were waived. However, Ch, Maj Ralph Camp has extensive experience in ministry to the military (missionary outreach center to military personnel), and hopes to have more opportunities to serve the military in the future. Ch, Lt Col Tom Miller has on occasion assisted the chaplain personnel at Nellis AFB.

ORWG – Six chaplains were not waived, possibly a seventh. Three chaplains were waived. Ch, Lt Col Father Robert Van Sickler served as Chaplain to the Air Force National Guard in Klamath Falls, Oregon, for several years, until he retired from his parish about a year ago. He is now in the South Coast Squadron, and provides Chaplain services to US Coast Guard personnel stationed there. The newest appointed chaplain – Ch, Capt Denise Mosher – is a former Navy chaplain.

WAWG – The AMC/HC at McChord AFB has not acknowledged the Chaplains of the Civil Air Patrol and there have been no request for support from either of the bases in the State. Ch, Lt Col Danny Riggs and Ch, Capt Steven Hetrick both served as USAF Chaplains.

6. COMMUNICATION: Members of the PCR Chaplain Corps are “kept in the loop” through three primary sources:

- a) E-mails sent by the Region Chaplain to the Wing Chaplains which are then forwarded;
- b) Quarterly newsletter – The “Western Watch” is distributed by e-mail and is also available on the PCR Chaplain Corps web-site: [//hc.pcr.cap.gov](http://hc.pcr.cap.gov)
- c) Facebook group – The use of this “social networking” medium in another way of keeping members of the PCR Chaplain Corps connected. The link to the FB group is: <http://www.facebook.com/?ref=home#!/group.php?gid=117493184939856>

EXPLANATION OF THE PCR CHAPLAIN CORPS LOGO/PATCH

Heraldry is defined as "a system in which inherited symbols, or devices, called charges are displayed on a shield, or escutcheon, for the purpose of identifying individuals or families" (<http://www.4crests.com/herdef.html>).

Heraldry dates back to medieval times and was a source of identification in an age of illiteracy. There were 2 basic metals (gold and silver) on which crests were emblazoned. Nine basic colors ("tinctures") were used in the design for shields which knights carried into battle. Each color had significance. Modern day heraldry, likewise, is designed as a way of providing identification and even communicating mission.



The shape selected was the USAF/CAP Command Shield depicting our culture; belonging to the organization. The yellow (or) outline speaks of loyalty to our mission and the honor that is bestowed upon the appointment to the CAP Chaplain Corps.

The crest is that of the USAF/CAP Chaplain Corps. This speaks of our mission. The rays of yellow (or) depict our pursuit of excellence in what we do and the wisdom that is shared to those to whom we serve. The hands of silver (argent) represent charity and faith – that which we offer to those we serve. The field of blue (azure) speaks of devotion and strength. The black (sable) outline depicts dignity and determination. attributes in which we conduct our service. The banner in white (argent) represents integrity and purity. While based on the CAP motto, "Semper Vigilans", additional words were added to form the motto of the PCR Chaplain Corps: "Semper Vigilans ad Dei Gloriam" ("Always Vigilant for the Glory of God") which reminds us of the "what", the "how" and the "why" of our ministry. These words are in black (sable) as well as the banner's outline. Again signifying the determination and dignity in which we are called and committed to serve. The six stars of blue (azure) and white (argent) represent the six wings that comprise the Pacific Region. Again the colors speak of devotion and integrity. Notice that Wing abbreviations have been removed symbolizing our collective service as a team rather than individual Wings, emphasizing our service together. The crest, stars, and motto are in a field of red (gules) which depicts passion. It is a passion for service to God and to others that motivates us to perform our mission.

Finally, the scroll is a field of blue (azure) and letters of white (argent) that corresponds to the six stars displays our name: Pacific Region Chaplain Corps.

The logo speaks of our culture, our mission and our commitment to serve God in our service to others. That service is done in a spirit of loyalty to one another and in devotion to the One who called us to serve. We do so as people of integrity, in an attitude of vigilance, determined to pursue excellence so that we can provide quality service to others and in doing so, bring glory to God.