

# **REPORT OF THE PACIFIC REGION CHAPLAIN**



REPORTING PERIOD 2010-2011

**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, Lt Col Danny Riggs – Deputy Region Chaplain
- Ch, Lt Col Bob Ledden – Professional Development Officer
- Ch, Lt Col Charlie Sattgast – Webmaster
- 1<sup>st</sup> 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 Ralph Camp
- Oregon Wing – Ch, Lt Col 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: 90  
 Non-reporting: 1

According to the Form 34As submitted for reporting period Jan-Jun 2011, there are currently 49 Chaplains and 42 Character Development Instructors serving in the PCR. Nearly 55% 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.

<b>SQUADRON COVERAGE WITHIN THE PCR</b>							
<b>Type</b>	<b>Number</b>	<b>With Chaplains</b>	<b>With CDIs</b>	<b>1 Chaplain/ 1 CDI</b>	<b>2 Chaplains/ 2 CDIS</b>	<b>2 CDIs</b>	<b>3 CDIS</b>
<b>Cadet</b>	28	4	7				
<b>Composite</b>	115	28	21	7	1	3	1
<b>Senior</b>	16	3	3				

From July 2010 through June 2011 the PCR Chaplains and CDIs participated in 5,917 activities; spent 22,696 hours; traveled 146,054 miles; invested \$73,523.18.

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

<b>LEVEL OF TRAINING</b>	<b>CHAPLAINS</b>	<b>CDIs</b>
<b>I – Orientation</b>	15	6
<b>II – Benjamin O. Davis</b>	3	7
<b>III – Grover Loening</b>	9	14
<b>IV – Paul E. Garber</b>	12	12
<b>V – Gill Robb Wilson</b>	8	6

**2. REGION CHAPLAIN CORPS STAFF COLLEGE:** The Pacific Region Chaplain Corps Staff College was conducted at Travis Air Force Base, California from Monday, 14 March to Thursday, 17 March 2011. The staff college was hosted in the Twin Peaks Chapel.

The PCR CCRSC was comprised of a student body of 22 CAP Officers (11 wore a staff member hat). Students from five of the six wings attended (due to distance Hawaii were not represented). Five wing chaplains were in attendance. This year the majority of students drove to the school due to the location. Students traveled from as far as Alaska and Washington with the largest number coming from California. There were 21 Chaplains and 4 Character Development Instructors in attendance. Due to economic/work or family situations, there were 4 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 2011 PCR CCSC theme: “Capable-Accessible-Partnership”.

**PCR CCSC Focus:** Two areas received the majority of our focus: “Empowered Coaching” and Ministry/Service within CAP. Chaplain, Lt Col Charlie Sattgast led a six-hour session on Empowered Coaching, which gave practical tools to our students to use for influencing our members to achieve greater success in life and greater effectiveness in Civil Air Patrol. Chaplain, Lt Col Danny Riggs motivated our Chaplain Corps personnel to be “encouragers” with his presentation on “The Art of Encouragement”.

Our 2011 college also featured a strong emphasis on opportunities and tools for effective ministry in cadet programs led by Ch, Lt Col Charlie Sattgast and Ch, Lt Col Paul Ward. Col Ken Parris, CAWG Commander, presented information about the International Air Cadet Exchange (IACE), one of the premier national activities for which chaplains and CDIs can apply. Col Parris explained the program, the application process, and what is involved when serving as a Senior Escort. Col Parris was the 2010 IACE escort for the CAP team that visited Israel.; sessions on CAP structure and The Commander and the Chaplain Corps by Col Larry Myrick; and a group discussion centered around the topic of Organizational Culture led by Ch, Lt Col Paul Ward. Chaplain, Lt Col Ron Tottingham (National HCD) represented the National CAP Chaplain Corps and was available to answer questions from students in both formal and informal settings.

Students visited the Gen Jimmy Doolittle Air and Space Museum at Travis AFB and participated in an exercise created for the event. The members of the group which correctly answered the questions were awarded a challenge coin from the museum. A hands-on AE presentation by Lt Col Virginia Nelson, Pacific Region Aerospace Education Director, was also conducted.

The daily meditations were led by a Wing Chaplain: Ch, Maj Franklin Blodgett; Ch, Maj Ralph Camp; and Ch, Lt Col Randy Potter. 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://smilebox.com/playEmail/4d6a4d354f4441334e4468384d6a49784f5459344e44413d0d0a&sb=1>



### **Plans for the 2012 PCR CCSC:**

The dates for the 2012 PCR CCSC are Monday afternoon to Thursday early afternoon, 19-22 March. The location will be Joint Base Lewis-McChord - Tacoma, WA.

Ch, Lt Col Danny Riggs – Dean of PCR CCSC, is working on the curriculum for the training event. We have already confirmed that Dr. Dan Casey will be presenting a 6 hour training session on “Compassion Fatigue”.

**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:**

##### **Activities:**



Ch. Maj Franklin Blodgett participated in a Blue Star Memorial Dedication at the Wasilla Dedication.

Lt Col John Erickson served as the Deputy Director and a group facilitator for the Civic Leadership Academy conducted in Washington DC. Twenty-four cadets – the best of the best – are selected to participate in this prestigious educational activity – attending workshops as well as touring various sites in our nation's capital and meeting notable government leaders.

A tragic event took place over Memorial Day week-end in which several cadets and senior members witnessed a plane crash that claimed the lives of 5 family members. The CAP event was being conducted several hours away. Ch, Maj Franklin Blodgett, in spite of the distance involved, was able to provide CISM and Pastoral Counseling to those impacted by this incident through the use of modern technology: cell phone and the use of Skype for a general meeting conducted in the chapel area and several personal sessions.

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Capt Michael Lynch was instrumental in obtaining and having 30 sets of fireproof pants and jackets, 18 fire helmets and several fireproof gloves to the volunteer fire department of Molina, Chile.

<http://www.imb.org/main/news/details.asp?LanguageID=1709&StoryID=9441>



The CAWG Chaplain Corps received an Excellent Rating in the 2011 Compliance Inspection.

The CAWG Chaplain Corps and CISM Team each received an Excellent rating in the evaluated SARX. Those participating were Ch, Maj Richard Nelson and Capt Robert Harris.

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.

Ch, Capt Michael Morison served as the first education supervisor for U.S. Space Camp/Academy in Huntsville, AL. One of the activities he got to participate in was a microgravity flight aboard G-Force One, flown by Zero G Corporation. During the flight he experienced Martian gravity (1/3 ours), lunar gravity (1/6 ours), and zero gravity parabolas.

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Following the earthquake that hit Japan, the HIWG went on high alert for a tsunami. Ch, Maj James Merritt (HIWG) remained in communication with HIWG staff and the PCR HC in preparation to meet the needs of those affected by this event.

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Ch, Maj Ralph Camp was appointed to serve as the NVWG HC.



Ch, Lt Col Tom Miller served as chaplain for the Pacific Region Staff College. This was his 19<sup>th</sup> year to serve in this capacity.

Ch, Maj Elizabeth Tattersall was the project officer/director for the National Flight Glider Academy held 24 June – 3 July 2011 at Minden, NV

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Ch, Lt Col Robert “Bob” Ledden served as Financial Officer/ Transportation/ Chaplain for the Michael King Smith Business Academy. This is the 3<sup>rd</sup> consecutive year that Bob has served on staff for this National Cadet Activity conducted by the Evergreen Aviation and Space Museum and Civil Air Patrol.

Ch, Lt Col Charlie Sattgast served as an escort for the International Air Cadet Exchange team to Israel this past summer.

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Ch, Lt Col William “Bill” Adam was awarded the Meritorious Service Medal by the Mason County Sheriff’s Office for his service as an incident



commander for numerous county and state missions which resulted in multiple lives being saved, as well as for an array of various accomplishments in law enforcement.

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Ch, Lt Col Charlie Sattgast stepped down as the PCR HCD. He is involved in a church planting project in Portland, OR and has begun work on his doctorate at Bethel Seminary in San Diego, CA. Ch, Lt Col Danny Riggs was appointed to serve as PCR HCD in addition to his responsibilities as the WAWG HC.

Ch, Lt Col Paul Ward was on staff for a SLS/CLC for the CAWG in 2011 and the Cadet Programs Conference. He also participated in the Gill Robb Wilson Memorial Observance conducted at Forest Lawn – Covina Hills, CA on May 30, 2011.

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 Howard Payne  
Character Development Instructor of the Year – Capt Robert Harris  
Bruce Joyner Ministry of Excellence Award for CDI – Maj Patricia Lay  
Sammy Campos Ministry of Excellence Award for Chaplain – Ch, Maj Harlan Confer  
Commanders Commendation – Capt Robert Harris for his work with “Wreaths Across America” and Ch, Capt Paul Vance for being awarded the Group 5 Pilot of the Year

##### **WAWG:**

Chaplain of the Year – Ch, Maj Dave Franklin  
Character Development Instructor of the Year – Maj Greg Barker

##### **PCR:**

Character Development Instructor of the Year – Capt Robert Harris, CAWG  
Squadron Chaplain of the Year – Ch, Maj Dave Franklin, WAWG  
Senior Chaplain of the Year – Ch, Lt Col Charlie Sattgast, PCR/ORWG  
Meritorious Service Award – Ch, Lt Col Charlie Sattgast, PCR/ORWG

##### **NATIONAL:**

Squadron Chaplain of the Year – Ch, Maj Dave Franklin, WAWG

#### **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 – Five chaplains were not waived, possibly a seventh. Two chaplains were waived.

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.