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#### From the Region Chaplain ...

On January 5, 1950 the CAP Chaplain Corps was established. Much has been accomplished during the past 60 years and I am confident that the future holds even greater things to accomplish. And what is the basis of this confidence? Simply put... you are the basis of the confidence. Since I joined CAP in 1996, there have been many opportunities afforded to meet members of the CAP Chaplain Corps from all every wing.

Each and every member is part of the history and the heritage of the CAP Chaplain Corps. It never ceases to amaze me of the character and the contributions of these members.

The Transmitter (National Chaplain Corps newsletter) will be featuring articles throughout the anniversary year related to the history and heritage of the CAP Chaplain Corps. These articles are being written by Chaplain, Lt Col Steven Thomas. Chaplain Thomas serves as the Great Lakes Region Deputy Chaplain and the Wisconsin Wing Chaplain.

While researching the history of the CAP Chaplain Corps, he encountered a name of an individual that sounded vaguely familiar. The picture of this individual then reminded him of a couple of events. That person was Chaplain, Lt Col Robert Taylor Preston (USAF). Chaplain Taylor was assigned the first National Chaplain of the CAP Chaplain Service in 1950. Later he would become the Deputy Chief Chaplain of the USAF Chaplain Service. In 1962, he would be promoted to Maj Gen when he was assigned as the Chief of the USAF Chaplain Service. Steve met Chaplain Taylor on two occasions at Wright Patterson AFB, where Steve's father was stationed. The first was while Steve was a child and the second was after Chaplain Taylor had become the Chief of the USAF Chaplain Service. Chaplain Thomas writes: "I can still remember the time I first met him, he was in the office of Chaplain Captain Grothe just down the street from my house at Wright Patterson. His first words were, 'So this is the young man who wants to be a chaplain. We will have to pray for him, special that the years don't change his mind. And I suppose you made him Lutheran already.'

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Ch, Lt Col Paul Ward



I chimed in that I was Lutheran when the Catholic Chaplain baptized me at 3 days old and I already knew Luther's Lord's Prayer and the Ten Commandments." He just laughed. He had such a warm and inviting laugh that he made me laugh too. He could preach as well. I can remember when Chaplain Taylor came to dedicate the new base chapel at Wright Pat in 1962. I thought he was going to be mad when I told him I wanted to go into the air force for a tour before going to seminary. He asked if I thought about going to the academy and maybe he should talk to someone about me. To my surprise, I got the pre-appointment to the academy but failed the physical. But I had to wonder, if he was not instrumental in getting that appointment as my grades were not fantastic. I did have to promise him that I would serve only one tour and then go to seminary." Chaplain Thomas went on to become a Navy Chaplain. In 1997, following 22 years of active and reserve service in the Navy, he became a CAP Chaplain.

As I read Chaplain Thomas' story, I thought about it for awhile and realized that is our story as well. Each of us have had our lives touched by a Chaplain and, in turn, our lives have touched and impacted others. As members of the CAP Chaplain Corps, practicing the "ministry of presence" during the unit meetings, at various training events or exercises, in our participation of cadet activities, attending conferences, and the list goes on...who knows what senior member or cadet will be impacted and influenced by the time or words shared? Our history and heritage is based on people simply caring for and serving others. That spirit and attitude has served us well in the past and will continue to serve us into the future.

In Service Together,

*Paul*

Ch, Lt Col Paul Ward, CAP  
PCR HC Civil Air Patrol



## FINAL SALUTE

Ch, Lt Col David Stewart - CAWG  
Ch, Lt Col Marion "Tim" Spiller - CAWG  
Squadron 5's tribute to Chaplain Spiller:  
<http://sq5.cawg.cap.gov/TimTribute.html>



## 2010 CHAPLAIN CORPS REGION STAFF COLLEGE

*Mark these dates.....*

**MARCH 29 – APRIL 1  
NELLIS AFB**



Our featured emphasis this year will be **QPR—Question, Persuade, Refer**, the cutting-edge of suicide prevention, intervention, and postvention. QPR works, and we're excited to make this vital ministry tool available to you! Ch, Lt Col James Sickmeyer (NCR HC) will be the course instructor/Q-P-R certifier.

We are offering the entire college for just \$75.00, which includes Monday dinner and the Thursday banquet. Lodging is available on base at Nellis for only \$39.00 per night (CAP-member-spouses lodge at no extra charge), and low-cost meals are found nearby on base. We'll even pick you up at the Las Vegas airport!

**The deadline for registration is February 10**, so we need to hear from you right away for planning purposes, and it's really easy to preregister. Just go to <http://hc.pcr.cap.gov/training.html> for more information and to register online. It takes less than five minutes to sign up, so please check your calendar and do it now.

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## Wing Awards



**CALIFORNIA WING -**  
**Ch, Maj David Coleman - Sammy Campos**  
**Award of Excellence (CAWG)**

(Picture: Ch, Lt Col George Dawson (CAWG HC)  
presents the Sammy Campos Award of Excellence to  
Chaplain, Maj David Coleman)



**NEVADA WING -**

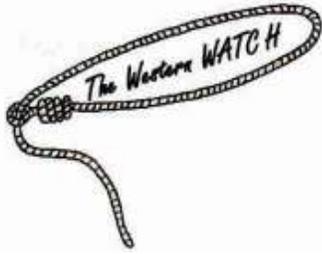
**Ch, Lt Col Tom Miller and Ch, Capt Ralph Camp - Chaplains of the**  
**Year (NVWG)**



**WASHINGTON WING -**

**Ch, Major William Adam - Chaplain of the Year**  
**(WAWG)** (Picture: Col Dave Maxwell (WAWG CC)  
presents the Chaplain of the Year Award for WA Wing to  
Ch, Major William Adam)





### ORWG Compliance Inspection



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 the highest grade possible. Congratulations to Chaplain, Major Randy Potter and the members of the ORWG Chaplain Corps for their effective and excellent service.



### PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT AWARDS



**Grover Loening – Level 3**

Ch, Capt. Ralph Camp (NVWG)



**Paul Garber Award – Level 4**

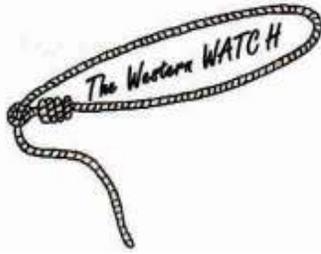
Maj Scott England (CAWG)



**Gill Robb Wilson – Level 5**

Ch, Lt Col Donald Starr (WAWG)

Professional Development News: The CAP Officer Basic Course (CAPOBC) has replaced the AFIADL. It is written by CAP for CAP and about CAP. This course is available on-line. For more information and registration, click on this link: [http://capmembers.com/cap\\_university/officer\\_basic\\_course.cfm](http://capmembers.com/cap_university/officer_basic_course.cfm). The slots for this course are filled through July 2010.



The Civil Air Patrol's Wreaths Across America program began in 2006 as an offshoot of the Arlington National Cemetery wreath project, which was started in 1992 with the annual placement of wreaths donated by

Worcester Wreath Co. The program has mushroomed in a short time. With its patriotic theme and its increasing visibility, Wreaths Across America is an ideal program for promotion of CAP and the patriotic values CAP holds dear.

On December 12th 151,000 wreaths placed in 425 ceremonies across the Nation. Members of the CAP Chaplain Corps were among the hundreds of CAP volunteers who participated in this annual event. Here are some highlights from around the PCR:

*(Squadron 45 Honor Guard)*



CAWG – 1<sup>st</sup> Lt Robert Harris of Squadron 45 coordinated a WAA ceremony at the Riverside National Cemetery. The program not only featured the laying of wreaths by various branches of the military service but representation from US Senator Barbara Boxer and US Congressman Ken Calvert's offices. State Assemblyman Chuck Devore was the keynote speaker. 1st Lt Harris and US Congressman Calvert's office arranged for military honors to be presented to the father of PFC Marcus Allan Tynes (USA) who was killed by an IED in Afghanistan on November 22, 2009. Cadet and Senior Members from Squadrons 45, 64, 21, 59 and Riverside Polytechnic High School JROTC placed 200 plus wreaths at the graves of our nation's fallen heroes.

There were other ceremonies conducted throughout CAWG which information was not available at the time of this publication.

*Nevada Wing WWA*



NVWG - Chaplain, Maj Elizabeth Tattersall (NVWG HC) participated in the Wreaths Across America ceremony at the Northern Nevada Veteran's Cemetery in Fernley, NV. Also participating were members of the Douglas County Composite, Truckee-Tahoe Composite and Reno Composite squadrons. The color guard was composed of cadets from the Reno Composite Squadron. Together they placed 800 wreaths on the graves of our veterans.

ORWG – Chaplain, Maj Randy Potter (ORWG HC) participated in a Wreaths Across America services held at the Deschutes Memorial Gardens in Bend, Oregon. This is the third year the service has been conducted there and the first CAP group to do a WAA ceremony at a non-military cemetery.

Robert “Bob” Maxwell is a friend of Chaplain Potter and has been very much involved in our WAA participation for the past three years as well as other community activities in Bend. Bob is the last living WWII Medal of Honor Recipient living in Oregon.

*(Chaplain Potter putting the Medal of Honor, Robert (Bob) Maxwell)*

The photo was taken by Dick Tobiasson, Lt. Col., US Army, Ret.



WAWG - Chaplain, Maj Danny Riggs (WAWG HC) served as the project officer for the Wing which included three ceremonies: the WWII Memorial at the State Capitol in Olympia, Tahoma National Cemetery in Kent, and the Tahoma Cemetery in Yakima. Lt Brian Paul assisted in organizing the one in Yakima. Oddly enough, which causes a bit of confusion, both cemeteries in Kent and Yakima have Tahoma in their name, but ours (Kent) is the National Cemetery.

Military members representing the services conducted at the State Capital were Cadet 2nd Lt John Naval, Seattle Composite Squadron, now Seaman Naval, U.S. Navy; Senior Member/former Cadet Michael Gisson, U.S.M.C.; and the only non CAP Cadet assisting the laying of the ceremonial wreaths was Sea Cadet Michael Stephenson, grandson of Chaplain, Lt. Colonel Donald and Sharla Starr. The South Sound Composite and the Lewis County Composite Squadrons participated in this service.



In the Kent Ceremony Chaplain, Lt. Colonel Donald Starr shared a bit of the story of Second Lieutenant Jesse T. Barrick (Civil War), 57th Regiment of the U.S. Colored Infantry, who is buried in the cemetery.

*(McChord Composite Squadron Color Guard at the Tahoma National Cemetery, Kent programs)*



# PROSSER'S PROTOCOL

Greetings,

I hope everyone is doing well. Life seems to pick up during this time of the year, and it sure has for me. My niece invited me to attend her choir concert last night. I had not seen her in a couple of weeks so I was going to let her know that I was there by shouting out "Go Miranda!" like I did when I was a youth pastor a few years back. My best friend sitting next to me must have known what I was about to do. She nudged me and said, "Miranda will get in trouble if you yell her name!" I was so glad that she stopped me from making me look silly and getting my niece in trouble.



Wherever we go we should be mindful of the protocol concerning that particular event or function. I was just being my playful self, but had I not been informed, it could have been a damper instead of a very enjoyable evening. Just something to think about!

Blessings,

Debbie  
Ch, Maj Debra Prosser, CAP  
Protocol Officer  
PCR Chaplain Corps



**FORM 34's (DUE JANUARY 5, 2010)**

**Upcoming Events ~ 2010**  
PCR Conference ~ April 23-24, Reno NV  
National Cadet Competition ~ June 24-27  
McMinnville OR  
National Summer Board and Conference –  
Sept 1-4 San Diego CA

## **SOMETHING FOR YOUR CONSIDERATION....**

**BACKGROUND:** Many of our Chaplain Corps personnel have inquired of Charlie and I about conducting a CCRSC in Hawaii. Historically there have been two Chaplain Corps Region Staff Colleges conducted at Hickam AFB (2000 and 2003). In all honesty, logistically to plan a staff college there is very difficult...especially at a location 2500 miles away. We also learned that since non-CAP member spouses cannot be listed on Military Support Authorization forms (MSA) they could not be lodged in base housing or eat in base dining facilities (though they could eat in the Food Courts or the local fast food restaurants). **Note:** *this prohibition of base housing/dining facilities access does not apply to spouses with a military card/ID.* So, what fun would going to Hawaii be if we have to leave the spouses at home????

Returning to Hawaii for a CCRSC was something that had been relegated to the list of "wouldn't it be nice if this could ever happen?" Over dinner one evening at National Board/Conference, I learned of a possible location for the 2011 CCRSC (to be conducted sometime late February/early March). Check out the following link and see what you think: <http://www.kmc-volcano.com/default.asp>

### **THINGS TO CONSIDER:**

- a) This is not Hickam -- so billeting is not at military rates. Retired military or those with military id cards can get better rates here. It is rustic but very livable. No MSAs are needed at the Kilauea Military Camp, so spouses can attend.
- b) Transportation will need to be handled by us (i.e. there is a shuttle from Hilo to the Camp...but not from Kona). Rental cars will be necessary for those arriving at Kona
- c) Room costs can be shared (i.e. 2/3 bedroom cottages can be split between the couples; singles can use the dorms).

*The camp only books 1 year out. So we will have to make a decision on this by Feb/Mar of 2010 if we want to proceed. If this is something you would like for us to pursue, please notify your Wing Chaplain, Charlie or I as soon as possible. This also gives you a year to plan/budget for flight, car rental and housing. You may want to contact other chaplains/character development instructors in your Wing or the Region to consider sharing the costs of a cottage and/or car rental.*

