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From the Pacific Region Chaplain

"Paul, there has been a terrible accident at the Reno Air Show".....not the words you want to hear after a full day of moving household goods from one location to another some 20 miles away and looking forward to resting and recovering. Then to hear that members of the command staff from the Pacific Region, Nevada Wing, Oregon Wing -- as well as CAP members from two squadrons were on site witnessing the tragedy and its aftermath. Chaplain, Maj Elizabeth Tattersall and her husband, Stewart, have a box that was located near the proximity of the crash site/impact. Immediately the concern expressed by the command staff was to insure that all of our members were accounted for and then to be taken care of. Within minutes of receiving the notification, phone calls were being made and arrangements for those CAP members who were present to receive a CISM debriefing took place.



Ch, Lt Col Paul Ward

End result...less than one hour after the event, Chaplain, Maj Ralph Camp was on site providing "ministry of presence". Less than two hours after the event, members of the CAWG Chaplain Corps who were CISM trained were on stand-by while NVWG arranged a flight for Chaplain, Lt Col Tom Miller and Maj Carolyn Irby from Las Vegas to Reno to conduct a CISM debrief on Saturday morning for our CAP personnel.

Chaplain Camp's ministry of comfort and words of calm assurance were well received throughout Friday evening and Saturday as he met with cadets and seniors at the area where they were camping out on the airport grounds. He shared with me that one of the cadet squadrons had a food booth at the air race which is a major fund raiser. Following the crash, the food booth for profit became a place of providing food and beverages to the first responders, the medical examiners, the air race personnel, the members of the FAA and NSTB who were on site. Chaplain Miller and Maj Irby arrived on Saturday morning to conduct a CISM session. Many cadets and seniors benefited from their training and expertise.

As you know from emails and Facebook postings, Chaplain Camp collapsed at home on Sunday afternoon and spent a couple of days in the hospital due to a combination of dehydration, fatigue and stress. During this time he was comforted by knowing that the members of the CAP Chaplain Corps were keeping him in their collective prayers. He (and we) are thankful that this physical episode did not damage his heart or result in any debilitating condition.

This tragic event serves as a vivid reminder of the value of the volunteer service which we provide to our membership. In times of crisis the training and the spirit of service that our Chaplain Corps personnel possess shines the brightest.

In Service Together,

Paul



2012 PCR CHAPLAIN CORPS STAFF COLLEGE

Mark these dates on your calendar....

**19-22 March
Joint Base Lewis-McChord**

(Event will be held at the McChord Field
Chapel Support Center)

**MAJOR EMPHASIS/TRAINING:
Compassion Fatigue**

INSTRUCTOR: Dr. Dan Casey

Online Registration (deadline for
registration – Feb 1, 2012):

<https://events.capnhq.gov/OnlineStore/PCRChaplainCorpsStaffCollege/tabid/177/Default.aspx>

**Start planning now to attend this
great event!!!!**

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT AWARDS



PAUL E. GARBER AWARD

Chaplain, Maj Franklin Blodgett (AKWG)
Chaplain, Maj Blair F. Rorabaugh (AKWG)

CAWG AWARDS

Chaplain of the Year - Ch, Maj Richard Nelson
CDI of the Year - Capt Robert Harris
Sammy Campos Ministry of Excellence Award -
Chaplain, Capt Michael Morison
Bruce Joyner Ministry of Excellence Award –
1st Lt Cristie Akin

NATIONAL AWARDS



Meritorious Service Award -
Ch, Lt Col Paul Ward

National Squadron Chaplain of the Year -
Ch, Maj Dave Franklin (WAWG)

PROMOTIONS

Chaplain Franklin Blodgett
from Maj to Lt Col (AKWG)
Chaplain Blair Rorabaugh
from Maj to Lt Col (AKWG)
Chaplain Paul Vance
from Capt to Maj (CAWG)



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Appointment and Promotion of Chaplain J. Delano Ellis II to National Chief of CAP Chaplain Corps 20 August 2011

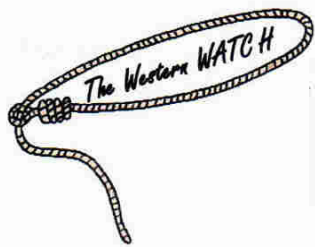


**Chaplain Ellis, Maj Gen Carr and
Brig Gen Anderson**



Maj Gen Charles Carr (National CC) and Brig Gen Rich Anderson (former National CC and current Chairman of the CAP Board of Governors) participated in this ceremony that followed the banquet. Many members of the CAP Chaplain Corps and members of the GLR staff were in attendance for this event. Chaplain Ellis joined CAP as a cadet in 1957.

He previously served as the Cushite Composite Squadron Chaplain (which he founded), Group IV (OHWG) Chaplain, the Ohio Wing Chaplain and the Great Lakes Region Chaplain.



CALIFORNIA WING



The CAWG/NVWG encampment was held at Camp Pendleton from July 14, 2010 to July 23, 2010. Ch, Maj Richard Nelson served as the Chief Encampment Chaplain. Assisting him were Ch, Maj Robert Ferguson and Capt Robert Harris CDI.

On Sunday morning, July 17th, Catholic cadets and senior members were transported to celebrate Mass. Capt. Robert Harris conduct CDI for approximately 135 cadets with 12 seniors in attendance. Chaplain Nelson conducted the Protestant service for 79 cadets and seniors. Throughout the week Chaplains Nelson and Ferguson provided counseling and support to cadets. On the final day of encampment, Saturday July 23th, Chaplain Nelson presented a lesson on "The Core Values of the Civil Air Patrol" prior to the graduation parade.



NEVADA WING

NATIONAL CHARACTER DAY CONDUCTED IN NVWG

2nd Lt. Marc Cruz, CAP National Character Day PAO

(Picture of group: L-R C/2Lt Deboy, SMSgt Davis, Mark Jackson, Rudy Ruettiger, Lt Col Jack Schofield, Ch, Maj Deb Prosser)



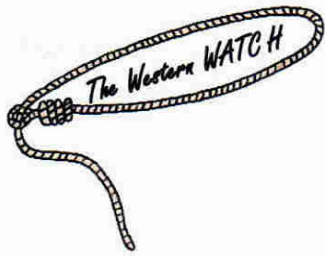
Many people have overcome diversity, challenges, obstacles, and many other factors in life to accomplish a goal. Cadets are often pushed beyond what they think they are capable of, and are expected to promote CAP's Drug Demand Reduction Program. On Saturday, September 3, 2011, we had 48 Civil Air Patrol cadets and 35 Senior Members



and Distinguished Guests in attendance at CAP's 1st annual National Character Day for Nevada Wing at the Airman Leadership School on Nellis Air Force Base. Chaplain, Maj Deb Prosser served as the Activity Directory.

The events for the day included inspirational talks from guest speakers such as Lieutenant Colonel Jack L Schofield - Former Flying Tiger and senator, Senior Master Sergeant Lee Davis - Thunderbird,

Rudy Ruettiger who the movie RUDY is made after and Mark Jackson - former Denver Broncos player. These men have all overcome some form of a challenge to get to where



they are today. They each had the same message but a different story to tell. The cadets were told not to let anyone put them down, do not let what other people say determine what you are going to do in your life, and if you want something..... go after it and don't back down. The cadets that were in attendance were almost in a trance as they listened to the heart-filled stories and messages. Rudy Ruettiger was very generous and gave each cadet a book Rudy had written. In addition, an autographed football was given to Cadet Walker for her outstanding display of courage and teamwork during the physical Challenge. After listening to each guest speaker, the cadets had a chance to ask questions at a panel discussion. They asked multiple questions picking the brains of each of the guest speakers and hanging onto their every word. After the question panel, the cadets had the chance to overcome some obstacles themselves, as they ran a 200-yard obstacle course called "The Cadet Wipeout"!!! Every cadet gave it their best as they overcame heat, pain and exhaustion to complete the course. Both male and female with the fastest time received a \$50 gift certificate to Vanguard, Inc for uniform items. The cadets took the lessons they learned to heart; and at the end they lived up to what Lieutenant Colonel Jack Schofield had said: "If it is to be, it is up to me."

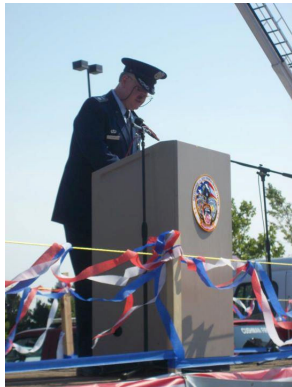
A report created by Cadet Nicole Crisp can be found at:

http://www.capmembers.com/media/cms/2011_NCD_NVWg_923F118518A63.pdf



WASHINGTON WING

Chaplain, Lt Col William Adam participated in the 10th Anniversary Observance of September 11th in Shelton, WA.



PLAN TO ATTEND

2012 NATIONAL BOARD/CONFERENCE

22-25 August
Baltimore Marriott Waterfront, Baltimore, MD.





CHAPLAIN SATTGAST'S SUMMER "VACATION"

Each summer since 1948 the member nations of the International Air Cadet Exchange Association have exchanged cadets for a two-week intercultural experience. Civil Air Patrol has been the United States representative to the Exchange for more than 60 years, and in 2011 sent cadets and escorts to fourteen nations.



The 2011 escort from the United States to Israel was Chaplain, Lt Col Charlie Sattgast, from Portland, Oregon. Even though it was Charlie's third time visiting Israel, he found that the Exchange provided him a completely unique glimpse of Israeli life and culture.

**Ch, Lt Col Charlie Sattgast (Oregon Wing), C/Capt Ryan Tweedt (Iowa Wing)
C/Capt Nathan Hassett (Arkansas Wing), C/Capt Myles Tucker
(Massachusetts Wing)**

Israel has been a part of the Exchange for many years, and has developed a very mature and well-run IACE program. This year cadets from the USA, United Kingdom, Canada, Germany, The Netherlands, Hong Kong, and France met in Tel Aviv, and quickly became a cohesive cohort for the two-week Exchange. Cadets and escorts were lodged in host homes for most of the Exchange, and got to experience what modern Israel is like from the perspective of family life. From the host homes in the greater Tel Aviv area, daily excursions covered the small nation of Israel from the far north, next to the Syrian/Lebanese border, to the southern tip of the country in Eilat, which overlooks Jordan, Saudi Arabia, and Egypt.



While not specifically a biblical tour, the Exchange included a number of key archaeological sites, including Masada, the Beit Govrin Caves, and the Old City of Jerusalem. Participants also visited the Dead Sea, which is the lowest elevation on Earth, and toured extensively in the Galilee and Golan Heights.

The Israel Air Force ran the program, so the cadets and escorts also visited six Israeli military bases and received an orientation to the complex defense issues



**IACE participants splash it up at the
Tel Dan Nature Reserve, Israel**

Israel faces in its “rough neighborhood,” and the reasons Israel has one of the world’s finest military programs.

The highlight of IACE is living for two weeks alongside people from many different nations, learning about cultural differences and similarities, and making lasting friendships with some of the sharpest people in the world.

Like many of CAP’s National Cadet Special Activities, IACE is an outstanding opportunity for Senior Members and Cadets alike, but many CAP members are unaware that these opportunities are available. For participation in IACE, Cadets must be at least 17 years of age by July 1 of the year of travel, and be at least a Cadet Captain at time of application. Escort Ambassadors must be at least 25 years of age by July 1 of the year of travel, have earned at least a senior rating in the Cadet Programs Specialty Track, and not have attended IACE as an escort or cadet in the previous five years.

Applications for the 2012 IACE program will open in December. Perhaps 2012 should be your year!

In the photo at the Wailing Wall, Jerusalem, from the foreground back: C/Capt Nathan Hassett (Arkansas Wing), Erwin Ploeg, (Netherlands), C/Capt Ryan Tweedt (Iowa Wing)



EMERGENCY SERVICES



An USAF evaluated SARX was conducted in the CAWG on the weekend of May 13-15 at the Riverside Airport. Ch, Maj Richard Nelson (Mission Chaplain) and Capt Robert Harris (CISM) participated in this event. Several scenarios based on an earthquake were presented. The CAWG including both the Mission Chaplain and CISM operations received an Excellent rating. Bravo Zulu!!!!

The ORWG Chaplain Corps received an outstanding rating in the USAF evaluated SARX conducted in August. Ch, Lt Col Charlie Sattgast served as the Mission Chaplain along with Ch, Lt Col Bob Ledden and Ch, Capt Denise Mosher. Bravo Zulu!!!!

One of the repeated requests that Wing Commanders bring to the Region Chaplain is that there is a need for qualified Mission Chaplains.