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Ch, Lt Col Paul Ward

From the Region Chaplain ...

One of the challenges that I face each quarter as the Region Chaplain is to prepare an article which I hope will inspire you in your service ...to share something that might encourage you.

Let me start off by saying....you inspire me and encourage me.

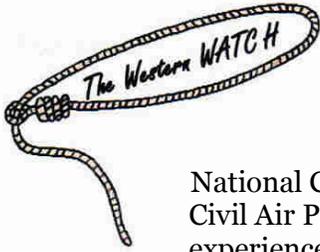
Many of you were in attendance at the recent CCRSC conducted at Travis AFB. The comments written on the evaluations and some of the thoughts shared in e-mails received from you after the event were over-whelming. It is evident that the planning and preparation by Chaplains Charlie Sattgast (Dean) and George Dawson (Project Officer), Lt Col Pat Okawa (Administrative Officer) and myself --- then the performance of the staff (Chaplains Franklin Blodgett, Ralph Camp, Dave Franklin, Richard Nelson, Randy Potter, Danny Riggs; Capt Robert Harris; Lt Col Virginia Nelson) was appreciated by you. But the college would not have been successful without you being there. Your presence at these events inspire and encourage me.

In this newsletter there are a couple of items about members of our Chaplain Corps whose work outside CAP have been recognized for making a difference in the lives of others.

When I hear of and read about the contributions of those in our Chaplain Corps not only within Civil Air Patrol, but in the community at large, it inspires and encourages me.

How inspiring and encouraging it is to know that you and I have the privilege of serving with men and women who are committed to service.

In Service Together,
Paul



NATIONAL CADET SPECIAL ACTIVITIES PCR TO HOST GLIDER FLIGHT ACADEMY

National Cadet Special Activities are Cadet Programs conducted by Civil Air Patrol. NCSAs are designed to give cadets direct hands on experience with various aspects of the Civil Air Patrol program and provide meaningful insight into several aviation-related careers. There are approximately 30 different special activities that a cadet may attend. Each activity is approximately a week long, and all but one are offered during the Summer. Chaplain support is welcomed.



The variety of NCSAs offered by CAP gives cadets a diverse experience. Activities focus on career exploration, leadership development, search and rescue skills, aeronautical training, Air Force familiarization, government, and a variety of other topics.

Nevada Wing will be hosting a National Cadet Special Activity: Glider Flight Academy June 24 to July 3, 2011, at Minden, NV. It has been several years since Pacific Region last hosted a National flight academy. Chaplain, Maj Elizabeth Tattersall is the activity director. It is our hope that many cadets from around the region will apply to this activity. Additional senior member staff is still needed. Positions available include the following: Tactical Officers, Safety Officer, Logistics, Director of Operations, Finance, tow pilots, glider instructors, experienced glider ground crew, and ground instructors. If you want more information on the activity, you can contact Elizabeth at flcg@nanosecond.com. Since she is serving as the activity director, any support from the Chaplain Corps (staff chaplain/tactical officers, etc.) would be appreciated.



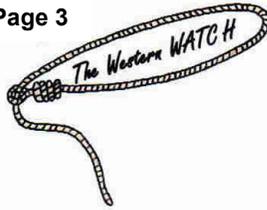
For more information on National Cadet Special Activities: <http://ncsas.com/>

Ch, Lt Col Robert Van Sickler
May 18, 1928— February 17, 2011



Chaplain Van Sickler joined CAP in 2000. At his passing, he was assigned to South Coast Squadron in Brookings serving Curry County in Oregon and Del Norte County in California. Previously he had served with both wing staff and Klamath Falls Composite Squadron. He also served as a CAP/USAF Chaplain for the Air Force 173rd Fighter Wing, US Air National Guard based in Kingsley Field AFB, Klamath Falls, Oregon as a Force Multiplier Chaplain. Chaplain Van Sickler completed all levels of the Senior Member Professional Development program and was active in both emergency services and cadet programs. He will be missed.

“Blue Skies and Tail Winds”



2011 PCR CHAPLAIN CORPS STAFF COLLEGE



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Twenty-four members (students and staff) of the PCR Chaplain Corps gathered the third week of March at Travis AFB for a time of outstanding training and fellowship.

Our 2011 college also featured a strong emphasis on opportunities and tools for effective ministry in cadet programs; 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 taught 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. Fun Aerospace Education

activities were conducted by Lt Col Virginia Nelson.

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".

Here are a couple of remarks from the evaluations received: "Best curriculum ever" and "Learned a lot while having lots of fun".

The event was featured in the "Volunteer Now" section of the CAP web-site:



Ch, Lt Col Charlie Sattgast

http://www.capvolunteernow.com/news.cfm/pacific_region_chaplains_character_development_instructors_complete_training?show=news&newsID=10264



AROUND THE REGION



It was announced during the concluding luncheon of the CCRSC that Ch, Lt Col Charlie Sattgast was stepping aside as the PCR Deputy Chaplain (PCR HCD) due to following the direction of his heart and the doors that the Lord was opening for him in church ministry (church planting team for a church in Portland) and pursuing his doctorate at Bethel Seminary (San Diego, CA). Ch, Lt Col Danny Riggs was introduced as the PCR Deputy Chaplain.



Ch, Lt Col Charlie Sattgast was awarded the Meritorious Service Award from Col Larry Myrick for his outstanding service as the PCR HCD and contributions to the PCR and CAP Chaplain Corps.



Ch, Lt Col Danny Riggs named as PCR HCD. He will continue in his assignment as the WAWG HC.



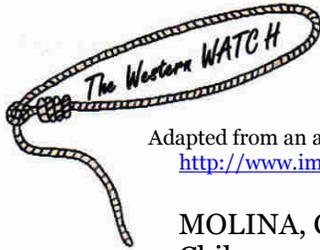
Ch, Maj Franklin Blodgett with Blue Star Memorial marker

On Presidents' Day, February 21, 2011, Chaplain, Maj Franklin N. Blodgett (AKWG HC) took part in a Blue Star Memorial Dedication at Wasilla, Alaska.

Since the Blue Star Memorial Marker Program began in 1945 as a way to honor the men and women serving in the Armed Forces during World War II, thousands of miles of roadways across the whole country. As it exists now, the program honors all men and women who have served, are serving, or will serve in the Armed Forces of the United States.



The cold weather didn't stop the Valley Garden Club or the American Legion Post. Chaplain Blodgett gave the invocation and benediction.



Chilean firefighters grateful for donated equipment



Adapted from an article by Tristan Taylor on the International Mission Board website
<http://www.imb.org/main/news/details.asp?LanguageID=1709&StoryID=9441>

MOLINA, Chile (BP)--The next time Station 1 firefighters in Molina, Chile, are called on to make a rescue, they will finally be doing so in fireproof uniforms. These uniforms were received March 7 as a gift from Southern Baptist Mike Lynch, a fellow firefighter from California who met the Molina crew while doing earthquake relief in Chile last year.

It took nine months and a lot of prayer to move the heavy equipment halfway around the world. But with God's help, Lynch came through for his friends. In the months following the 8.8-magnitude earthquake that hit Chile in February of 2010, Baptist Global Response (BGR) — an international relief and development agency — sent multiple teams of volunteers to aid Chile. Lynch, a bivocational pastor who divides his time between First Southern Baptist Church of Shafter, Calif., and the Tulare County (Calif.) Fire Department's Station 5, led one of these teams when he and five other California Baptists went to the hard-hit town of Molina in May.



Capt Mike Lynch is a CDI for Squadron 121 (CAWG) and also serves as the PCR CISM Officer

During their trip, Lynch and his team visited Molina's Evangelical Baptist Church and were invited to introduce themselves to the congregation. He met two of the members of the church there that night were firemen. The next day, the firemen invited Lynch to tour the Molina fire department's Station 1. During the tour, Lynch learned that Chilean firefighters are completely volunteer and receive no compensation from the government. It is a situation that greatly limits their access to the expensive safety equipment they need. When the Molina firefighters asked Lynch what happens to old equipment in the United States, he began to realize how he might help them. The policy in the States is to replace all equipment every 10 years, regardless of its condition, so there is often an opportunity to share it with other firefighters. "There's nothing wrong with the equipment," Lynch explains. "It's just used." Most of the replaced equipment from Lynch's station is donated to firefighters in Mexico. But Lynch could see there was also a need in Chile — a need he might be able to meet.

After returning to California, he contacted the California State Firefighters' Association's committee for surplus fire equipment. Through this committee, Lynch acquired 30 sets of fireproof pants and jackets, 18 fire helmets and several fireproof gloves. But the difficulty wasn't acquiring the equipment. It was getting it down to Chile. "It's not cheap to send the stuff, because it is heavy," Lynch says. "It was going to cost me more than \$3,000 or \$4,000 to send it [by mail]." Running out of ideas, Lynch sent an e-mail to the five other volunteers who had gone with him to Chile. The next day, Lynch got a reply from Don Smith, director of missions for California's Sequoia Baptist Association. "My next-door neighbor, I just found out, does a lot of importing of fruit and vegetables and stuff from Chile," Smith said. "Let me talk with him." When Smith explained the

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situation to his neighbors, Mark and Debbie Krauter, and asked for their help, they replied, "Absolutely." Not only were they willing to ship the equipment, they were willing to do so free of charge.

Nine months after Lynch's visit and a week after the anniversary of the earthquake, the firefighting equipment finally reached Lynch's friends in Molina. They could not be more grateful.



Some of the members of the Molina volunteer fire department wearing the donated equipment



Ch, Lt Col Randy Potter and Ch, Maj Len Bierlein

During the recent CCRSC, it was a delight to see one of the ORWG Chaplains receive a long overdue promotion from Captain to Major. Thanks to the persistence of a squadron's Professional Development Officer and Commander, Chaplain Len Bierlein received his promotion. Ch, Lt Col Randy Potter (ORWG HC) and Ch, Lt Col Bob Ledden (ORWG HC emeritus) were on hand to present Chaplain Bierlein his gold oak leaves.

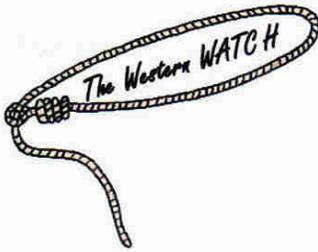


CAP CORE VALUES



- Integrity
- Volunteer Service
- Excellence
- Respect

For more information on the Core Values of the Civil Air Patrol, consult CAPP 50-2



Chaplain, Lt Col Bill Adam of the Peninsula Composite Squadron has been awarded the Meritorious Service Medal by Mason County Sheriff Casey Salisbury for serving the lead incident commander for numerous county and state missions over a 15-year period that resulted in multiple lives saved, as well as for an array of additional accomplishments in law enforcement.

Adam, a Civil Air Patrol member for nearly 40 years, served as director of the 2001 Washington State search and rescue conference and as a Department of Homeland security/Federal Emergency Management Agency Incident Command System instructor and search and rescue management instructor, teaching deputies and police officers from Washington, Oregon, California, Idaho, Montana and Alaska to be incident commanders. He has worked in search and rescue for the last four decades.

The award presentation was a highlight of the annual Sheriff's Award Breakfast at the Little Creek Casino Convention Center on Jan. 28. More than 160 law enforcement and firefighting professionals from municipal, county, state and federal agencies were in attendance.

Adam will mark his 40th anniversary in CAP on Oct. 1. He holds 28 emergency service specialty qualifications, including Incident Commander Level 1, Ground Team Member Level 1, Mission Chaplain and Mission Master Observer.

A former U.S. Air Force pilot, he earned not only his pilot wings but also his jump and air assault wings.

He is a homicide and sex crimes detective with the Mason County Sheriff's Office, where he is also the sex offender registration coordinator. In addition, he serves on the Washington State Task Forces for Internet Crimes Against Children and the Child Abduction Response Team.



CHAPLAIN CHARLIE SATTGAST NAMED AS ESCORT FOR THE USA TEAM TO ISRAEL



Each summer, hundreds of cadets from eighteen nations come together to broaden their understanding of aviation and foreign cultures through the International Air Cadet Exchange (IACE). Chaplain Sattgast was selected as one 17 senior members in CAP to escort 2 cadets to Israel. CAP is a the sponsoring agency and will be sending 17 senior members, 60 cadets to 17 countries this summer. Twelve wings will be hosting IACE participants.





CAPABLE

During the 2011 CCRSC the morning meditations were presented by some of our Wing Chaplains in the PCR. Each meditation was based on the acrostic C-A-P on which the theme of the college was based. Chaplain, Maj Franklin Blodgett shared on "Capable". In the next issues the other topics will be featured.



Ch, Maj Franklin Blodgett
AKWG HC

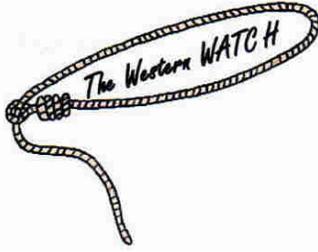
"Capable" – "Members of the CAP Chaplain Corps are individuals, who in their pursuit of excellence, have committed themselves to training and exposing themselves to experiences which will enable them to provide quality service to those they serve."

Did you notice the presupposition? The presupposition is that CAP chaplains are "capable". I want us to answer two questions. The first question is – "Is the CAP selection process biblical?" The second question is – "What does the Bible say of capable people?"

The first text we will look at is Exodus 18:13-25. In verse 13 Moses is serving as a judge from morning till evening and in verse 14 his father-in-law, Jethro, rebukes Moses and he said, "What is this you are doing for the people? Why do you alone sit as judge, while all these people stand round you from morning till evening?" 15 Moses answered him, "Because the people come to me to seek God's will. 16 Whenever they have a dispute, it is brought to me, and I decide between the parties and inform them of God's decrees and laws." 17 Moses' father-in-law replied, "What you are doing is not good. 18 You and these people who come to you will only wear yourselves out. The work is too heavy for you; you cannot handle it alone. 19 Listen now to me and I will give you some advice, and may God be with you. You must be the people's representative before God and bring their disputes to him. 20 Teach them the decrees and laws, and show them the way to live and the duties they are to perform. 21 But select capable men from all the people—men who fear God, trustworthy men who hate dishonest gain—and appoint them as officials over thousands, hundreds, fifties and tens. 22 Have them serve as judges for the people at all times, but have them bring every difficult case to you; the simple cases they can decide themselves. That will make your load lighter, because they will share it with you. 23 If you do this and God so commands, you will be able to stand the strain, and all these people will go home satisfied." 24 Moses listened to his father-in-law and did everything he said. 25 He chose capable men from all Israel and made them leaders of the people, officials over thousands, hundreds, fifties and tens.

Note that Jethro didn't say train men to be capable – he said "select capable men" and we read in verse 25 that Moses "chose capable men". The men didn't become capable after taking the job – they were considered "capable" before they worked the first minute on the job. It is the same with Civil Air Patrol – when you are approved to be a chaplain or a CDI – you are approved because the CAP considers you "capable".

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Let us look again at Exodus 18:21: “*But select capable men from all the people—men who fear God, trustworthy men who hate dishonest gain—and appoint them as officials over thousands, hundreds, fifties and tens.*” If you are a capable man or woman then you must: fear God and have integrity.

Again the CAP is right on asking for an endorsement for chaplains or for the CDI a letter from the church leader who has knowledge of the his or her faith and service. And of course integrity is an important part of that endorsement. I know that just this last week I received an email from my endorsing organization sent to all their chaplains and counselors – with stress on maintaining “integrity”. My endorsing agency wrote this in their email: ***“Integrity—Chaplains and counselors in ministry are expected to live their personal and professional lives with the highest practice of integrity. Integrity is being who and what you claim to be—a minister of the gospel of Jesus Christ serving as a chaplain/counselor. Chaplains/counselors in ministry are expected to be honest and genuine in all their words and actions. A chaplain’s or counselor’s personal character must be consistent with the spiritual leadership they have with people. Chaplains/counselors in ministry must remember that those to whom they minister and those they serve depend on the chaplain’s/counselor’s integrity to be of the highest quality.”*** Integrity is one of the four core values of CAP and one of the foundations for its ethical standards.

The second text we are going to look at is 1 Chron. 26:6,8. The chapter is dealing with Levites who had the responsibility of being gatekeepers for the House of God or the Temple of the Lord: “*His son (that is Obed-Edom’s son) Shemaiah also had sons, who were leaders in their father’s family because they were very capable men.*” (.6) As chaplains – as CDIs – we are to be leaders! We need to be able to say like the Apostle Paul in Philippians 4:9: “*Whatever you have learned or received or heard from me, or seen in me – put it into practice. And the God of peace will be with you.*”

Verse 8: “*All these were descendants of Obed-Edom; they and their sons and their relatives were capable men with the strength to do the work—descendants of Obed-Edom, 62 in all.*” What does the phrase “*with the strength to do the work*” have to do with CAP chaplains and CDIs? It does not mean an age limitation – Moses was a capable leader from 80 to 120. It does not mean that one may not have a handicap – the Apostle Paul had some sort of handicap that he called a “thorn in the flesh” and he was still capable. I suggest that if we have “*the strength to do the work*” we will be able to do what is our opening statement: ***“Members of the CAP Chaplain Corps are individuals, who in their pursuit of excellence, have committed themselves to training and exposing themselves to experiences which will enable them to provide quality service to those they serve.”***



July 30- Aug 2 Pacific Region Aerospace Education School
 March Air Reserve Base, Riverside CA
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Aug 17-20 2011 CAP National Board, Louisville KY



PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT AWARDS



These members of the PCR Chaplain Corps attained the following awards in the Senior Member Professional Development Program. We are proud of their accomplishments.



Level 2 – Benjamin O. Davis

Ch, Maj Len Bierlein – ORWG



Level 3 – Grover Loening

Ch, Maj Harlan Confer – CAWG



Level 4 – Paul Garber

Maj Nancy Akerson – NVWG
Ch, Maj Harlan Confer – CAWG



Level 5 – Gill Robb Wilson

Maj Karen Nahrstadt – CAWG
Maj Cathy Neubauer – CAWG

On-line CLC & SLS are available! On-line CLC & SLS are open to all eligible candidates who would not otherwise be able to attend in residence. To register for either course click this link which takes you to the On-line Courses & Exams page in CAP University.
http://www.capmembers.com/cap_university/online_courses_exams.cfm

Please note that the primary method of completing CLC & SLS is in residence and the on-line option is primarily for those who cannot attend in residence.



WELCOME ABOARD!!!!

New Appointments



Chaplain, 1st Lt Michael Ciociola – CAWG

Capt Scott Maguire – ORWG