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From the Region Chaplain ...

When one of my friends learned that I was stepping down as the Region Chaplain with the Change of Command remarked, "So you are being demoted from HC to HB." Now I understood what HC stands for but not sure about HB. Seeing my puzzled look, with a grin he said "HB is 'Has Been'".



Ch, Lt Col Paul Ward

And that is true, having served as the PCR HC since October 2008 I can say that it --

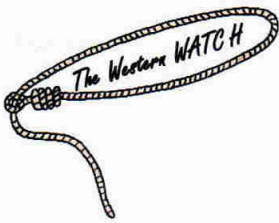
-- "has been" a privilege to serve as the PCR Chaplain under the leadership of Col Ernie Pearson and Col Larry Myrick. Both these commanders were very supportive of the PCR Chaplain Corps.

-- "has been" fulfilling to see the growth of our Chaplain Corps personnel as new CDIs and Chaplains receive their appointments, as our CDIs and Chaplains attain their awards in the Senior Member Professional Development Program and promote in grade, as they take on new responsibilities, as they receive various awards/recognitions for their contributions to the members of CAP, and as they make a difference through the "ministry of presence".

-- "has been" challenging as CAP continues to change and evolve. Keeping up with the changes and making sure that these changes are being communicated to the Wing Chaplains has kept me busy. While technology may change, new tools are offered, tasks assigned take on a different form, being reminded of our 3-fold mission is something that has had to be kept in our collective thought.

-- "has been" rewarding to plan and conduct the last 5 Chaplain Corps Region Staff Colleges with some outstanding staff members and observe the energy that takes place with the training and fellowship that place. Representing the PCR at the National Conferences as a member of the Chaplain

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Corps Advisory Council (CCAC) and being part of the policy making body for the CAP Chaplain Corps has been a great experience. Seeing many of the concerns and the recommendations of our Wing Chaplains addressed by the CCAC has been gratifying.

-- "has been" a great experience to be surrounded with dedicated men and women who served alongside me as members of the PCR HC staff: Chaplains Bob Ledden, Deb Prosser, Danny Riggs and Charlie Sattgast; CDIs Adelle McKinney and Pat Okawa. Each one has contributed their time and talent to make the PCR Chaplain Corps a vibrant organization. I so appreciate the work of those who served as Wing Chaplains - Chaplains Franklin Blodgett, Ralph Camp, George Dawson, Dave Franklin, James Merritt, Richard Nelson, Randy Potter, Danny Riggs, Blair Rorabaugh, Charlie Sattgast and Elizabeth Tattersall. They have kept the communication flowing and their commitment to serving the personnel in their respective wings "has been" truly inspirational.

-- "has been" a joy serving with you. Thank you for your support during the past 4 1/2 years. You have blessed Nan and I by your prayers and words of encouragement.

In Service Together,

Paul

Ch, Lt Col Paul Ward, CAP
PCR HC



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Final Tribute to Chaplain, Col Charles Sharp

Contributions by Chaplain, Col J. Delano Ellis; Chaplain, Lt Col Ken Colton;
and Chaplain, Lt Col Paul Ward

This tribute is to express our personal sense of loss mingled with joy at the news of the “Promotion to Glory” of Chaplain, Colonel Charles Eugene Sharp

Former Chief of Chaplains for the Civil Air Patrol, who served the Lord and the community for sixty years as a husband, father, grandfather and mentor to many, friend to all and as pastor for the “Believers in Christ.”

Our fondest memory of Chaplain Sharp was his tenacity for his faith and his leadership of the Chaplain Corps of the Civil Air Patrol. Chaplain Sharp served in CAP since 1993. He began as a Squadron Chaplain in Garden City, Kansas. Upon the encouragement of the National Staff Chaplain – Chaplain, Lt Col Ken Colton (CAP-USAF), he would serve as Kansas Wing Chaplain. After moving to Arkansas, he would be appointed Wing Chaplain. He served as the Southwest Region Chaplain from 2002 to 2004 before being appointed as the National Chief of Chaplains (2004-2008).



Ch, Col Charles Sharp (1937-2013)
National Chief of Chaplains (2004-2008)

During his tenure, the Chaplain Corps underwent a major restructuring. The corporate position of the Director of Chaplain Services was eliminated and the day-to-day responsibilities were transferred to the “Chief of Chaplains.” Chaplain Sharp guided the Chaplain Corps through this transitional phase with much grace and a steady hand. During his tenure, Chaplain Sharp served 3 different National Commanders. During his tenure as Chief of Chaplains, Chaplain Sharp developed a mentoring program for Chaplain Corps personnel (http://www.capmembers.com/cap_national_hq/chaplain_corps/cap-chaplain-corps-resources/).

Chaplain Sharp served on staff for the National Staff College in 2001, 2002, 2003, and served as Deputy Director in 2005 and 2006. During his service with the Civil Air Patrol, Chaplain Sharp was awarded numerous prestigious awards: Kansas Wing Chaplain of the year, Frank G. Brewer Aerospace Education Award, Kansas Aerospace Education Officer of the Year, Medal of Merit from the Air Force Association, Military Chaplain Association Distinguished Chaplain of the Year, National Senior Chaplain of the Year, Commander Commendation with two silver stars, Meritorious Service Award with two bronze clasps. Exceptional Service Award with two bronze clasps, and the Distinguished Service Award..

We join his family in saluting his life and work and commend him to God who rewards all who come to Him in faith and do His will. Our brother was “Promoted to Glory,” on the Twenty-eighth day of February in this year of our Lord, Two-thousand, Thirteen at Tulsa, Oklahoma.

“...AND HIS WORKS DO FOLLOW HIM.”

One of the principal rules of religion is, to lose no occasion of serving God. And, since he is invisible to our eyes, we are to serve him in our neighbour; which he receives as if done to himself in person, standing visibly before us. – John Wesley

"HIGHEST FLIGHT ACADEMY" 2013



Squadron 22, Travis AFB, hosted Chaplain Michael Morison, CAP, and his Highest Flight Academy - Spiritual Flight Training program this past President's Day weekend. Morison holds Master Chaplain and Master Aerospace Education ratings. A friend of Astronaut Jim Irwin who mentored him, Morison was the first education supervisor at the U.S. Space Camp and Academy.



Ch, Capt Michael Morison

Twenty-two cadets from five squadrons, 10 seniors, two volunteers, and two distinguished guests participated in the program. Seniors from four squadrons and Group 5 staff significantly contributed its success. All cadets received a Highest Flight Academy scholarship. The retreat used the excitement of space exploration and the faith of Jim Irwin, Apollo 15 moonwalker, an Air Force astronaut, and the experience of his fellow astronauts to guide them. After his mission, Irwin wanted to share his experience of God's presence and the closeness he felt on the moon. He felt called to share the excitement of this with his brothers and sisters on the blue planet. Irwin said, *"We had a 'high flight' when we travelled over a half million miles to the moon and back, but we all can have an even higher flight here on earth as men and women committed to living for Christ."* After twenty years of ministry, Jim took what he anticipated as his highest flight of all, when he went to meet Him.



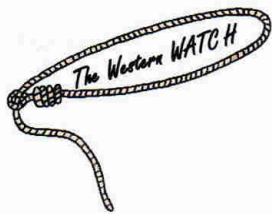
Jill and Joy addressing the cadets

Our two distinguished guests were Jill and Joy, Jim Irwin's daughters, who carry on his work at his High Flight Foundation. When their father was training and flew to the moon, they were about the age of our youngest cadets. They shared their experience of their father as astronaut and as a man of faith prior to and after the flight of Apollo 15. Jill welcomed each cadet to the Highest Flight Academy and posed for individual welcoming photos while wearing her father's NASA flight jacket. The sisters also brought some of their father's space food, his model of the "genesis rock" that he and Dave Scott brought back, and an American flag taken to the surface of the moon.

The academy pedagogy combines space education and the astronauts' faith experience to challenge all present to explore their relationship with God. Participants received a copy of the Highest Flight Academy - Spiritual Flight Training Manual, a Bible, and inspirational bookmarks. Participants had the opportunity to see, touch, and learn about space artifacts which included models of the Apollo Saturn V rocket, Jim Irwin's personal desk model of the Command and Service Propulsion System, lunar paintings with stories by Astronaut-Artist and moonwalker Alan Bean, a diorama of the Apollo 15 astronauts with the Lunar Roving Vehicle, American and Russian Space food, a Coke can ready for space flight, a sample of JSC-3 lunar dust replicating the dust from the Apollo 11 landing site, a inscribed copy of the Bible like the one left on the moon by Jim Irwin, a replica of Jim Irwin's spacesuit, and much more. The program included an aerospace education adventure to the Jimmy Doolittle Air and Space Museum at Travis AFB. The academy made use of movies, film clips, and PowerPoint presentations together with interactive activities creating a powerful personal and communal aerospace and faith experience for the cadets.

At the closing ceremonies the cadets received a certificate from the Highest Flight Academy and generous gifts from Jill and Joy. Jill and Joy gave a personal gift to each cadet which included a copy of their

(*"Highest Flight Academy"* continued on page 5)



father's autobiography which they personally inscribed to each cadet and a photograph of Jim Irwin standing on the moon with his inscription *"Jesus walking on the earth is more important than man walking on the moon."* The sisters were so impressed with the academy and the cadets that they expressed their desire to participate in the next Highest Flight Academy.



Maj Lay leading one of the sessions



Among the senior members who staffed this event were Ch, Lt Col George Dawson (Group 5 HC/CAWG HCD) and Maj Tricia Lay (CDI for the Redwood Empire Composite Squadron 157).

Chaplain Morison observed, *"The beauty of the weekend was watching the cadets' excitement about how space speaks to faith, and their willingness to talk about God and their comfort in praying together."* Monday night at the Squadron 157 meeting one cadet, at random, was asked to report on the academy experience. He proclaimed joyfully and with great enthusiasm, *"It was inspirational, sir!"* Jill and Joy expressed their appreciation for an excellent program stating that their father would have *"loved to be there and would have smiled."*



Cadet explaining the Mission Patch he designed; the Prayer Table displaying some of items belonging to Astronaut Jim Irwin.

For information on the *"Highest Flight Academy"*, contact Ch, Capt Michael Morison:
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***"Jesus walking on the earth is more important than man walking on the moon."* – Astronaut Jim Irwin**



PROMOTIONS

Congratulations are in order to:

- Ch, Lt Col John Herrmann (CAWG)**
- Ch, Lt Col Richard Nelson (CAWG)**
- 1st Lt Robert McMillion (CAWG)**
- Ch, Maj Perry Polk (CAWG)**
- Ch, Maj Paul Vance (CAWG)**
- Lt Col Sue Willey (CAWG)**
- Lt Col Carolyn Irby (NVWG)**
- Ch, Lt Col Elizabeth Tattersall (NVWG)**



WELCOME ABOARD!!!

- Ch, Capt Gary Dickey (CAWG)**
- Ch, Capt Kevin Dieckilman (CAWG)**
- Ch, Capt Frederick Morgan (CAWG)**
- Capt David Harmon (ORWG)**
- 1st Lt Paul Young (ORWG)**
- Ch, Lt Col Daniel Goulet (WAWG)**



2013 PACIFIC REGION CONFERENCE



31 MAY – 2 JUNE

SANTA MARIA, CA

RADISSON HOTEL



You can register on-line:

<http://events.caphq.gov/OnlineStore/PacificRegionConference.aspx>

Awards, Break-out sessions, Banquet, and "Change of Command"



"In Memoriam" Ch, Maj Len Bierlein



Ch, Maj Len Bierlein

On the evening of January 30th word was received that our dear brother and friend, Chaplain Len Bierlein of the Oregon Wing passed away the day prior following a long bout of pneumonia.

As news of Len's passing spread throughout the PCR Chaplain Corps all of us shared in the sorrow of Chaplain, Major Len Bierlein's leaving this temporal world because we have been touched by his life and ministry. But we share in the joy in knowing that we will see Len again in our eternal home.

His wife, Ramona, shared that he enjoyed the fellowship of CAP and his squadron – the Aurora Composite Squadron. One of great moments of the 2011 CCRSC was when Chaplain Bierlein was promoted from Captain to Major. Oregon Wing Chaplain emeritus and long-time friend – Chaplain, Lt Col Bob Ledden - and the Oregon Wing Chaplain at that time – Ch, Lt Col Randy Potter had the privilege of making the presentation of Len's new grade.



**Promotion ceremony at CCRSC
2011**



**Chaplain Bierlein enjoying
the annual evening of bowling**

Chaplain Ward made this observation:

"I met Len several years ago at a Region Chaplain Corps Staff College that first impressions mean a lot. Well, I was impressed by Len's servant attitude. The friendship formed at that staff college continued to grow as we had other wonderful times together at the Chaplain Corps Region Staff Colleges. He contributed much wisdom in our classroom sessions and demolished us in the bowling outings during our staff colleges."

But it was Len's spirit that drew us to him. As one of our colleagues said when he learned of Len's home-going: *"I remember most his extraordinary kindness and the respect he showed for all God's children."*

For 28 years, Len ministered to cadets and seniors alike in the Civil Air Patrol. His *"ministry of presence"* in the Pacific Region, the Oregon Wing and more directly, the Aurora Squadron will never forget the impact his life has made.

"Well done, good and faithful servant"

After discussing this with other members of the PCR Chaplain Corps, it was decided that in honor of Chaplain Bierlein the evening of bowling held each year at the CCRSC be called:

"LEN'S LANES"



**Chaplain Bierlein and the 2012
Seminar group: Ch, Maj Paul Vance
(CAWG); 1st Lt Lowell Kappmeyer
(WAWG); Maj Gerry Prior (ORWG)**

"God has created me to do him some definite service; he has committed some work to me which he has not committed to another. I have my mission - I never may know it in this life, but I shall be told it in the next." – John Henry Newman



CAWG Cadet Programs Conference 2013 – Camp San Luis Obispo

Over 300 Cadet and Senior Members participated in the 2013 Cadet Programs Conference (CPC) over the Presidents Day week-end.

The Chaplain Corps had a great *“Ministry of Presence”* during the event.

Participants were billeted at two separate locations and members of the Chaplain Corps were housed accordingly so that they would be accessible and available. Capt Mike Lynch served as one of the Medical Officers, Maj Mike Hoover served in the area of transportation, Chaplains Bob Ferguson, Frederick Morgan, and Paul served as Chaplains for the event. Chaplains Morgan and Ward also were presenters for break-out sessions.



Capt Mike Lynch, Ch Bob Ferguson, Ch Paul Ward, Maj Mike Hoover, and Ch Frederick Morgan



Ch, Lt Col George Dawson, Group 5 HC/CAWG HCD making a presentation to Lt Col Dennis Parham at the Squadron 85 Banquet

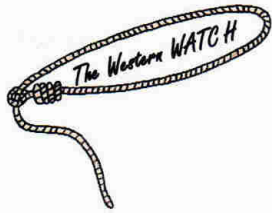


Ch, Lt Col Richard Nelson and Ch, Maj David Fucci participated in a CAWG/Group 7 SARX. Ch Fucci was fulfilling training requirements to be a Mission Chaplain. Ch Nelson was also serving as a Mission Staff Assistant.



Volunteers are paid in six figures... S-M-I-L-E-S.

-- Gayla LeMaire



FIRST CDI IS APPOINTED IN THE HIWG

Though a CDI transferred to the HIWG a couple of years ago, for the first time in the wing's history a CAP member went through the application process and was appointed.



On Saturday, 9 February, Maj Malcom Ching (member of the 66th Composite Squadron at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam) was formally recognized as a Character Development Instructor during a Wing Staff.

Squadron 66th Composite Squadron is commanded by Maj Megan Gallagher, also a Character Development Instructor.

In the photo on the left, Maj Ching is being administered the Oath of the Chaplain Corps by Maj Jeff Wong, HIWG Director of Cadet Programs before the presentation of the Certificate of Appointment. Standing to Maj Ching's right is Col Roger Caires, HIWG Commander.

Congratulations to Maj Malcom Ching and the HIWG!!!!



WASHINGTON WING "WREATHS ACROSS AMERICA" FEATURED IN SPRING ISSUE OF "THE MILITARY CHAPLAIN" (Military Chaplain Association)



A two-page article in "The Military Chaplain" featuring members of the Washington Wing participating in the "Wreaths Across America" ceremony at the Tahoma National Cemetery.

Ch, Lt Col William Adam II (WAWG HCD) offers the invocation for the event.



LEGISLATIVE DAY – 28 FEBRUARY – OLYMPIA, WA

The WA State Senate gave recognition to and honored the Washington Wing of the U.S. Air Force Auxiliary/Civil Air Patrol with a State Resolution #8621. Can you locate Ch, Maj Dave Franklin (WAWG acting HC) and Ch, Lt Col William Adam II (WAWG HCD). Chaplain Adam brought the invocation.



It's not too early to start planning to attend the 2013 National Conference!!

DATES: 15-18 August

LOCATION: Denver, CO Sheraton Denver Downtown

Watch for more details later on.



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