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FROM THE HC...

It is hard to believe that this issue marks the 9th month since beginning this assignment as the Pacific Region Chaplain Corps. So much has transpired in such a short time. Based on all the formal and informal input that Chaplain Sattgast and I have received, the '09 CCRSC was an overwhelming success. Thanks so much for your participation and support. Again I cannot say enough about the staff assembled who came to McChord with one goal in mind – to make this college a memorable experience for all. Awesome job performed by all. This newsletter was revived after a 2 year “hiatus”. Each month I participate in a teleconference call with the members of the Chaplain Corps Advisory Council (CCAC) and the Pacific Region staff. Besides being informative, these calls give me an opportunity to represent you and the concerns that members of the PCR Chaplain Corps face.



Chaplain Lt Col Paul Ward
Region Chaplain

Know that the Chief of the Chaplain Corps –Chaplain, Col, Whit Woodard - and the members of the CCAC are working hard on your behalf. There are projects that we have undertaken which will take time to complete (such as the 221 series)...so please be patient. The approval process is a little longer than anticipated at times. Also know that the Pacific Region Commander, Col Larry Myrick, has a great appreciation for what the Chaplain Corps personnel contribute to the membership of CAP.

One of the greatest privileges is the opportunity to get to know the Wing Chaplains better through the exchange of e-mails and phone calls. The Pacific Region Chaplain Corps personnel are indeed blessed by the quality of character and leadership demonstrated by our Wing Chaplains.

The summer months provide many opportunities for training and participating in various CAP activities – especially cadet events. Our “ministry of presence” is not only needed but appreciated. As you hear of these events, please make every effort to participate.

It is a joy to serve the Lord and this organization with each of you. Together we are making a difference in the lives of those we are entrusted with. *“Semper Vigilans ad Dei Gloriam.”*

In Service Together,

Paul

Ch, Lt Col, Paul Ward, CAP
PCR HC

PROMOTIONS

Nancy Woodard, CAWG, from Capt to Major
Deborah Kawaguchi, WAWG, from Capt to Major



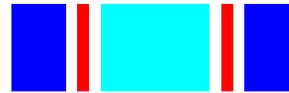
PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT AWARDS

Benjamin O. Davis Award



1st Lt Robert Harris, CAWG

Paul E. Garber Award



Major Cathy M. Neubauer, CAWG
Chaplain, Major, Elizabeth A. R. Tattersall, NVWG

APPOINTMENTS

2nd Lt Nicole McKnight (WAWG) – CDI

RETIREMENT

Chaplain, Lt Col, Tim Spiller – 29 years of faithful service to San Bernardino Senior Squadron 5 (CAWG).



***Chaplain, Lt Col, Tim Spiller with memento presented by
Ch, Lt Col - retired, Dan Dyer (former CAWG HC, former PCR HC, and former
NHQ Deputy HC); Ch, Lt Col, Chuck Ingram (Deputy CAWG HC); and Ch,
Lt Col, Paul Ward (PCR HC) during the Squadron 5 Awards Banquet held on
June 20, 2009 at March ARB.***

The Pilot

Contributed by Maj Dennis Ammann, Cmdr, SD Cadet Sq. 144, CAWG

Years ago, I was enthralled as I listened to a pastor who for several years had faithfully served the church. His executive responsibilities had taken him all over this country. As he concluded his message, he told of one of the most frightening yet thought-provoking experiences of his life.

He had been on a long flight from one place to another. The first warning of the approaching problems came when the sign on the airplane flashed on: Fasten your seat belts. Then, after a while, a calm voice said, "We shall not be serving the beverages at this time as we are expecting a little turbulence. Please be sure your seat belt is fastened."

As he looked around the aircraft, it became obvious that many of the passengers were becoming apprehensive. Later, the voice of the announcer said, "We are so sorry that we are unable to serve the meal at this time. The turbulence is still ahead of us."

And then the storm broke. The ominous cracks of thunder could be heard even above the roar of the engines. Lightning lit up the darkening skies, and within moments that great plane was like a cork tossed around on a celestial ocean. One moment the airplane was lifted on terrific currents of air; the next, it dropped as if it were about to crash.

The pastor confessed that he shared the discomfort and fear of those around him. He said, "As I looked around the plane, I could see that nearly all the passengers were upset and alarmed. Some were praying. The future seemed ominous and many were wondering if they would make it through the storm.

Then, I suddenly saw a little girl. Apparently the storm meant nothing to her. She had tucked her feet beneath her as she sat on her seat; she was reading a book and every thing within her small world was calm and orderly. Sometimes she closed her eyes, then she would read again; then she would straighten her legs, but worry and fear were not in her world. When the plane was being buffeted by the terrible storm when it lurched this way and that, as it rose and fell with frightening severity, when all the adults were scared half to death, that marvelous child was completely composed and unafraid." The minister could hardly believe his eyes.

It was not surprising therefore, that when the plane finally reached its destination and all the passengers were hurrying to disembark, our pastor lingered to speak to the girl whom he had watched for such a long time. Having commented about the storm and behavior of the plane, he asked why she had not been afraid.

The sweet child replied, "Sir, my Dad is the pilot, and he is taking me home."

There are many kinds of storms that buffet us.

Physical, mental, financial, domestic, and many other storms can easily and quickly darken our skies and throw our plane into apparently uncontrollable movement. We have all known such times, and let us be honest and confess, it is much easier to be at rest when our feet are on the ground than when we are being tossed about a darkened sky.

Let us remember: Our Father is the Pilot. He is in control and taking us home. Don't worry.



During the 2009 CCRSC the morning meditations were presented by our Wing Chaplains in the PCR. Each meditation was based on the acrostic C-A-P.

Chaplain, Major,

Franklin Blodgett shared on "Commitment" (featured in the last issue). We continue in the series of the morning meditations from the 2009 CCRSC:

"Available"

Chaplain, Major, Annette Arnold-Boyd, CAP

ORWG HCD - March 18, 2009

God is calling us to be available. "Here I am, send me. All of us chaplains and character development instructors were called and responded in some manner to God's call and in some way we said "Here I am, send me."

For me, God called me very distinctly 3 times. The First time I was 5 years old. It was a Sunday morning and I was in church with my grandparents. I can remember the sun coming in through the windows. God's call was so clear. I told my grandmother and she said, "women can't do that...become pastors."

The second time I was a senior in college and my roommate walked up to the church we attended one Fri. evening. The church was nearly dark. The call from God was clear again...you are to be ordained. My response was "Look, I'm graduating and I'm going to be a music teacher, I can't become a minister." End of discussion.

Finally, the third time I was working as a music teacher setting up a new music program on an

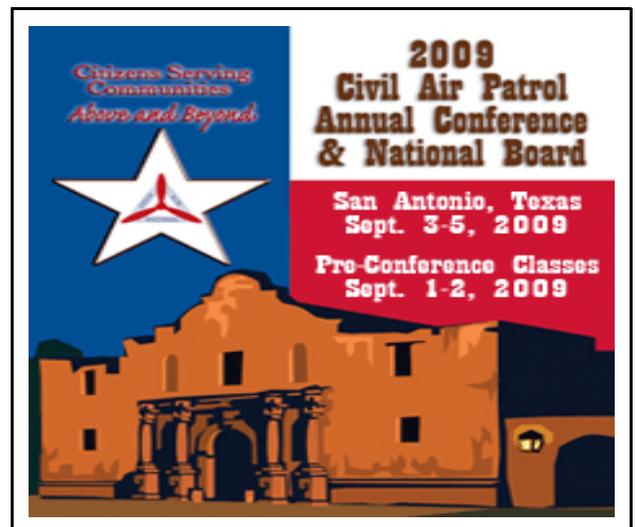
Indian Reservation. Again, the call was clear and my response was "OK I'm available." It wasn't an easy journey to be sent, but I feel very blessed and thankful I've had the privilege of doing Hispanic ministry as well as many other adventures in my 30 years as priest.

In our ministry and in CAP we are continually being called to be available to everyone. At church one Sunday a woman came up to be and was complaining about a former priest. She stepped back and said "You're friends with him

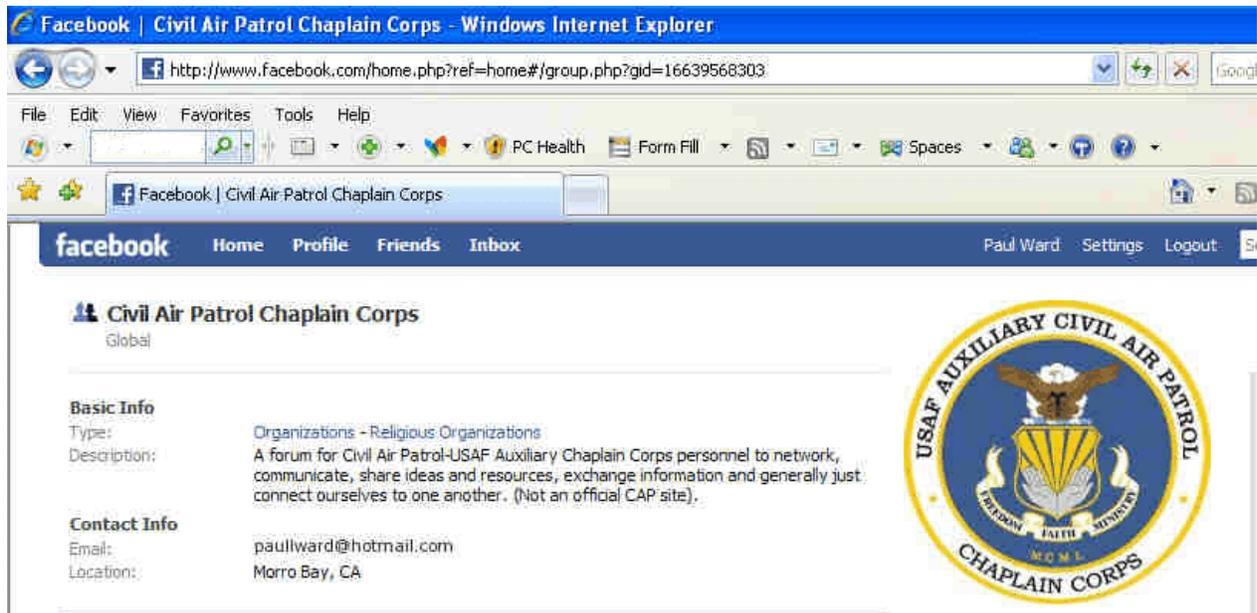
aren't you?" I thought real quick and said, "I talk to everyone." She looked shocked and stepped back and said thoughtfully, "You do talk to everyone." Being available in CAP is being there for everyone – cadets and senior members alike, no exceptions.

We need more chaplain corps personnel; from the gospel we learn that the laborers are few and the harvest is great. We need to be available to locate and mentor other clergy to become CAP chaplains and members of laity to become character development instructors. We are available and it's a great "call" and blessed journey.

--Next month we conclude with the meditation presented by Chaplain, Major, Elizabeth Tattersall on "Prepared".



CAP CHAPLAIN CORPS FACEBOOK GROUP



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Civil Air Patrol Chaplain Corps
Global

Basic Info
Type: Organizations - Religious Organizations
Description: A forum for Civil Air Patrol-USAF Auxiliary Chaplain Corps personnel to network, communicate, share ideas and resources, exchange information and generally just connect ourselves to one another. (Not an official CAP site).

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USAF AUXILIARY CIVIL AIR PATROL
CHAPLAIN CORPS

Many within the CAP Chaplain Corps have been utilizing Facebook as a tool to keep in contact with family, friends, and fellow colleagues within CAP. A group has been created for members of the CAP Chaplain Corps. This is a great way to network and share resources with chaplains and character development instructors throughout the nation. The url for the group is:

<http://www.facebook.com/home.php?#/group.php?gid=16639568303>.

IN MEMORIAM

Chaplain, Lt Col, Harold "Bud" Jarvis, CAP Ret. entered into the joy of his Lord on Saturday 13 JUN 2009 following a somewhat lengthy illness. Bud was a former Pacific Region Chaplain and we are told that the last smile his family was able to photograph came just days ago when he received his official retirement certificate from CAP. Physically, it was the best of his last several days in this world. The certificate was presented on behalf of the CAP Chaplain Corps by his chaplain endorser Chaplain, Col, John Murdoch. Farewell old friend!





PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT 101

Ch, Lt Col, Bob Ledden, CAP

Professional Development Officer, PCR Chaplain's Staff

Have you seen the new CAPR 265-1, "The Civil Air Patrol Chaplain Corps"? Yes, it is still a draft. And, the "R" is correct. This IS a "regulation" document, and it reflects the changes that came out of the last National Board Meeting. If you have studied this document and made comment through the Chain of Command, that's great. I applaud you. The comment period closed on June 18, 2009.

If you have not yet looked at this document, I urge you to do so. The changes in the regulation are significant and I don't expect that there will be any significant changes as a result of this review period. I'm not going to review them at this time. You need to study the document yourself. It's available at the national website: http://www.capmembers.com/forms_publications_regulations/publications_for_comment.cfm.

Ladies and gentlemen, the term "Chaplain" by which we are known connotes a level of professionalism that is unparalleled in our organization. I suggest that we are held to and hold ourselves to a higher standard of proficiency than any other part of our organization. We are not run-of-the-mill people. We are "top drawer." We wear our uniform, Air Force of CAP specific, correctly. We seek to live our

lives in such a way that the "Core Values" we teach reflect clearly in all our relationships. In our ministry of presence, we work at treating ALL our CAP colleagues, chaplains or not, with respect and affirmation, seeking their best interest over our own.

But "top drawer" does not mean that we think that we are better than anyone else. We can be no more than the One who called us into ministry who understood Himself to be the servant of all. We can do no less than follow in his steps as we fulfill our roles as the professionals we are.

Let us keep growing.

NATIONAL BOARD

MARK THESE DATES ON YOUR CALENDAR

2-6 September 2009

Break-out sessions for members of the CAP Chaplain Corps will be conducted.

Online registration for the Annual Conference and National Board in San Antonio is available: <http://guest.cvent.com/EVENTS/Info/Summary.aspx?e=1add81b2-9f7e-4fab-8030-ed98d02374e8>

Prosser's Protocol
Ch, Maj, Debra Prosser,
CAP
Protocol Officer, PCR
Chaplain's Staff



Protocol, as defined by Webster's Dictionary, "is a code prescribing strict adherence to correct etiquette and procedure (as in diplomatic exchange and in the military services)." It not only requires knowledge and awareness of regulations and numerous other references, but good common sense and a lot of flexibility on the part of the protocol officer. The above statement is taken from CAPP 3, Guide To Civil Air Patrol Protocol.

The part I would like to highlight is that we must use common sense! When I was in the U.S. Army, I was instructed that if a military person in uniform was walking toward me and I could not tell if they were an officer or not, salute anyway! When in doubt, salute! If it is an NCO then you could apologize or act like you had something in your eye! However, if it was an Officer and you didn't salute, then you were in violation.

To every Chaplain and Character Development Instructor that has rendered services on behalf of Civil Air Patrol, I THANK YOU. A coin that I saw a few years back was inscribed, "A Visible Reminder of the Holy - Glorifying God, Honoring Airmen,

Serving All." To me that coin is common sense! That is our call; protocol just helps us accomplish the mission with honor and integrity.

If you have any protocol questions, please don't hesitate to email me at Dprosser14@yahoo.com. Let's continue making the Pacific Region Chaplain Service the best looking in the Nation!



National Staff College for 2009 will be conducted October 17 - 24, at Maxwell AFB in Montgomery, AL, home of CAP's National Headquarters. Because of the graduate-level design of NSC, as well as its focus on national-level operations, attendance at National Staff College is restricted to those members who hold the grade of Major (or above), who have completed CAP's Region Staff College (or equivalent), and who have the endorsement of their wing commander. For more info: http://www.capmembers.com/cap_university/latest_news/index.cfm



AROUND THE REGION



CAWG

CHAPLAIN SPILLER'S FINI FLIGHT 5/26/09

On May 26, Chaplain, Lt Col, Tim Spiller donned his flight suit for the last time. The occasion was one more flight, his last, with the Civil Air Patrol and San Bernardino Senior Squadron 5 which he has faithfully served as Chaplain for 29 years. During that time, he was involved in the lives of his troops and an integral part of the fabric of the Squadron. As with any long-term Civil Air Patrol officer, he was a witness to changes and growth, ups and downs as the CAP has evolved to its current iteration. He has worn three colors of shoulder boards, worked through the cockpits of four different aircraft assigned to Squadron 5, supported numerous Squadron CC's, reported to countless "new" Squadron HQ's, and been there to minister to any squadron member in need. Throughout the 29 years of his CAP career Chaplain Spiller has been a steady stalwart, always dependable, always there. This outstanding service has resulted in him being awarded the CAWG Chaplain of the Year three times, Pacific Region Chaplain of the Year once and the Chaplain Sammy Campos Award for Ministry Excellence once. He has always been Chaplain of



the Year by those to whom he ministers, the men and women of Squadron 5.

The quiet, gentle strength of Chaplain, Lt Col, Tim Spiller, CAP, belies the history of Cpl Tim Spiller, USMC, a preacher's kid from Des Moines who joined the Marine Corps before World War II. He was manning anti aircraft guns on Midway Island on December 7 and fought through the Battle of Midway in June, 1942. He then went on to fight through the battles of Roi Namur, Tinian, Saipan and Iwo Jima as a machine gunner with the 4th Marine Division. He, along with thousands of other young men, responded to the call and stopped evil in its tracks. After the war, Tim married Margaret, went to school, had three children and started a career as a teacher. He also served alternately as an associate pastor, principle, headmaster in the Bahamas and, with Margaret, deeply involved in a clown ministry. He was on his second



trip back to Iwo Jima when Margaret, his wife of more than 60 years, passed away.

The evening of the 26th of May, the aircraft assigned to Squadron 5 CAPFLT 468 arrived at Redlands Airport. Chaplain Spiller took his place in the left seat of the new C-182T, with Capt Mark Robinson, Squadron Chief Check Pilot in the right seat and Maj Roy Knight in the rear seat. The red, white and blue bird took off and flew over communities of the Inland Empire served by Squadron 5 and landed at Flabob Airport. At the appropriate time, CAPFLT 468 took off from Flabob and appeared on short final at Riverside Airport at precisely 1915 hours. Below, on the ground outside the squadron headquarters, Squadron 5 officers, guests and Chaplain Spiller's son and daughter-in-law were assembled for the event. As the airplane descended, it picked up speed and began a pass straight down the centerline of Runway 26. At the approach end of the runway, Maj Knight transmitted on the tower frequency a brief tribute to Chaplain Spiller concluding just as the airplane pulled up in right bank to a right downwind. 468 made the circuit and landed, taxiing to the HQ with prearranged progressives from the tower as they also honored Chaplain Spiller. Upon arriving at the building, the Squadron was assembled in large semi-circle allowing 468 to taxi as if in a pass-in-review to and through an arch of water provided by Riverside Airport Fire Rescue. After securing the aircraft, the squadron celebrated with a party where many had remembrances and anecdotes about Tim to share as his service to the CAP and Squadron were remembered.

On May 26th, a flying squadron gave a great man a flyer's honor. Though not a pilot, he was given a Fini Flight by those whom he has served so long and so well. The transmission broadcast over the tower frequency that night?

"CAPFLT 468 is on a low pass honoring Lt. Col. Tim Spiller 29 years service to the Civil Air Patrol and Cpl. Tim Spiller USMC veteran of the battle of Midway, battle of Roi Namur, battle of Tinian, battle of Saipan and the battle of Iwo Jima – God bless you good and faithful servant."

1st Lt Michael Lynch, Maj Karen Nahrstadt, Ch (Maj) Richard Nelson, and Maj Kathy Neubauer served on staff of the Basic Cadet School/Air Training School conducted at March ARB, June 19-21. A great turn-out from cadets through-out the California Wing for this training event. This was an excellent opportunity for members of the CAWG Chaplain Corps to provide "ministry of presence".





NVWG

Memorial Day Activities

Memorial Day activities started early in Reno this year. A group of motorcycle riders – all Veterans or

families of Veterans – participating in a cross country ride to honor Veterans made a stop in Reno on Saturday, May 16. While in Reno, they visited patients at the local Veterans Hospital and participated in a Remembrance Ceremony. This stop in Reno was co-hosted by The Civil Air Patrol. The Cadet Color Guard from the Reno Composite Squadron presented the colors during the 30 minute observance. Chaplain (Capt) Ralph Camp, Reno Composite Squadron Chaplain (NV-054/HC), gave the Invocation and the Benediction. On a personal note, as a Navy Veteran, a former Navy Auxiliary Chaplain, and a former motorcycle rider, Chaplain Camp's participation in this event was neither routine nor unemotional.

For a decade the ride was called the "Capital to Capital Military Awareness Ride Across America." It is now named "Road to Thunder – The Journey Home." It is a ride to our Nation's Capital that starts and ends in the Sacramento area of California; thus "Capital to Capital." While in D.C., the riders participate in a Candlelight Ceremony at the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Wall, a wreath ceremony at Arlington Cemetery on Memorial Day, and finish with a visit with our heroic Veterans at Walter Reed Army

Medical Center. Along the way, the riders stop at other Veterans Hospitals to visit friends and patients. During the journey, other riders join and/or depart the convoy, as they escort the main body of riders along the way.

Quoting from the organization's own literature, "We ride to bring awareness about what our veterans and military have given, and still give today – our country's...Freedom!" Road to Thunder is a 501(c)3 charitable organization. To find out more about the organization or to make a donation, you may contact the founder, Steven D. Schisler, at 1-866-783-2030.

Memorial Day - May 25, in Reno was warm and sunny, an inviting day of outdoor activities. As in many towns across our nation, there were a number of Remembrance activities in the Reno area. The Cadet Color Guard from the Reno Composite Squadron participated in the "Memorial Day Celebration" at Sierra Memorial Gardens in Reno. The Civil Air Patrol Cadet Color Guard and a Color Guard from the North Valley High School Air Force JROTC performed a synchronized Presentation of the Colors.

The teams marched from the sides of the garden and meet in the middle, in front of the podium, turned to face the audience, and presented the Colors. They held that position through the Pledge of Allegiance, the Anthem, and a 21 Gun Salute. At the end of the program, the teams returned to the front of the podium to Retire the Colors, each team returning to the side of the garden from which they started.



During the program, just prior to Taps, the CAP team executed a very crisp Flag Folding Ceremony. As each fold of the flag was made, a narrator read the meaning of each fold. This is the same reading that was banned by the Department of Veterans Affairs on 27 September 2007. If you are not familiar with this reading, it is printed below.

<http://www.ushistory.org/Betsy/more/folds.htm>.

Prior to the start of the program, Chaplain (Capt) Ralph Camp, Reno Composite Squadron Chaplain (NV-054/HC), meet with the Color Guard for prayer, asking God to enable the Cadets to do well in the program. God definitely answered that prayer. Both the Cadets and the Senior Member coaches expressed gratitude for Chaplain Camp's presence and support at the event

CAP.

In addition to serving as WA-051, Peninsula Squadron Chaplain his responsibilities include worship and other areas in his Church and an outreach into the community in many venues. His training in the Pacific Region Chaplain Staff College in Critical Incident Stress (CISM) is in addition to the many hours of training he has received in managing disasters and crises. When not serving in CAP he is known as Detective William Adam, Special Operations Division, Mason County Sheriff's Office. He has been praised for his work with not only homicides, but also in sexual offenses which makes our world a safer place for both children and adults. A man of God, of faith, ready to meet the needs of believers and non-believers alike, Chaplain, Major, William Adam richly deserves his award as Washington Wing Chaplain of the Year.

WAWG

***Washington Wing
Selects Chaplain of
the Year***

Among the many highlights of the



Washington Wing Spring Conference, 1-3 May 2009, Yakima, WA was the announcement of the Squadron Chaplain of the Year, Chaplain, Major, William Adam. The presentation was made by Colonel David Maxwell, Commander, Washington Wing



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