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From the Region Chaplain ...

December 1, 2011 marked the 70th year anniversary of the Civil Air Patrol. Through these 7 decades of service to our country, though policies and physical assets have changed, the one thing that has remained constant is the volunteer spirit of the membership.



Ch, Lt Col Paul Ward

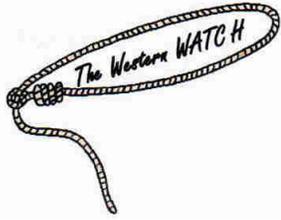
The level of commitment and dedication that is demonstrated by the membership day after day, week after week, month after month, year after year, and yes...decade after decade is impressive. And what is even more impressive is that the members of the Chaplain Corps assist in setting that tone.

When I served as the CAWG HC from 2001-2007, I was dismayed to learn that in 2002 that nearly 90% of our Chaplains in the organization had not gone past level 1 in their training. Character Development Instructors have always followed the Senior Member Professional Development Training track so their percentage numbers were always higher. In 2007, that percentage was 62%. That figure has changed dramatically in the past few years with the requirements for Levels 2 and 3 being changed for Chaplains...as well as the requirements for promotions. And the PCR Chaplain Corps leads the way in many respects.

This past few years, there has been a great representation of PCR Chaplain Corps members at the National Staff College. Since 2007, there have been 12 members of the PCR Chaplain Corps (9 Chaplains/3 CDIs) who have attended National Staff College. That is a remarkable number.

In the area of Emergency Services, the ratings received for the Mission Chaplain and CISM at guided and evaluated SARXs have been consistently high – nothing lower than either an "Outstanding" or "Excellent".

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And nothing makes me prouder to have a commander share with me how the work of the Chaplain or Character Development Instructor has impacted the squadron or wing to which they are assigned by their active participation in the unit.

As we embark on a new year and a new decade in CAP's history, I encourage you to continue to "pursue excellence" in our volunteer service. Together we are making a difference.

In Service Together,

Paul

Ch, Lt Col Paul Ward, CAP
PCR HC



2012 PCR Chaplain Corps Staff College

DATES: 16-19 April

LOCATION: Joint Base Lewis-McChord
Tacoma, WA

MAJOR EMPHASIS/TRAINING: Compassion Fatigue

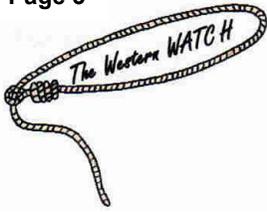
INSTRUCTOR: Dr. Dan Casey

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

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



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



CHAPLAIN, LT COL BLAIR RORABAUGH NAMED AKWG HC

In December, Col Charlie Palmer (AKWG CC) appointed Ch, Lt Col Blair Rorabaugh to serve as the AKWG HC. He succeeds Chaplain, Lt Col Franklin Blodgett who completed a 6 year term as the AKWG HC and termed out. Chaplain Blodgett will continue to serve on wing staff as the Deputy Wing Chaplain. Chaplains Blodgett and Rorabaugh have served as a team for many years and have provided the AKWG with outstanding ministry and leadership.

Chaplain, Lt Col Blair Rorabaugh has pastored in Seward Alaska and joined CAP in 1998. He is a graduate of Southern Nazarene University, Nazarene Theological Seminary, and a Doctor of Ministry from Ashland Theological Seminary. Chaplain Rorabaugh has pastored in Illinois, West Virginia, Ohio and Alaska. In the area of professional development within the Civil Air Patrol, he has a Master's Rating in the Chaplain Specialty Track and has attained the Paul Garber (Level 4) Award. Chaplain Rorabaugh has completed the Training Leaders of Cadets course as well as attaining the Gen Charles "Chuck" Yeager award in Aerospace Education. He was named as the AKWG Chaplain of the Year for 2011.

Rev. Rorabaugh and his wife Cindy have two children. Boyd, PH.D, teaches diseases of the heart at Ohio Northern University. Daughter Jessica, RN, works in labor and delivery at Kansas University Medical Center. They have four grandchildren.

PACIFIC REGION, CAP

Col Larry F. Myrick
Commander

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Chaplain Rorabaugh holds a commercial pilot's license and enjoys introducing youth people to flying and giving rides to family and friend who come to visit Alaska. Alaska is a wonderful place to pastor if you enjoy snow, cold, and vast spaces which he does. In Civil Air Patrol, he holds a Mission Pilot and Counter Drug rating in Emergency Services.

Chaplain Rorabaugh states, "Civil Air Patrol has been a natural outlet to volunteer as both a pastor and a pilot."



Chaplain, Lt Col Franklin Blodgett and Chaplain, Lt Col Blair Rorabaugh



DATES TO REMEMBER....



2012 PACIFIC REGION CONFERENCE

18-20 May
Embassy Suites – Airport Portland, OR



2012 NATIONAL BOARD/CONFERENCE

22-25 August
Baltimore Marriott Waterfront Baltimore, MD

PCR CHAPLAIN CORPS PRESENCE AT 2011 NATIONAL STAFF COLLEGE

Submitted by Ch, Maj Dave Franklin (WAWG)



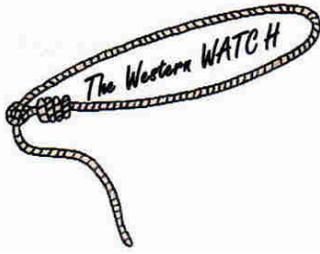
**Members of the CAP Chaplain Corps
2011 NSC**

Lt Col Gilberto Augiar (FLWG); Ch, Maj Larry Wade (FLWG);
Ch, Lt Col Randy Potter (ORWG HC); Ch, Lt Col Charlie
Sattgast (ORWG); Ch, Maj Harlan Confer III (CAWG);
Ch, Maj Dave Franklin (WAWG)

The thoughts of heading to National Staff College conjure up feelings of wonder and speculation about unattainable levels of capabilities required at the pinnacle of Civil Air Patrol training. Upon arrival, some of the top staff members in the nation greet you like old friends which sets the tone for a full week of interaction and educational conferences. During the top-notch training and the interface with other excellent students from across the nation, you begin to realize a potential in CAP that you may never have thought of. Each student that participated in the NSC were greatly rewarded by friendships that will last a lifetime and some of the greatest lectures from USAF Generals, past and present. One of the highlights of the week however, was the afternoon visit at the National CAP Headquarters and personal meetings with departmental staff including a visit with the CAP National Commander, MGen Charles Carr.

The 2011 NSC boasted the highest number of CAP Chaplains ever – fellow students were Ch, Maj Harlan Confer II (CAWG) and Ch, Lt Col Randy Potter (ORWG HC). The Region that had the highest attendance was from the Pacific Region this year. We were honored to have Lt Col Charlie Sattgast serve as the staff Chaplain, Col Virginia Nelson serve as the Deputy Director and also Col Larry Myrick serve as a special guest instructor. Several other familiar faces from the Pacific Region served on the NSC staff as well.

If you have ever thought of making a trek to the National Headquarters of CAP, include a week of unforgettable experiences at the National Staff College!



AROUND THE REGION

PROMOTIONS:

Chaplain Franklin Blodgett from Maj to Lt Col
Chaplain Blair Rorabaugh from Maj to Lt Col



Congratulations!!!!



BUTTE COUNTY COMPOSITE SQ 95 VETERANS DAY PARADE

Submitted by Capt Cristie Akin – CDI, Sq 95



Marching in the Parade

morning's parade. Each did a fine job representing Civil Air Patrol, and Butte County Composite Sq. 95.

Following the parade the squadron members caravanned over to Country Crest Retirement home to enjoy a pizza lunch with several of the residence. Many were WWII vets including a retired USAF General. It was a blessing to hear from many which branch of service they were in, where they fought, and they all seemed to enjoy the Cadet's drill demonstration in the parking lot. Many of the residents were so thankful to see such a fine group of young men and women take the time to say thank you, and to give them a private Veterans Day Salute.

On Friday, 11-11-11 the Butte County Composite Squadron 95 had the privilege of marching in the annual Veterans day Parade in Oroville, CA. It was a cool, hazy morning and Montgomery Street was lined with people and trees beautifully decorated by the Lord in fall colors ready to honor the Veterans. The squadron had 31 Cadets and Senior Members in BDU's. Capt Caldwell manned our Wreath Across America booth, while a flight of 24 of us marched behind our Commander, Lt Col Parham, driving a CJ5 with flags flying. Squadron 95's Cadet Color Guard was honored to lead the



**Performing a demonstration at
The Country Crest Retirement Home**



On a recent missions trip to the Philippines, Ch (Lt Col) Mike and 1st Lt Adelle McKinney had the opportunity to visit President Fidel Ramos (served 1992-1998) along with Bishop Eddie Villanueva, founder of Jesus is Lord Church and host of "God and Country," television program. President

Ramos is a graduate of West Point, Retired 4 star General in the Philippine Army, Former Chief of Staff, Secretary of Defense and considered to have been one of the finest Presidents of the Philippines.



President Fidel Ramos, Mike and Adelle McKinney, and Bishop Eddie Villanueva

PROMOTIONS:

Character Development Instructor Cristie Akin from 1st Lt to Capt
Chaplain Paul Vance from Capt to Maj

Congratulations!!!!



Each year at the Washington Wing Staff Christmas party everyone is asked to bring an unwrapped gift for a child. The gifts are then presented to the McChord Field 1st Sergeant's Angel Tree for distribution. What a wonderful expression of the volunteer's heart of service to others is demonstrated by the members of the Washington Wing Staff.



**WREATHS ACROSS AMERICA
2011**



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 10th over 250,000 wreaths were placed on the gravesites of veterans in over 500 ceremonies across the Nation. Members of the CAP Chaplain Corps were among the hundreds of CAP volunteers who participated in this

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annual event. Many events were conducted throughout the Pacific Region. Here are just a couple of highlights:

Capt Bob Harris (Chino Cadet Sq 20 – CAWG) served as the Project Officer for the “Wreaths Across America” ceremony at the Riverside National Cemetery. He was also the liaison between the Worcester Company and the cemetery. This is the 3rd year that Bob has been involved with the “Wreaths Across America”.



Capt Bob Harris



On December 5th, members of the Washington Wing were present at the state capitol in Olympia for a wreath laying ceremony. The event was sponsored by State Senator Jim Honeyford and held in the rotunda. Special appreciation was expressed to Legislative Assistant Penny McWain for coordinating with the capitol staff. A proclamation from the Governor, Christine Gregoire, was read and tribute was paid to those who have served in our military to make our patriotism and freedom a living part of our American way of life. The wreath was received by Mr. Mike Gregoire, the Governor’s husband (known as 1st Mike) who is a Viet Nam veteran and Senator Honeyford, Commander of our WAWG CAP Legislative Squadron.

Top: Shannon Swick (WAWG Admin), Lt Col Robertson, Lt Col Long, 2d Lt Thomas Hoffer, SM Walter Cheshire.
Bottom: Cdt Boomprohm, C/A1C Caleb Chesire, C/A1C Christian Chesire. Photo courtesy of Capt Thomas Hoffer.

Ch, Lt Col William Adam had the wonderful honor of serving as the emcee for December 10’s Wreath Laying at Tahoma National Cemetery in WA State. Present at the ceremony were several Gold Star Mothers. These women were a blessing to the entire crowd. Chaplain Adam writes, “They gave their children so that we may live in a free country. May God continue to bless those that have served and are serving as well as their families.”



Ch, Lt Col William Adam



WELCOME ABOARD!!!

Ch, Capt John Herrmann - CAWG
Ch, Capt Cesar Rodriguez - CAWG
2nd Lt Emily Thompson - CAWG



FORM 34 REPORTING IS NOW ONLINE !!!



National Headquarters is pleased to announce the release of our new online Chaplain Corps Reporting system. This new system was created to simplify the submittal of your CAPF 34 by allowing you to electronically enter information regarding your activity/participation as a CAP Chaplain or Character Development Instructor. The reporting database is easily accessible by signing in to eServices (www.caphq.gov).

Once you have successfully signed in to eServices, select “Chaplain Corps Reporting” to begin entering data pertaining to your activities. The home screen will be displayed providing you with the opportunity to immediately begin entering your data or view more detailed information about the online reporting system. Instructions may be viewed by selecting the “Instructions” link on the left side of the screen. These instructions are provided to help guide you through the process of entering data as well as generating reports.



Since this online reporting system is new, each Chaplain and Character Development Instructor should submit their semi-annual report electronically through the new online system and also to your Wing Chaplain and Unit Commander via hard copy using the CAPF 34 (dated Oct 09). Once we are assured the system is functioning as needed, the dual submittal will no longer be required. Please be sure to keep a copy of your submittal for your records. There are two separate forms available in the new online reporting system. The Form 34 – HC is designed for Chaplains and the Form 34 – CDI is designed for Character Development Instructors. You will need to select the appropriate form prior to entry of your data.

All semi-annual reports are due no later than 5 January and 5 July. Please remember, each Chaplain and Character Development Instructor is required to submit a complete semi-annual report even when he or she had been inactive during the reporting period. If you have questions or comments regarding the new online reporting system, please utilize the “Feedback” box provided on the home page. Thank you for your assistance as we progress with simplifying the reporting process.



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

Capt Cristie Akin, CAWG



Level 4 – Paul Garber

Ch, Maj Dave Franklin, WAWG