



# Western Watch

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## *From the HC...*

Transition – Talk about a very busy few weeks. By now, you have learned that Chaplain (Col) Whit Woodard is serving as



the National Chief of the Chaplain Service. That indeed left a big pair of shoes to fill. And I will give you three guesses and the first two don't count who got tapped on the shoulder to try and fill them... yours truly. Talk about a "learning curve". He and I both began our new assignments on the same day... October 1<sup>st</sup>. Continue to pray for us as Chaplain Woodard gets settled into the duties as the National Chief and as he answers all the questions that I have been sending his way to learn the new terrain of serving as a Region Chaplain.

Tradition – The Pacific Region Chaplain Service has for decades been one of the flagship Chaplain Services in CAP. Former Pacific Region Chaplains have gone on to serve at the National level: Chaplains Robert Newberg, Cal Turpin, Ken Van Loon, Dan Dyer, and Whit Woodard. The contributions made by our Chaplains and Character Development Instructors have influenced and impacted the organization.

The PRC Chaplain Service Region Staff College has served as a model for other Regions to use in training their Chaplain Service personnel. I am humbled to stand among those Region Chaplains who have been pace-setters and mentors and will strive to live up to the standard/tradition that they have set.

Training – Ch (Maj) Charlie Sattgast (PCR HCA) has been working diligently to plan, what I would consider, to be an outstanding Chaplain Service Region Staff College in March '09 (more details in the newsletter and on the web-site). Ch (Lt Col) Bob Ledden lends his years of experience and wisdom as a resource for those needing guidance in the Senior Member Professional Development Program. Both Chaplains Sattgast and Ledden are committed to assisting our Chaplain Service personnel in pursuing excellence through their training.

Thanks – A few "shout outs" are in order. First to Chaplain (Col) Whit Woodard and Chaplain (Lt Col) Tom Miller – their leadership as Pacific Region Chaplain and Deputy for the past few years is greatly appreciated by each of us. What can I say about Chaplain Sattgast who came on board as Deputy? These past few weeks would have been very overwhelming had it not been for his capable assistance and encouragement. I am (we – the PCR Chaplain Service - are) blessed to have Chaplain Ledden (Professional Development), Ch (Maj) Debra Prosser (Protocol), and 1<sup>st</sup> Adelle McKinney (Public Affairs) bringing their knowledge and skill sets to the PCR Chaplain Service Staff. And most of all... to each of you who have sent e-mails or phoned assuring me of your prayers and support. It has made walking about in those big shoes a bit easier.

In Service Together,

*Paul*

Ch (Lt Col) Paul Ward, CAP



CH (Lt. Col.) Paul Ward

## “An Old Soldier’s Letter to Chaplains”

The following link is the speech entitled “An Old Soldier’s Letter to Chaplains.” It was given by Lt Gen (USA, Ret.) Hal Moore at the 2008 Military Chaplains’ Association Conference in Fort Jackson, South Carolina. Though CAP Chaplains are not active/reserve military chaplains, many of the observations shared by Gen Moore are applicable. You will be moved by his thoughts.

[http://www.mca-usa.org/assets/Newsroom/Pages%20from%20MCA%20Summer2008\\_rev.pdf](http://www.mca-usa.org/assets/Newsroom/Pages%20from%20MCA%20Summer2008_rev.pdf)



Lt. Gen. Hal Moore, USA Retired

**Background:** Lt Gen (USA, Ret.) Hal Moore is best known for the Battle of Ia Drang, portrayed in the 2002 film *We Were Soldiers* and well-detailed in the 1992 book *We Were Soldiers Once... And Young*. The Battle of Ia Drang began in November of 1965 when 450 men of the 1st Battalion, 7th Cavalry were dropped into a small clearing in the Ia Drang Valley. Unbeknownst to Moore and his commanders, this clearing was adjacent to more than 4,000 North Vietnamese soldiers, who quickly surrounded the small unit. Encircled by enemy soldiers with no clear landing zone (LZ) that would allow them to leave, Lieutenant Colonel Moore managed to persevere despite overwhelming odds that led to a sister battalion only two-and-a-half miles away being massacred. Moore's dictum that "there is always one more thing you can do to increase your odds of success" and the perseverance and courage of his entire command are credited with this astounding outcome.

Importantly, despite the fact that Moore's spirited defense led to more than a 4-to-1 ratio between North Vietnamese casualties and US casualties, Moore considers the battle a draw because the US left the area and allowed the North Vietnamese to reassert control. Many consider the battle a microcosm of the war.

His wife, Julia, passed away in 2004. Her contribution to the chaplain service is notable. In the dark days of November 1965, she did the hardest duty of all: She visited the small bungalows and trailer houses around Columbus, Ga., to offer her sympathy and support to 79 new widows whose husbands had died in action in the Ia Drang Valley of South Vietnam.

In those early days of the war the Army was overwhelmed by hundreds of death notices for unsuspecting families. It had forgotten how to do this right, so the Western Union telegrams were handed over to taxi drivers.

Julie Moore was horrified when one taxi driver pulled up to the small house where she and the five young children of Lt. Col. Hal Moore, commander of the 1st Battalion 7th Cavalry in Vietnam, were living. It took her a long, long time to answer the doorbell, a lifetime really, and then the driver apologized, said he was lost and asked her where he could find this address.

Mrs. Moore followed in the wake of that taxi and others to comfort the new widows and orphans of a war that would, itself, ultimately be orphaned and abandoned. Assuming the responsibility required by her position as the commander's wife, she personally comforted each bereaved family and attended every funeral of every soldier lost in combat under her husband's command. She also raised unshirted Hell with the Pentagon about so callous a method of notifying the families. Within two weeks the policy was changed and a new one instituted, requiring that an officer and a chaplain personally deliver the news. It was also a small beginning of a concern for Army families that has grown into a major program throughout the Army.

(Adapted from an article written by Joe Galloway - Military.com 4/21/2004)



**1st Lt Bob Neill, Airman of the Year**

**ACKNOWLEDGING THOSE WHO SUPPORT YOU**

Submitted by Capt Nancy Woodard, CDI – Squadron 92, CAWG

Recently one of our squadron members was recognized by the CAWG for his meticulous skills in flying missions, managing aircraft, and the modeling of those skills to cadets. 1<sup>st</sup> Lt Bob Neill received the Airman of the Year award. Since he couldn't attend the CAWG Conference, squadron commander, Capt Bill Wetzel presented the award to him during a squadron meeting. He humbly accepted his award stating to the members of Squadron 92, "This is really your award – you cadets and seniors. It takes teamwork."

As I heard this remark it reminded me that even though one individual may be singled out for his or her efforts and given recognition, their efforts are often made possible because of the support of others. There is that aspect of teamwork that we need to appreciate and cultivate in our lives. We are all in this together.

**Holy Days and Holidays**

- 2 October Ramadan Ends (Islam)
- 4 October St. Francis Day (Catholic)
- 9 October Yom Kippur (Jewish)
- 14-20 October Sukkot (Jewish)
- 21 October Simni Atzeret (Jewish)
- 22 October Simhat Torah (Jewish)
- 15 November Nativity Fast begins (Orthodox Christian)
- 27 November Thanksgiving
- 30 November First Sunday of Advent (Christian)
- 8 December Immaculate Conception (Catholic)
- 12 December Advent Fast begins (Orthodox Christian)
- 22-29 December Hanukkah (Jewish)



Web-site: <http://hc.pcr.cap.gov/index.htm> The web-site has been updated. You are encouraged to visit the site often for announcements, news items, and resources.



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# AWARDS



## Wilson—Garber—Loening Awards



### Senior Member Professional Development Program

**Gill Robb Wilson – Level 5**



**Ch (Lt Col) George Dawson – CAWG (Pictured above  
with Col. Ernie Pearson, PCR Commander)**

**Ch (Major) Charlie Sattgast - ORWG**

**Paul Garber – Level 4  
Major Carolyn Irby – NVWG**

**Grover Loening – Level 3**

**Major Carolyn Irby - NVWG**

## PCR Conference 2008



**Ch (Lt Col) Paul Ward – Meritorious  
(Pictured with Maj Gen Amy Courter,  
National Commander and Col Ernie Pearson, PCR Com-  
mander)**

**PCR Senior Chaplain of the Year – Ch (Major)  
William H. Adam III, WAWG**

**PCR Character Development Instructor of the  
Year – Capt Cathy Neubauer, CAWG**

### PROMOTIONS:

Capt Carolyn Irby, NVWG to Major

Capt Patricia Lay, CAWG to Major

Ch (Capt) Richard Nelson, CAWG to Major

Ch (Capt) Elizabeth Tattersall, NVWG  
HC to Major

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### EMERGENCY SERVICES:

Chaplain Ralph Camp  
(NVWG) has earned the  
Mission Chaplain rating.





## PCR Chaplain Service Represented at '07 National Staff College

The Pacific Region Chaplain Service was well represented at the 2007 National Staff College held at Maxwell Air Force Base - Montgomery, Al. Chaplains (Lt Col) George Dawson (CAWG), (Lt Col) Tom Miller (NVWG), and (Maj) Charlie Sattgast (ORWG) joined 94 other students in pursuing their professional development. The National Staff College is the capstone course in professional development. Held annually at CAP National Headquarters, Civil Air Patrol, NSC is taught by senior CAP leaders and USAF instructors from Air University, the curriculum challenges students in the areas of executive leadership, management, organizational behavior, and policy formulation. Much time is spent examining CAP's national-level operations. Students engage in seminar discussions, case studies, and exercises throughout the seven day course. Ch (Lt Col) Paul Ward (PCR) served on the NSC staff as Chaplain – conducting an interfaith service, counseling with seminar advisors and students, and interacting with the student body. Each morning, he would assign a chaplain who was attending as a student the opportunity to give the invocation in the opening session of NSC.



**Chaplains Miller, Ward, Sattgast, and Dawson at NSC graduation banquet - Maxwell AFB Officers Club**

## Prosser's Protocol

Lets first define “protocol” so we can be on the same page. “Protocol” is a noun and is considered rules of conduct, or behavior in certain situation. Some synonyms are courtesy, custom, decorum, etiquette, formalities, manners, order, politesse and my favorite is minding your p’s and q’s! Some antonyms are bad manners, crudeness and impropriety.

In other words, protocol is a combination of good manners, proper etiquette and military customs and courtesies packaged together to form a set of rules and guidelines. Utilizing proper protocol will help prevent embarrassing or uncomfortable situations. I can honestly say that I have learned and discovered protocols that I was not aware of. They range from how to set a table at a military banquet to how envelopes and invitations should be addressed.

My new favorite acquired manner is when attending a social gatherings, it is proper to hold the glass in my left hand to avoid a cold, wet hand at parties and receptions. Then your right hand is always free to shake hands. I recently discovered that when I read page 10 of [The Air University Protocol Handbook for the Air Force Spouse](#).

It is my honor to continue as the Pacific Region Chaplain Service’s Protocol Officer. We will unveil proper procedures and etiquettes that will keep us from feeling uncomfortable or embarrassed. As a cadet, one of my worst fears was to be seen with a senior member of Civil Air Patrol wearing the Air Force uniform, which was wrinkled, displaying insignia incorrectly and having stains on it.

So the next article will be about creating a great first impression, which means proper wear of the military uniform. I have heard it said, “Your first impression is a lasting impression.” Members of the Chaplain Service should set the example and it is my hearts desire to help each Chaplain and Character Development Officer in the Pacific Region achieve that goal. Let’s make the Pacific Region Chaplain Service the best looking in the Nation!

Blessings,  
**Ch (Maj) Debra Prosser**, CAP  
Pacific Region Chaplain’s Protocol Officer



## Professional Development



I don't have specifics to offer you in this area at this time. But it is my intention to be able to keep you informed of the professional development opportunities that come available to all of us from time to time.

One of those opportunities that is almost an annual is the Chaplain Service Region Staff College. These are times of specialty learning that has direct bearing on the responsibilities we have as chaplains in our squadrons. They are also times for networking with our colleagues from our own Wing and the others within the Region.

How the completion of this Chaplain Service Region Staff College training satisfies the requirements for completion of the various levels of advancement for promotion and awards will be the subject of another article.

In the meantime, I encourage you to go to the national CAP website and download CAPR 50-17. This is the regulation that spells out the professional development requirements for all of us as senior members of this organization.

2 Timothy 2:15 encourages us to "Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved, a workman who does not need to be ashamed and who correctly handles the word of truth" (NIV). I think that advice applies to us as CAP Chaplains. Our advancement through the Professional Development Program helps us to be "approved" by the other senior members of our squadrons AND, by extension, before God. Because I believe that God expects nothing less of us.

May God's peace rest on you as we grow and develop together.

### **Chaplain (Lt. Col.) Bob Ledden, CAP**

Professional Development Officer  
Pacific Region, Civil Air Patrol

## Around the Region....



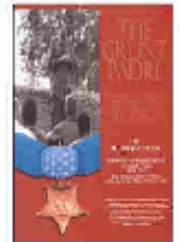
**NV**– Wing Chaplain (Maj) Elizabeth Tattersall shared of recent promotions earned, awards attained in the Senior Member Professional

Development Program, and ratings attained in Emergency Services. Their names are posted elsewhere in the newsletter...but "*Congratulations*" are in order to Chaplains Camp and Tattersall and to Character Development Instructor Irby for their commitment and example in pursuing their training.



**CA** – The CAWG Cadet Encampment was held August 2-10 at Camp San Luis Obispo. Chaplain (Lt Col) Chuck Ingram and Chaplain (Lt Col) Paul Ward served as members of the "God Squad" conducting religious services on the first week-end of encampment. Maj Tricia Lay presented a Character Development lesson to the cadets who chose not to participate in religious services. Prior to the graduation exercise on the concluding day of encampment, Maj Lay and Chaplain Ward conducted a class on the Core Values of CAP for the cadets.

Book Review submitted by Ch (Maj) Elizabeth Tattersall (NVWGHG): "**The Grunt Padre**" by Fr. Daniel L. Mode. Publisher: CMJ Marian Publishers (2000) ISBN-10: 1891280082.



This book tells the true story of a Roman Catholic priest, Fr. Vincent Cappodanno. He served as a Navy Chaplain, assigned to the Marines, during the Vietnam War. Although there are numerous errors in grammar and word usage, and some use of Roman Catholic acronyms and jargon that are unclear to those of other denominations, the story is engaging and inspiring. The author paints a picture of a sensitive man with a true calling to serve others, who selflessly gave of himself in order to build up the marines with whom he worked.

Father Vince was a Maryknoll missionary in Taiwan before he became a military chaplain. As a chaplain, he lived side by side with the Marines he served, spending time with them in foxholes and on guard duty. He was one of them, hence his nickname, "The Grunt Padre." He died in 1967 while giving aid to a wounded marine on the battlefield during operation "Swift." Father Vince was posthumously awarded the Medal of Honor for his actions on Sept. 4, 1967

A young corporal said of him "somehow he just seemed to act the way a man of God should act." Available through Amazon Books - <http://www.amazon.com/Grunt-Padre-Father-Daniel-Mode/dp/1891280082> For more information on "The Grunt Padre", click on the following links: <http://www.kcmarylant4th.org/capodanno.html> [http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Vincent\\_Robert\\_Capodanno](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Vincent_Robert_Capodanno)

## CHAPLAIN SERVICE REGION STAFF COLLEGE (CSRSC)

**Date:** 16-19 March 2009  
**Location:** McChord AFB, WA  
**Theme:** *Committed – Available - Prepared*  
**Registration Fee:** \$75.00 per CAP Member  
**Lodging:** \$39.00 per night (attendees are responsible for their own billeting – rooms have been reserved)

For a number of years Chaplain Sattgast and I have felt the need in the Pacific Region to include chaplain service personnel in the formation of CISM teams, yet for a variety of reasons most of our chaplains do not qualify according to the current CAP's rules. Most of the chaplains among us who have had Group Crisis Intervention had it so long ago that it still does not count according to CAP's rules, and are barred from participation in CISM by CAP. We are enthused at the prospect of bringing our chaplains into compliance with CAP's CISM team rules so that we can have a ministry presence in CAP's official crisis intervention efforts.

The registration fee will include the 14 hour CISM course, the CISM workbook, and the certification fee by International Critical Incident Stress Foundation, Inc. (ICISF).

This is a bargain when looking at what it would cost a non-member to attend this same course offered in the public sector (see following example):

**January 29 - February 1, 2009 Reno, NV**  
**Hosted by the Sierra Nevada CISM Network**  
**Conference will be held at:**  
**John Ascuaga's Nugget**  
**1100 Nugget Avenue**  
**Reno, NV 89432**

Conference room rates range from \$91 to \$124/night + tax and are guaranteed through January 12, 2009. For reservations, please call 800-843-2427 or 775-356-3300.  
Registration fee for non-members of ICISF - \$350.00

**In order to have MSA submitted, registration ends  
January 31, 2009.**

**REGISTER ONLINE**  
<http://hc.pcr.cap.gov/registration/>

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