



# The *Transmitter*

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## ***From the Chief of the Chaplain Service.....***

Greetings and welcome to the latest edition of ***The Transmitter***. Our thanks to Ch LTC, Paul Ward for adding this task to his busy schedule. In this issue we bid our best wishes to Ch Col, Charles Sharp for his leadership of our chaplaincy these past years. He has left us an excellent legacy of honor and commitment. As Chaplain Emeritus he will continue to provide us with his wise counsel and down home wit.

You can expect to see some beneficial changes as our chaplaincy continues to improve our ministry and competency. The revised CAPR 265-1 is wending its way through the process and will bring to focus some reforms recommended by the CSAC. A major component is the introduction of our improved chaplain training track. The CAPP 221 course is replaced by the new CAPP 221A (*The CAP Chaplain*). The old CAPP 221A is replaced by the new CAPP 221B (*Chaplains Helping Chaplains*), and a third course, CAPP 221C (*Chaplains Inspiring Chaplains*), has been added. From henceforth, chaplains will earn their Technician, Senior and Master ratings upon completion of each segment of the training track. Publication of these new training pamphlets and the corresponding final exams are a top priority for us.

A significant reform made effective in August of this year brings the chaplains into full participation in the senior training program. The 221 series will no longer substitute for SLS or CLC. With the advent of online training there is no longer a need for that provision. The revised CAPR 265-1 will also incorporate the senior training track into the eligibility for chaplain promotions. Completion of CAPP 221B and Level III of the senior member training are required for promotion to Ch, Major. Completion of CAPP 221C and completion of Level IV of senior member training are required for promotion to Ch, Lt. Col.

The designation MLO has been changed to CDI (Character Development Instructor) to conform with recent NEC action. It is important to understand that nothing has changed except the title. The purpose of this change is to enable the expansion of our cadet programs. We are still providing high quality character development and the CDI is a vital component of this task.

We anticipate that all these changes will have a significant effect on the competency of our chaplaincy as we become more active as "Citizens Serving Communities" and force multipliers for our active duty and reserve military forces.

***Semper Vigilans ad Dei Gloriam***



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## CHAPLAIN (COL) CHARLES SHARP COMPLETES TERM OF SERVICE AS NATIONAL CHIEF

Chaplain (Col) Charles Sharp served with distinction as the National Chief of Chaplain Service from 2004 to 2008. During his tenure, Chaplain Sharp served 3 National Commanders.

There were many significant challenges which occurred during this time frame that Chaplain Sharp led the Chaplain Service through...budget cuts and a headquarters reorganization that witnessed the elimination of the Deputy Director of Chaplain Service position. These and other challenges were faced and met with his gracious spirit and determination to maintain the effectiveness of the CAP Chaplain Service.



His dedication to professional development for the Chaplain Service was seen in his putting together a Chaplain Service mentoring program, overseeing the rewriting and updating of the Chaplain Specialty training tracks (the 221 series) and other publications that will be released in the near future. Chaplain Sharp served as a member of the Compliance Inspection team as well as Deputy Director of the National Staff College.

*Thank you, Chaplain Sharp, for your dedicated service.*

### "PASSING THE TORCH"

"The history that makes an organization must find expression for the current members, if they are to pass the past and present historical pride onward, driven of their own personal passion for it. If original 'historical eliteness', is not repeating itself within each continuing era or 'holding body', it will not continue to be internalized and taken ownership of. Only owners carry passion to instill genuine esprit-de-corps in the next generation."

-- Ch (Lt Col) Ron Tottingham, Deputy Chief

## 2008 AWARDS – National and MCA

*Congratulations to several of our CAP Chaplain Service Personnel for receiving prestigious awards:*

**Ch (Lt Col) Richard Clifford**  
MAWG

National Squadron Chaplain  
of the Year

**Ch (Lt Col) Richard J. Stiliha**  
SER

National Senior Chaplain  
of the Year

**Lt Col Anna Scheidly**  
NJWG

National Character Development  
Instructor of the Year

**Ch (Capt) Gordon Rourk**  
COWG

National Drug Demand Reduction  
Administrator of the Year



**Ch (Lt Col) Rob Edwards III**  
MER HC

Distinguished Service Award  
for CAP – 2008  
Military Chaplains Association

## "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)

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*



Lt. Gen. Hal Moore (USA, Ret.)

*Young*. The Battle of Ia Drang began in November of 1965 when 450 men of the 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion, 7<sup>th</sup> 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 from being massacred. Moore's dictum that "there is success" 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 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion 7<sup>th</sup> 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 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)

## CAP Chaplain Service Personnel Attend 2008 National Staff College



Several members of the Civil Air Patrol Chaplain Service were participants at the 2008 National Staff College held at Maxwell AFB, Montgomery AL, during the week of October 25-31. Among the 76 students in attendance were Ch (Lt Col) George Klett (TXWG), Ch (Maj) Robert McMillan (OKWG HC), Maj Christine Rinn (MIWG), Lt Col Anna Scheidly (NJWG), and Ch (Lt Col) Robert Scheidly (NJWG HC). Ch (Lt Col) Paul Ward (PCR HC) served as a Seminar Advisor and Ch (Lt Col) Van Don Williams (NER HC) served as the staff chaplain. Chaplains Ward and Williams were students together at the 2001 NSC. Chaplain Williams conducted an inter-faith service on the opening Sunday of NSC. "Service" was the theme for this time of inspiration and reflection and found its basis in the story of "The Four Chaplains". Each day, one of the Chaplains or Character Development Instructors were given the opportunity to open the general assembly with a prayer.

Of his experience at NSC, Chaplain Klett observed: "For me it brought substance and life to the core values as no other CAP school has yet done. The levels of intensity and professionalism were indeed appreciated."

*"Along with the very useful and important information that is presented, and the opportunity to advance in the professional development program, attending the NSC is one more way for chaplains to be proactive in showing others the value of the chaplain's program within the broader scope of CAP. The National Staff College is one of the best programs within all of CAP. If you care about the future of this organization and it being the best it can be, this is a must attend. It is a win-win for everyone. I've been dedicated to the professional development program from the very start and had always intended on going to the NSC. Even still, I was very much impressed with the quality of the information presented. I really appreciated the opportunity to get to know CAP members from across the country and to help them know more about the chaplain program,"* writes Chaplain McMillan.



Ch (Lt Col) Robert Scheidly (NJWG HC) and  
Ch (Lt Col) Van Don Williams (NER HC)

***Make plans now to attend the 2009 National Staff College.***

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# HELP NEEDED IN NOMINATIONS FOR NATIONAL AWARDS

Some years the Chaplain Service is active in nominating individuals for these National Awards: National Senior Chaplain of the Year, National Squadron Chaplain of the Year and National Character Development Instructor of the Year. Other years the Chaplain Service is very inactive to nominate for these awards. This year was a year of activity. However, in this we learned that the majority of the Chaplain Service personnel are not aware of the "rules" for nomination. We received several of the same award nominations out of the same region in a few instances.

The process is that each Wing nominates an individual for each of these awards for the Wing "of the year" in each of these categories. The Wings send their winner up to region to compete among the other Wing nominees for the Region "of the year" award. Then, the sole winner of the Region award is sent up to the Chaplain Service Advisory Council to make the choice from the 8 Region winners from each category. Therefore, the CSAC has eight National Senior Chaplains of the Year, eight National Squadron Chaplains of the Year and eight National Character Development Instructors of the Year on our desk, for a total of 24 nominees.

This year several were not nominated through these channels. Several Wing Chaplains submitted nominees directly, which should not happen. I imagine this was a result of Region Chaplains informing Wing Chaplains of the need to submit nominees and the nominee got submitted directly to National rather than going through the proper channels. This would be easy to correct.

Another area of note was the write-ups. Some were very professional, but a few were very poorly written. The format to follow should be to focus on CAP training and activity first, then on their secular side. Since the award is for CAP activity that is our primary interest in selection. I hope this will help us all.

By Ch (Lt Col) Ron Tottingham, Deputy Chief

## SUMMARY OF FORM 34's (January-June 2008)

From January through June, the CAP Chaplain Service personnel participated in 13,275 activities; spent 34,191 hours; traveled 322,959 miles; invested \$150,427.00 in their service to others.

Just a reminder that each Chaplain and Character Development Instructor is required by CAPR 265-1 to submit a completed Form 34 to their Wing Chaplain, even if they have been inactive during that reporting period, no later than 5 January and 5 July each year.

Nearly **40%** of our Chaplain Service **DID NOT** submit a Form 34 for the reporting period of January-June 2008.

*We can and must do better than that!*



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- Integrity
- Volunteer Service
- Excellence
- Respect



## CHAPLAIN SERVICE REGION STAFF COLLEGES - 2009

### NORTHEAST

4-8 May, 2009  
Youngstown, OH

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### MIDDLE EAST

26-29 May, 2009  
Naval Amphibious Base  
Norfolk, VA

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### SOUTHEAST

4-7 May, 2009  
Fort Benning, GA

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### GREAT LAKES

4-8 May, 2009  
Youngstown, OH

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### NORTH CENTRAL

20-23 April, 2009  
Columbian Fathers Retreat  
Bellevue, NE

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### SOUTHWEST

11-17 July, 2009  
Kirkland AFB  
Albuquerque, NM

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### ROCKY MOUNTAIN

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### PACIFIC

16-19 March, 2009  
McChord AFB, WA