



The *Transmitter*

The Official Newsletter of the Civil Air Patrol Chaplain Corps

Fall 2012

From the Chief of Chaplains.....

The year is almost at an end. The work of our Corps has been blessed and you made it so by your prayerful attention to those things that we call "holy." Our Senior Chaplains have worked in harmony and the Corps is taking on new 'servants' each quarter.

Our hope is to provide every unit with a chaplain and I would encourage every member of Civil Air Patrol to join us in recruiting men and women of Faith to come along side of us and help us "change a generation" for the better.

"Change" seems to be the watchword for the nation and the times. Civil Air Patrol is undergoing significant change under the capable oversight of the Board of Governors. The purpose of the changes is to make our work and missions more efficient and to eliminate some redundancies in our system. Our National Commander, Major General Charles Leonard Carr, Jr., has served us for a year and some weeks. His confident manner and willingness to listen to the members has made the transitions palatable.

Our Headquarters Office (Chaplains Office) is being manned by the mother of one of our National Directors, Mrs. Ruth Desmarais, under the oversight of Ms. Bobbie-Jean Tourville (Chief of Professional Development). Ms. Tracy Harris transferred to Mississippi with her husband, who serves the Air Force as a Navigator and her absence is certainly going to be felt. Keep her and her family in prayer. Lieutenant Colonel Theresa Meehan-Hatten, Administrative Assistant to the Chief of Chaplains (Cleveland Office) has retired from CAP and from our office after twenty-three years of service. "Mother Theresa" was the darling of our ministry and her loyal, faithful service will be missed. Remember her and her husband as she goes home to care for him. We owe much to these ladies who've given a good portion of their lives to make this organization successful.

Herein is a brief report of the NEW APPOINTMENTS we've made for this Fall Quarter of 2012. Our appreciation to Chaplain, Colonel James Hughes, for serving as our eyes and ears on each application. His keen sight and insight helped to steer us toward meaningful selections and our hope is that each new Chaplain and Character Development Instructor will come aboard and continue the great traditions that you've established over the many years. Please join me in celebrating and congratulating each one of these appointees as they begin or begin again, their ministries with us in the Chaplains Corps.

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Ch. Col J. Delano Ellis, II

CHAPLAIN AND CDI APPOINTMENTS OCTOBER – DECEMBER 2012

CHAPLAIN APPOINTMENTS

APPOINTMENT GRADE	NAME	REGION	WING	DATE OF APPOINTMENT
Ch (Capt)	Jeffrey A. Adkins	GLR	OH	1 December 2012
Ch (Capt)	Robert S. Barnard	GLR	KY	1 December 2012
Ch (Capt)	James M. Bradley	SER	GA	1 December 2012
Ch (Capt)	Richard W. Gabbitas	RMR	UT	1 December 2012
Ch (Capt)	Christopher D. Heitkamp	NER	NJ	1 December 2012

CHARACTER DEVELOPMENT INSTRUCTOR APPOINTMENTS

Capt*	Edward J. Case	NER	NH	3 December 2012
Major*	Malcolm C. C. Ching	PCR	HI	3 December 2012
Capt*	David Harmon	PCR	OR	3 December 2012
1 Lt*	Gerald Gibbs	GLR	IN	3 December 2012
Major*	Kenny C. Martin	SER	FL	3 December 2012
2 Lt	Robert D. McMillion	PCR	CA	3 December 2012

* = Grade at appointment is higher than minimum appointment grade of 2 Lt.

May you be blessed, especially as we approach this Holiday Season. Remember that several "Traditions" are about to be observed and our prayer is that the message of the angel in Bethlehem, on that long ago, will become a reality in our times: ***"PEACE ON EARTH and GOODWILL TO ALL MEN."***

Please pray for me and my family.

Your Servant,



J. Delano Ellis, II
Chaplain, Colonel, CAP
National Chief of Chaplains

2012 National Conference Prayer Breakfast



Ch, Col J. Delano Ellis II welcoming the guests
(photo by Susan Robertson, NHQ)



Maj Gen Charles "Chuck" Carr, Jr. sharing
(photo by Susan Robertson, NHQ)



Ch, Col Steven Keith, USAF

Director of the Armed Forces Chaplaincy Center (AFCC) and Commandant of the USAF Chaplain Corps College at Fort Jackson, South Carolina sharing a moving and inspiring message about "Ministering in the Valley of Baca"
(photo by Susan Robertson, NHQ)



Chaplain Ellis presenting a token of appreciation from the CAP Chaplain Corps to Chaplain Keith
(photo by Susan Robertson, NHQ)

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Tracy Harris bids "farewell" to The CAP Chaplain Corps

Sept. 13, 2012 - It is with mixed emotions I write this email and forward it to each of you. For more than 6 years, I have been blessed with the opportunity to work with Civil Air Patrol within the Chaplain Corps. Some of you may be aware that my husband is in the military. He has been given an opportunity to fly as a Navigator with the Hurricane Hunters at Keesler AFB, MS. This opportunity combines two of his favorite things (after God and family, of course)...flying and weather. I am saddened to announce that my employment with Civil Air Patrol will end on Friday, 14 September. However, my husband and I are very excited to see what God has planned for us as we move through the next journey in Mississippi. It has been a blessing and privilege to work with the Chaplain Corps and I take many, many fond memories with me as I leave. I would like to thank each of you for your contributions and dedication to our Chaplain Corps. Your volunteerism does not go unnoticed and is greatly appreciated. I would also like to thank each of you for making my duties at National Headquarters the most pleasurable and fulfilling I have ever experienced. I wish the very best for you and Civil Air Patrol. The Chaplain Corps will always hold a very special place in my heart.

For those of you wishing to remain in contact with me after my departure from National Headquarters, please find me on Facebook (the email address associated with my account is tracyharris234@gmail.com) or email me directly at tracyharris234@gmail.com.

I do not know when the Chaplain Corps Administrator position will be filled at National Headquarters. If you have any questions regarding the Chaplain Corps, please contact Ms. Bobbie Tourville. She can be reached via telephone 1-877-227-9142, ext. 4 05 or via email at btourville@capnhq.gov.

God bless,

Tracy Harris



Tracy Harris, Chaplain Corps Administrator

**THANK YOU, TRACY FOR YOUR
FAITHFUL SERVICE!!**

*CAP National
Commander*
Maj Gen Charles L. Carr, Jr.

Executive Director
Don Rowland

*CAP-USAF
Interim Commander*
Col Paul D. Gloyd, II

*National Chief of
Chaplains*
Ch, Col J. Delano Ellis, II

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Ch, Lt Col Paul Ward

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CAP CORE VALUES

- Integrity
- Volunteer Service
- Excellence
- Respect

*For more information on the Core Values
of the Civil Air Patrol, consult CAPP 50-2*

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT AWARDS

These members of the CAP Chaplain Service attained the following awards in the Senior Member Professional Development Program. We are proud of their accomplishments.



Level 2 – Benjamin O. Davis

Ch, Capt Robert Albert (SCWG)
Capt Patricia Bradley (NDWG)
Ch, Capt Sherwin Callwood (FLWG)
Ch, Capt James Crawford (GAWG)
Capt James Fogal (ALWG)
Capt Timothy Frame (MNWG)
Ch, Capt Andrew Hart (NYWG)
1st Lt Shawna Hoeskstra (MIWG)
1st Lt Matthew Hooper (WIWG)
Ch, Maj Laura Johnson (NCWG)
Ch, Capt David King (COWG)
Capt Erik Koglin (TNWG)
Ch, Capt Yang Lang (MIWG)
Ch, Capt Perry Polk (CAWG)
1st Lt Mary Romany (NJWG)
Ch, Capt Chester Strobel (KSWG)
Ch, Capt Steven Wadle (COWG)
Capt James Wiff (MNWG)



Level 3 – Grover Loening

Ch, Maj Kenneth Brown (KYWG)
Ch, Maj Leonard Hale (MOWG)
Capt Cory Hewitt (FLWG)
Ch, Maj Tagore Jenkins Sr (MIWG)
Ch, Maj Laura Johnson (NCWG)
Ch, Capt Yang Lang (MIWG)
Ch, Maj Marvin Owen (ORWG)
Ch, Maj Kerry Wilson (WIWG)



Level 4 – Paul Garber

Ch, Lt Col Edco Bailey (MDWG)
Ch, Capt Sherwin Callwood (FLWG)
Maj Charles Davis (MDWG)
Maj Terry Dull (MNWG)
Maj Deborah Kawaguchi (WAWG)
Ch, Capt Robert Rector (FLWG)



Level 5 – Gill Robb Wilson

Ch, Lt Col Greg Hill (SCWG)
Lt Col Bruce Pawlak (INWG)
Ch, Lt Col William Picking (VAWG)

For guidance in pursuing your Professional Development, consult the CAPR 50-17

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"DO YOU HEAR WHAT I HEAR?"

Devotional presented at the 2012 NER CCRSC by Ch, Lt Col Adma Ross (CTWG)



Chaplain Ross

My call to ministry in the Civil Air Patrol chaplain corps came to me as a note in a screen door. It was in my second or third month in my new church assignment in the rolling farmland along the Delaware River. Returning to my parsonage one afternoon I saw a note sticking out of the screen door. It was a CAP chaplain recruiting flyer. Scrawled across the front was a message signed by Lisa Van Clief, welcoming me to the local CAP squadron. Lisa, I later learned, was the NJ Wing PAO officer. A committed Christian, she was taking photos for CAP in the area and left these fliers at every church she found along the way. I haven't met another pastor who found one of Lisa's fliers. But it spoke to me.

On the meeting date, I drove to local airfield, only two miles away. I parked and saw a group of maybe a dozen teenagers and 2 seniors some distance away. The cadets were stretched out on the tarmac, doing PT. "Yes," we're the Civil Air Patrol squadron," they nodded. "And why did you

say you are here?' they questioned me. "Really," they responded to my answer, "But what is a CAP chaplain."

While I didn't know it at the time, that first meeting was an auspicious beginning to a new career. The squadron was small, never having more than 16 cadets. Yet, this was an exceptional squadron. In the next few years, 3 of the cadets that I met doing PT on the airfield tarmac were accepted into the Air Force Academy. Squadron Commander Kurt Pricer, a former helicopter pilot in Vietnam, was a walking model of CAP core values. Kurt went on to NJ wing and to pilot training and operations at region. He and the cadets in the Delaware Valley Squadron were my first mentors. That squadron was to become my model and vision for how character development should be done. Thinking back, I see that that note in the parsonage screen door as my call to CAP chaplaincy. But -- can such a simple, every day event be a bona fide, certifiable call from God?

Samuel, in our scripture passage was called 3 times, by name. A teenager, he was too young to understand -- "*Samuel did not yet know the Lord.*" But he had a mentor, Eli, who told him -- "That's it." And Samuel confidently replied to the Lord, "*Here I am -- Speak for your servant is listening!*" For Moses, the call came with fireworks, a voice calling from a burning bush. "Moses, Moses," called the Lord. And from Moses came the reply, "*Here I am.*" Jesus, walking by the Sea of Galilee, called to Peter and Andrew, "*Come and follow me. I will make you fishers of men.*" And they left their fishing nets and their livelihood to follow him.

After these awe-filling examples, can a piece of paper in a doorway qualify as a call from God? In CAP terms, without the proper documentation, it could never get us a certificate such as the one we will receive on completing this college. Without a signed Form 11, it would never show up in our Member Search report. BUT HERE WE ARE, all of us at this Chaplain Corps Region Staff College -- and how did we get here?

I suggest to you that our call often creeps up on us unawares. And at my age I can testify that a call can be a life-long undertaking -- the road often rocky, and the landings not always smooth. But, over time, our understanding of our call will increase and our joy in it will deepen (more about that joy in a minute).

For the scriptures tell us that even our biblical heroes didn't fully understand their call at first. Samuel was a boy, a teenager at best -- who needed to gain a mature understanding. Moses spent 40 years on his way to the Promised Land, arguing with the Lord every step of the way. Jesus' disciples followed him, but they had no idea of how big a deal it was going to be. Paul, who heard the voice of God in a blinding flash of light; had many "lost years" before he was able to begin his missionary journeys. Elijah battled the priests at Mt Carmel; fire from the sky consumed his sacrifice and the rains came; yet it was in the quietness of a cave to which he fled that he heard the still, small voice of God. "*Elijah, what are you doing here?*"

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HOW, NOW HAS IT BEEN WITH YOUR CALL? How did you come to this Chaplain Corp ministry?

Was it a call in the night? Did you hear your name? Did your call come out of a burning bush, or in some way equally spectacular? Or did it come as a still, small voice when you were far away from all the action? Did it come in a burst of light; or is it still coming, in a series of nudges --nudges as ordinary as a note in the screen door, or somebody asking you to drop by the squadron. Did you sense a WOW moment, one that you could call an epiphany? Or did you arrive at the squadron like I did, wondering what to do, whom to salute, and how to pin all that stuff on your uniform?

Importantly, are you finding joy in your ministry? Frederick Buechner defined vocation, or calling, in this way: "The place God calls you to is the place where your deep gladness and the world's deep hunger meet ." In other words: you find your calling where the world's greatest need meets your greatest joy. There are so many ways we serve in the CAP Chaplain Corps: we may find our greatest joy in our relationship with the cadets in the Character development program; or in counseling; emergency services or CISM is another opportunity; mentoring (I like particularly); in worship and in public prayer.

After retiring from that church by the airfield I returned to my home in NY. I met group commander Maj Jack Soldano at an airshow at the Teterboro Squadron. Now Jack was undisputably the most colorful and enthusiastic commander in the NJ Wing, and he was a devout Christian. When he heard I was a chaplain – now he didn't know a thing about me – before I knew what was going on he transferred my duty assignment to Group 221. God bless him -- he really wanted a chaplain! I spent 3 years there covering squadrons from the sidewalks of Jersey City to the western wilds of Picatinny. It was very good, and I found my joy increasing.

A couple of years ago, I received another kind of call. It was the voice of then Region Chaplain Van Don Williams coming over the speaker phone in my kitchen. "Chaplain Adma Ross, what are you doing in the NJ wing when you are living in NY?" . . . "Never mind, I have a job for you" (It was to be registrar of the upcoming Chaplain Corps Staff College). "I have a plan for you," (He says this to everybody) . . . "You are going to take this training, and you are going to do this and that . . . and on and on he went.

Evidently, CAP's great needs can extend beyond the borders we set. . . HERE I AM. AND HERE YOU ARE, . . . AND YOU, . . . AND YOU AND ALL OF YOU! HOW IS IT WITH YOUR CALL?

Did your call come suddenly or did it creep up on you ? . . . Regardless. . . Is your understanding of your call in our chaplain Corp increasing? And more importantly, is your joy in that call deepening? For Buechner tells us that a measure that we are finding our calling is in whether we are truly finding our deepest joy.

In the words of the prophet Jeremiah (Jer 29:11) *"For I know the plans I have for you, declares the LORD, plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future."* HOW IS IT WITH YOUR CALL?

Chaplain, Lt Col Adma Ross was the recipient of the 2012 "Senior Chaplain of the Year" award at the National Conference recently held in Baltimore

2013 NATIONAL CONFERENCE

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.

Great Lakes Region Chaplain Corps Staff College 2012

Wright Patterson Air Force Base (WPAFB) was the site where the GLR CCRSC was conducted from May 6-10. Ch, Lt Col Steven Thomas served as the director and Ch, Major Rollin "Chip" Steele served as the dean. Thirty-four students (23 Chaplains 23 and 11 CDI's) participated in dual track training curriculum: Chaplains received Mission Chaplain training with the ICS 300 course and CDIs received training in the area of Character Development. The highlight was having Col. James Hughes as the Chief of Chaplain representative and to



break down the CDI process, the lesson plan, **Inside the B-1 Bomber Simulator** and then how to teach the lesson plan on cadets. The aerospace education education segment consisted of a tour of the B-1 Bomber Research Simulator and Museum of the USAF. The major impact of the GLR CCSC was the idea of offering something to interest everyone. The CAP squadron at Wright-Patterson was extremely helpful in support of our college. Of course the highlight of our college is the formal Dining In and the banter that is part of event.



Attendees of the GLR CCSC

RMR Chaplain Corps Staff College 2012

Contributed by Ch, Lt Col Gene Packer (RMR HC)

Ch, Lt Col Gene Packer served as the Director and Dean of Rocky Mountain Region Chaplain Corps Staff College that was held at Crossroads Christian Fellowship in Unitah, Utah. Six chaplains and 1 Character Development Instructor attend the event held May 16 – 18.



Classroom session at RMR CCSC

Pastor/Chaplain Jay Donnelly was the main instructor for the college. He provided the students with fourteen hours of CISM training in the areas Individual Crisis Intervention and Peer Support. Jay Donnelly is an "on call" employee of FEMA and has also taught emergency response/disaster relief for 30 years and is the top trainer for CAL FIRE (formerly CDF). He is nationally and internationally recognized (UN approved). Jay is a fruitful Foursquare pastor.

Ch, Lt Col Ken Van Loon, one of the Deputy Chiefs represented Chaplain Ellis at the college and provided an update of what is taking place within the CAP Chaplain Corps. Another highlight of the RMR CCSC was a tour of Hill AFB – Ogden, Utah The college concluded with a banquet in which Certificates of Completion were presented by Chaplains Pack and Van Loon.



RMR CCSC attendees

NER Chaplain Corps Staff College 2012

Contributed by Ch, Lt Col Robert Scheidly (NER HC)

The Northeast Region Chaplain Staff College was held May 13 - 18, 2012 at the Niagara Falls, New York Air Reserve Base. There were 24 in attendance - two CDIs, four patrons and other, and 18 Chaplains. Of the 24 in attendance, nine were first time attendees. Our director was Chaplain Van Don Williams. We were able to have the base chaplain come and address us. One of our CDIs, who works for the DoD as a victims advocate, presented a power point program entitled "Sexual Assault and its Prevention". It was a great hit with the students, so much so they wanted him to come back next year with something on bullying and/or sexual abuse. His wife is from South Korea and she gave a talk on religion, the church and government in South Korea. This too was a great hit with pleas to return with more next year. One of the special outside visits was to the Planetarium at the State University of Buffalo.

For our closing Chaplain Ken Colton spoke to us at our banquet. During the awards portion, a chaplain was promoted to the grade of major. We also did something different this year. I created an "excellence award". This award and certificate recognizes those CDIs and chaplains who attained Level Five in PD and a Master in their respective Specialty Track. There were six chaplains and one CDI that qualified and received this award.

There was much enthusiasm about the school and its new style of curriculum and promises to return next year.

SWR Chaplain Corps Staff College 2012

Contributed by Ch, Lt Col Ron Whitt (SWR HC)



**Lt Col Sam Bernard
Leading a CISM session**

Twenty chaplains and 2 CDIs gathered from the 9th to the 12th of July for the Southwest Region CCSC at Naval Air Station-Joint Reserve Base, Fort Worth TX. According to Ch, Lt Col Ronny Whitt (Director), the major objective of the SWR CCSC was to increase the Chaplain Corps ability to provide quality support during times of crisis. Lt Col Sam Bernard, CAP National CISM Team Leader, taught the Individual CISM class. Capt Roger Courtney provided communications training. Chaplain, Lt Col Nancy Smalley, IC3, conducted a Table Top exercise utilizing materials provided by Col James Rushing, FEMA Liaison Officer and the Ardent Sentry POC for CAP. The scenario was done

based on a large-scale earthquake on the New Madrid fault. Six chaplains were able to complete the requirements for Mission Chaplain during the College. In addition to the emergency service training, sessions dealing with, F34 reporting, recruiting and retention, AE, protocol, and personal spiritual development were provided by Ch, Major Dale Climie, Ch, Lt Col Robert Whitley, Ch, Lt Col Alexander Alvarez and Ch Lt Col Edco Bailey.

The following SWR Chaplain Corps personnel were recognized with awards for their contributions during the past year: Ch, Lt Col Marc Ben-Meir — SWR Senior Chaplain of the Year; Ch, Lt Col Alexander Alvarez—SWR Squadron Chaplain of the Year; Major Myron Goins — SWR CDI of the Year; Meritorious Service Award: Ch, Lt Col Ronny Whitt; Ch, Lt Col Marc Ben-Meir; Major Myron Goins; Ch, Lt Col Robert Whitley; and Ch, Lt Col Alexander Alvarez; Commander's Commendation: Ch, Major Dale Climie and Capt Roger Courtney.

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Chaplain, Lt Col Ron Whitt, SWR HC, was the keynote speaker for the Award Banquet. His message was entitled “An Unchanging God in a Changing World.” The message focused upon Leadership lessons from the Book of Joshua. Also, Lt Col Nathan Healy, CAP-USAF, Col Joe Smith, CAP SWR DCS, Operations, Lt Col Harriet Smith, CAP SWR Director, Administration/Personnel, and Tracy Harris, Chaplain Corps Program Administrator gave remarks during the Banquet. The Color Guard was provided by Maj Graylin Conely and cadets from SWR-TX 154.

Attendees of the SWR CCSC



**CHAPLAIN CORPS
REGION STAFF COLLEGES 2013**

PACIFIC REGION

8-11 April
March ARB – Moreno Valley, CA

NORTH CENTRAL/ROCKY MOUNTAIN

22-25 April
Columbian Fathers Retreat - Bellevue, NE

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GREAT LAKES

1-3 July
Volk Field ANGB – Orange, WI

SOUTHWEST

TBA
TBA

Make plans now to attend a 2013 Chaplain Corps Region Staff College!!

CAP CHAPLAIN HISTORY: "The Support of the U.S. Air Force: National Air Chaplain"

Contributed by Ch, Lt Col Steven E. Thomas (GLR HC)

This is the ninth in a series of articles outlining the history of the Civil Air Patrol Chaplaincy

We are going back to the beginning, when the Air Force felt that the CAP chaplaincy needed guidance and foresight to make the chaplaincy happen. The chaplaincy had failed once before in 1945 and in 1950 there were a few civilian clergy operating with the CAP. They were disorganized and functioned with a few individual squadrons. One may think that assignment as National Air Chaplain to the Civil Air Patrol Chaplain Service was in the vernacular of the day a "dead end assignment", but it would prove a significant and noticeable accomplishment. Chaplain Lt. Col. Robert P. Taylor was given this task. He served from January 1950 to August 1952.



Chaplain Thomas

In a letter dated 20 JAN 1950, Maj. Gen. Lucas V. Beau requested of the Commanding General of the Continental Air Command to authorize the use of two Air Force Reserve Chaplains drilling in a voluntary status near to wing headquarters, be assigned to each wing of the CAP and also authorized "credit toward promotion and retirement be granted for such activities." It was also stated that the chaplains for this duty, "be thoroughly screened in order that the best qualified and most suitable may be selected."

Chaplain Taylor's official US Air Force Biography reads as follows:

Chaplain (Major General) Robert Preston Taylor

Chaplain (Major General) Robert Preston Taylor, Chief of chaplains, is responsible to the chief of staff, U.S. Air Force for establishing plans, policies, programs and requirements for the Air Force Chaplaincy.

Chaplain Taylor was born in Henderson, Texas, in 1909. He received a bachelor of arts degree from Baylor University, Waco, Texas, in 1933; a master of theology degree from Southwestern Baptist Seminary, Fort Worth, Texas, in 1936; a doctor of theology degree from Southwestern Baptist Seminary in 1939; an honorary doctor of laws degree from Atlanta Law School, Atlanta, Ga., June 1, 1961; an honorary doctor of divinity degree from Tarkio College, Tarkio, Mo., April 15, 1963; an honorary doctor of divinity degree from Baylor University, Waco, Texas, May 24, 1963; and an honorary doctor of humanities, College, of Osteopathic Medicine and Surgery, College Clinic, College Hospital, Des Moines, Iowa, June 4, 1965. Elected "Distinguished Alumni of Southwestern Seminary for the Year of 1965," June 2, 1965.



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Prior to entering military service in September 1940, Chaplain Taylor served as pastor of the South Fort Worth Baptist Church. His first military assignment was as post chaplain at Barksdale Field, La., in the grade of first lieutenant. He was next assigned as regimental chaplain of the 31st Infantry Regiment, Philippine Division. He arrived in Manila in May 1941. He was the only chaplain assigned to this regiment which was stationed at famed Cuartel de Espano, within the old historic "Walled City" of Manila. With the declaration of war, the Philippine Division was transferred to the front lines on the Peninsula of Bataan. Chaplain Taylor was cited for bravery and awarded the Silver Star for gallantry in action for his services in the Battle of Bataan.

At the surrender of the American forces there, he became a member of that part of the "Death March" which led from Bataan through the streets of Manila, to the prison camp approximately eight miles east of Cabanatuan. He served as chaplain in the prison camp hospital at Cabanatuan where he ministered to more than 10,000 patients. In the summer of 1944, he spent fourteen weeks in solitary confinement for smuggling food and medicine to the patients. He was later taken to Japan and Manchuria on one of the infamous "hellships" which was bombed twice by American planes with a loss of more than a thousand lives. During the second bombing, Chaplain Taylor was struck in the wrist and leg by flying fragments. Ironically, he was not awarded a Purple Heart since he was wounded by our own forces. Chaplain Taylor is the only chaplain still in military service who survived the horrors of 42 months of Japanese prison camps.

Following his liberation, Chaplain Taylor was assigned in January 1946 as deputy staff chaplain, Headquarters Army Air Forces Training Command at Barksdale Field, La., the base he had left five and a half years earlier for the Philippines.

Prior to his assignment in December 1957 as chief of the Personnel Division, Office, Chief of Air Force Chaplains, Chaplain Taylor served as wing chaplain, Mather Air Force Base, Calif; deputy staff chaplain, Air Material Command, Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio; chaplain for Civil Air Patrol Headquarters, Washington, D.C.; and staff chaplain of the Air University, Maxwell Air Force Base, Ala.

On July 1, 1958 Chaplain Taylor was appointed to the grade of brigadier general and assumed his duties as deputy chief of Air Force chaplains, Headquarters U.S. Air Force. He was nominated as chief of chaplains, U.S. Air Force Aug. 16, 1962 in his then grade of brigadier general. Chaplain Taylor took over his duties as chief of chaplains on Sept. 1, 1962 and was promoted to the grade of major general Oct. 1, 1962.

His decorations and awards include the Silver Star, Bronze Star and the Presidential Unit Citation with two oak leaf clusters.

Chaplain, Lt Col Steven Thomas serves as the Great Lakes Region Chaplain



"WREATHS ACROSS AMERICA"

December 8, 2012
(check with your Wing for further information)



AWARD WINNERS 2012 NATIONAL BOARD/CONFERENCE

(photos by Susan Robertson, NHQ)



Chaplain, Lt Col Adma Ross
Senior Chaplain of the Year



Chaplain, Maj Elise Whitworth
Squadron Chaplain of the Year



Maj Myron Goins (TXWG)
Character Development Instructor
of the Year



AWARD WINNERS WITH THE NATIONAL COMMANDER AND CHIEF OF CHAPLAINS

Major Myron Goins (TXWG) - Character Development Officer of the Year
Chaplain, Maj Elise Whitworth (GAWG) - Squadron Chaplain of the Year
Maj Gen Charles "Chuck" Carr, Jr. - National Commander
Chaplain, Lt Col Adma Ross (CTWG HC) - Senior Chaplain of the Year
Chaplain, Col J. Delano Ellis II - Chief of Chaplains

***Congratulations to our award winners for their outstanding
accomplishments and contributions to CAP and to the CAP Chaplain Corps !!!***

SMILEBOX PRESENTATION OF THE 2012 NATIONAL CONFERENCE (copy and paste the link):

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"What I Did on My Summer Vacation"

Submitted by: Ch, Lt Col Jeff Williams, COWG HC

Editors Note: *With CAP Sabbath/Sunday coming soon, here is an excellent example of how one Chaplain shared his CAP ministry with his congregation in the church newsletter. I did change the font size from 12 to 11 ☺*

"But how are they to call on him in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in him of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone preaching? And how are they to preach unless they are sent? As it is written, How beautiful are the feet of those who preach the good news!" Romans 10:14-15 (ESV)

August 20 is the official first day of school for Jefferson County. On that day, thousands of students will trudge into their classrooms to be confronted with the perennial English Composition assignment, write a paper on "What I did on my summer vacation." Some teachers will be so mean as to give a minimum length for the paper, either two pages or 500 words or the like. Well, the two pager is no problem, you simply write big. OK, so today's student will use a 32 point font and wide margins. Same idea. The 500 word paper is harder, but in the "very (497) very (498) very (499) end (500)" even that isn't so hard to accomplish.

What I did on my summer vacation. To call it a summer vacation is a misnomer, really. It wasn't a vacation, but an opportunity to serve God and country as a Civil Air Patrol chaplain. You may ask, "what is the Civil Air Patrol, why do they need chaplains, what does it take to become a chaplain, and what do you actually do." <Silence while I wait for you.> I'm glad you asked.

The Civil Air Patrol is a corporation chartered by the United States Congress as the official auxiliary of the United States Air Force. It was formed on December 1, 1941, as several community and aviation leaders sought ways for civilians to assist in the war that many thought the country would be entering. They were right, as history proved, and within the week America was officially in the global conflict. Although civilians, the early CAP is noted for performing coastal patrol duties in an effort to stem the loss of shipping to German U-Boats. Flying single engine sport planes which were modified to carry a 100 pound bomb, the CAP was credited with sinking two submarines, spotting countless others, and saving the lives of many seamen. A number of CAP members lost their lives, and in so doing, helped preserve the liberties of all.

After the war, in 1947, the Congress declared that CAP was the official, non-combatant auxiliary of the newly formed USAF. Congress charged the CAP with completing three missions: emergency services, aerospace education, and a cadet program.

Emergency services include search and rescue, about 90 percent of all inland search missions include CAP members. Emergency services also includes disaster relief, as evidenced these past few months as CAP members assisted with efforts at the Hyde Park and Waldo Canyon fires, plus flying many photo missions to spot potential fires and to assess damage.

Aerospace education has two components, internal and external. The internal aerospace education is to teach CAP members, both seniors (over 21) and cadets (12 to 20), about aviation. They learn about aircraft, rocketry, science, math, and a host of related subjects. External aerospace education brings aviation to the classroom, such as the Aviation Immersion Week last January at Messiah Lutheran School in Grand Junction.

The cadet program is designed to build leaders who will act with integrity to serve this nation both inside and outside the military. Ten percent of the Air Force Academy cadets are CAP members, while many others become officers through ROTC programs. A CAP cadet officer can enlist in a military branch, and in light of his or her CAP experience, will receive the grade of E-3 upon completion of basic training. That is a significant advantage. However, many cadets do not enter the military, but still put their training in organization, public speaking, leadership, and personal discipline to good use in the workplace or school.

Why does CAP need chaplains? We are heavily involved in two of the three mission, namely emergency services and the cadet program. Officially the chaplain has no set duties in aerospace education, but few are the chaplains that are uninvolved in that mission as well. During the Four Mile



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Four Mile Grand Canyon Fire

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Grand Canyon fire in Boulder, I was an incident chaplain, providing support for those collecting and distributing relief supplies to firefighters and those whose homes were destroyed. During extended search missions, chaplains are present to help victim's families, support those who are involved in both ground and aerial search, or who are working at the mission base. We provide for the physical, moral, and spiritual well-being of all involved.

Chaplains also provide for moral and character training in the cadet program. By using case studies and other materials, we encourage the cadets to apply the core values of integrity, volunteer service, excellence, and respect to various situations. Topics include cheating in school, suicide, teamwork vs. individualism, social media, and a host of subjects which raise ethical questions. We help the cadets work through problems before they are confronted with them in real life.

Because CAP is the auxiliary of the USAF, chaplains need to meet the same educational and endorsement standards required for an active duty, reserve, or National Guard chaplain. This means the CAP chaplain has a Master of Divinity degree from an accredited seminary, and is endorsed by his church body. The LCMS requires that each chaplain candidate receive recommendations from three other pastors, the district president, and be appointed by the synodical board for Ministry to the Armed Forces. This endorsement is reviewed periodically to make sure the chaplain is still qualified.

These past few months I did a number of interesting things as a CAP chaplain. In June, I was the chaplain for the annual cadet encampment, a week of training in leadership and other topics, which took place at the Air Force Academy Prep School. Well, it is supposed to be a week long, but due to the Waldo Canyon fire, we were evacuated to Peterson Air Force Base on Tuesday evening. We saw first hand the cooperation between CAP and the USAF as regards emergency services. My job was to assist and counsel those scared by the proceedings, while simultaneously helping to load trucks and cars with personal equipment as we quickly departed the Academy grounds. While at Peterson, I turned a friendly ear to the plight of those affected by the evacuation, offering prayers as needed.



Cadets building RC planes

A week later I drove a CAP van to Oshkosh, Wisconsin, where we had a new National level activity to teach cadets how to fly radio controlled aircraft. Not only was I a driver, but I also provided the Sunday worship service, evening devotions for those who wanted to attend, mealtime prayers, and that all important friendly ear. In addition, I helped ensure that the attendee's physical, emotional, and spiritual needs were met, which meant retrieving forgotten lunches, providing flats of water, and generally being present when people wanted to talk.

Most importantly, the CAP chaplain exists to preserve the First Amendment rights to the free exercise of religion. I am a resource to assist every member of CAP as they desire to worship God as they see fit. Of course, I do not and cannot provide services for non-Christians, but I can find them the proper places of worship as they may need. In addition, I minister to all Christians as the opportunity arises, especially to other members of the Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod. Finally, I am available to answer any questions which may arise about religion, religious practices, doctrine, and theology. When a person asks, "Chaplain, what do you believe?" I can answer and proclaim salvation by grace through faith for the sake of Christ. Trust me, I always am looking for that opportunity, and it arises frequently. People are searching, and secular spirituality doesn't help when the fires are raging, a family member is lost, or in the midst of growing up.

You, as a congregation, have supported this aspect of my call as Pastor. You have given me the time to pursue this ministry of presence, this ministry of proclaiming the Gospel of Christ Jesus to those who otherwise would have no contact with any clergy. CAP chaplains, as part of the Air Force Chaplain Corps,

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are missionaries to both CAP members and the community. Our presence, our words, our actions speak of our faith in our Lord and Savior. We serve our community with our time, talent, and treasure, because Christ first served us with His holy, precious blood, and His innocent suffering and death. You have sent me to proclaim our Lord's grace and mercy, a task I humbly accept, a task for which I covet your prayers.

So, that is a bit over two pages of 12 pitch type, and just under 1500 words. May our Lord continue to bless you as you encourage all who serve as chaplains.



SUMMARY OF FORM 34's
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This was the first report following the “on-line” reporting being the primary means of reporting. While there are a few glitches that are still being worked out, the overall process has proven very effective.

From January through June, the CAP Chaplain Corps personnel participated in 17,341 activities; spent 68,974 hours; traveled 549,851 miles; invested \$549,851 in their service to others.

The information gathered from these reports assist the Chaplain Corps Advisory Council in evaluating the program.

It is also included in the CAP's Annual Report to Congress.



Chaplain, Maj Irving Allen (ORWG)

Chaplain, Maj Ian Burgin (GAWG)

CAP SABBATH/SUNDAY
DECEMBER 1 AND 2

“In 1972, the CAP National Board designated the first Sunday in December as CAP Sunday. Soon after that, the Saturday before was added to the celebration for those whose day of worship is Saturday. The week-end commemorates the fact that CAP was chartered by the U.S. Congress on December 1, 1941. CAP Sunday/Sabbath gives CAP Chaplains an opportunity to acquaint their churches with their ministry as CAP Chaplains. Sometimes units may choose to support their chaplains by all worshipping in the same place, and in uniform. Other units, encourage members to attend the church or synagogue of their church in uniform. This is an excellent opportunity to take the message of aerospace to non-CAP members. For chaplains, it is also an excellent opening for telling their religious bodies about the importance of moral leadership in CAP.”
(CAPP221A – Chapter 4, p. 18)

Each member of the Chaplain Corps, chaplain and CDI alike, as well as all CAP members, are encouraged to proudly wear their uniform to the worship service they attend on either 12/1 or 12/2 – be it the service dress, the corporate uniform or the blazer combo.

It is also noteworthy that Gill Robb Wilson, one of the founders of CAP, was an ordained Presbyterian Minister and is even called CAP's first “Chaplain” (CAP News, June 2000).