



The *Transmitter*

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From the Chief of the Chaplain Corps.....

Weary, but Watchful

Have you noticed? Sometimes life seems to get in the way, but God has a better way. We were reminded of that by the Air Force Chief of Chaplains at our prayer breakfast at the National Board meeting in San Antonio. If you were there, without question you were blessed. Reminders of the Providence of God are necessary and helpful. That message was brought to me in subsequent days.



Ch, Col Whit Woodard

Returning from the California Wing Conference a cell phone call brought our attention to a situation in our church with a challenging effect on my wife. Expecting to get home to a restored computer, I was to wait yet a week for completion. Relying only on the iPhone for internet communications was a special challenge considering my big fingers and the tiny keyboard. Two long days in the field with my Army units, chapel services, change of command, counseling soldiers and feet sore from ill-fitting combat boots were added factors. Business decisions and preparation for teaching distant Jr. College classes were pressing, not to mention that the time for filing my extended income taxes was quickly approaching. Illness in the family, chronic back pain and two automobile breakdowns in one day added to the mix. On top of it all, AT&T had returned my payment for the cell phone and then turned off my phone for lack of the payment. Time was passing for planning travel to the next two Air Force and CAP gatherings. Then the phone call came. The tragic death of a 2 year old child in a firearms accident involved the children of one of my soldiers.

Confronted with a seemingly impossible schedule, realizing the hours that would be required to effectively minister to an entire Company of soldiers at a distance from my home, I laid my head in my hands, and quickly sought the calm of prayer. My wife happened by and seeing the distress asked "What is the matter?" I was surprised to hear the reply that came from my own lips. "I just don't know if I have anything left to give today."

The first Bible verse that came to mind was "... *let us not grow weary of doing good, for in due season we will reap, if we do not give up.*" "But Lord," I thought, "how can I not be weary?" And then I remembered the Lord's encouragement to the Apostle Paul when he faced an overwhelming situation. "*My grace is sufficient for thee: for my strength is made perfect in weakness.*" Minutes later I was on the phone with the soldier and seeing to the needs of the Company.

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From the Chief of the Chaplain Corps...

"Weary, but Watchful" (cont'd)

I share this with you because I believe that I am far from alone in facing such times. As I have the privilege of meeting our chaplains and praying with them, I am often awed by their sacrifice. And I am also cognizant of the additional pressures on home life and church ministries; and the price that is sometimes paid in what we have come to know as "compassion fatigue."

Paul's admonition has not lost its savor in our time and we must be always on the alert to encourage one another in ministry. The Greek word that is translated weary in our English texts is generally understood to mean lose heart. But it is interesting to note that it comes from a verb that means to act badly or to treat badly or to leave off. The idea is that of avoiding responsibility, which is seen as acting (or responding) badly. Chaplains are certainly not immune from such and I suspect that's one reason why Paul repeated this admonition several times.

The text goes on to indicate that if we continue in weariness, the result may well lead to an extreme lassitude culminating in a giving up. We must guard against that by keeping a focus on the reaping that will surely occur if we persevere in doing good. Reaping speaks to us of provision and even reward. The ancient Jewish practice testifies, as the farmer joyfully partakes of the harvest, so the faithful servant of God shares in the joy of the Lord which in turn staves off defeat.

For those of us who face difficult circumstances, my freely paraphrased encouragement is this: Continue to do good when faced with exhaustion of one sort or another by remembering the promise that certainly awaits you if you do not lose courage and quit.

"Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye steadfast, unmovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labor is not in vain in the Lord."

Let us pray for one another and encourage one another and rejoice with one another in the Providence of God.

Semper Vigilans ad Dei Gloriam

Chaplain, Col Whit Woodard, CAP
Chief of Chaplain Corps



Ch, Maj Gen Cecil Richardson
Chief of the USAF Chaplain Corps bringing an inspirational message to those in attendance at the Prayer Breakfast



Maj Gen Amy Courter presenting a gift from CAP to Ch, Maj Gen Cecil Richardson
(photo by Susan Robertson, NHQ)



Chaplain, Lt Col Bob Ledden
ORWG HC Emeritus

Chaplain Bob Ledden's Summer "Vacation"

Summer vacation is the time when many take off and go places. Others stick around the house and work on "projects". Well, Chaplain Ledden chose the latter. But his "projects" did not involve working on the house or in the yard. His summer vacation involved serving as the chaplain for two National Cadet Special Activities held near his Oregon home in McMinnville.

The Michael King Smith Evergreen Business Academy was held from June 19-27 at the Evergreen Aviation and Space Museum.

This event provides cadets with a up-close look into the workings of Evergreen Aviation's worldwide operations including: a cargo airline, ground logistics and support, helicopter operations, purchase and sale of aircraft, agriculture and museum operations. There were sixteen cadets from thirteen wings who attended this event. The staff consisted of three cadets who were graduates from the previous year and seven senior members. Chaplain Ledden provided assistance as one of the van drivers for the event. More importantly, he led a worship service and taught two classes on moral leadership within the context of what it means to be ethical leaders. This is a subject to which the students were exposed over and over again by each of the presenters from the Evergreen family as well as the other business leaders from the larger community.

In the month of July (9-13) over 100 cadets and their senior member escorts converged on the campus of Linfield College and the Evergreen Aviation and Space Museum for the National Cadet Competition. NCC, as it's known to the cadets, involves eight drill teams and eight color guards from around the country. Each team earned the right to compete here through competitions at Group, Wing and Region levels. During the 4-day competition, the teams competed in a one-mile run, tested their knowledge of aviation through a written exam and a game similar to "Jeopardy", went through an uniform inspection, and performed complex military drill routines. General William M. Fraser III, USAF, then Vice Chief of Staff - USAF, flew his jet to the small McMinnville Municipal to review the cadets and to present trophies to the competition winners. Throughout the event, Chaplain Ledden provided "ministry of presence." Cadets and senior members also attended a worship service which Chaplain Ledden conducted.

Chaplain Ledden offers the following observations: "Over the years of my Civil Air Patrol experience, I have been a part of various CAP activities and events. By far, the two I had the privilege of serving as chaplain for this summer -- The Michael King Smith Evergreen Business Academy and the National Cadet Competition -- have been a highlight of my CAP service. The young people in both events were exceptional and were both inspirational to me. They performed with an excellence and integrity that both speaks well for the future of our country and shows that the youth of our nation are ready and willing to be responsible contributing citizens of society."

The Michael King Smith Evergreen Business Academy, by nature one of the smallest in number of our National Cadet Activities, is, in my estimation, a most powerful preparation of our cadets for living in our fast-paced, complex, global society with integrity and self-confidence. To be a part of the leadership which enabled all that to happen was at once privilege, challenge and rewarding.

The national Cadet Competition brought together one of the largest collection of cadets of any single CAP cadet activity. This was an opportunity for our cadets to show-off their skills as drill teams and color guard units. It was the culmination of all the work they had done in preparation to be the best that they could be. It also gave them the opportunity to experience a unique venue in the Michael King Smith Evergreen Air and Space Museum. I invite any of our chaplains to join us in 2010 as both of these activities will again be held in our region here in McMinnville."

PICTURES FROM THE 2009 NATIONAL CONFERENCE San Antonio, Texas



The CCEC with Ch, Maj Gen Cecil Richardson
Chaplains Col Whit Woodard, Lt Col Ron Tottingham, and
Lt Col Ken Van Loon



**Gen Stephen Lorenz, Commander of the
AETC visiting the Chaplain Corps**
(with him are Col Bill Ward, CAP-USAF CC and
Maj Gen Amy Courter, CAP CC)



Chaplain, Major Marcus Taylor (FLWG HC)
leading Learning Lab on "Chaplains Heal Thyself"



Chaplain, Lt Col James Sickmeyer (NCR HC)
leading Learning Lab on Suicide Prevention (Q-P-R)



Members of the CCAC meeting in an all day session

Chaplains Oscar Cope (SER); Bill Cochran (RMR); Whit Woodard (Chief); Ron Tottingham (Deputy Chief); Delano Ellis (GLR); Steven Thomas (GLR Deputy); Van Don Williams (NER); James Sickmeyer (NCR); Paul Ward (PCR); Ken Van Loon (Secretary); John Murdoch (Advisor) and Robert Whitley (SWR)

LIVING THE AIR FORCE CORE VALUES

Source: USAF Aim Points – June 2009

*This article was suggested reading by our National Commander.
You are encouraged to share this with members of your units.*



Major General Amy S. Courter
National CAP Commander

I'm sure if you ask Airmen about the Air Force core values they could recite them without thought, but do they really know what these core values mean? On a personal level, they probably mean something different to each individual. But, as long as we embrace the spirit of the core values, we will succeed in taking care of the mission and our people.

The Air Force core values are tightly interwoven and dependent upon one another. You must have integrity to place service before self and if you place service before self, you will strive for excellence in all you do.

There are four reasons for observing these values as outlined in the Little Blue Book. The first reason is that "the core values tell us the price of admission to the Air Force itself." The second reason for recognizing the core values is that "they point to what is universal and unchanging in the profession of arms." The third reason for adhering to these values is that "they help us get a fix on the ethical climate of the organization." Lastly, "they also serve as beacons vectoring us back to the path of professional conduct; the core values allow us to transform a climate of corrosion into a climate of ethical commitment."

The most important core value to me and, in my opinion, the hardest for most to fully comply with is Service Before Self. My favorite excerpt from the Little Blue Book is, "Professionals cannot indulge themselves in self-pity, discouragement, anger, frustration or defeatism. They have a fundamental moral obligation to the persons they lead to strike a tone of confidence and forward-looking optimism. More specifically, they are expected to exercise control in the areas of anger, appetites and religious toleration."

How many times have you allowed yourself to be angry, frustrated or discouraged? I bet we have all been there. I think the trick is not to let it show, don't allow your peers or subordinates to know and never let it affect morale or the mission.

The core values mention self-control of your appetites. What does that mean? I think it means many things, but certainly includes not making sexual overtures to your subordinates, not drinking alcohol in excess and not indulging in any other type of personal pleasure fulfillment that places you before mission needs. These behaviors are contrary to professionalism and are not conducive to the Air Force way of life.

These are extreme violations of our core values, but what about the "little stuff"? Do you fail to discipline your subordinates because you are worried they won't like you? Is that service before self? Do you fail to point out a dress and appearance violation because you are not in compliance? Is that service before self? Do you allow someone to take leave because you're uncomfortable denying the request and it leaves the work center short-handed? Is that service before self?

I propose that these behaviors are not service before self. You serve your own personal needs and ego if you are worried about what people will think of you and afraid to do

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CORE VALUES article (Cont'd)....

the right thing. What concerns me most is that this type of behavior becomes so common place that it is viewed as the “norm” and destroys our standards and culture of excellence.

We ourselves are at the heart of creating an atmosphere of complacency through apathy. As a result, when quality Airmen who follow the core values make the “right call” they are viewed as unreasonable and labeled “hardcore.” Making the tough, not always the popular, calls is service before self. It may be in your best interest or the Airman’s best interest, but it is in the best interest of the unit, the mission and the Air Force.

I challenge you to reflect carefully on the decisions you make, or will make, in your workplace and even your personal life and ask yourself, “Who am I serving?”

Welcome Aboard

The following are newly appointed Chaplains and Character Development Instructors:

2nd Lt Michele Torbert - DCWG
Chaplain, Capt Bruce L. Crabtree - MIWG
Chaplain, Lt Col Leslie A. Peine- OHWG

**CAP fields the largest volunteer chaplain corps in the world.
Numbering close to 900 chaplains
and character development instructors.**

New Assignment

Congratulations to....

Chaplain, Maj Jon “Jack” Lumanog
Appointed to serve as the MIWG HC

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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

Capt Todd Bayley (FLWG)
 Capt Edward Bernard (NHWG)
 1st Lt Roger Courtney (TXWG)
 Capt Jeffrey Leskowat (OKWG)
 Capt Michael McEntyre (ALWG)
 Ch, Capt Paul Rech (NJWG)
 Ch, Maj Adma Ross (NJWG)
 Ch, Maj Danny Riggs (WAWG)



Level 3 – Grover Loening

Capt Larry Dotson (VWWG)
 Ch, Maj Edwin Kopp (NYWG)
 Capt Ann Migliaccio (NYWG)
 1st Lt Hans Ove Nilsen (GAWG)
 Capt Phil Price (OHWG)
 Capt David Snyder (WIWG)



Level 4 – Paul Garber

Ch, Maj Roger Bennett (ALWG)
 Ch, Lt Col William Cochran (ALWG)
 Maj Lee Ann Curry (FLWG)
 1st Lt Diane Lambert (NHWG)
 Maj Sherri Lierenz (DEWG)
 Ch, Lt Col William Picking (VAWG)
 Ch, Lt Col Marcus Taylor (FLWG)
 Ch, Lt Col Robert Young (DEWG)



Level 5 – Gill Robb Wilson

Maj John Erickson (AKWG)
 Ch, Lt Col Richard Pyle (PAWG)

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

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CAP CORE VALUES

-- Integrity

-- Volunteer Service

-- Excellence

-- Respect



CAP CHAPLAIN CORPS AWARD WINNERS 2009 NATIONAL BOARD CONFERENCE



Chaplain, Major Hal B. Lee Jr. (MSWG)
Senior Chaplain of the Year



Chaplain, Captain David R. Vaughn (TNWG)
Squadron Chaplain of the Year



1st Lieutenant Michael D. Lynch (CAWG)
Character Development Instructor of the Year



Chaplain, Maj Gordon Rourk (COWG)
Drug Demand Reduction Administrator of the Year

Left to Right: Col Ed Phelka (COWG CC), Chaplain Rourk, Maj Gen Amy Courter (NHQ CC), and Col Greg Cortum (RMR CC). This is his second consecutive award.

***Congratulations to all these members of the CAP Chaplain Corps for
recognition of their accomplishments and achievements in their service
to Civil Air Patrol***

CHAPLAIN, LT COL ALEX H. MILLS, SR HONORED FOR HIS SERVICE

Contributed by Chaplain, Lt Col Willis H. Moore (GAWG HCD)

Charter members of Civil Air Patrol are rare nowadays, but Chaplain, Lt Col Alex H. Mills, Sr. is one of the few and looks the part. He joined as a cadet member of the Concord Composite Squadron, Concord, North Carolina in early 1942. When he moved to Rome, GA, he joined the Rome Composite Squadron, where he has remained deeply involved.

Tall, stately, with military erectness, and a shock of white hair, Chaplain Mills also stands tall among the Georgia Wing of the United States Air Force Auxiliary, Civil Air Patrol. Chaplain Mills' name is almost revered by the Rome Composite Squadron of CAP, and one can hardly name an activity of that squadron in which he has not had a hand.



Ch, Lt Col Oscar Cope (SER HC) presenting an Outstanding Service Award to Ch, Lt Col Alex Mills (R) of GAWG was for over 25 years of continuous service as a squadron and group chaplain during the SER CCSC at Ft. Benning, GA.

Whether on the podium with dignitaries, elegant in his Service Dress CAP uniform, or bouncing along on a tractor bush hogging the Squadron property, Chaplain Mills is tireless in his labors of love for his squadron. His delightful laugh rings joyfully in chaplains' conferences, and before some health issues intervened, he never missed a Southeast Region Chaplains Corps Staff College.

In 1988, GA Wing Chaplain Ron Greene asked Chaplain Mills permission to appoint him as Wing Chaplain. However, in characteristic commitment to his local responsibilities, Chaplain Mills politely declined, saying due to his local commitments to family, Boys Clubs, and Civil Air Patrol, it would not be wise to add "extra involvement beyond the current limit."

The late Chaplain John McGee of Mississippi once said of Chaplain Mills, "In addition to his own Wing, he serves as transportation Officer and Refreshment Chairman which saves us (SER CCSC) as much as \$200.00 in funds by providing refreshments for three or more days...and (later) sent two dozen cans of assorted nuts to be used at refreshment breaks at the College."

Chaplain Mills has been Chaplain of the Year for the Georgia Wing, as well as SER Chaplain of the year. A number of his cadets have gone on to the U.S. Air Force academy, one of whom is his son, who is now on the faculty there.

Chaplain Mills' resume is long and impressive. Nevertheless, he remains humble, and self effacing. His proudest moments are those when he sees one of his cadets get special recognition, a promotion, or becoming a significant leader in Civil Air Patrol — better yet, accepted at the USAF Academy. Chaplain Mills, for all his accomplishments professionally and in CAP, is a well balanced man. He likes to do home gardening, care for beef cattle, harvest hay and firewood, as well as fishing and hunting.

Chaplain Mills was born on 5 February 1929 in Concord, North Carolina, and serving numbers of churches, prisons' chaplain, and Boys Clubs in North Carolina. He settled in Georgia, and continues to bless his community, the Rome Composite Squadron, and the Georgia Wing with commitment, and positive leadership. Recently, some health issues threatened to slow him down, but sturdy leader that he is, they have not gotten him down.

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Chaplain Mills honored (Cont'd)....

At the Southeast Region Chaplains Corps Staff College, Chaplain Mills received special recognition presented by SER Chaplain, Lt Col Oscar Cope (see Photo). Unaware that he was to receive the award, Chaplain Mills attended the 2009 Chaplains Corps Staff College. He made extra effort to attend because Chaplain Cope gave him an individual invitation. Chaplain Mills even engaged one of his fellow CAP squadron members to drive him to Ft. Benning.

If you are privileged to meet Chaplain Mills, ask him about his son, who teaches at the USAF Academy, or about his Rome, Georgia CAP Squadron. You won't have to interrogate him! God, family, and CAP are readily on his heart, his mind, and his lips.



**Chaplain, Lt Col Richard L. Karr
TNWG**

**Chaplain, Lt Col David M. Stewart
CAWG**

2009 NATIONAL CONFERENCE SLIDE-SHOW

For those who were unable to attend the 2009 National Board/Conference in San Antonio, here is a link that has a slide show of the CAP Chaplain Corps personnel participating in the various activities:

<http://smilebox.com/playEmail/4d5445794e6a49314e7a46384d6a49784f5459344e44413d0d0a&sb=1>

***(copy the above link and paste in the address bar –
make sure you get both lines in the address bar)***

The 2010 National Board/Conference will be held at the San Diego Marriott & Marriott – 1-4 September.

Mark your calendars and
plan to attend this event.

SUMMARY OF FORM 34's (January-June 2009)

From January through June, the CAP Chaplain Corps personnel participated in 14,665 activities; spent 85,763; traveled 1,887,604 miles; invested \$287,213.00 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.

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.

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