



The *Transmitter*

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

We have a new name. Following the lead of the Air Force, the CAP Chaplain Service has become the CAP Chaplain Corps. We are in the process of revising our regulations and publications to reflect the new identity. This brings us into conformity with all of the military services and strengthens our identification as a component of the Air Force Chaplain Corps. I am pleased to report that our association with the Air Force is strong and cooperative. Ch, Maj. Gen., Cecil Richardson, AF Chief of Chaplains, is reviewing and revising a memorandum with the CAP Chaplain Corps and I am confident it will strengthen our tasking as non-combatant force multipliers in the War on Terror. I have asked that the Air Force Chaplain Corps provide a chaplain school for CAP chaplains who are authorized to assist the military, and I am pleased to report that Ch. Richardson has already asked for the funding. If approved, the training will take place either at Maxwell AFB, or at Fort Jackson in South Carolina (site of the new combined services chaplain school).



Ch, Col, Whit Woodard

The CAP Chaplain Corps has joined CAP. After some years of deliberation and careful consideration by the Chaplain Corps Advisory Council, the National Board enacted some changes that will require more involvement by chaplains in the every day life of CAP. I believe it will provide us with more opportunity for ministry and building friendships. For many years chaplains have been exempt from the bulk of training requirements for senior members. An unintended result has been a perception that chaplains occupied a privileged status apart from the rank and file membership. Promotions were granted solely on the basis of time in grade without regard to the senior training track. Though many chaplains participated fully in professional development, others have not. The result has been that the majority of us have remained at Level I.

The War on Terror and other significant factors have underscored the importance of the Professional Development Program. Some 90% of the sorties tasked by the 1st Air Force are flown by CAP. Increasing mission responsibilities during floods, hurricanes, tornados and other tragedies require a greater degree of expertise and understanding of the role of the Air Force Auxiliary. The Chaplain Corps is no exception to that rule. Expanded responsibility as force multipliers to the military and the increasing mission load has also required a greater degree of competence in our Chaplain Corps.

The bottom line is that effective 1 April 2009, by the recommendation of the CCAC and action of the National Board, chaplains are responsible to complete the Professional Development training track

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(levels I through V) in the same manner as any other senior member. Chaplains are appointed as either 1st Lieutenant or Captain in deference to their education and standing; however, subsequent promotions will be based on their completion of training requirements and time in grade. Level III will be required for promotion to Major and Level IV for promotion to Lt. Col. No one will be demoted by these new requirements, but future promotions will be granted on the completion of training requirements, time in grade, and commander's approval on the same basis as other senior members.

The chaplain specialty track (221) has been updated and revised. There are three courses in this series: CAPP 221A; CAPP 221B; and CAPP 221C. These courses correspond to the Technician, Senior and Master ratings. Chaplains will no longer receive a Technician rating upon appointment. It will be earned through completion of CAPP 221A. These courses may be completed online as soon as they can be included with our other online courses.

I believe these changes will improve our ability and acceptance in ministry in the 21st Century CAP; and gain new respect for the commitment and competence of the Chaplain Corps.

Semper Vigilans ad Dei Gloriam

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Ch, Col, Whit Woodard visiting with Congressman Edward R. Royce, 40th District CA during the Legislative Day held in conjunction with the Winter National Board.

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Chaplain, Capt, Ben Craver delivering the invocation
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**NATIONAL PRAYER BREAKFAST
 KIRTLAND AIR FORCE BASE
 ALBUQUERQUE, NEW MEXICO**

Civil Air Patrol Ch, Capt, Ben D Craver of the Thunderbird Squadron, Albuquerque NM, offered the invocation at the National Prayer Breakfast held at Kirtland Air Force Base, NM, 23 Feb 2009. Later, Chaplain, Lt Col, Lisa Tice, Wing Chaplain 377 ABW/HC introduced the speaker for the morning, Dave Roever.

Dave Roever joined the United States Navy and served as a river boat gunner in the elite Brown Water Black Beret during the Vietnam War. Eight months into his tour of duty, in 1969, Dave was burned beyond recognition when a phosphorous grenade he was poised to throw exploded in his hand. He was hospitalized for fourteen months, where he underwent numerous major surgeries. His survival and life are nothing short of miraculous.

Although he would doubtless deny it, Dave Roever is a genuine American hero. He told the more than 200 persons attending the prayer breakfast: "When you have suffered for America, you love her more." Dave's love for America and its warriors is intense. No one but God and him will ever know how much he suffered.

"Talent is a gift, but character is a choice."
 --Gen Sir John C. Maxwell, British WWI Commander

The Chaplain Corps and DDR

The St Louis Catholic Channel 9 School Health Fair in Englewood, Colorado was conducted on January 27, 2009. The school has about 200 students K-8. This was the second year Chaplain Major Gordon Rourk, COWG Drug Demand Reducation (DDR) Administrator, was invited to be one of the presenters to speak about Civil Air Patrol and the DDR program. Among the presenter booths invited by the school were dental, vision, head injury, safety, tobacco dangers, and various others.



Queens and Title Holders from Colorado Galaxy and USA Pageants assisted Chaplain Rourk speaking with the students on the dangers of drugs and alcohol. Chaplain Rourk states, "These young ladies, who are great role models, interacted with the students and talked with them about making right choices including, among other topics: listening to their parents, listening to their teachers, good health habits, and good diet habits."



Patrice Williams, Miss Colorado USA 2009; Jessica Smith, Miss Colorado Galaxy 2009; Sybrina Parker, Miss El Paso County Galaxy 2009; Chaplain Rourk; Amanda Kepple, Miss Colorado Galaxy 2008; Erin Feltes, Mrs Colorado Galaxy 2009



**Chaplain, Lt Col-Ret, Jack Vaughn – KSWG
 Chaplain, Lt Col, Vance R. Veazey - KSWG**

CHAPLAIN CORPS REGION STAFF COLLEGES 2009

GREAT LAKES/NORTHEAST

4-8 May, 2009
Wright-Patterson AFB, OH

MIDDLE EAST

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

NORTH CENTRAL

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

SOUTHEAST

4-7 May, 2009
Fort Benning, GA

SOUTHWEST

11-17 July, 2009
Kirtland AFB, NM

ROCKY MOUNTAIN

20-24 July, 2009
Peterson AFB, CO



Planning for the 2009 Southeast Region Chaplain Corps Staff College

Left to right: Ch, Lt Col, Oscar Cope, SER Chaplain;
Ch, Maj Jim Howell, Director, SER Chaplain Staff College;
Ch, Lt Col Willis H. Moore, Registrar.



Thirty-six students attended the 2009 Pacific Region Chaplain Corps Staff College held 16-19 March. Chaplain, Maj, Charlie Sattgast (PCR HCD) served as the Dean and Chaplain, Lt Col, Paul Ward (PCR HC) served as Director.

The focus of training was Critical Incident Stress Management (CISM). Lt Col Sam Bernard, National Headquarters CISM Team Leader, provided the students with excellent training.

Chaplain, Col, Whit Woodard was in attendance and gave briefings. McChord AFB is home to the 62nd Airlift Wing and students were given a tour of the C-17.

On the concluding day, Col Ernie Pearson, PCR CC, was the featured speaker for the graduation luncheon.

As one student expressed in their evaluation of the college, *“Even though there is a lot of information to get in during the 2 days, I enjoyed the CISM class. I also enjoyed the fellowship, prayers, support, friendship of the Chaplains and CDIs.”*

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SUMMARY OF FORM 34's (July-December 2008)

From July through December, the CAP Chaplain Corps personnel participated in 15,433 activities; spent 54,590 hours; traveled 456,788 miles; invested \$156,905.53 in their service to others.

CHAPLAIN, LT COL, ROBERT AND LT COL ANNA SCHEIDLY *First Couple in Chaplain Corps to Receive Gill Robb Wilson Award*

While there are several husband and wife teams in Civil Air Patrol who have earned their Gill Robb Wilson Awards, Chaplain, Lt Col, Robert and Lt Col Anna Scheidly are the first couple in the CAP Chaplain Corps to earn this award. This couple have been a ministry team for 49 years.

Bob and Anna met at Eastern Nazarene College, Wollaston Massachusetts at Easter Time in 1959 and were married the following June.

In the fall of 1960, while still in college at ENC in Wollaston Massachusetts, Anna and Bob joined the Quincy Composite Squadron. Bob was the Chaplain since he was a ministerial student at ENC and Anna became the Administrative Officer.



Chaplain, Lt Col, Robert and Lt Col Anna Scheidly

Like so many young adults in CAP, job duties and raising a family resulted in their taking a 20 year "hiatus". In 1982 when Anna and Bob's youngest daughter was in High School they searched out a CAP Unit to see if she would be interested in joining. Within a few months all four members of the family were members of the Fort Wayne Composite Squadron CAP in Fort Wayne Indiana. Bob rejoined in September 1982 and Anna rejoined in Jan 1983. Bob was the Chaplain and Anna filled the slots of Finance and Supply Officer. Most of the training classes have been taken together.

In 1989 Anna and Bob moved to Cape May County New Jersey to assist with Anna's aged and ill parents. The Cape May County Composite Squadron was restarted as a flight under the Schweiker Composite Squadron in 1991. When Anna and Bob found out about the new flight they went to a meeting. The commander was in shock when two Captains and two Lieutenants walked in expressing a desire to work within the unit. Bob became the Chaplain and Anna was the Administrative Officer. In 1992 the Commander had a serious accident and Anna became the Acting Commander followed by her appointment as Squadron Commander.

During this time Anna and Bob were active in Emergency Services becoming Ground Team Member, Ground Team Leader and Emergency Services Trainer Qualified. Together they participated in over 100 missions and have many finds to their credit. In 1995 Anna accepted command of Group 225.

In 2004 Anna attended a NER Chaplain Service Staff College with Bob and there was convinced she was qualified to re-activate as a Moral Leadership Officer. She applied and became an assigned MLO by National HQ in February 2005. Anna's and Bob's memberships were transferred to NJ Wing HQ where in 2006 Anna became the Director of Administration. In 2007 Anna accepted the duty of Director of Personnel for NJW. Bob was actively working in CAP wherever needed including Assistant Personnel Officer and Supply Officer.

In 2005 Anna and Bob attended NER Staff College together. In 2006 they both received the Yeager Award. In 2008 Bob became the New Jersey Wing Chaplain and Anna was named Character Development Officer of the Year at the National Conference. Bob and Anna attended National Staff College together in 2008 completing the requirements for the Gill Robb Wilson Award, which they received in December.

EDITORS NOTE: As a seminar advisor for the 2008 National Staff College, it was a privilege to have had Anna as a member of the group that was assigned to me. - Paul

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT AWARDS

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



Level 2 – Benjamin O. Davis

Ch, Capt, Donald Seaman – ARWG
Ch, 1st Lt, James Brigham – COWG
Ch, Capt, Arthur Ford III – COWG
1st Lt Jimmy Chism – FLWG
1st Lt Jennifer Smith – MIWG
Capt Kevin Tillet – NCWG
Maj James Croson – NEWG
Capt Ruy Costa – NHWG
Ch, Capt, Douglas Brock – NYWG
Capt Marlin McKinley – OHWG
Ch, Capt, Randall Matheny – PAWG
Ch, Capt, Ivan McDaniel – TNWG
Capt Gary Gourley – WWG



Level 3 – Grover Loening

Ch, Maj, Terrence Barlow – NCWG
1st Lt Diane Lambert – NHWG
Capt Jimmy Reeves – MOWG
Ch, Maj, Hal Lee Jr. – MSWG
Ch, Maj, Daniel Grosseohme – OHWG
Capt Van Dora Williams – VAWG
Ch, Maj, Harvey Gainer Jr – GAWG
Maj R.E. Hatfield – WAWG
Capt Philip Snyder – WAWG



Level 4 – Paul Garber

Ch, Maj, Marcia Strahl – ILWG
Maj Carolyn Irby – NVWG
Ch, Maj, Robert McLawhon – MNWG
Ch, Lt Col, Frederick Pingel – UTWG



Level 5 – Gill Robb Wilson

Lt Col Larry Lopshire – INWG
Lt Col Christine Rinn – MIWG
Ch, Lt Col, Thomas Miller – NVWG
Ch, Maj, Robert McMillan – OKWG

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

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MARK THESE DATES ON YOUR CALENDAR *2-6 September 2009*

Chaplain, Lt Col, James Sickmeyer – NCR HC, is an instructor for the QPR program which specializes in Suicide Prevention, Intervention, and Postvention. QPR stands for "Question, Persuade, and Refer." Chaplain Sickmeyer will be providing QPR training during the break-out sessions at National Board in San Antonio, Texas.