



# The *Transmitter*

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## ***From the Chief of Chaplains.....***

### **When Blue Skies Turn Gray**

This article is to talk about the weather. Of course, I'm not talking about atmospheric changes and the like as much as I want to talk about situational changes that take place in all of our lives daily.

Let's settle the matter with regard to what "blue skies" are. I'd like to call those days "sun-sponsored" ones. Blue skies are days when you awake with a sense of hope and possibility. Everything may not be perfect but you can, at least, see light at the end of the tunnel. Blue skies are the days when all of your hopes stand up and "junk" doesn't get to you as quickly as it did on yesterday. These are the days when you're in charge and normalcy is the order of that day.

But then there are the "Gray Skies." These are the days when all hope seems lost and the sun is obscured by puffy mist in the heavens. Gray Skies seem to promise rain and dreary light. Gray Skies suggest violent winds and unfriendly downpours. Gray Skies, actually, affect your mood.

But the difference between the Blue Skies and Gray Skies is simply wind and perception. The deception of perception is our momentary lack of appreciation for the sun which is shining in the Blue Sky Days and the Gray Sky Days.

Now, as long as we live, we will have good days and bad days. There will be days when we feel like we can conquer the world and whip every Goliath in our lives. But not long after that there will be days when we will feel as though we couldn't whip a gnat!

Let me open up a bit more by telling you that *bad* stuff does happen to *good* people and it doesn't mean that God is mad at you! I need to help you by telling you that you need to stop beating up on yourself when stuff goes sour. Life is filled with the sweet and the sour and there is nothing that you and I can do about it! One philosopher suggested that life is linear; straight line to nowhere. But the ancients taught that life is cylindrical; "*what comes around, goes around!*" Sit still, stuff will change in a minute.

I have a guy I want to mention who was born in Arabia. He was filthy rich! As a matter of fact, he was the richest man in the known world. He owned so much until his wealth was unfathomable. This particular guy was the father of ten (10) children. They were all grown and had families and owned houses and land, independently.

Something happened one day in the atmosphere. There was a weather change in the region of his country. First of all, it was a wind and rain storm with violent lightening. Now if you know the region of Northern Arabia you'd know that that kind of weather was highly unusual. Desert Storms are usually full



**Ch, Col J. Delano Ellis II**

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## *From the Chief of Chaplains... (cont'd)*

of wind and dry sand, not rain and lightening. Maybe that fact alone should suggest that the storm was “*otherworldly*” or inspired by forces unusual to humankind.

The storm was so bad until all of his livestock was, killed, rustled or kidnapped. Lightening hit the Flock and burned all of the unsheared sheep to death. Their wool had become kindling and the storm caused a mass bar-b-que. His cattle were rustled in the confusion of the thunder-claps and lightening and the cattle-rustlers murdered all of the cowboys who tended the herd. His Taxi-Camel Business was destroyed because a band of thieves from the north (Chaldeans) came across the national borders and stole all of his camels and closed down his Desert Caravan capabilities.

Now you can usually get back on your feet after losing “*stuff*” but to get news that your child has been taken away from you is another story all together. Ten children were killed in one house on one street and the neighborhood couldn’t figure out what brought about such a change in the weather for this man and his family. Terror had to be the normal feeling of that day. This man and his family had invested years of love and care in those young people and in one night they all were dead! This man and his wife lost all ten of their kids and had to prepare to have their funerals and wonder “*what ever happened to their Blue Skies?*”

Please let me give you four items to think about in the days ahead. If you’ll think about these four things as you watch the news and wait for results and justice to be done, you’ll be better equipped to handle the next change in the weather in your life.

1. **DON’T PANIC.** Panic is the absence of control. If you panic, you will not be in charge of your outcomes. If you panic, someone else will always manage you and your life. Keep your wits about you! *Example:* Here you are driving the school bus down the street and you see an accident coming. **Do not take your hands off the wheel, cover your eyes and scream “Oh Jesus!”** That’s panic. Keep your hands on the wheel, keep your eyes open and manage the bus, to the best of your ability, and then scream “*Oh Jesus!*”

I was a Western Union Delivery Boy back in Philadelphia in 1957. While delivering telegrams to office buildings in Center City, I was on an elevator, coming down from the 27th or 28th floor. The elevator was packed. We were on our tip-toes and suddenly, the electricity went out in downtown Philly. Everybody started squirming and breathing hard and mumbling while some few ladies started screaming. I just stood there, quietly, waiting for someone to engage the emergency system that would get us down to the first floor. In the meanwhile, a little lady started threatening to “faint!” She kept on promising; “*I’m going to faint.*”

Now you should have known me as a young boy. Some would say that I was a bit mischievous. I decided to shut her up. I covered my mouth and directed my voice to the floor and said; “I wouldn’t do that if I were you; there is a thief on this elevator! You will not get off this thing the same way you got on.” You can imagine the rustling and shoving on that dark elevator, especially when I then began shoving mumbling, “Hey, don’t touch me; get your hand out of my pocket Man!” By the time the elevator reached the first floor, folk rushed out, looking back, trying to figure out who the robber was.....but the greater point here is that you can’t afford to allow circumstances to make you give up control of your life and yourself! **DON’T PANIC!** This guy, refused to panic when he realized that his life was falling apart. The Scriptures say (Job 1:29) that this fellow “*arose, shaved his head....tore his robe off....fell down on the ground and worshipped.*”

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2. **DON'T TAKE ADVICE FROM FAMILY OR FRIENDS.** The truth is, they don't know any more about what you're going through than you do. God makes you the professional in your own unique circumstance. The guy in my story had one family member and friends who came around trying to make him feel like God was mad at him about "something". They gave him bad advice (Job 2:11). God was not angry with this fellow and He's not mad with you! **"Stuff (just) Happens!"** It has nothing to do with whether or not God is out to get you; He's not! He loves you and He wants to see you through this time of hurt and fear and anger and a thousand other emotions you must be having. Don't let folk try to tell you how you should feel. You and God get together and do this thing yourselves!

3. **DON'T BECOME BITTER.** Bitterness can only hurt you! If you allow yourself to harbor anger long enough, you will feed a root of hatred that will cause you more sleepless nights. Haven't you ever been angry with someone about a wrong they've done to you? And when you held that thing long enough, didn't you start feeling unhealthy? You had bad nerves, headaches and a dozen other things that you didn't need! Oh yes, be angry but don't sin. Oh yes, be (pissed) ticked off, but keep your head on straight.

4. **WAIT.** (Job 14:13-14) The same winds that blew in the gray skies will blow them right back out again. This thing will not last forever. Pain will not always hurt! There is an end.

While teaching Sociology at one of the colleges in the south I came to the end of a quarter and was handing out an exam to my students. One of the students jumped to his feet and, in a loud protesting voice, demanded; "Hey Dr. Ellis: what in the heck do you think we are, Bureaus of Information?" He held the exam up and said; "Look at this thing; it's a magazine! We'll never finish this!"

I simply looked up from my desk and invited him to sit down and shut up and listen to my instructions. I told him a few things:

First: Read the instructions on page one. Secondly: Take each problem, one at a time! Thirdly: Trust me. I have been your Professor for this entire Quarter and I know each one of you. I know when you've done your best. I know what you mean when you work through a problem. Fourthly: Nobody will grade your exam but me. I will not trust anyone else to decide on you and your final grade. Fifthly and finally: I've printed two words on the last page, in the lower right hand corner to encourage you; **"THE END!"** I put that there so that you would know that no test lasts forever.

Hey y'all; all of this will soon be over. It will not last forever. Better days are coming!

## **CAP CHAPLAIN CORPS FACEBOOK GROUP**

Many of you use the social networking media of FACEBOOK. The CAP Chaplain Corps has a FACEBOOK group that you can join. Log in to Facebook and go to the following link or search for the Civil Air Patrol Chaplain Corps.

[http://www.facebook.com/media/albums/?id=628940131#!/groups/16639568303/?notif t=group\\_r2j](http://www.facebook.com/media/albums/?id=628940131#!/groups/16639568303/?notif t=group_r2j)



This group is a forum for Civil Air Patrol-USAF Auxiliary Chaplain Corps personnel to network, communicate, share ideas and resources, exchange information and generally just connect ourselves to one another.

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## CHARACTER DEVELOPMENT CLASS

By Lt Col Anna O. Scheidly, CAP CDI (NJWG)

*(Reprinted from the NER Spring 2013 Newsletter)*

When we pour our heart, soul, mind and spirit into the preparation for a Character Development Class we have an expectancy that the "students" will come prepared.



Lt Col Anna Scheidly

OK, I know we prepare through prayer, mediation, study, research and considering each cadet and their need. We print the lesson handout, gather the supplies and materials needed for the class and whatever else is needed to conduct the most outstanding CD class we have ever had. We have a desire to learn but we have a greater desire for our students to learn, mature and grow into honorable, ethical young men and young women.

SO how do the students come prepared?

- with a writing instrument and paper - prepared to take notes, to write down questions to be asked later, to make a note of a to-do item, to make note of a look-up topic or other annotation.

- with our cell phone, i-pad or whatever turned off - If we allow ourselves to become distracted we cause a distraction for those around about us and everyone involved loses.

- with the mind in the moment - another form of distraction is thinking of things other than the moment we are in. Retaining focus on the class is imperative for an ideal learning experience.

- with a positive attitude - attitude and disposition are very basic in determining how much we are able to participate in and retain from a learning experience. If we have a negative attitude we jeopardize our opportunities for advancement.

- with a willingness to learn new concepts - we do not want to compromise our beliefs, ethics and core values but we must desire to accept new applicable concepts. We don't want to be like the photos we have all seen of the old man with his arms tightly crossed in front of him. He appears to be saying "I have made up my mind, don't confuse me with the facts."

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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 Christian Bayles (OKWG)  
Capt Sharon Connolly (ARWG)  
Capt Lowell Kappmeyer (WAWG)  
1<sup>st</sup> Lt Robert McMillion (CAWG)  
Ch, Capt Robert Moskowitz (OHWG)



### Level 3 – Grover Loening

Ch, Maj Robert Albert (SCWG)  
Maj Edward Bernard (NHWG)  
Maj Edward Case (NHWG)  
Maj Gary Hopkins (INWG)  
Capt Michael Peters (WIWG)  
Capt Robin Wojtcuk (CTWG)



### Level 4 – Paul Garber

Maj Marion Goins (TXWG)  
Maj Jamie Henson (KYWG)  
Maj Gerald Prior (WAWG)

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

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# WELCOME ABOARD!!!!

Chaplain and CDI Appointments

April-May 2013

## CHAPLAIN APPOINTMENTS

Ch, Capt William Guske – PCR/ORWG  
Ch, Capt Robert Hill – MER /VWVG  
Ch, Capt James Hurd – NER/MAWG  
Ch, Capt Sol Madlambayan – SER/FLWG  
Ch, Maj Joseph Roberts – NER/MEWG  
Ch, Capt Jae Hyo Shin – PCR/CAWG  
Ch, Capt Levi Soucey – NER/MEWG  
Ch, Capt Jason Stewart – GLR/KYWG  
Ch, Capt Ryan Thompson – NCR/SDWG  
Ch, Capt Brett White – NCR/IAWG  
2<sup>nd</sup> Lt Gregory Matthews – NER/NYWG

## CDI APPOINTMENTS

2<sup>nd</sup> Lt Joseph Brousseau – PCR/NVWG  
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Capt Mark Triplett – NCR/MNWG

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

## New Assignments .....

The following are recently assigned Wing HCs:

Ch, Capt Gail Axen – NEWG  
Ch, Maj Robert Harris – CAWG  
Ch, Maj Marvin Owen – ORWG  
Ch, Lt Col Marcie Strahl – ILWG

The following was recently assigned as a Region HC:

Ch, Lt Col Charlie Sattgast – PCR



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***"Where there is not community, trust, respect, ethical behavior are not difficult for the young to learn and for the old to maintain."***

-- Richard Greenleaf

## CHAPLAIN CORPS REGION STAFF COLLEGES 2013

### GREAT LAKES

1-3 July  
Volk Field ANGB – Orange, WI

### SOUTHWEST

8-11 July  
Naval Air Station Joint Reserve Base  
Ft Worth/Carswell Field – Ft Worth, TX

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

***Contact your Region or Wing Chaplain for more details regarding these times of fellowship and training.***

Attending 2 Chaplain Corps Region Staff Colleges within 5 years is one of the requirements to attain the Paul Garber award (Level 4) in the Senior Member Professional Development Program

*"Respect for ourselves guides our morals,  
respect of others guides our manners."* – Laurence Sterne



**DATES:** 15-17 August      **LOCATION:** Denver, CO Sheraton Denver Downtown

#### **INFORMATION/REGISTRATION:**

[http://www.capmembers.com/events/cap\\_annual\\_conference/](http://www.capmembers.com/events/cap_annual_conference/)

**The CCAC meets on Wednesday, August 14 from 1400 to 2000. The Prayer Breakfast is on Friday, August 16 from 0645-0730. A hospitality room will be hosted by the Chaplain Corps for the conference attendees as well as a break-out session that will be conducted.**

## PCR Chaplain Corps Staff College 2013

Contributed by Ch, Lt Col Paul Ward (PCR HC/Director of CCRSC)

Twenty-nine Pacific Region chaplains and character development instructors recently devoted four days to training designed to prepare them to better perform the duties and responsibilities associated with their assignment.

**"Complete-Adaptable-Purpose"** was the theme of this year's Region Chaplain Corps Staff College, a formal in-residence course held April 8-11 at the March Air Reserve Base's Cultural Center. MARB is located in Moreno Valley, CA.



**CCRSC students and staff in front of the Predator**

Participants received instruction and training on numerous subjects, including "Active Shooter" (Col Ken Parris - instructor), "Getting Involved in IACE" (Ch, Lt Col Charlie Sattgast – instructor), "Lessons Learned" (Ch, Lt Col Paul Ward – instructor), CAP 301 (Col Larry Myrick – instructor), Best Practices and Character Development presentations by those fulfilling one of the requirements for the Master Rating in the 225 Specialty Training Track (Character Development Instructor). Tours were arranged for the CCRSC students by the 163<sup>d</sup> Recon Wing (CAANG) of the MQ1/Predator and by the 144<sup>th</sup> Fighter Wing (CAANG) of a F-16. Students

also were given a bus tour of the flight line and were able to see the C-17s and KC-135s assigned to the 452<sup>nd</sup> Air Mobility Wing (USAFR),

The heart of the curriculum was six hours of training on "Psychological First-Aid" and "Spiritual First-Aid" led by Ch, Capt Mike Morison. Chaplain Morison has extensive training and experience in the area of ministering in disaster situations. Regarding this training, Chaplain Ward writes: *"It was a privilege to share the training given by Chaplain Morison with the Chaplain Team of the 163<sup>rd</sup> Recon Wing. Since they had been such gracious hosts, Chaplain David Sarmiento (163<sup>rd</sup> Recon acting Wing Chaplain) and 7 members of the Wing Chaplain's staff were our guests and were able to participate in these training sessions. Having them attend these sessions and interact with our students was certainly an added blessing and bonus."*

Chaplain, Col Whit Woodard, CAP Chief of Chaplains – Emeritus, presented a briefing on the newly released CAPR 265-2. He also participated in appointment ceremonies for Chaplain, Capt Gary Dickey of the California Wing's Camarillo Composite Squadron 61 and Chaplain, Capt Frederick Morgan of the California Wing's Vandenberg Composite Squadron 101.

A memorial service was held to remember Pacific Region colleagues who had passed away since the last college.



**2013 PCR Chaplain Corps Staff College**

During the concluding luncheon, Chaplain, Lt Col Paul Ward presented awards and recognition plaques to several staff members who had served with him during his tenure as the PCR HC and individuals who played an instrumental role in his becoming a CAP chaplain, which in turn had a tremendous influence and impact on the PCR Chaplain Corps. Commanders Commendations were given to: Ch, Lt Col George Dawson; Maj David Goude; Ch, Maj Robert Harris; and Ch, Lt Col Tom Miller. Meritorious Service Awards were given to: Ch, Lt Col Bob Ledden; 1<sup>st</sup> Lt Adelle McKinney; Col Virginia Nelson; Lt Col Patricia "Pat" Okawa; and Ch, Maj Deb Prosser. Special recognition plaques were presented on behalf of the PCR Chaplain Corps to: Ch, Lt Col Dan Dyer (Ret.); Col Larry Myrick; Col Virginia Nelson; Lt Col Patricia "Pat" Okawa; and Col Ernie Pearson. The PCR Chaplain Corps presented Chaplain Ward with a beautiful plaque and other gifts as an expression of appreciation for his service.

## NCR/RMR Chaplain Corps Staff College 2013

*Contributed by Ch, Lt Col Don Mikitta (MNWG HC) and Ch, Maj C. Daniel Hudson (NCR HCD)*

Columbian Fathers Retreat Center in Bellevue, Nebraska was the site where the 2013 Chaplain Corps Staff College was conducted for the North Central and Rocky Mountain Regions. Twenty-three chaplains and character development instructors and 2 guests gathered for a great time of training and fellowship from April 22 through April 25<sup>th</sup>. The CCRSC was directed by Chaplain, Col David Van Horn.

The Chaplain's College was supported by NCR Chaplain Lt Col Ronald Tottingham, and the RMR Chaplain, Lt Col Eugene Packer. We had two NHQ representatives in attendance: Chaplain, Col James Hughes and Chaplain, Lt Col Ken Van Loon. Chaplain, Col John Murdoch (former Chief of Chaplains – 1996-1998 and current INWG HC) joined in the event. BGen Richard Anderson presented a phone in briefing regarding the Board Of Governors, and Col Robert Todd, NCR Commander, addressed the attendees.

Our key training event was a Squadron Leadership School led by CMSGT (Ret.) Bob Dandridge and Chaplain, Lt Col, Stu Boyd. A training of "Workplace Violence was presented Chaplain, Lt Col Gene Abrams, College Staff Chaplain, and Chaplain, Lt Col Maj C. Daniel Hudson (Ph.D), NCR Deputy Region Chaplain and College Deputy Directory Additional Chaplain Corp sessions were conducted, as well as a tour of the SAC Museum.

The highlight of the Chaplain' graduation banquet held at the Papillion (NE) Latter Day Saint Stake Center. Chaplain, Lt Col Stu Boyd brought the challenge to the attendees. Presenting the colors during the banquet was the Cadet Color Guard from the Gen. Curtis Lemay Composite Squadron. Chaplain, Col John Murdoch sang the National Anthem. During the banquet Chaplain, Capt Ryan Thompson (SDWG) was installed as a CAP Chaplain.

Graduates received certificates of attendance, five students graduated and Staff College Staff received certificates for their support.

The NCR/RMR will be combining for the 2014 CCRSC scheduled 28 April to 1 May with a Corporate Leadership Course as the focus.



**Attendees: front row , l to r:** Chaplain Gail Axen (NEWG HC), Barbara Van Horn (Bookstore), Chaplain Ronald Tottingham (NCR HC), Chaplain James Hughes (NHQ HCA) , Chaplain Stu Boyd (UTWG), Chaplain David Van Horn (Director/MOWG), Chaplain John Murdoch ( INWG HC), Chaplain Ken Van Loon (NHQ HCD), CMSGT (ret.) Bob Dandridge (ILWG).

**back row, l to r:** Chaplain Don Mikitta (MNWG HC), CDI Shirley Rodriguez (KSWG), Chaplain Timothy Plemmons (NDWG), Chaplain Ralph Cole (IAWG HC), Chaplain Gene Abrams (NCR HCA), Chaplain Ryan Thompson (SDWG), Chaplain McKinley Wood (WY WG), Chaplain Eugene Packer (RMR HC), CDI Linda Poland (MOWG), Chaplain David Poland (MOWG), Chaplain Leonard Hale (MOWG), CDI Keith Christian (COWG), Chaplain Jeffrey Williams (COWG HC), Chaplain Dan Hudson (NCR HCD).

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

This is the twelfth in the series and I suspect there are those factors that did not want this to come to fruition. After the completion of the article somehow it never got saved so I have to start over and for good reasons also.

I should title this article *"The rumors of my living have been greatly exaggerated."* Taking a quote from Mark Twain and using literary license.

Despite several internet notations of a "still living" Chaplain Albert C. Schiff, Jr., at age 100 and 101, including several personal conversations where people thought he was still alive, nothing beats intelligence of boots on the ground, thanks to my daughter, in San Antonio. Unfortunately the article which didn't get saved ended up being written now from a different slant, but the lesson is do not believe everything that the internet tells you, as I truly had the right person in the right place, but who had been called home to his Lord, 12 years ago.



**Ch, Lt Col Steve Thomas**

Chaplain Schiff took the reins from our first National Air Chaplain on 14 July 1952. When you are number two you have to try harder and Chaplain Taylor was a hard act to follow. *"During the 2 1/2 years he served as the National Air Chaplain, approximately 475 pastor, priests and rabbis had been interested and had accepted commissions as CAP chaplain; also a broad organizational program was initiated. All of this, for most part due to the untiring, ceaseless and consecrated efforts of the past National Air Chaplain,"* stated by the Chaplain Schiff at the 3<sup>rd</sup> National Chaplain Conference held in Colorado Springs 14-16 April, 1953. Chaplain Schiff was impressed by the commendable work done by Chaplain Taylor, especially with the work to establish the CAP Chaplain Service. One of the major problems of explosive growth is trying to keep tabs on everything. When Chaplain Schiff took over the Wing Chaplains were tasked to figure out who was truly on the books as National Headquarters did not always know if a person was a chaplain or a senior member, even more so there were only 3 Region Chaplains left and approximately 30 wing chaplains. By that next April there were a total 8 of the 16 Region Chaplains and Deputies and of 66 Wing Chaplains and Deputies out of 104 authorized and a total of 52 group chaplains and 332 squadron Chaplains in today's numbers that doesn't sound all that bad, but considering they were authorized a total of 2290 chaplains, they had a long way to go. Even more mind boggling would be the fact that what we could do with that many chaplains on board and a similar number of CDI's. However, this was on paper. What it doesn't say is that 125 chaplains did not renew from that initial number as far back as 1950 and then two of the chaplains had been called home to glory and did not renew. This latter was found out when the list was hand carried across the hall and sat down person by person. A concerted effort brought the figures back to 451 Chaplains. Chaplain Schiff's philosophy

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was “Let it be understood by all that in many Civil Air Patrol units, as goes the chaplain program within those units, so go the units themselves.”

Some of the accomplishments during this time of Chaplain Schiff begin with the first course of the “CAP Chaplain” as an extension of the Air University. In Oct 1955 a newsletter of sorts was begun by the National Air Chaplain called the “MAR” (Monthly Activity Report). And to finish his tour, he was interviewed as part of a “National Geographic” article which was published May 1956, “Minutemen of the Civil Air Patrol: A Good Samaritan Code Unites the Nation’s Flying Volunteers”, pages 637-665. Also, as many a wing and region chaplain will remember the dreaded CAP Form 34A was begun in Jan 1956 as a consolidation report of each of the chaplains within the wing.

Chaplain Schiff was relieved by Chaplain Lt. Col. Maurice R. Holt on 1 June 1956 and Chaplain Schiff went on to other assignments. I have included a copy of the obituary from the San Antonio News-Express, just in case anyone has heard from him since.

Chaplain Col. Albert C. Schiff, Jr., USAF Ret, age 89, of San Antonio, died Thursday, January 17, 2002. A graduate of Capital University in Columbus, Ohio, 1934, he was a member of the Capital University Athletic Hall of Fame. He served as a military chaplain for 22 years retiring as a Colonel from the U.S. Air Force in 1965 where he was Staff Chaplain at Lackland AFB. Chaplain Col. Schiff served Calvary Lutheran Church in San Angelo, TX on two different occasions as well as Holy Trinity Lutheran Church in New Lexington, Ohio. He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Albert Helen Schiff; son and daughter-in-law, David D. and Carol Schiff, Grove City, OH; grandson, Brent Schiff and wife, Sherri, and Todd Schiff and wife, Marie, all of Grove City, OH; great grandchildren, Kala Schiff and Nik Schiff.

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



*Serving the Civil Air Patrol  
Membership since 1950*



**Chaplain, Lt Col JoAnne Durham**  
FLWG

**Chaplain, Lt Col Dan Dyer (Ret).**  
CAP member from 1970 - 2005  
PCR HC – 1998-2004  
National Deputy Chief – 2004-2005

## CHAPLAIN, COL WHIT WOODARD RECIPIENT OF AWARDS FOR HIS SERVICE

During the 2013 Military Chaplains Association Conference held in Gettysburg, Pennsylvania (April 8-11) the G. William Dando Volunteer Service Award was bestowed upon Ch, Col Whit Woodard.

The G. William Dando Volunteer Service Award is named after a former Executive Director of MCA. He was a career Navy chaplain who distinguished himself as one who took the high ground in the face of adversity. Many of the MCA chapters in the U.S. are a result of his enthusiasm for the MCA and tireless activity as Executive Director. The G. William Dando award was established to perpetuate his contribution to military chaplaincy in general and the MCA in particular.



Ch, Col Whit Woodard

The citation read: *Whit Woodard has been active with the USAF Auxiliary, Civil Air Patrol for many years and served as the Chief of CAP Chaplains. When he retired from that position, he continued in ministry and set the standard for volunteer service to the armed forces as a chaplain to the 328<sup>th</sup> Combat Support Hospital of US Army Active Reserve, the Army Active Reserve Signal Corps High Tech Training Facility at B.T. Collins Army Reserve Base in Sacramento, CA and at Travis AFB, CA Grant Medical Center and counseling airmen. During his long and distinguished volunteer career, Chaplain Woodard served eighteen years as a volunteer law enforcement chaplain (chaplain, Training Officer, Deputy Senior Chaplain and Administrator; Senior Chaplain) and one year as fire department chaplain.*

*Your membership advances the Association's charter through extensive volunteer ministry, expresses "the Voice of Chaplaincy" within both Public and Private sectors of our Nation, and promotes the religious freedom and spiritual and prayers for your continued ministry and prosperity.'*

Chaplain Woodard was in attendance of the PCR Chaplain Corps Staff College and was not present to receive the award so Ch, Col John Murdoch received it on his behalf.

On April 25, at the annual awards banquet of the C. Farinha Gold Rush, Chapter #116 of the California Air Force Association, Chaplain Woodard was the recipient of the Meritorious Service Award. The Presenter was Lt Gen George K. Muellner (USAF, ret.).



Ch, Col John Murdoch receiving the award on behalf of Chaplain Woodard

*"We largely become what we have observed and respected."  
-- Wayne Goodall*