



The *Transmitter*

The Official Newsletter of the Civil Air Patrol Chaplain Corps

Summer 2014

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



Ch, Col James Hughes

Congratulations to all for a very successful Staff College season. I was very impressed with the quality and caliber of these events. I especially appreciated the warm welcome and meeting so many wonderful people. Thank you to all those who worked to prepare these excellent colleges for the Chaplains and CDIs.

The Chaplain Corps has a lot of momentum heading into the National Conference. Keep us all in your prayers. For your information:

- The following numbers of Chaplains and CDIs have been appointed since 1 March 2014: 11 HCs and 49 CDIs. Presently there are 818 appointed Chaplains and appointed CDIs.
- The Chaplain Corps regulation CAPR 265-1 has been revised and submitted to NHQ for coordination.
- Other CAP Chaplain Corps documents that are presently in revision and will be submitted for review and implementation in the fall include: CAPP 225 – Character Development Instructor Specialty Track, new Mission Chaplain and Mission Chaplain Assistant training program, CAPP 221 series – Chaplain Specialty Track training.
- There will be a Beta test in the fall for the new Character Development on-line entry process to verify and track cadet advancement as it relates to Character Development lessons.
- We have established the goal of providing Chaplain Corps personnel for every CAP unit by August 2015.

Never forget how important your service is to CAP and the country!

-- *Chap James Hughes*

Ethics For Command

by Chaplain James Hughes

As a former Wing Commander, I am very aware of the challenges and the pace of command. The wide variety of responsibilities can create a stressful environment for those individuals who are required to make decisions about the people, resources and schedules of their units. I hope to provide an encouraging voice among the many that you, as commanders and leaders in CAP, hear each week. I intend to provide helpful advice and guidance on how to engage the core values in the on-going work of command.

The primary mission of the CAP Chaplain Corps is to promote the role of CAP core values in all CAP activities through education, presence and advice. Let me begin with the first of a series of principles that I found to be helpful as a wing commander.

When in charge, never say “no” when you can say “yes”. People within CAP tend to desire to serve effectively and creatively. They tend to ask questions that will give them permission or guidance in serving their communities. The purpose of authority and leadership is to enable and to facilitate the work of the members of CAP. Saying “no” is much easier than saying “yes” because the situation ends at that moment, while “yes” creates responsibilities in the future. Some prefer to say “no” just to demonstrate their authority and position. They feel that the best way to show power is to take an opportunity away.

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MCA AWARD

**CAP Chief of Chaplains Col James Hughes
was presented with the
Military Chaplains Association
2014 Distinguished Service Award**
at the Annual Meeting of the
National Association of Military Chaplains
on 15 May, 2014 in San Diego, CA

The citation for this award which follows
appeared in the Summer 2014 edition of
The Military Chaplain (reprinted with permission)

James W. Hughes
Chaplain, Colonel, Civil Air Patrol



Chaplain Hughes is currently serving as Chief of the CAP Chaplain Corps. His ministry in the Civil Air Patrol focuses on the Cadet Program, where he has helped tens of thousands of youth over the years through his work in CAP's Character Development Program.

Over the past 21 years Chaplain Hughes has dedicated much of his CAP ministry to this critical program, first providing character development instruction within his home unit and wing in Georgia and beginning in 1999 as the primary author of CAP's Character Development lesson planning book, *Flight Time: Values for Living*. His work with the cadet community also branches out to CAP encampments, which are special week-long summer camps specially designed to provide cadets with exposure to the military lifestyle and leadership challenges.

Chaplain Hughes has been indispensable to the CAP Chaplain Corps and to Civil Air Patrol in general. His over 20 years' service makes CAP a better place in which to serve and his work with CAP cadets has helped to produce a new generation of young people with strong core values and appreciation for what they have been given.

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There are legitimate reasons to say "no". There are three that need special attention. The reasons to say "no" are:

1. Safety – putting people and resources in jeopardy
2. Regulations – the rules forbid the action or request
3. Finance – the request exceeds the available resources.

Affirming of the volunteer service of those who are members of CAP by saying "yes" is one of the best ways to show the core value of "respect."

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CIVIL AIR PATROL CHAPLAIN CORPS

OUR IDENTITY....

- We are representatives of America's religious community.
- We are CAP senior members.
- We are committed to the well-being of people within the missions of CAP

OUR VISION....

The CAP Chaplain Corps will become the model of excellence and effectiveness for the rest of Civil Air Patrol.

OUR MISSION....

The CAP Chaplain Corps will promote the role of CAP core values in all CAP activities through education, presence and advice.

OUR CORE VALUES....

- Integrity
 - Volunteer Service
 - Excellence
 - Respect



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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

Ch, Maj J C Burkes, Jr –MSWG
Capt Anthony Davies – VAWG
Ch, Maj Gary Dickey–CAWG
Capt Diane Edmondson – TNWG
2nd Lt William Griffith – TXWG
Ch, Capt Eric Cooter – FLWG
Ch, Capt Charles Lehmann – MTWG
Ch, Capt Cesar Rodriguez –CAWG
1st Lt Lisette Shultis – NYWG
Ch, Capt Jaehyo Shin – CAWG
Ch, Capt James Williams – NCWG
1st Lt Paul Young – ORWG



Level 3 – Grover Loening

Ch, Capt Christian Bayles –OKWG
Ch, Maj Richard Berry –DEWG
Capt Keith Christian – COWG
CMSgt Craig Cox – OHWG
Ch, Maj Robert Ebersole –MAWG
Ch, Capt David King –WAWG
Capt Robert McMillion – CAWG
Ch, Maj Larry Monday – SCWG
Ch, Capt Timothy Plemmons –NDWG
Capt Douglas Plummer –LAWG
Capt Carla Warnock –VAWG



Level 4 – Paul Garber

Ch, Maj Charles Hudson – NCR
Maj Michael Lynch – CAWG
Maj Ilana Mor – GAWG
Ch, Maj Steven Sellers – ALWG
Ch, Maj McKinley Wood – WYWG



Level 5 – Gill Robb Wilson

Ch, Lt Col Jeffrey Johnson – WYWG
Lt Col Larry Killian – ARWG
Ch, Maj Marvin Owen – ORWG
Ch, Lt Col John Schultz, Jr. – INWG
Maj Robert Turpin – TNWG

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

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They are not responsible for publishing this information.

"Leadership development is self-development"

-- John G. Agno

WELCOME ABOARD!!!!

Chaplain and CDI Appointments

April-June 2014

CHAPLAIN APPOINTMENTS

Ch, Capt Eric Cooter SER/FLWG
Ch, Capt Richard Chronis NCR/MNWG
Ch, Capt Oscar Hernandez MER/MDWG
Ch, Capt Nels Nelson, III RMR/WYWG
Ch, Capt Kenneth Jaeger NCR/IAWG
Ch, Capt Jeffery Montanari PCR/CAWG
Ch, Capt Shannon Maness MER/NCWG



CAP fields the largest volunteer chaplain corps in the world, numbering close to 850 chaplains and character development instructors.



**Chaplain, LtCol Robert M. Copeland
(TNWG)**

CDI APPOINTMENTS

Lt Col David Alfred RMR/COWG
Major Brian Barrington NER/NHWG
Capt Terry Brookham RMR/COWG
Capt Charles Case MER/WVWG
1st Lt Rebecca Gosnell SER/ALWG
2nd Lt Michael Harmon SWR/AZWG
2nd Lt Reva Henderson PCR/CAWG
Capt Eric Henry PCR/HIWG
2nd Lt Mia Humphries MER/MDWG
Capt Eric Henry PCR/NVWG
Major Daryll Keeling RMR/COWG
Capt Peter Kler PCR/CAWG
2nd Lt Kenneth Knotek PCR/CAWG
LtCol J.B. Masangcay SWR/AZWG
2nd Lt Rachel Morse NCR/NEWG
Lt Col Marc Peterson RMR/COWG
Major Joseph Provost NER/CTWG
Major Guilford Queen MER/MDWG
2nd Lt Thomas Saunders SWR/AZWG
Lt Col James Scott, Jr SER/ALWG
1st Lt Lisette Shultis NER/NYWG
Major Robert Turpin SER/TNWG
Capt Carla Warnock MER/VAWG
1st Lt Elizabeth Harris GLR/INWG
1st Lt Larry Jarrett GLR/INWG
Capt Nancy Nottingham GLR/OHWG

New Assignments

Congratulations to

Chaplain, Major Robert Albert
recently appointed to serve as the new
South Carolina Wing Chaplain

CHAPLAIN CORPS UPCOMING EVENTS

2014 NATIONAL CONFERENCE



INFO and REGISTRATION

http://www.capmembers.com/events/national_conference

KEY EVENTS

Wednesday, August 13 CCAC

Friday, August 14: 10:30 am-12:00 pm
Chaplain Corps Forum
with the Chief and Senior Staff

Friday, August 15
7:00-8:00am: Prayer Breakfast
Speaker: CAP National Vice Commander,
Brigadier General Joseph Vazquez
tickets required, quantities limited

Saturday, August 16
4:00-4:30 pm: Roman Catholic Worship Service
5:00-5:30: pm Protestant Worship Service
7:00-10:30 pm: Banquet

2014 REGIONAL CONFERENCES

*"To truly grow you have to be
willing at any moment to sacrifice
what you are
for what you can be"*

-- Michael Josephson

NORTHEAST REGION CONFERENCE

17 to 19 October, 2014
Sheraton Hotel, Bradley International Airport
Windsor Locks, CT

NORTH CENTRAL REGION CONFERENCE

19 to 21 September, 2014
Des Moines, IA

SOUTHWEST REGION CHAPLAIN CORPS STAFF COLLEGE

7-10 July, Naval Air Station
Joint Reserve Base.
Ft Worth/Carswell Field
Ft Worth, TX

*"Life is a mission, not a career.
A career is a profession,
a mission is a cause.
A career asks, "What's in it for me?"
A mission asks,
"How can I make a difference?"*

— Sean Covey

*"Your vocation in life is where
your greatest joy meets the
world's greatest need.*

-- Frederick Buechner

MAKE PLANS NOW TO ATTEND A 2015 CHAPLAIN CORPS REGION STAFF COLLEGE!!

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

MIDDLE EAST REGION CHAPLAIN CORPS STAFF COLLEGE

Submitted by ME Region Chaplain, Lt Col Greg Hill



Attendees

Appearing in the photo from the left

Front row: Edco Bailey, Elizabeth Marx, Carla Warnock.

Second row: Richard Bower, Alvianehe Kennedy, Wayne Schneider, Terence Blucker.

Third row: Laura Johnson, Art Slagle, Robert Albert, Greg Hill.

Fourth row: Tim Miner, Chip Culbertson, David Bailey, Terry Barlow, Michael Strickland.

Missing from photo: Paul Ritter

The **2014 MERCCRSC** was held **18-22 May 2014** at the **United Methodist Blackstone Conference and Retreat Center, Blackstone, VA**. Training included:

- Chaplain Corps Strategic Plan presentation by CAP Chief of Chaplains Chaplain, Colonel, Jay Hughes,
- CISM Individual and Peer Support Certification course by CAP Deputy Chief of Chaplains Van Don Williams, and
- two writing projects aimed at recruitment of CDIs and Chaplains: one centered on recruitment of CDIs at colleges which can be implemented immediately; the other centered on chaplain and CDI recruitment but at both seminaries and colleges. The latter project will take longer to implement.

GREAT LAKES REGION CHAPLAIN CORPS STAFF COLLEGE

Submitted by GL Region Chaplain Corps Staff College Dean, Ch, Capt Lang Yang



Attendees

Front Row (L-R) CDI SMSgt Les Hart, Ch Maj. PJ Banks-Aderson, Ch Capt. Lang Yang, Ch Lt. Col. Steve Thomas, Ch Col. James Hughes, Ch Maj. Gary Eno, Ch Capt. Tim Manwell, Ch Maj. Bret Lortie, CDI Lt. Col. Christin Rinn
Back Row (L-R) Capt. Rita Fisher, Capt. Gary Tallman, Ch Lt. Col. Jerrold Beaumont, Ch Maj. Larry Vollink, Lt. Col. Carol Sims, Ch Maj. Sylvester Sims, Jr., Ch Maj. Mark Bell, 2nd Lt. Glen Mohney, CDI Maj. Dave Snyder

The 2014 Great Lakes region Chaplain Corps Region Staff College was held on 18-22 May 2014, at Fort Custer, Augusta, Michigan. Civil Air Patrol Seniors from the Great Lake Region (Michigan, Ohio, Illinois, Kentucky, Wisconsin, Indiana) and Pennsylvania attended the annual Chaplain's College. The courses taught included devotions and in service briefings and trainings by National, Region and Wing chaplains. The Chief of Chaplain Col. Jay Hughes gave an update of the Mission and Vision of the CAP Chaplain Corps of service to the Senior and Cadets in CAP and to the nations.

The main focus for the college was for emergency services qualification on CISM. Critical Incident Stress Management (CISM) trainings addressed how we can assist during the mission for the needs of everyone that involved in the mission and the public. Students participated in role-playing to assist each other in the event that an actual mission were to happen. We were blessed to have one of our own chaplains as a qualified instructor, Chaplain Major Gary Eno from the Ohio Wing.

Students put in nearly 25 hours of classroom time and concluded with a banquet with wonderful fellowship and awards. Brigadier General Thomas Edmonds (Ret) made the keynote address at the banquet, Brigadier General Edmonds (Ret) spoke of integrity and being honest. He said, "Always do what is right always be forthright and truthful.

Please check with your squadron and wings chaplains for next year's dates for the Chaplain College that will be held at Fort Knox, Kentucky." At the conclusion of the College, all attendees of the college qualified for CISM and were checked off toward their Master Rating. Two Mission Chaplains were signed off. Students openly discussed ideas and made recommendations for the Chaplain and CDI specialty tracks which will be forward to NHQ.

NORTHEAST REGION CHAPLAIN CORPS STAFF COLLEGE

Submitted by NE Region Chaplain Corps Staff College PAO, 1st Lt April Krason



Attendees

l to r: 1st Lt April Krason; NER Chaplain Dan Miles; 1st Lt Shirley Miles; Ch, Capt Lucy Pierre, Ch, LtCol Harris Brody; Ch, Capt Edward Clarke; LtCol Charles Lercara; Ch, Maj Paul Rech; SM Nancy Lercara; Ch, Maj Randall Matheny; Ch, Maj Cookie Bracey; Ch, Capt Andy Hart; Ch, Capt Thomas LeBeau; Ch, LtCol Adma Ross; LtCol Anna Scheidly; Ch, LtCol Robert Scheidly; Capt William Stockham; Ch, Col James Hughes; Ch, Aharon Cohn. Missing: 1st Lt Lisette Shultis; Ch, Capt James Hurd; Capt Matthew Hooper.

The 2014 NER-CCRSC was held June 9-13 at McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst Joint Base in New Jersey. Availability of resources of this base lent a new dimension to our Chaplain College experience.

Training Included: The Chaplain's Role in Emergency Services: NER Chaplain Lt. Col. Dan Miles led this session highlighting the importance of the Mission Chaplain in CAP Emergency Services

Violence in the Workplace – Responding to Violence as a CAP Chaplain: Ch, Capt James Solomon provided insight into the pastoral care he provided after two shooting deaths in his local squadron and as pastor of his Newtown CT church, after the mass violence at the Sandy Hook Elementary School. A session on PTSD by Ch, Capt Andy Hart was based on his PhD research with veterans at the VA Hospital where his squadron meets. He described his spiritual intervention with these veterans using prayer, ritual, and pastoral care.

Ethics and the CAP Core Values: Major Joan Van Hise led an interactive session on ethical decision-making, using four core lenses based on the theories of Kant, Mills, Rawls, and McIntyre as these applied to the CAP Core Values.

Aerospace Education: The Aerospace Education sessions included a morning tour of the Lakehurst NAS. At the Cathedral of the Air, participants learned the history of the stained glass windows, where each window depicts an event in aerospace history. We also visited the Hindenburg Disaster Memorial and the Naval Museum with exhibits of a large collection of model aircraft, aircraft carriers and other military memorabilia.

Character Development Instruction: CDI Lt Col Anna Scheidly demonstrated a number of techniques and visual aids to enhance a CD session. CDI Capt. Matthew Hooper presented a CDI class for his Master's rating.

The Value of the Chaplain and CDI in Basic Encampment: Lt Col James Ridley, commander at the 2013 and the upcoming 2014 CT Wing Basic Encampments, presented the session. Lt Col Ridley believes the chaplain and CDI are among the most valuable members the encampment commander has on staff. The CDI provides CD instruction, assists the chaplain, and has the ear of the commander and chaplain. The chaplain's role is to be available anywhere and everywhere. For Ridley, core values are central to the encampment.

Aerospace Education: The AE session provided an opportunity to operate the C-130 flight simulator at the Naval Building at the base. The C-130 is a large cargo, transport, SAR, reconnaissance, and aerial refueling airplane. Participants also toured the KC-10 airplane.

Session with Chief of Chaplains, Col James Hughes: Ch Hughes spoke of his vision for the Chaplain Corps. Changes to our regulations will strengthen the role of the Chaplain Corps within CAP. Col Hughes will focus on changing the culture, not only the rules, to a culture of excellence, enjoyment, and effectiveness.

Project: Recruiting for the Chaplain Corps: A tri-fold flyer was created for use in Chaplain Corps recruiting titled "Character Matters, Make a Difference: Join the Civil Air Patrol Chaplain Corps."

SOUTHEAST REGION CHAPLAIN CORPS STAFF COLLEGE

Submitted by Chaplain, Lt Col, Marcus Taylor, SER/HCD - College Director, Deputy Region Chaplain



The **2014 Southeast Region Chaplain Corps Staff College** was held at **Moody AFB, Georgia**, from **19 – 22 May 2014**. Three major areas of emphasis were covered:

1) Our ES Training provided a means for SER Civil Air Patrol Chaplains to acquire the necessary training and hours that would lead to successful qualification for Mission Chaplain status. This was done via another Tabletop SAREX focused on participants learning all aspects of operating and being involved in advanced level CAP missions, multi-agency mission scenarios, long-term missions and the knowledge base and skills necessary to carry out the role of a chaplain in these mission environments. Our specific target involved handling “**mass casualty**” scenarios and “**natural disaster**” incidents.

2) A secondary part to our ES training focused on **The Psychological Effects of Mass Casualty Incidents**. As Chaplain Corps personnel, one of our greatest challenges will be to deal effectively with psychological effects of trauma following mass casualty incidents. CDI Major Cory Hewitt, facilitator for this training, is a FEMA Certified Instructor and Clinical Educator for Florida Trauma Service Area 7. Participants received an Awareness Level certificate for this portion of the training for their Professional Development Record.

3) Attention was given to completing a major project related to the mission of the CAP Chaplain Corps. For our project, we chose to produce a “**How to Video For Conducting Military Funeral Honors.**”

A special curriculum was designed to benefit **Character Development Instructors (CDI)**. This curriculum was designed to enhance their understanding of their role and function in the CAP Chaplain Corps, and their ability to be fully effective in carrying out their role and duties.

The college participants were treated to a base tour which fulfilled our AE requirement. We were exposed to various areas of Moody AFB that reflected upon the unique mission of the base such as:

- 1) The Base/Airfield Fire Station and firefighting equipment
- 2) Static Display and hands-on inspection of the A-10 “Warthog” Fighter
- 3) Tour of the new C-130 J model multipurpose transport plane

The tour was a welcomed break from the rigorous training curriculum of the college, and gave us a great appreciation for the work being done at Moody.

NORTH CENTRAL/ROCKY MOUNTAIN REGION CHAPLAIN CORPS STAFF COLLEGE



Attendees

Front row, 1 to r, Ch Gail Axen (NE Wing), Barbara Van Horn (Bookstore), Ch David Van Horn (Director), Ch John Murdoch (IN Wing), Ch James Hughes (NHQ), Col Robert Todd (NCR/CC), CDI Shirley Rodriguez (KS Wing), CDI Linda Poland (MO Wing), CDI Anna Marie Bistodeau (MN Wing).

Middle row, 1 to r, Ch. Don Mikitta (MN Wing), Ch Timothy Plemmons (ND Wing), Ch Larry Biederman (NE Wing), Ch Eugene Packer (RMR), Ch Ron Tottingham (NCR), Ch Ken Van Loon (IA Wing), Ch Jeff Johnson (WY Wing), Ch David Poland (MO Wing), CDI Keith Christian (CO Wing), CMSGT (Ret) Bob Dandridge (IL Wing), Ch Dan Hudson (NCR).

Back row, 1 to r, Ch Leonard Hale (MO Wing), Ch David King (CO Wing), Ch Ryan Thompson (SD Wing), Ch Gene Abrams (NCR), Ch Jeffrey Williams (CO Wing).

The 2014 NCR/RMR Chaplain Professional Development College (Chaplain Corps Staff College) was held 28 April to 1 May 2014 at the Columban Fathers Retreat Center, Bellevue NE.

Ch, Col David Van Horn served as director. The NCR Chaplain, Lt Col Ron Tottingham and RMR Chaplain, Lt Col Eugene Packer both hosted the college, while Ch, Lt Col Gene Abrams served as Staff Chaplain. CAP Chief of Chaplains Ch, Col, James Hughes and two former CAP Chief of Chaplains, Ch, Col David Van Horn, and Ch, Col John Murdoch, Indiana Wing Chaplain, joined in the event. Col Robert Todd, NCR Commander, addressed the attendees. The key training event was a Corporate Leadership Course led by CMSGT (Ret.) Bob Dandridge. Additional Chaplain Corp sessions on Cadet Programs, Emergency Services and e-Services were conducted, as well as a tour of the Air Force Weather Agency.

The graduation banquet was held at the Papillion (NE) Latter Day Saint Stake Center, Ch James Hughes bringing the challenge to the attendees. The Gen. Curtis Lemay Composite Squadron provided the Cadet Color Guard. Ch. John Murdoch sang the National Anthem and God Bless America. Ch Timothy Plemmons was promoted to Major and Ch Dan Hudson was promoted to Lieutenant Colonel as CAP Chaplains. Graduates received certificates of attendance, three students graduated, and the Staff College staff received certificates for their support.

The 2015 event is scheduled for 13-16 April, with a focus on a Training Leaders of Cadets course.

SOME USEFUL ITEMS FOR THE CHAPLAIN CORPS PERSONNEL "TOOL BOX"

Air University (AU) Press - a division of the Air Force Research Institute Maxwell AFB, Alabama, publishes school-selected student papers, faculty research efforts, textbooks, and curriculum-related materials, as well as the Air University Catalog and other administrative documents that directly support AU's program of professional military education (PME). *Check out the book sections on Leadership and Military Communications.* <http://aupress.maxwell.af.mil/index.asp>

Newly revised CAPM 39-1: Civil Air Patrol Uniform Manual
http://www.capmembers.com/media/cms/M391_E6F33EAAEC28A.pdf



123-3: Civil Air Patrol Compliance Inspection Program
http://capmembers.com/media/cms/R123_003_0285AB34DEED4.pdf

Newly revised CAPR 52-10: Cadet Protection Policy:
http://www.capmembers.com/media/cms/R052_010_C5B73B2B78712.pdf

Newly revised CAPR 52-16: Cadet Program Management
http://www.capmembers.com/media/cms/R052_016_2011_02_BFAB729553AB1.pdf

Newly revised CAPR 35-1: CAP Officer and NCO Appointments and Promotions
http://www.capmembers.com/media/cms/R035_005_489E25C089E93.pdf

Updated CAPP 3: Guide to Civil Air Patrol Protocol
http://www.capmembers.com/media/cms/P003_FB179DB158264.pdf

Newly released CAPP 52-24: Cadet Encampment Guide
http://www.capmembers.com/media/cms/Encampment_Manual_Reduced_2_6ACD4CE10880F.pdf

Newly released CAPP 52-25: Cadet Encampment Handbook
http://www.capmembers.com/media/cms/Cadet_Encampment_Handbook_2014_Reduced_A9889EFC2C232.pdf

Newly revised CAPP 216: Cadet Programs Specialty Track Study Guide
http://www.capmembers.com/media/cms/P216_A3EECB272DFF7.pdf

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Online Form 34 Instructions:
<http://hc.pcr.cap.gov/downloads/How-to-use-Online-Form-34-Report-System.pdf>

CAP CORE VALUES



- Integrity
- Volunteer Service
- Excellence
- Respect

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

CAP CHAPLAIN HISTORY: *The Day It rained chaplains Over Newhall*

"You Just Never Know When The Preacher Will Drop In"

by the late Lt Col Wyn Selwyn

This article, the fifteenth in a series of articles outlining the history of the Civil Air Patrol Chaplaincy, is a reprint from the Summer 1999 California Wing's EAGLE CALL magazine

Eagle Call Editor's Note (the late Lt Col Brian Stover): *CAP Chaplains are well versed in scriptural miracles, but only a select few have ever experienced one first hand. This is the story of fifteen chaplains who lived their own miracle one September day in 1954. Call it what you will - miracle, divine intervention, or just plain luck....these men of God were changed that day as they played out their life and death drama of survival in the sky over Southern California. What follows is an amazing story in the words of two people who lived it. Special thanks to Col Ernie Pearson for his research help on this story.*



T. Lloyd Cummings, a brand new Civil Air Patrol Senior Member, was having a bad day. It wasn't so much the engine falling off the airplane and the left wing engulfed in flames, but he had jumped out of the gaping cargo door all crooked and the shock of the chute opening tore both shoes from his feet. Worse, he was now descending directly into a sea of high voltage power lines in his socks!

Cumming's adventure had begun a few brief minutes before at Burbank Airport as the big Curtiss C-46 lumbered off of runway one-five and turned north through the Newhall pass for a trip to Mather Air Force Base outside Sacramento. The 15 clergymen aboard were on their way to a chaplains conference.

They had been delayed for a few minutes on the ramp as the pilot, Air Force Captain Thomas E, Wilson, gave his passengers a thorough hands-on briefing on possible emergencies, including bailout procedures and the use of their parachutes. It would prove to be time well spent. Cummings took a seat forward, on the right side of the plane. The engine and curved skin of the wing dominated his view. The men of the cloth began to settle in for what would be a routine two-hour flight to Mather, followed by a pleasant lunch at the Officers' Club.

Captain Wilson trimmed the big transport for a steady cruise climb as Oak Mountain passed behind them and gave way to rolling farmlands of the Santa Clarita Valley. There were few congregated homes there in the mid-fifties, only farms and orchards leading up to Southern California's northern portal, known as the Ridge Route. The pilots could see plenty of places to land the fat-bodied transport if anything went wrong.



Chaplains Parachute To Safety

Four of the 15 chaplains who parachuted to safety near Newhall, Calif., Monday from a burning plane which crashed thank the pilot, Capt. Thomas Wilson (right). He kept the plane aloft with one engine gone while they all bailed out. The chaplains, members of the Civil Air Patrol, are (from left) Arthur Atkins, Howard Lane, Clyde Benway, Sgt. Arin Plew of the plane crew, and Chaplain Bert Van Norman who stood at the door and helped the others out before he jumped. (AP Wirephoto.)

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Cummings stared vacantly out the window, mesmerized by the invisibility of the spinning prop pulling them into the sky. It would be a good weekend, he thought, a chance to meet his colleagues and to learn something about this new thing in this life called Civil Air Patrol.

Then it happened! First an awful shuddering as if the plane was coming apart. It was! In a few heartbeats the big radial engine became a fiery ball of molten metal, shedding parts and sheets of flame back over the wing. For a second Cummings was transfixed as he watched the skin of the wing begin to curl and melt in the awful heat. He knew the plane was doomed as he watched the engine wrench itself from the wing and tumble toward the fields below like a burning comet. Life was now measured in mere seconds.

Chaplain (Captain) Delbert T McLaughlin who was sitting just behind the co-pilot watched in disbelief as the burning engine fell away. He had taken his parachute off shortly after takeoff leaving it on an empty seat in the back of the plane. McLaughlin sprinted to the chute and struggled into the harness.

It was as if his fingers had lost their link to his brain. They felt like sausages as he fumbled with unfamiliar snaps and belts. The plane began to fill with acrid black smoke as he worked. Now he felt the first tentacles of panic rise in his throat as the plane lurched, nearly throwing him to the floor. He estimated he had sixty seconds to get out of the plane.



Suddenly, one of the passengers screamed that he couldn't get out of his seat. In his panic, he had forgotten to unfasten his seat belt. McLaughlin fought down his own panic and courageously paused to unhook the man's belt certainly saving his life. He propelled the panic-stricken man to his feet and toward the door as he finally got his own chute fastened. The frightened man moaned, "We must pray." "We can pray on the way down," McLaughlin yelled pushing him toward the door.

The crew chief, his face drained of color, ran aft and struggled to jettison the big cargo door. The man was yelling something trying to be heard over the sounds of the dying airplane. Racing with the others toward the one dim hope of escape, Cummings caught the words "...evacuate...going down...out now..." Finally, the hatch flew off and flames began to lick at the men in the cabin.

One of the chaplains had frozen at the door. He was doubled over, blocking the escape of the others. To hesitate was to die. Wing Chaplain Bert Von Norman placed his foot firmly on the man's back and booted him out into the void. The others jumped as quickly as they could hurl themselves into the hazy morning air, 4,000 feet over Newhall.

The shock of the chute opening slammed the leg straps into Cumming's flesh and his shoes were torn from his feet. As he floated down he watched as the pilot pulled the faltering cC-46 up into a stall, buying a few more seconds for his own survival. Seconds later, as the nose started down, Captain Wilson was seen to hurl himself out of the plane at 200 feet. There was little chance his chute would open at that altitude.

Now Cummings faced another major problem. Ten thousand volt power lines laced the earth a few hundred feet beneath his dangling socks. He wiggled his toes and pondered a plan of escape as the power lines below got bigger every second. He'd heard that it was possible to steer a chute by pulling on the risers to partially spill air.

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Desperately he pulled at the cords and the chute began to go sideways, and at the same time plummet him toward the ground. Cummings was certain he had fatally collapsed his chute, convince that his arrival back on earth would momentarily be heralded by a disgusting squishy thud, but at least he had avoided frying amid the wires.

Finally, the canopy refilled and he landed easily in a field on his feet. Then he watched in horror as the pilot's chute failed to open completely, streaming out behind the falling man. Then, just a second before he hit the ground the chute blossomed. Wilson was violently swung up, then slammed onto the ground flat on his back. The chute began dragging the stunned man over the rough field. Cummings ran to him and spilled the air from the billowing silk canopy. Aside from scrapes and bruises, he was not injured.

Meanwhile, McLaughlin had tumbled out the door, also in a contorted position. When he pulled the ripcord, the shroud lines tangled around his left leg in a deadly Gordian knot. He found himself hanging upside down in the harness. His eyeglasses were gone. Struggling with all his might, he somehow freed himself not realizing that the opening shock had dislocated his knee. Below were the same power lines Cummings had seen.

McLaughlin also remembered the shroud-pulling trick and maneuvered away from possible electrocution, missing the lines by only a few feet. McLaughlin landed hard and was unable, to get to his feet. He watched as a farmer, carrying a lethal-looking pitchfork, ran toward him. The wild-eyed man of the soil looked him over warily, fork at the ready. He finally lowered the weapon. "I thought the Russians had landed," he told the injured chaplain.

A nearby school had emptied to see the spectacle. Scores of little kids ran willy-nilly toward the prone McLaughlin and crowded around to see "the dead man." McLaughlin grinned weakly and feebly waved an arm to reassure them. They screamed and recoiled when the "corpse" moved. To McLaughlin's great relief, a teacher finally arrived and took control of the milling gawkers.

In another nearby field, Cummings and the pilot gathered up their chutes and made their way toward a nearby road where a pickup truck had stopped. The driver poked her head out of the window and demanded of the barefoot chaplain: "Why Lloyd Cummings, what on earth are you doing here?" It was Gwen Gilespie, one of Cummings's former parishioners and an old friend from the Newhall church where he had pastored a few years prior. He couldn't resist the line that popped into his head. "Gwen, you just never know when the preacher might drop in."

Later, a chastened Cummings visited the wreckage at the Sheriffs Honor Farm where the plane had hit and fireballed. Pondering the miracle of his survival, he poked among the ashes and found his partially burned jacket. In its pocket was a charred but readable bit of poetry he cherishes to this day; a memento of his gratitude:

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(AP Wirephoto)
EIGHTEEN ESCAPED DEATH—Firemen pour water on the still smoldering of a C-46 plane that crashed near Newhall, Calif., after 15 Civil Air Patrol chaplains and three crewmen had parachuted to safety.
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The Clock of Life

The clock of life is wound but once,
And no one has the power
To tell when the hands will stop
At late or early hour.
So live and love and toil with a will
Place no faith in the distant tomorrows
For then for you the clock may be still.

Chaplains: Bartolomeo Alordo, Arthur Atkins, Stanley Belland, Clyde Benway, Neville Carlson, Thomas Cummings, Lertis Elliott, Howard Lane, Delbert McLaughlin, Ralph Porterfield, John Postles, Vinton Waldron, Bertil Von Norman (Wing Chaplain), Glenn Westerberg, Robert Williams.

Crew: Capt Thomas Wilson (pilot), Lt Earl Meredith Jr (co-pilot), Sgt Arin Plew (crew chief)

Pictures: News and Courier, Charleston, SC (Chaplains/Pilot); The Eugene Register-Guard, Eugene OR (Crash)



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