



The *Transmitter*

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

Integrity

Integrity is a four-syllable noun that we toss around a lot. Without question, we have all facilitated moral leadership sessions that focus on integrity. After all, it's the first element of the Air Force Code of Ethics. Integrity First. The oft-repeated illustration is that integrity is doing the right thing when no one is watching. But there are other important nuances to the meaning. We often speak of the integrity of someone or something in terms of reliability as, for instance, the reliability (integrity) of an airframe, or the integrity (reliability) of a process.

I recently read of an incident reputed to have taken place in the late 19th Century that underscores the vital importance of both honesty and consistency as essential to our understanding of integrity. It seems that a minister had two sons who had become attached to a stray dog that wandered onto their farm. They saw an advertisement in the local paper about a lost dog that fit the description to a tee. The dog was coal black except for a few white hairs at the end of his tail. Not wishing to disappoint his sons, the minister carefully separated the white hairs on its tail and pulled them out. When the rightful owner heard about the dog, he went to the farm to take him home. It was quickly obvious that the dog recognized the man as its master. But when the man wanted to leave with the dog, the preacher said, "Didn't your ad say that your dog had white hairs on his tail?" Finding none, the man was forced to leave without his dog. Some years later, the minister wrote of the event saying, "I kept the dog, but lost my boys." Those boys became notorious outlaws – Frank and Jesse James.

As I pondered that story, the many ramifications of even a single lapse of integrity struck me. Based on this account, I have little doubt that there were more such incidents, but apparently, this one stuck in the mind of the now discredited minister. It suggests some important considerations for us today regarding the subject of integrity.

Ministers (chaplains) are not immune from lapses of integrity. I am always taken aback somewhat when someone says to me, "surely a chaplain would not tell an untruth or deal dishonestly." But, alas, those of us who minister, know that too often that sentiment stems from expectation rather than example.

(Chaplain Woodard's remarks continue on page 2)



Ch, Col Whit Woodard

From the Chief of the Chaplain Corps... (cont'd)

Example trumps exhortation. We are all familiar with the oft-quoted adage, “Practice what you preach.” Integrity (reliability) for a minister (chaplain) is borne of a consistent testimony in courage, in faith, in justice, in prudence, in temperance, in love, in hope and a myriad of other witnesses. It is seen in a life of faithfulness and humility. It is proven by steadfastness in trial and in triumph. It is demonstrated by a servant-heart and sacrifice.

Lapses in integrity are costly. Someone once said, “sin will take you further than you want to go. It will keep you longer than you want to stay, and it will cost you more than you want to pay.” The same can be said of the loss of integrity. In our story, the costly tragedy was surely borne by Preacher James, but as certainly by thousands who became the victims of subsequent outlaw activity.

All this is relevant to us as a Chaplain Corps inasmuch as we are charged to be examples for thousands of cadets and senior members. I wonder what lapses of integrity may have led to the familiar expression of the transition from cadet to senior member as “coming over to the dark side?” As we ascend the ladder from unit through group, wing, region and national, it becomes more and more difficult to maintain integrity without disappointing someone. It is tempting to just pull out the white hairs from the tail (so to speak), to accommodate our friends. The fallout may not be seen right away, but it will surely follow. The “good ole boy” school of ministry becomes more and more problematic as responsibility increases. The sooner we integrate integrity into our lives, the more effective we will become, as members, as chaplains and as character development instructors.

We are rightly proud of the dedicated men and women that comprise our Corps. I thank you all for your commitment to Civil Air Patrol and to our God-blessed nation. It is an honor to be associated with you and I pledge to do all that I can to honor and encourage the integrity of our Chaplain Corps to the glory of God.

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CAP CORE VALUES

- Integrity
- Volunteer Service
- Excellence
- Respect



CAP CHAPLAIN HISTORY: The Age of Anticipation

Contributed by Ch, Lt Col Steven E. Thomas

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

In his column published in the December 1982 issue of the “Transmitter” Chaplain Col John F. Elliott, Chief of Chaplains CAP” stated, *“Each one of us should always observe the anniversary of the Civil Air Patrol anniversary on the first weekend of December, if at all possible.”* During this time of year we also remember the anniversary of the Civil Air Patrol Chaplaincy, as we begin our sixty-first year of history.



The 1970’s proved quite difficult for CAP and there was a need for change. To bring that about several major changes were made to CAP chaplaincy. These involved giving the title of Chief of Chaplains, Civil Air Patrol to the Chairperson of the National Chaplain Committee and defining the responsibilities of the position. Secondly, giving the title of Deputy Chief of Chaplains, Civil Air Patrol to the Vice Chairperson of the National Chaplain Committee, and establishing this position as the second senior CAP chaplain position. These changes created a need to establish and defined the responsibilities of an Executive Board of the National Chaplain Committee. The Executive Board will be small enough to be an active working group, which the National Chaplain Committee, as previously structured was not. Finally, the change established a functional concept of the CAP Chaplaincy service that enables the National Chaplain to direct the CAP chaplain program in concert with the senior CAP chaplains. A significant change was the change in the assignment and responsibilities of the USAF chaplain appointed by the Chief of Air Force Chaplains to serve in the double capacity as Staff Chaplain for CAP-USAF and National Chaplain for Civil Air Patrol. Another change included the reporting time period of the Form 34, which went from quarterly to semi-annual in July and January. With all of these changes there arose a need for better communication. The establishment of the first “Transmitter” came about with the first issue of November, 1980.

In order to combat the “ME” philosophy of society, a restatement was proposed that the purpose of CAP Chaplaincy and its mission were made. The purpose is, *“To bring God to people and people to God.”* The mission of the CAP Chaplaincy was stated as: *“The Mission of the CAP Chaplaincy is to assist CAP members in thinking of ourselves: in relation to our total environment self, people, God, things, country, aerospace, in recognizing that moral leadership is everyone's responsibility, not just that of the chaplain, in becoming more fully aware that the chaplain is there to fulfill the traditional role of clergy.”* This was a start for a new 221 series level 2 specialty track training, which finally was issued in June of 1983. In the first year there were over 200 Chaplains enrolled the ECI course. Unable to compete in 1983 with the 99 cent breakfast across the street from the National Boards Hotel, the Chaplain Prayer breakfast was changed to a 7AM worship convocation in Las Vegas. This event would continue through the decade of the ‘80s.

The year of 1985 saw the first computerization of the National HQ CAP Chaplain’s office. The Chaplains Automated Pastoral Support System (CAPSS) was placed as part of an Air Force wide automation of chaplaincy functions. The equipment was provided by the office of the Chief of Chaplains USAF. In 1985

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1950-2010



Chaplain History article (Cont'd)....

a requirement of Region Staff College was added for promotion and completing level 3 for the senior members of CAP. Since this was a week-long event, it was approved that attendance at two Region Chaplain Staff College within a five year period would fulfill this requirement for members of the Chaplains Corps.

Several unique happenings were tried in 1987. One was a chaplain/spouse luncheon at the National Boards. The other was the recognition of chaplains for every five years of service to the CAP with a certificate or a plaque. Finally in the summer of 1987, Level 3, Course 221A finally hit the streets. Chaplain training were no longer ECI courses. The 221 and 221A courses were bought directly from the CAP Bookstore at Maxwell AFB, AL.

In 1988 the CAP Cadet Protection and Policy Program was instituted and chaplains were an instrumental part of the implementation of the program. As part of this program, special cadet leader ID cards were issued for those who had completed the requirements. During these latter years of the decade, emphasis was not only put on cadet protection, but also to working with people with AIDS. A new concept in "Ethics for Living" the counterpart to "Values for Living" but for seniors was introduced in 1989. These changes brought a new emphasis on the seniors and their behavior, but also a small rift between participation in senior programs and cadet programs.

Throughout the decade there was a concern for recruitment, retention and promotion of chaplains. The numbers during this time were not encouraging. In fact the 221 and 221A courses usually saw a 40% dropout rate for completion. With the implementation of the Level One course (with "Cadet Protection") through the Level Three course (with "Chaplains Helping Chaplains"), it was hoped that the training process would be structured in such a way that many of the problems in the CAP Chaplaincy would be taken care of by chaplains participating in the required coursework.

As the "Age of Aquarius" evolved into the "ME Decade" and then leading into the "Age of Anticipation" could anyone have foreseen the coming "Dot.Com" decade and the speed of change and how it would affect the Civil Air Patrol, just looming on the horizon? Space flight would become routine. However we would see an end to the Cold War and introduced to a new threat called "terrorism". CAP would play its own part in this dot.com decade, in both ending the Cold War and in the prevention of terrorism.

Chaplain Thomas serves as the Great Lakes Region Deputy Chaplain



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Online Resources and Training

— CAPP 265-2 v3 "Flight Time" – Values for Living:

http://www.capmembers.com/media/cms/P265_002V3_F59414CEB9BA2.pdf

— SLS and CLC:

http://www.capmembers.com/cap_university/online_courses_exams.cfm



For membership information:

<http://www.mca-usa.org/membership/>

CHAPLAIN CORPS REGION STAFF COLLEGES 2011

PACIFIC REGION

14-17 March
Travis AFB, CA

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NORTH CENTRAL

28-31 March
Columbian Fathers Retreat
Bellevue, NE

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GREAT LAKES

2-5 May
Great Lakes Naval Air Station
Chicago, IL

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SOUTHEAST

9-12 May
Keesler AFB, MS

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NORTHEAST

23-27 May
Niagra Falls ARB, NY

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MIDDLE EAST

TBD
TBD

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SOUTHWEST

27-30 June or 11-14 July
Naval Air Station Joint Reserve Base
Fort Worth/Carswell Field, TX

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ROCKY MOUNTAIN

TBD
TBD

FOUR CHAPLAINS DAY February 3



The Four Chaplains were four United States Army chaplains who gave their lives to save other soldiers during World War II.

The chaplains, who all held the rank of lieutenant, were the Methodist Reverend George L. Fox, the Jewish Rabbi Alexander D. Goode, the Roman Catholic Priest John P. Washington and the Reformed Church in America Reverend Clark V. Poling.

The four chaplains were sailing on the USAT Dorchester troop transport on February 3, 1943 when the vessel was torpedoed by the German submarine U-223. As the vessel sank, the four chaplains calmed the frightened soldiers and sailors, aided in the evacuation of the ship, and helped guide wounded men to safety. The chaplains also gave up their own life vests when the supply ran out. 230 of the 902 men aboard the ship were rescued.

On December 19, 1944, all four chaplains were posthumously awarded the Purple Heart and the Distinguished Service Cross. The Chaplain's Medal for Heroism was authorized in 1961 and posthumously presented by the President of the United States to the families of the chaplains.

The chaplains were also honored with a stamp, issued in 1948 and by an act of Congress designating February 3 as "Four Chaplains Day."

For more details on this amazing story of heroism, check out the following links:

<http://www.homeofheroes.com/brotherhood/chaplains.html>

<http://www.fourchaplains.org/story.html>

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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

Capt Alan Baumgartner – MIWG
Ch, Capt Kenneth Brown – KYWG
Capt Joe Carlton – OKWG
Capt Christopher Caruso – NCWG
1st Lt Daniel Chaverion – KSWG
1st Lt Sherry Lee Gardner – KYWG
Ch, Maj James Hoy – NMWG
Ch, Capt Perry Jennings – GAWG
1st Lt Preston Lawrance – NHWG
Ch, Lt Col Marc Jordan Ben-Meir – TXWG
Capt James Moser – VAWG
Ch, Capt David Ritterpusch – PAWG
Ch, Capt Allen Stanley – TNWG
Ch, Capt Paul Vance – CAWG
Ch, Capt Donald Von Buskirk – TNWG
Ch, Capt Kerry Wilson – WIWG



Level 3 – Grover Loening

Ch, Maj Franklin Blodgett – AKWG
Capt Megan Graham – COWG
Capt Robert Harris – CAWG
Ch, Maj Curtis Martin – MNWG
Ch, Lt Col Marc Jordan Ben-Meir – TXWG
Maj Paul Ryan – NYWG



Level 4 – Paul Garber

Lt Col Gerry Davis – TXWG
Ch, Maj James Graham – WAWG
Ch, Lt Col Marc Jordan Ben-Meir – TXWG
Ch, Maj Joseph Moldan – FLWG
Ch, Maj August Peters – MDWG
Maj Harvey Taylor – LAWG
Ch, Maj Robert Westbrook – GAWG



Level 5 – Gill Robb Wilson

Ch, Maj Sergio Gutierrez – TNWG
Ch, Maj William Pawson – OHWG
Lt Col Charles Roesel – ORWG

To appreciate what these members have accomplished, here are the percentages for Senior Milestone Completions (Nat'l data dated 3/7/07): Level 1: 87.7% - Level 2: 29% - Level 3: 21.5% - Level 4: 11.2% Level 5: 4.6%. For guidance in pursuing your Professional Development, consult the CAPR 50-17

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MEDAL OF HONOR AND CHAPLAINS

Contributed by Ch, Lt Col Ron Tottingham – Deputy Chief, CAP Chaplain Corps

The Medal of Honor is the highest military decoration awarded by the United States government. It is bestowed on a member of the United States military who distinguishes himself *"conspicuously by gallantry and Intrepidity at the risk of his life above and beyond the call of duty will engaged in an action against an enemy of the United States"*. Because of the nature of its criteria, the medal is often awarded posthumously. The following Chaplains have been awarded the Medal of Honor:

CIVIL WAR

- Chaplain Rev Francis Bloodgood Hall (Presbyterian) - Army
 - Chaplain Rev Milton Haney (Presbyterian) - Army
 - Chaplain Rev John Whitehead (wife Mary J.) - Army
 - Rev James Hill called "The Fighting Chaplain" - Army

WORLD WAR II

- Chaplain, Lt Commander Joseph Timothy O'Callahan (Catholic) called "Padre" - Navy

VIETNAM

- Chaplain, Lt Vincent Capodanno (Catholic) - Navy
 - Chaplain, Capt Charles Liteky (Catholic) - Army
- Chaplain, Maj Charles Joseph Watters (Catholic) - Army

To read the citations that accompanied the award, click on the following link:

http://www.homeofheroes.com/e-books/publisher/S_chaplains.doc

Welcome Aboard

The following are newly appointed Chaplains and Character Development Instructors:

Ch, Capt Robert Anderews – MNWG
 Ch, 1st Lt Wilbert Bailey – DCWG
 Capt Arthur Blanchet – FLWG
 Capt Kelly L. Bartodej – TNWG
 Ch, 1st Lt Olin Brock – WAWG
 Lt Col Owen Busch – NMWG
 Ch, Capt Dean Cathcart – AZWG
 Ch, Capt Edward Clarke – PAWG
 2nd Lt Russell Compton – ALWG
 2nd Lt Cynthia Duckworth – OHWG
 1st Lt Sherry Gardner – KYWG
 Ch, Maj Alan Garner – COWG
 2nd Lt Charles Glynn – TXWG
 Ch, 1st Lt John Hackney – PAWG
 Ch, Capt Leonard Hale – MOWG
 Ch, 1st Lt Clifford Hopkins – UTWG
 2nd Lt Joseph Jacobsen – MSWG
 1st Lt Erik Koglin – TNWG
 1st Lt Jeffrey Leif – MNWG
 Ch, Lt Col Dennis Mercieri – CTWG
 Ch, Maj Daniel Mode – CTWG
 2nd Lt Robert Noone – ALWG
 Ch, Capt Gary O'Day – ARWG
 2nd Lt Shawna Rexford – MIWG
 Capt Ronald Snow – UTWG
 Ch, Capt Ross Syracuse – MDWG
 2nd Lt Matthew Wimmer – CAWG

New Assignment

Congratulations to....

Ch, Maj Ralph Camp - NVWG HC

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THE UNIFORM WITHIN

Contributed by Cadet 1st Lt Jesse Carr, CAP

Often we are judged by what someone else sees on our outside, since first impressions are always lasting. But it is not what we look like on the outside that makes us who we are. Rather than how we dress or our grooming standards, it is what we have inside that counts. For Civil Air Patrol members, it is the uniform within that largely defines our character and makes us who we are. Although much can be judged by a person's outward uniform – ribbons, insignia, accoutrements and specialty badges – only the reason within that earned them makes them a reflection of who we are.

As Civil Air Patrol members, it is our duty to make sure that our uniform within is spotless. As we uphold the core values we must be morally and ethically sound inside and out, otherwise we would be hypocritical. Sometimes people wear their uniform for the glory and recognition, but fail to fulfill their mission within – in their heart. We must remember that the awards and decorations will come as a result of our having fulfilled our mission. If our eyes are set only on glory, then we are sure to fail; we can only succeed when our full attention is focused on the task at hand.

Elbert Hubbard (1856-1915) said this about character, *“Many a man’s reputation would not know his character if they were to meet on the street.”* What he’s saying is that our reputation is not always our character. Character is what lies inside; it is our core values, the rules we live by, but not necessarily what others see in us all the time. Our uniform within is the truth of who we are; it is impossible to cover it up all the time, or make it look like something it is not.

In Civil Air Patrol, we are given the core values – Integrity, Respect, Excellence, and Volunteer service. Whenever one of us has had a problem or issue, most of the time it has been caused by that person's failing to uphold the core values. We can all fall short or make mistakes, but the worst pit-fall is trying to separate our uniform within from Civil Air Patrol.

Should we uphold the core values only when we are in uniform, at some point this flaw will reveal itself in some way. For a while, it might be possible to get away with living that way, but the time will come when success will be knocking at our door, and only those whose uniform within matches their outward self will be chosen.

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Character is much easier kept than recovered.

— Thomas Paine, British-born American political activist (1737-1809)



Cadet Carr with Maj Gen Amy Courter

C/1st Lt Jesse Carr is assigned to the Tyler Composite Squadron, Group III, Texas Wing. He is the Texas Wing Cadet Advisory Council Chair (to be announced on 11 September 2010) and his squadron's Deputy Cadet Commander (effective 1 Sep 2010). He has attended numerous encampments, having distinguished himself as Encampment Cadet Command Chief. Also attended the Blue Beret School and Texas Wing's Advanced Training Squadron. He was honor graduate of the Lone Star Emergency Services Academy's Public Information Officer/Public Affairs Officer School, where he qualified as an emergency services PIO in June, 2010. He has written prolifically and is a steady contributor to Group III, Texas Wing, and Wings Over Texas. He has been published on Southwest Region's The Fly-By. In September, 2009, he was one of the two cadets who first reported in words and photos a National Boards and Annual Conference in San Antonio, Texas. He also reported the Texas Wing Conference in April, 2010. He has earned two Commander's Commendation Awards. He joined Civil Air Patrol in April, 2007, is home schooled and a conservative Baptist.



The Civil Air Patrol's *Wreaths Across America* program began in 2006 as an offshoot of the Arlington National Cemetery wreath project, which was started in 1992 with the annual placement of wreaths donated by Worcester Wreath Co. The program has mushroomed in a short time. With its patriotic theme and its increasing visibility, *Wreaths Across America* is an ideal program for promotion of CAP and the patriotic values CAP holds dear.

On December 11th 219,000 wreaths were placed on the gravesites of veterans in over 500 ceremonies across the Nation. Members of the CAP Chaplain Corps were among the hundreds of CAP volunteers who participated in this annual event.



CHAPLAINS WHO ARE APPROVED TO PROVIDE MILITARY SUPPORT

These are the CAP chaplains who currently have been approved and issued a Military Support Authorization (MSA) to provide military support:

1. Bobbey, David – LT COL
2. Confer, Harlin III – MAJ
3. Craver, Ben – CPT
4. Dawson, George – LT COL
5. Eno, Gary – CPT
6. Hill, Greg – LT COL
7. Howell, James – Lt Col
8. Murdoch, John – COL
9. Patrick, William – LT COL
10. Poland, David – MAJ
11. Smelser, David – LT COL
12. Still, James – CAPT
13. Taylor, Marcus – LT COL
14. Tottingham, Ron – LT COL
15. Westbrook, Scott – MAJ
16. Woodard, Whit – COL
17. Young, Edward – LT COL

If you indicated on your Form 34 that you are providing services to the military and do not have a MSA, contact:

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NATION CADET SPECIAL ACTIVITIES

National Cadet Special Activities are Cadet Programs conducted by Civil Air Patrol. NCSAs are designed to give cadets direct hands on experience with various aspects of the Civil Air Patrol program and provide meaningful insight into several aviation-related careers. There are approximately 30 different special activities that a cadet may attend. Each activity is approximately a week long, and all but one are offered during the Summer.

The variety of NCSAs offered by CAP gives cadets a diverse experience. Activities focus on career exploration, leadership development, search and rescue skills, aeronautical training, Air Force familiarization, government, and a variety of other topics.

These events offer opportunities for the participation of chaplains and character development instructors.

For events and dates:

<http://ncsas.com/>

