



# The *Transmitter*

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## *From the Chief of the Chaplain Corps.....*

### **MODELS OF MINISTRY**

It's the 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary year of our CAP Chaplain Corps. We have inherited a wonderful legacy from so many who have gone before us from the two theatre conflict of World War II to the present two front war on terror. Our 61st year, which began on January 5, 2010 is marked by the first written Memorandum of Agreement with the Air Force Chaplain Corps which sets us forth as their fourth component. For over sixty years our chaplains (and more recently joined by our character development instructors) have been charged with the care of integrity, morality and character, and with the free exercise of religion for all our members. One cannot help but think ahead and dwell upon the legacy that we will leave to those who follow us.



Ch, Col Whit Woodard

The Christian Apostle Paul, in his letter to the church in Philippi, made a remarkable statement that has reverberated within my own thoughts and seems a fitting objective for our entire Chaplain Corps.

*"Brothers, join in imitating me, and keep your eyes on those who walk according to the example you have in us."*

Wow! That's a tall order. I imagine such a lofty goal would be readily embraced by chaplains of all faiths, and a thoughtful consideration of it would certainly compel us to humility. Have you ever wondered what it would be like in CAP if every chaplain or character development instructor was a model of yourself? If so, would our chaplaincy be known by complaining, or compliance to regulations; by entitlement, or enlightenment; by argument, or availability; by bibulous conduct, or blameless composure; by promiscuity, or purity; by hypocrisy or humility? Indeed, these are stirring questions.

It comes as no surprise to seasoned ministers that much is expected of chaplains and we can be sure that someone is watching us at any time. Truth be told, we are all models of ministry. Let us therefore take heed. If we enter into complaint, we decry the virtue of contentment; if we skirt the requirements, we denigrate the virtue of diligence; if we demand our "rights," we diminish the Providence of God. In another letter, Paul said, *"All things are lawful for me, but not all things are helpful."* That's a pretty good rule of thumb when considering chaplaincy.

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

Whether we like it or not, chaplains are models of attitude and conduct, as is anyone associated with the Chaplain Corps. Whether we realize it or not, we are leaving a legacy for others to follow. Whether it's fair or not, chaplains are expected to demonstrate an exceptional virtue in all things. It is unseemly for chaplains to be known by their demands, or IG complaints, or murmuring, or jumping over their chain of command, or avoiding the letter and spirit of the regulations and policies, or their self promotion.

One area of modeling that should concern us is that of physical fitness. We must not overlook this testimony simply because we are primarily focused on the spiritual. We must embrace the one while caring for the other. Paul also spoke of this aspect as important to his ministry when he wrote, "I discipline my body and keep it under control." Our efforts to achieve fitness is an expectation that will be an encouragement and a challenge to others. Those of us who are engaged in support for the military are sometimes called to a "ministry of presence" in field exercises, physical training and the like, where conditioning is particularly essential.

I am thankful that we have been blessed with so many chaplains and character development instructors who have demonstrated the virtues that commend us to our fellow CAP members and testify of the value of faith. It is a joy to be associated with such a cloud of witnesses to the Grace of God, who are devoted to His glory. Surely this must send a message to the future of our Corps. As we celebrate our 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary and thank God for those who have gone before us, let us also be cognizant of the legacy that we will pass on to those who follow. May it truly be said that they may "walk according to the example they have in us."

### *Semper Vigilans ad Dei Gloriam*

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### 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. Confer, Harlin III, MAJ - 132nd Multirole Bridge Co, CA ANG
2. Craver, Ben, CPT - 377 ABW/HC, Kirkland AFB, NM
3. Eno, Gary, CPT - 220th Ohio ANG, Zanesville, OH
4. Tottingham, Ron, LT COL
5. Woodard, Whit, COL - 328 CSH, A Co US Army

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## CAP CHAPLAIN HISTORY: The Service is Alive

Contributed by Ch, Lt Col Steven E. Thomas

### This is a second in a series of articles outlining the history of the Civil Air Patrol Chaplaincy

Chaplain Lt. Col. Robert Taylor, as National Air Chaplain - CAP, had the daunting task of not only ministering to the leadership of CAP, but had to create the organization of the CAP Chaplain Service and to make available tools to CAP Chaplains for a viable moral and character guidance program. The first major project was the recruitment of chaplains.



Recapping the "First Civil Air Patrol Chaplains Conference" held 28 and 29 MAR 1951 at Bolling AFB, Washington, DC, to the National Board, Chaplain Taylor wrote: *"A little better than a year ago, General Beau, this board, and CAP in general, initiated a Chaplains' program for this Command. At that time we had no Chaplains except as far as I know, two or three Chaplains throughout the country, and in most place they were not working and serving as chaplains. Within this one year we have today a little over 200 chaplains serving as CAP Chaplains in the United States and territories. This past week we had our first annual convention in the city of Washington. We had 144 chaplains representing every state in the Union and two territories. ... These men, who have come in the program, are a very high caliber of gentleman who are educated in their own profession, and their profession as you know, is that of leading voluntary organizations—churches, and other related activities. This program is made up of men who are capable leaders of character guidance, rendering casualty assistance in our own CAP program; conducting religious ceremonies, counselors, advisers, and in general boosters of CAP activities."* The week previous Chaplain Taylor in his comments to chaplains emphasized the fact that chaplains were invited into the CAP program of 160,000 Seniors and 30,000 cadets. The main emphasis of the entire conference that year was that cadets needed moral and spiritual leadership, especially in the face of pressures from a changing world around them. The early moral leadership discussion materials were extracted from "Character Guidance Topics" provided by the Chief of Air Force Chaplains.

A tremendous amount of growth happened for a fledgling force over a period of just over a year and not without some growing pains. It was originally thought that the National Air Chaplain CAP would directly advise the wing chaplains. It was determined that a chaplain and deputy were needed at the region level and the first conference of the Region Chaplains Committee was called by the acting chairman, Chaplain Col. James E. O'Connell, CAP in Detroit, MI, August 1952. The committee elected their chair and Chaplain O'Connell would be re-elected each year through 1970. During his tenure most of the programs that continue to this day, were begun under his watch. Chaplains were to be a part of Cadet encampments, reporting by chaplains was instituted, Cadet Guidance Programs were begun, waivers were granted to chaplains who barely missed meeting full Air Force Qualifications. Out of the first Regional Chaplains' Conference came this statement: *"That is was not only highly desirable, but necessary, to have a chaplain assigned to every CAP unit. That every CAP unit commander should be sold on the idea that his unit cannot function as well as it should, if it lacks an assigned chaplain."* Regarding the rank of chaplains, prior to this time, chaplains came into the program with the rank of Lieutenant Colonel, it was decided that *"all new chaplains would be given the lowest authorized positional rank, for the purpose of insuring a promotional incentive for continued faithful service."* What this meant was that your rank depended upon the position you held, flight chaplain/1<sup>st</sup> Lieutenant; Wing/Lt. Colonel; Region/Colonel. If you were an Air Force Reserve Chaplain functioning for retirement points then it was permissible to wear your Air Force Rank.

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*Celebrating 60 Years of Service*  
1950-2010



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

Prior to this meeting Chaplain Lt. Col. Albert Schiff was appointed to the position of National Air Chaplain, CAP, replacing the reassigned Chaplain Taylor. He set forth guidelines for a new "Character and Citizenship" (Discussion Topics for CAP Personnel) Manual that came into print in 1954. We read from the forward to this manual, *"The delivery of these lectures by CAP Chaplains is considered essential (1) in the leadership training program of CAP cadets and (2) in the accomplishment of one of the missions of the CAP chaplaincy, namely, 'to assist the home, church, and school, in the moral citizenship training of young Americans who are CAP cadets.' Prior to the delivery, lectures should be studied carefully and informational and instructional points of interest 'digested' thoroughly. Only after such preparation can it be hoped that interesting and effective lectures, adapted to the age limits of CAP cadets, can be delivered."* Topics included: "Religion in Our Way of Life"; "Worship in Life"; "The Development of Character"; "Chastity"; and others.

In 1954 Oklahoma Wing had the distinction of being the first and only wing to have complete chaplain coverage in every unit. Yet in the rest of the country with over 500 chaplains commissioned in CAP we were far from meeting target of 2,290 filled chaplain billets. In late 1955, Chief of the Air Force Chaplains afforded opportunities to assist more actively in the ministry of the USAF Chaplaincy. It was hoped this would spur recruitment. The biggest problem encountered was the failure to get chaplains to renew their membership and continued interest in the program. Another hurdle was that every prospective chaplain had to pass an exam. It is interesting to note that at this time 75% of the chaplain candidates did not even meet the minimum requirements for chaplaincy. The question was raised in 1956 whether or not to allow female chaplains to aid recruitment. This was voted down in 1957 by the National Board. In 1959, the requirements for those chaplains on educational waivers were clarified: *"Any chaplain serving under educational waiver cannot transfer to another unit of assignment without prior concurrence of the national air chaplain. Any serving on a waiver cannot serve at any higher level than local squadron as long as on waiver."* By 1959, there were 1138 chaplains serving in CAP, and it was the National Board who reaffirmed the decision continuing to *"rigidly adhere to requirements for CAP Chaplains."* There was also a decision to begin the revision and reprinting the "Character and Citizenship" manual.

Interestingly to note, that later in 1959, HQ CAP moved from Bolling AFB, Washington, DC to Ellington AFB, TX. Coming up next is *"Houston, we have lift off!"*

Chaplain, Lt Col Steven Thomas serves as the Deputy Great Lakes Region and Wisconsin Wing Chaplain



### SUMMARY OF FORM 34's

(July-December 2009)

From July through December, the CAP Chaplain Corps personnel participated in 12,627 activities; spent 104,169 hours; traveled 465,054 miles; invested \$281,973 in their service to others.

**33%** of our Chaplain Corps did not submit Form 34s

## GAWG APPOINTS ITS FIRST CHAPLAIN OF THE JEWISH FAITH

A historic event took place in the Georgia Wing on Tuesday evening, January 12<sup>th</sup>, 2010. Wing Chaplain, Maj Harvey Gainer officiated an appointment and promotion ceremony for Chaplain, Capt Alan Gorlin. He is now the Squadron Chaplain for the Peachtree DeKalb Senior Squadron and also conducts Character Development for the Dekalb County Cadet Squadron. Chaplain Gorlin has been a member of CAP since 2004. He is a qualified CAP aircrew member as a mission scanner and is currently training to become a qualified mission observer. He holds current qualifications in General Emergency Services and is certified in CPR and First Aid. Chaplain Gorlin has earned the General E "Chuck" Yeager Aerospace Education Achievement Award. He is the first Orthodox Jewish Rabbi ever to serve as a Chaplain for the Civil Air Patrol in Georgia.



Ch, Maj Harvey Gainer (GAWG HC) with Ch, Capt Alan Gorlin  
and Dr. Paula Gorlin

## Welcome Aboard .....

**The following are newly appointed Chaplains  
and Character Development Instructors:**

Maj Gregory Barker – WAWG  
1<sup>st</sup> Lt Alan Baumgartner – MIWG  
2<sup>nd</sup> Lt Kevin Bottjen – AKWG  
Capt Timothy Brinegar – TNWG  
Ch, Capt Donald Buege – MIWG  
1<sup>st</sup> Lt Meagan Graham – COWG  
Ch, Capt Alan Gorlin – GAWG  
Ch, Capt Tagore Jenkins – MIWG  
Lt Col Roger Lenard – NMWG  
1<sup>st</sup> Lt Hugo Morales – FLWG  
Ch, Capt Mark Strader – CAWG  
Ch, Capt Paul Vance – CAWG

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

## CHAPLAIN CORPS REGION STAFF COLLEGES 2010

### PACIFIC REGION

29 March - 1 April  
Nellis AFB – Las Vegas, NV

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### NORTH CENTRAL

19-22 April  
Columbian Fathers Retreat  
Bellevue, NE

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### SOUTHEAST

10-13 May  
Keesler AFB – Biloxi, MS

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### ROCKY MOUNTAIN

12-15 May  
Hill AFB- Ogden, UT

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### NORTHEAST

24-28 May  
Binghamton USAF Station – Niagara  
Falls, NY

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### MIDDLE EAST

7-11 June  
Charleston AFB – Charleston, SC

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### GREAT LAKES

21-24 June  
Wright-Patterson AFB  
Hope Hotel – Fairborn, OH

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### SOUTHWEST

28 June-1 July  
Naval Air Station Joint Reserve Base  
Fort Worth/Carswell Field, TX

### A great quote by Albert Einstein:

*"Anyone who doesn't take truth seriously in  
small matters cannot be trusted in  
large ones either."*

## MARK YOUR CALENDAR .....

### NATIONAL BOARD/CONFERENCE

1 – 4 SEPTEMBER 2010  
SAN DIEGO, CALIFORNIA

## 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 Timothy Brinegar – TNWG  
Ch, Maj Alfred Climie – TXWG  
Ch, Maj Harlan Confer III – CAWG  
Ch, Capt Dave Franklin – WAWG  
Capt Jeffrey Schelske – MIWG  
Ch, Capt Mark Tanis – NCWG  
Ch, Maj Terry Vance – IAWG  
Ch, Capt Carl Wall – MTWG  
1st Lt Kathleen Weeks – NCWG  
Ch, Robert Westbrook – GAWG



### Level 3 – Grover Loening

Capt Julia Bell – MDWG  
Ch, Lt Col Richard Bower – MDWG  
Ch, Maj Harrell Cobb – TNWG  
Maj David Gregor – AZWG  
Ch, Capt John Preston Joslin – TNWG  
Capt Gerald Prior – WAWG  
Ch, Maj James Roberts Jr – AZWG  
Ch, Maj Adma Ross – NJWG  
Capt Jerry Treanor – ORWG



### Level 4 – Paul Garber

Ch, Maj William Adam III – WAWG  
Capt Scott Englund – CAWG  
Capt Ronald Fenn – MIWG  
Ch, Capt Sergio Gutierrez – TNWG  
Ch, Maj William Pawson – OHWG  
Ch, Maj Rollin Steele – OHWG  
Ch, Capt David Vaughn – TNWG



### Level 5 – Gill Robb Wilson

Lt Col Clyde Altum – COWG  
Ch, Maj Ralph Cole Sr. – IAWG  
Maj Sherri Lierenz – DEWG  
Ch, Maj Edwin Kopp – NYWG  
Ch, Maj Richard Nelson – CAWG

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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Please do not contact the Chaplain Corps or Professional Development Offices.

## LT COL TIM STEPPAN (CDI) APPOINTED AS SDWG VICE COMMANDER

Lieutenant Colonel Timothy J. Steppan was recently appointed to serve as the Vice Commander for the South Dakota Wing. He also conducts Character Development lessons for the Sioux Falls Composite Squadron, Sioux Falls, SD.

Following a 12 year active/reserve stint in the USAF as a Security Specialist, Lt Col Steppan joined CAP in December 1999, and was appointed a Moral Leadership Officer in September 2000. After having served as Aerospace Education Officer, Testing Officer, Safety Officer, Logistics Officer, and Deputy Commander of both Seniors and Cadets, Steppan accepted the offer of becoming Squadron Commander in October 2002. He held this position until March 2006.




Col Teresa Schimelfening, SDWG CC and Lt Col Tim Steppan

In 2002, Lt Col Steppan attended his first North Central Region Chaplain Service Staff College. He graduated the following year, and also became the staff photographer. Steppan has taught Aerospace Education since 2004, and has served off and on as Protocol Officer. He has assisted with Character Development issues, and provided vocal and instrumental music for many devotional services. His insight from a commander's prospective has been valuable to the Staff College.

The South Dakota Jaycees honored Lt Col Steppan by selecting him as one of the Ten Outstanding Young South Dakotans of 2003. Steppan's concern for his community has led him to become active in several organizations over the years, including Junior Achievement, Brush-Up Sioux Falls (Paint-a-Thon), United Way's Mentoring Program, Toys For Tots, and the VA Hospital's Services of Remembrance. He has played Taps at many memorial services, as well as providing vocal and instrumental music for these services. He is a member of The American Legion (Sioux Falls Post 15) and a Life Member of the Disabled American Veterans. In 2006, Steppan organized the only Wreaths Across America ceremony hosted by a Civil Air Patrol unit in the state of South Dakota, and has continued this every year since.

In 2005, Steppan was selected as CAP's National Moral Leadership Officer of the Year. His CAP medals include the Bronze Medal of Valor, Exceptional Service Medal, Meritorious Service Medal, Commander's Commendation, and Unit Citation Award. He has completed all levels in the Senior Member Professional Development Program attaining the Gill Robb Wilson award (#2440) in 2006.

**CAP CORE VALUES**



**-- Integrity**

**-- Volunteer Service**

**-- Excellence**

**-- Respect**

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

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