



# The *Transmitter*

The Official Newsletter of the Civil Air Patrol Chaplain Corps

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

### **REDEEMING THE OPPORTUNITY**

It's a special privilege to serve as a chaplain – at least I feel that way. Not because chaplains are in any way more privileged or advantaged than others, but because so many doors of ministry are opened to us. Perhaps most rewarding and enjoyable aspect of our calling is simply becoming part of a local unit and caring for its members; sharing the trust of mutual devotion; training together for community involvement; bringing the presence of God to difficult challenges; basking in the satisfaction of young cadets whose lives have been wonderfully touched by our program. That would be enough, but there is so much more. Regional and national special events abound and with them the opportunity to expand our participation in meaningful ways. These events take place around the country and each one affords the opportunity to encourage our members. There are at least thirty-two special activities every year, and each one is an open door to chaplain ministry. Events like National Cadet Competition, National Emergency Service Academy, National Character and Leadership Symposium, Powered Flight Academy, Hawk Mountain Search and Rescue School, Blue Beret, Cadet Officer School, Pararescue Orientation Course, Honor Guard Academy and many more. Many (if not most) of these take place with no chaplain presence only because chaplains have not made themselves available. I'm guessing that chaplains simply do not know of the opportunity.



Ch, Col Whit Woodard

Last year I had the privilege of attending the National Cadet Competition in McMinnville, OR and found it to be a thrilling experience. The precision movements of the drill teams and honor guards literally brought tears to my eyes. I shall never forget the efforts of the cadets who struggled to finish the mile run and then ran to encourage their teammates. On Sunday, about seventy-five cadets and senior members filed into the chapel for services. Those four days were a wonderfully satisfying experience. Next year the competition will move to another location and that great opportunity will be available to other chaplains.

After learning that Hawk Mountain actually built a chapel, but there has not been a chaplain to man it, I am determined to fill the need this year. The Hawk Mountain Ranger School is probably the most demanding of all the events, and I confess that the thought of ten days in semi wilderness in somewhat primitive conditions is a challenge for an old guy like me. Cold showers, burning humidity, nights without electricity and days in the field notwithstanding, this year we will have chapel services and offer encouragement to cadets and senior members alike. The list of needed equipment is itself daunting, and there is no Starbucks to assuage my city taste, but I have no doubt it will be invigorating and satisfying.

**(Chaplain Woodard's remarks continue on page 2)**

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The point is that each of these special events offer varied and productive venues in which CAP chaplains can make a difference, and broaden their experience. They give the concept of the ministry of presence a practical and effective meaning. Friendships are built, lives are touched and CAP members are blessed. That's why we enter chaplaincy in the first place. These activities give us the opportunity to walk the walk, not just talk the talk, and they are coming to a location near you.

I am searching for a chaplain who will fill a position on my staff to coordinate and enlist chaplain participation at all special activities for cadets and senior members. This chaplain will have completed Level III, be current in his or her Form 34 reporting, exhibit a working knowledge of cadet programs and have the recommendation of his or her wing chaplain. Application for an interview should be made to the CAP Chief of Chaplains through the respective wing chaplain.

### *Semper Vigilans ad Dei Gloriam*

Chaplain, Col Whit Woodard, CAP  
Chief of Chaplain Corps

## New Assignment ....

### Congratulations to....

Ch, Lt Col Thomas Bauder – WIWG/HC

Ch, Lt Col Stuart Boyd – UTWG/HC

Ch. Lt Col Edwin Kopp – NYWG/HC

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AZWG**

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PAWG**

**Chaplain, Lt Col Fred Smelser  
NEWG**

## CAP CHAPLAIN HISTORY: "Houston, we have lift off!"

Contributed by Ch, Lt Col Steven E. Thomas

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

The 1960's proved easy for Aerospace Education as we watched the first manned space flight to the first steps on the moon, it was constantly on the television and every home had to have one to be in the know. In 1959, HQ CAP moved from Bolling AFB, Washington, DC to Ellington AFB, TX, across the field from the Houston Control and Space Center. Yet it brought many changes to the CAP Chaplains, CAP Chaplain James E. O'Connell and the National Air Chaplain Vernon F. Kullohatz had their hands full. Up until this time, the practice had been to have three annual meetings for CAP Chaplains. They were the Wing Chaplain Conference, the Regional Chaplain Conference, and the Chaplain Section Meeting at regular Regional Conferences. The decision was made to discontinue these three meetings in favor of what will hereafter be known as Local Area Conferences (2-3 states meeting as a sub region). This proved a boost for attendance of chaplains, but military airlift was still in short supply. However, the National Chaplain Committee also had to make some changes. They opened the committee to Wing Chaplains *"to enter into the planning our wonderful program"*. The committee now included 52 Wing Chaplains, with the eight Regional Chaplains, Deputies, six members-at-large, and the National Air Chaplain, comprising a body consisting of 75 members. The meeting was to be held at least once annually in the month of October. This Committee operated as the major policy establishing unit within the Civil Air Patrol Chaplaincy. What is interesting the NCC did not meet then in 1960 or 1961, mainly due to lack of airlift.



It was during this time, to the relief of many a wing and regional chaplain, that the submission of the form 34 report went from monthly to quarterly. It must have been frustrating back then to get reports in on a timely manner. The wing chaplain not only had to do the form 34 monthly/quarterly reports but also had to keep the roster of their chaplains as the newsletter of the National Air Chaplain indicated: *"Due date for this report was 15 February 1960. As of this date reports have not been received from the following wings: Arizona, Arkansas, Iowa, National Capital, Nevada, New Hampshire, New Mexico, North Carolina, North Dakota, Oklahoma., Pennsylvania, South Carolina, Tennessee, Utah and Wisconsin."* In an attempt to bring National Chaplain's office files of CAP Chaplains up-to-date, a post card was mailed to each Unit Commander in CAP requesting they furnish the information requested. *"Since the Unit Commander is the, only one, in every case, to be in a position to furnish the information. Many times we receive documents in this National Air Chaplain's office signed by Chaplain Blank, Such and Such Wing or Regional Chaplain (or perhaps deputy), and we will not be carrying him as a Wing or Regional Chaplain or Deputy in our files. We are never sure whether to change our files and mailing list on the strength of the signature, shown on that document."*

In July of 1960 the National Air Chaplain wrote, *"For some years now we have, tried to secure recognition from the Military Chaplains Association of the United States of America. I am happy to quote from a recent communication received from the Association. The Association will welcome as members the Civil Air Patrol Chaplains. Those interested may write in to our Headquarters and request a*

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*membership application. This is a significant milestone in gaining acceptance of our program. For the benefit of those of our chaplains who are not aware, the Military Chaplains Association has, up to this point, been composed almost entirely of either active duty military chaplains or those on inactive status. To the best of my knowledge, this is the first time that this organization has ever given official membership rights to anyone other than past or present military chaplains.*”

In 1961 a new Chaplain Handbook was created which gave the following description of the CAP chaplain: *“The CAP Chaplaincy is an organization of civilian clergymen who have been appointed and commissioned as CAP Chaplains, representing the three major faiths, supervised by the National Air Chaplain's office at National Headquarters, Civil Air Patrol-USAF, Ellington Air Force Base, Texas, and to which has been delegated the responsibility for the moral and religious welfare of CAP personnel. The CAP Chaplain assists home and church in moral and citizenship training of American young people, both boys and girls, between the ages of 14-18, who are CAP Cadets. By his presence and personal witness, he imparts a highly desirable and needed spiritual influence on all CAP personnel, cadets and seniors. Through his membership and activity, he personally links his CAP unit with the greatest obstacle in the path of Communism today--Religion. With thousands of men and women of other professions who are CAP members, the chaplain shares the satisfaction derived from voluntary support of one of the finest civilian humanitarian organizations in the United States.”*

There was a decision in late 1959 to begin the revision and reprinting the *“Character and Citizenship”* manual. Thus *“Operation Countdown”* came into being after nearly two years of waiting. The new syllabus was completed in the early part of January 1962. One item in the curriculum included in the series was that cadets had to take and pass a national test in order to be promoted. The committee recommended that *“Operation Countdown”* should not be reprinted in 1968 and should be phased out as soon as possible because the Chaplain Lecture Syllabus dated 1964 (supplement to *“Operation Countdown”*) was composed with this idea in mind. Furthermore, the Chaplain Lecture Syllabus dated 1967 was to be given maximum utilization. In September of 1969, the Moral Leadership Syllabus was printed.

One item that keeps reoccurring is that the CAP Chaplaincy was an opportunity for billets for Air Force Reserve Chaplains. It was no different in 1964, but a special emphasis was placed in this year. Reserve chaplains were able to be employed to conduct religious services, deliver moral leadership lectures, and provide counseling. The only requirement was that a form 40a be filled out in order for the Reserve chaplain to get his points which are necessary for retention, promotion, and retirement. *“There are many chaplains in what he called Non-Affiliated Reserves, with no training attachments, who would eagerly accept assignments with CAP. The chaplain (Reservist) will be attached to Air Force base chaplains for training, who could assign him to specific duties in CAP where applicable”*. On the other side, one of the concerns of CAP Chaplains was that they brought many new chaplains in the front door, but many were leaving by the back door. Chaplain retention was a big problem. This was despite certain perks enjoyed by chaplains such as Space Available military air transport to denominational conferences. Shortly thereafter the Air Force went through a severe belt tightening mode with many programs and the CAP chaplaincy was not immune. However, the Air Force Spiritual Life Conference was opened up to CAP Chaplains during this time. In 1966 CAP went as far as having a 30 second colored TV spot announcements for the recruiting of chaplains.

In 1967 CAP headquarters was again moved to Maxwell Air Force Base, AL. In 1969 a great number of changes were coming down the line. One was a CAP Air University, and another was to be a senior

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chaplain training college. Plans were completed for a National Laboratory on Ministry to Youth, involving 250 chaplains and church dignitaries, to be conducted at Maxwell Air Force Base, Alabama in August of 1969. In view of the civil rights legislation passed by congress in the mid-60's, it was recommended to allow female applicants and appointment to be considered for the CAP Chaplaincy. Where it was not right to discriminate against women, it was also recommended to restrict participation in CAP Chaplaincy to the upper age of 65. This latter was then amended to the age of 70. However, the duties of CAP chaplains were increasing as the war in Viet Nam went on and CAP chaplains were being called upon to conduct military funerals. As the 1970's and the dawning of a new age approached, both CAP and our nation was about to enter "the age of Aquarius".

*(All quotes were taken from the newsletters of the National Air Chaplain)*

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



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### THE NEW ISSUE OF "FLIGHT TIME": VALUES FOR LIVING RELEASED

The most recent (and long awaited) issue of the Character Development curriculum - "Flight Time": Values for Living is now available. It can be downloaded from the NHQ web-site:  
[http://www.capmembers.com/media/cms/P265\\_002V3\\_F59414CEB9BA2.pdf](http://www.capmembers.com/media/cms/P265_002V3_F59414CEB9BA2.pdf)



### 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

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

Ch, Lt Col Ron Tottingham ([drtot@empiremail.net](mailto:drtot@empiremail.net)).

### CHAPLAIN CORPS REGION STAFF COLLEGES 2010

#### •• GREAT LAKES

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

#### •• SOUTHWEST

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

**Watch for dates for the  
2011 CCRSC schedule**



## 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

Maj Martin Curtis – MNWG  
Capt Kevin Garland – CAWG  
Capt Jaimie Henson – KYWG  
Capt Lori Kirk – VAWG  
Ch, Maj James Lowther – DCWG  
1<sup>st</sup> Lt Richard Olsen – VAWG  
Ch, Capt Iona Smith – TXWG  
Ch, Capt James Still Sr. – SCWG



### Level 3 – Grover Loening

Maj Timothy Casaday – NJWG  
Ch, Capt Ben Craver – NMWG  
Ch, Capt Gary Eno – OHWG  
Ch, Maj Dave Franklin – WAWG  
Capt Jeffrey Leskowat – OKWG  
Capt William Rust – ORWG  
Maj Kevin Stall – NVWG



### Level 4 – Paul Garber

Maj Gregory Barker – WAWG  
Ch, Maj William Boldin – VAWG  
Lt Col Melvin Bridges – AZWG  
Ch, Maj Randolph Colby Jr. – COWG  
Ch, Maj Jon Lumanog – MIWG  
Ch, Maj Randy Potter – ORWG  
Ch, Maj Robert Westbrook – GAWG



### Level 5 – Gill Robb Wilson

Ch, Lt Col George Klett – TXWG

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

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**On-line SLS/CLC:** [http://www.capmembers.com/cap\\_university/online\\_courses\\_exams.cfm](http://www.capmembers.com/cap_university/online_courses_exams.cfm)

Each course will take 8 weeks to complete, and is writing intensive through online discussion. A group will start and end as a cohort. The course was designed to help members could not attend a traditional face-to-face course. Each course will start when a cohort is put together. If you sign up, you will be placed on a waiting list until the next course opens up.

# OPERATION: Deepwater Horizon

*Submitted by Ch, Lt Col Marcus Taylor – FLWG HC*



Chaplain, Lt Col Marcus Taylor with aircrew on June 16 following their longest mission to date: 3 sorties / 6.2 flying hrs / 14 hr day

Although I am not assigned to this mission as a CAP Chaplain, I am on board, assigned and flying missions as an ARCHER Operator on our ARCHER System. Our air crew is staged out of the Mission Base at Eglin AFB, FL. Col James Rushing, SER/CC, serves as the IC for the missions being conducted from there. We are flying a combination of Sensor Missions for the USAF, as well as Deep Water Horizon Missions.

The Sensor Missions we are flying are to aid the USAF in comparing and calibrating the newest generation of Spectral Imaging Systems being developed. The Deep Water missions are being flown, of course, in support of the oil spill crisis. It entails taking aerial photographs of the coastal areas, inland bays, and bayous. The ARCHER missions are being

flown to show the capabilities of the ARCHER System relative to these types of crises situations.

As would be expected, our days are long, hot and stressful. But the idea that CAP is being able to be fully involved and give the level of service that we are giving leaves within a sense of satisfaction and feeling of gratification that more than compensates for this. CAP is receiving nothing but rave reviews and comments on the level of our capabilities, quality of the product delivered and exercising of our missions. We were told that the possibility exists that we could be engaged in this situation for at least another 120 days.

Because of the level of stress experienced and exhibited, I do stand ready to revert to my other role as a CAP Chaplain to carry out our mission to guard the spiritual welfare of our people and all those involved who need spiritual care.

## CAP CORE VALUES



- Integrity
- Volunteer Service
- Excellence
- Respect

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

## 2010 NATIONAL STAFF COLLEGE

National Staff College for 2010 will be conducted October 16 - 24, at Maxwell AFB in Montgomery, AL, home of CAP's National Head-quarters. Because of the graduate-level design of NSC, as well as its focus on national-level operations, attendance at National Staff College is restricted to those members who hold the grade of Major (or above), who have completed CAP's Region Staff College (or equivalent), and who have the endorsement of their wing commander.



For more info:

[http://www.capmembers.com/cap\\_university/course\\_schedules/index.cfm](http://www.capmembers.com/cap_university/course_schedules/index.cfm)



## MARK THESE DATES ON YOUR CALENDAR *1-4 September 2010*

CAP Prayer Breakfast – Friday morning, 3 September

Break out sessions are planned for members of the Chaplain Corps to attend on Friday and Saturday.

Online registration for the Annual Conference and National Board in San Diego is available (*Early registration ends on July 18 -- which is a cost savings*):

<http://guest.cvent.com/EVENTS/Info/Summary.aspx?e=1b63057a-66a2-4d4b-9bc2-29cd49813959>

### PCR 2010 CCRSC

*Contributed by Ch, Lt Col Paul Ward – PCR HC*

Twenty-three students attended the 2010 Pacific Region Chaplain Corps Staff College held 29 March-1 April at Nellis AFB. Chaplain, Maj, Charlie Sattgast (PCR HCD) served as the Dean and Chaplain, Lt Col, Paul Ward (PCR HC) served as Director.

The main content of the curriculum dealt with Suicide Prevention/ Intervention. Ch, Lt Col James Sickmeyer (NCR HC) did a tremendous job of instructing the college regarding the tool of Question - Persuade -Refer. Each session was planned in keeping with the requirement of a staff college to cover the areas of CAP's three-fold mission: Aerospace Education, Cadet Programs and Emergency Services. The instructors - Ch, Maj Richard Nelson; Ch, Maj Charlie Sattgast; Ch, Lt Col Tom Miller; Lt Col Virginia Nelson - each brought something of enrichment to us.



Ch, Lt Col James Sickmeyer conducting a Q-P-R session



Left to right: Ch, Capt Dave Franklin; Capt Bill Rust; Ch, Lt Col Bob Ledden making foam rockets as part of the AE class.

Other highlights of the CCRSC included Chaplain, Col, Whit Woodard being in attendance. He inspired us in the Monday evening session regarding our priorities in our mission/ ministry as well as later in the college presenting a briefing regarding the National Chaplain Corps. Students were given a tour of the Threat Weapon Facility (aka: "The Petting Zoo"). A table-top ES exercise was conducted that enabled students to attain or renew ES ratings. A CISM exercise (based on the table-top scenario) was conducted so that CISM skills could be refreshed and reviewed. The AE session consisted of an opportunity to build foam rockets – which was both educational and entertaining.



## SER 2010 CCRSC

*Contributed by Ch, Lt Col David Smelser – MSWG*

Over 25 Civil Air Patrol (CAP) Chaplains, Character Development Instructors and other staff members gathered in May at Keesler AFB, MS for the annual Southeast Region Chaplain Corps Staff College. The College is held each year for CAP Chaplains and Character Development Instructors to gain continuing education in order to carry out their duties. The College also helps chaplains gain credit for the Paul Garber Award.

Instructors included Chaplain, Lt Col Ron Tottingham, Deputy Chief of Chaplains; Chaplain, Lt Col Oscar Cope, Southeast Region Chaplain; Chaplain, Lt Col Jim Howell, College Director and others.

The college participants came from Florida, Georgia, Mississippi and Tennessee. The CAP Chaplains include military veterans and non-veteran; their occupations include parish clergy, a writer, and an institutional chaplain. The chaplains denominations included most Protestant groups, Jewish and Catholic. Chaplain Tottingham presented material on ministry to military personnel who had served in Iraq and Afghanistan. He also briefed the College attendees on activities in the National Chaplain's Office. The participants also took turns writing and producing Character Development scenarios to be used in the CAP Cadet Program nationwide. For Aerospace Education, the college members visited the 403rd Airlift Wing's Hurricane Hunters, and toured a WC-130 used for gathering information about tropical storms.



Left to right: Ch, Maj Gregory Francisco (GAWG); Ch, Capt Alan Gorlin (GAWG); and Ch, 1st Lt Robert Rector (FLWG) making a group presentation on a possible "FLIGHT TIME: Values for Living" lesson.



1st Lt Mike Lynch (far right) with volunteer team

## VOLUNTEER SERVICE EXEMPLIFIED

### *1<sup>ST</sup> LT MIKE LYNCH RESPONDS TO HAITIAN EARTHQUAKE*

HAITI — On Jan. 12, a 7.0-magnitude earthquake rocked the nation of Haiti, and the world watched the news in horror as reports of the devastation kept pouring in, worsening by the hour. The calls for assistance were almost instant, as was the overwhelming response.

One of those who responded was 1<sup>st</sup> Lt Mike Lynch of the California Wing's Bakersfield Composite Squadron 121. His story was featured in the *Volunteer Now* (the on-line CAP News source):

[http://www.capvolunteernow.com/todays\\_features.cfm/calif\\_wing\\_member\\_heads\\_medical\\_team\\_in\\_haiti?show=news&newsID=7598](http://www.capvolunteernow.com/todays_features.cfm/calif_wing_member_heads_medical_team_in_haiti?show=news&newsID=7598)

**REMINDER: Form 34s are due 7/1 --- Form 34As are due 7/15**