



# The *Transmitter*

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

In early December, I had the pleasure of sitting down with the Air Force Chief of Chaplains, Chaplain, Maj Gen, Howard D. Stendahl, during his visit to the Air Force Chaplain Corps College in Columbia, SC. Chaplain Stendahl entered the Air Force Chaplaincy in 1985 when I was responsible for the Senior Course at the Chaplain School then located at Maxwell AFB, AL. It is a sign that you're getting old when one of your former students becomes Chief of Chaplains.

In my conversation with Chaplain Stendahl, I was particularly impressed with his genuine regard for the men and women who serve in the Civil Air Patrol, and especially the CAP Chaplain Corps. He had a sincere, profound gratitude for the sacrifices that are made by CAP members to make it one of the finest volunteer organizations in the world.

Chaplain Stendahl shared with me his admiration and respect for his boss and friend, General Mark A. Welsh, III, who is the Air Force Chief of Staff (AF/CC). They truly model the type of relationship that every chaplain and commander should have.

I shared with Chaplain Stendahl how the first AF Chief of Chaplains, Maj Gen Charles Carpenter, gave birth to the CAP Chaplain Corps when he sent war hero Ch, Lt Col, Robert Preston Taylor to CAP National Headquarters in the 1950's to organize loosely knit CAP Chaplains into a chaplain program modeled after the Air Force Chaplain Service. (Chaplain Taylor was later promoted to the rank of Major General when he himself became Chief of AF Chaplains.)

This unique relationship between an AF functional area and a CAP functional area has never been duplicated between two command structures of the CAP and AF. Today this relationship has been sealed by Public Law which gives the Secretary of the Air Force the authority to use CAP Chaplains to augment the domestic missions of the Air Force Chaplain Corps.

Some of you may have met Chaplain Stendahl when, as Deputy Chief of AF Chaplains, he addressed the prayer breakfast at the 2010 National CAP Institute in Kentucky. Chaplain Stendahl is ordained in the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. He became Chief of Air Force Chaplains in August, 2012. In the article on the following page, he speaks of the new focus of the Air Force and how it impacts upon his ministry and ours.

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**Ch, Lt Col Ken Colton  
(USAF, Retired)**

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

To the Civil Air Patrol Chaplain Community,

As the Air Force Chief of Chaplains I wish to express my gratitude to all Civil Air Patrol (CAP) chaplains for your generous support to the CAP community, the official auxiliary to the Air Force, and for your selfless contributions to the religious freedoms of regular Air Force members when occasions have arisen for those ministries. I look forward to continuing this very constructive relationship in the coming years, one that will become even more important as the number of active duty, Guard, and Reserve chaplains may decline, but mission requirements remain high.

Last month, we rolled out a new Strategic Plan for the Air Force Chaplain Corps (HC). I'd like to share it with you here. Under this new plan we will execute five strategic priorities:

- Sharpen our focus on Warrior Care
- Strengthen our advisement to leadership
- Resource the Chaplain Corps with requirements-based advocacy
- Maximize our strategic communication
- Enhance our care for Chaplain Corps caregivers

Simply stated, the emphasis on Warrior Care obtains throughout these priorities, as the competition for severely constrained resources requires that we focus very intentionally on the spiritual care of uniformed Airmen and their families. Programs of ministry that do not enjoy this primary focus are no longer sustainable, hence difficult decisions require that our Corps let go of activities not identified as "requirements" in our AF mission, whether by Air Force Instruction or clearly identified mission statements related to the organizations (MAJCOMs, Wings, and Units) we serve.

There will likely be opportunities in the future for CAP chaplains, who meet all standards required of active duty chaplains, to provide spiritual care and advocacy for religious freedoms at AF installations, under the supervision of wing HC leadership. I look forward to exploring mutually fulfilling avenues for ministry with the CAP in the future, as we accomplish our AF Chaplain Corps vision to Glorify God, Serve Airmen, and Pursue Excellence.



**Ch, Maj Gen Howard Stendahl  
USAF Chief of Chaplains**

As Chief of Chaplains, Chaplain Stendahl is the senior pastor for more than 680,000 active-duty, Guard, Reserve, and civilian forces serving in the United States and overseas. He leads an Air Force Chaplain Corps of approximately 2,000 chaplains and chaplain assistants from the active duty and Air Reserve components. As a member of the Armed Forces Chaplain Board, he and other members advise the Secretary of Defense and the Joint Chiefs of Staff on religious, ethical and quality-of-life concerns.

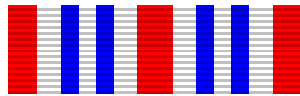
Chaplain Stendahl was born and raised in St. Paul, Minn. He was ordained into the ministry of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America in 1977. He studied clinical pastoral education and served as a parish pastor in Texas and Wisconsin before entering the Air Force Chaplain Corps in 1985. His assignments include Director of the Air Force Chaplain Service Institute, and Command Chaplain for Air Education and Training Command, Air Combat Command and Deputy Chief of Chaplains.

# Chaplain Bestowed the CAP Bronze Medal of Valor



Chaplain, Major Debra Prosser, Nevada Wing Deputy Chaplain was awarded the CAP Bronze Medal of Valor during the recent Nevada Wing Conference. The Bronze Medal of Valor is awarded to members for *"distinguished and conspicuous heroic action where danger to self is probable and known."*

While doing local church work at a home in Las Vegas, Chaplain Prosser heard gunshots and the screams that a person had been shot. She ran outside and resuscitated the innocent victim of a drive-by shooting -- an 8 year old girl who had been shot in the chest. Chaplain Prosser with disregard for her personal safety administered life saving first aid to this little girl while there was still imminent danger from the shooter. She stayed with her until the area had been cleared by police and the ambulance could safely enter the area and take over.



## PRESENTATION OF THE BRONZE MEDAL OF VALOR

Col Tim Hahn (NVWG CC); Ch, Maj Debra Prosser;  
Col Larry Myrick (PCR CC)

***"Everybody can be great. Because anybody can serve. You don't have to have a college degree to serve. You don't have to make your subject and your verb agree to serve.... You don't have to know the second theory of thermodynamics in physics to serve. You only need a heart full of grace. A soul generated by love."***

-- Martin Luther King, Jr.

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## FOUR CHAPLAINS DAY February 3 *70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary*

This year marks the 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary of an event that has given definition to what it means to be a chaplain. 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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## CAP CORE VALUES



- Integrity**
- Volunteer Service**
- Excellence**
- Respect**

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

# PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT AWARDS



These members of the CAP Chaplain Service attained the following awards in the Senior Member Professional Development Program. We are proud of their accomplishments.



## Level 2 – Benjamin O. Davis

Ch, Capt Jack Bennett (KYWG)  
Ch, Capt Richard Berry (DEWG)  
Ch, Capt John Cantele (MSWG)  
Ch, Capt Clarence Cossey (TXWG)  
Capt Gerald Gibbs (INWG)  
Ch, Lt Col Dennis Mercieri (CTWG)  
Capt Rodney Stephens (ALWG)



## Level 3 – Grover Loening

Lt Col Brent Bracewell (GAWG)  
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Ch, Lt Col Don Henderson (COWG)  
1st Lt Matthew Hooper (WIWG)  
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Maj Michael McCoury (NCWG)  
Ch, Maj Paul Ritter (VAWG)  
Capt Jeffery Schelske (MIWG)  
Ch, Maj Steven Wadle (COWG)



## Level 4 – Paul Garber

Ch, Lt Col Don Henderson (COWG)  
Ch, Maj Alvianette Kennedy (DEWG)  
Capt Jonathan Luysterborghs (CTWG)  
Ch, Maj Michael Marshall Sr (WIWG)



## Level 5 – Gill Robb Wilson

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

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## RESOLUTION FOR A NEW YEAR

I will look to God, myself, and my neighbor for wisdom, strength, and inspiration to be and to do the best with all that I am, all that I have, and all that I receive in the year with us now.

I will sustain focus in my life on the positive, the valuable, the precious, the good, and whatever makes for peace, harmony, cooperation, and progress in my life and relationships.

I will rest much and playfully but not waste time, money, energy, or other valued resources. Even my daydreaming time shall open me up to the reception of feeling and thinking about new possibilities for mindful living.

I will remain open to the voice and inspiring presence of the Holy Spirit.

I will watch for His ways, words, and will in my life. This will be a good, full year of life for me on earth.

If I should be fortunate enough to be permitted to return to my eternal home with God, I will count myself blessed. There, I will continue to wish the best, pray the best, and expect the best for my loved ones and all for whom I accept interest and responsibility on earth.

I shall sharpen my ability to serve with excellence if called to Civil Air Patrol service. I shall maintain maximum proficiency at flying so that I and others may safely enjoy travel in the airways.

I will count myself fortunate to dwell in a club of fellows interested in the skill, art, and craft of flying! We shall rejoice in our times together! We shall venture over the airways as often as possible and enjoy fellowship around fun, food, learning, play, and service whenever possible.

I will regard my family, my worship group, my community, my nation, and the whole world as awesome gifts commanding my care and reverence for these received graces from God.

I will not break faith with God who gives so much for me to treasure, value, maintain, and enhance with passionate zeal. May I extend goodness and kindness, grace and mercy, and skilled resourcefulness to everyone, everywhere possible! In giving to the full, I receive fully.

I am and shall be grateful this new year.

Thanks be to God! Amen!

Chaplain Lt Col Edco Bailey, MDWG HC



**Ch, Lt Col Edco Bailey,  
MDWG HC**

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***"Character is the ability to carry out a good resolution long after the excitement of the moment has passed."***

**-- Cavett Robert**

# CHAPLAIN CORPS REGION STAFF COLLEGES 2013

## PACIFIC REGION

8-11 April  
March ARB – Moreno Valley, CA

## NORTH CENTRAL/ROCKY MOUNTAIN

22-25 April  
Columbian Fathers Retreat – Bellevue, NE

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## SOUTHEAST

22-25 April  
Moody AFB – Valdosta, GA

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## NORTHEAST

TBA  
TBA

## MIDDLE EAST

TBA  
TBA

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## GREAT LAKES

1-3 July  
Volk Field ANGB – Orange, WI

## SOUTHWEST

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

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

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

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

## 2013 NATIONAL CONFERENCE

***It's not too early to start planning to attend the 2013 National Conference!!***

**DATES:** 15-18 August

**LOCATION:** Denver, CO Sheraton Denver Downtown

***Watch for more details later on.***



## CAP CHAPLAIN HISTORY: "The Support of the U.S. Air Force: National Air Chaplain: Chaplain, Maj Gen Robert Taylor – USAF Chief of Chaplains"

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

We have retraced back to the beginnings, the accomplishments of then Chaplain Lt. Col. Robert P. Taylor and how he made a difference. Chaplain Taylor was a great preacher who could stir his congregation to even greater heights. As I reread his presentations that were delivered at chaplain conferences and to the National Executive Board, once again it stirred memories of a man who could bring a group to their feet begging to sign on to his objectives. (As noted in an earlier article, I was acquainted with Chaplain Taylor during his time at Wright-Patterson A.F.B. He could even keep a four and five year enraptured during his sermons)



**Ch, Lt Col Steve Thomas**

Although the outside enemy may have changed, his words ring even more true today and the continued need for chaplains and character development instructors within the CAP, if we are going to preserve freedom and this country.

In March of 1951 he made the following remarks before the National Executive Board in Washington, DC (Transcribed from the NEB Minutes 30 MAR 1951):

*"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 places 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 of the territories, except two Wings, which were Alaska and District of Columbia. I think the greater number of Chaplains came from the state of Colorado with about 20, California second with about 13 or 14; Texas third with 10 or 12, and then on down the line.*

*These men, who have come in the program, are a very high caliber of gentlemen who are educated in their own profession, and their profession as you know, is that of leading voluntary organizations—churches, and other related activities. The 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, advisors and in general booster of CAP activities.*

*The convention was highly successful and the Chaplains were enthused over the program. I think with your backing, and your support and cooperation, you will find that your Chaplains can do you a great good in the CAP. They will lend additional prestige and lend additional force and power to this already great organization...."*

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*A vote of appreciation was made to Chaplain Taylor for the splendid job he has done, and for his hard work and leadership in the Chaplains’ Program.*

(Author’s note: sorry ladies at the time only men were allowed in the ranks of CAP Chaplains)

Now granted this time frame also was one of great turmoil and crisis on the American Scene, but Chaplain Taylor reflects in his summary to the CAP Chaplains’ Convention (March, 1951, Washington, DC) some of the rhetoric and motivation for Chaplains to enter the service and of course Chaplain Taylor could rouse them to a higher level of service.

*“Therefore, if war should come to our continent, our cities will possibly be invaded and will be inflicted with the destructiveness of falling bombs. We must, therefore, as American citizens, from the pulpit to the school, from the school to the civic organizations of our nation, to the state organizations of our country, and to the national organizations of our American way of life, determine that we will preserve our country, in face of whatever opposition which may be hurled against us. In order to remain strong and ready to preserve our nation against the eventuality, we ministers must inject moral and spiritual strength in the lives of our parishioners throughout the country because to preserve moral and spiritual fiber contributes greatly to our strength in the hours of great challenge.*



**Ch, Maj Gen Robert Taylor**

*There is a three-fold reason why we as Civil Air Patrol Chaplains should be vitally concerned in the overall picture of the defense of our nation. First, we are faced with an atrocious enemy. Far too many take the American way of life for granted. Russia and communism today constitute the greatest threat to our freedom of religion, freedom of speech, freedom of personal and collective enterprise, freedom of the American way of life.*

*For 42 months I was a prisoner of the Japanese. I observed and experienced the atrocious acts on the infamous “Death March,” in the prison camps, on the prison ship and many other place of evil treatment of innocent men on the part of our captors. There was one thing, however, that the Japanese rarely deprived us of, and that was our freedom of worship. Throughout the days of our imprisonment life, in most cases and instances and during most all times, we were permitted to conduct our worship services in whatever form we wished, whether, Catholic, Protestant or Jewish.*

*May I wish at this time for each of you gentlemen, as you take your departures in a few hours, a very successful, pleasant and safe journey back to your church, to your CAP Wings and to your homes. I am convinced that you have, by this time, in your hearts a burning desire to contribute much to the Chaplains programs of the Civil Air Patrol. I expect to see and hear great things from you in the future. Anytime you desire feel free to write to your Wing Chaplain and, or, to my office here in Washington, direct, on any professional subject to*

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*matter you wish. May we as chaplains and as helpers and assistants to our CAP Wings, Group, and Squadron Commanders inject moral and spiritual inspiration into the Civil Air Patrol Program and to the churches you serve. Thank you for coming....”*



Note the backing on both sides not only USAF Chaplain Service but also from the National Executive Board. Now granted they had a great turn out for this convention of CAP Chaplains in part due to the military airlift availability, but it says something about the commitment these early Chaplains held and what they hoped to do. Is our country in any less danger today from our enemies, would we stand as Chaplain Taylor did?

We reread history that we may not be any less, but always more.

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



**“WREATHS ACROSS AMERICA”**

**15 December 2012**



Wreaths Across America, along with nearly 200,000 volunteers across the country and overseas at 825 locations, placed 420,000 remembrance wreaths on headstones of our nation’s fallen military on Saturday, December 15th in celebration of National Wreaths Across America Day. At Arlington National Cemetery, 110,662 wreaths were placed by more than 20,000 volunteers, making it the largest wreath delivery to date at our nation’s cemetery.

On a side note....there was an unfortunate incident at the Riverside National Cemetery where a mix-up in delivery resulted in several boxes of wreaths not delivered in time for the December 15<sup>th</sup> event. In fact, they would not arrive until December 24<sup>th</sup>. On Christmas Eve over 40 CAWG senior and cadet members and their families braved the rain and came out to Riverside National Cemetery to place over 500 wreaths that were delivered late. Capt (Chaplain), Robert Harris (Chino Cadet Composite Sq 20 and Capt Ken Benner (March Composite Sq 45) helped to organize this Christmas Eve effort.

To all of our CAP Chaplain Corps personnel that participated in this event across the nation:

**BRAVO ZULU!!**

**REMEMBER – HONOR – TEACH**

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

### Dealing With Grief: Five Things NOT To Say And Five Things To Say In A Trauma Involving Children

[http://www.huffingtonpost.com/rev-emily-c-heath/dealing-with-grief-five-t\\_b\\_2303910.html](http://www.huffingtonpost.com/rev-emily-c-heath/dealing-with-grief-five-t_b_2303910.html)

### There are 24 new Character Development Lessons available

[http://www.capmembers.com/cadet\\_programs/library/character](http://www.capmembers.com/cadet_programs/library/character)

### Newly revised CAPR 265-1: Chaplain Corps Activities

[http://www.capmembers.com/media/cms/R265\\_001\\_538BD6B239386.pdf](http://www.capmembers.com/media/cms/R265_001_538BD6B239386.pdf)



Chaplain, Lt Col Wade Gibson  
(NCWG)

Chaplain, Lt Col Richard Pyle  
(DEWG)

## CHAPLAINS AND THE CIVIL AIR PATROL

Col Timothy F. "Kojack" Hahn, NVWG/CC



Col Timothy Hahn  
NVWG CC

No, I'm not a Chaplain. It's one of the few things missing from my 101 card. But of all the things that can GO on a 101 card, I deem "MISSION CHAPLAIN" to be one of the most valuable. I'm a Level 1 Incident Commander. I've seen it all from missing persons to weeks long missing aircraft searches to disaster sights that would curl your hair. I'm also a retired Law Enforcement Officer and have seen the value of experienced, related duty Chaplains many times. Officers killed in the line of duty, families torn apart, officer in need of counseling because of what they experienced. It is no surprise to me that I see the same thing in the Civil Air Patrol.

Chaplains, pardon the pun, are a "God Send" in these instances. A plane or vehicle crash involving CAP personnel, members witnessing a critical stress incident, family members of a missing aircraft search with nowhere else to turn..... The work of a Chaplain in these instances is not just valuable, it's critical. Sometimes their being there to talk can pull someone bootstraps up for them.

I see Chaplains announce worship services at conferences and other events, and most of the time they gain some small attendance. I've yet to see one of them complain about that. They put on a presentation that would make you believe they were televised and the room had thousands in it. It's their job to be there, and they take it seriously.

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**(“Chaplains and the Civil Air Patrol” continued)**

In both Law Enforcement and in the CAP I have had the fortune as a Director of Operations, a Chief of Staff, and now as a Wing Commander to have worked, and continue to work with the finest Chaplains in the business. They are dedicated, hard working, and they are used to me calling them “Padre”. I often hear people wonder about just what it is they do however, and I thought it was important that you as Chaplains know how we view what you do.

Several years ago a plane with CAP members on board stalled and spun in. I was part of a CISM team that flew in to support the unit. We didn’t have a great deal to do. A CAP Chaplain had been working with them from the time of the crash to our arrival. We followed up and eventually left knowing that the unit was in good hands, and that further CISM was in place.

While working a search for a missing CAP member, I was well in to day 4 of the search. He was not flying a CAP aircraft, but he was still overdue and missing. The search lasted 5 days and we found him deceased in an area he normally did not go flying in. It was one of the earliest cell phone “finds” and led to far more direct coordination between phone companies and what is now the Cap Cell Phone



Forensics unit used by multiple agencies every day. The Wing Chaplain came up and just started chatting. It was an easy chat he was famous for and before I realized it I was involved in an in depth discussion about the search and the family. He finally asked how long it had been since I had slept. Bingo! He knew. And he fixed a problem that could have become a major one without telling me to “go to my room”. Turns out the family was concerned about the Search Commander and had gone to the Chaplain. Good thing. I probably would have blown anyone else off!

A chance discovery of a Face Book Page entry set off alarms and a Chaplain was called in to talk to a cadet that had mentioned suicide on their FB page. The cadet is fine and in counseling. Would the outcome have been the same without a dedicated professional Chaplain donating that initial time?

A CAP Chaplain doing local church work hears of a person shot outside. The Chaplain runs out side and resuscitates an 8 year old girl shot in the chest, saving her life. Something anyone would have done you say? This was a heavy gang occupied area and they don’t like people saving the lives of someone they are intent on killing. I’m a retired Cop, former SWAT and all that good stuff. This was heroism at its finest, and obviously without second thought.

A group of cadets were at a local airport and spoke with a family about to leave for a trip. They watched them board and take off, and then watched them crash and burn. We immediately called in a local CAP Chaplain who worked with the cadets and to date, every one of them is just fine

In September of 2011 a P-51 Mustang went out of control and crashed into the stands at the Reno Air Races. With several dead and many injured, two CAP Chaplains responded to the scene. It turns out that a fair number of CAP members had witnessed the crash and had acted as first responders. In all by the end of the day over 50 CAP members had been involved. The following morning a CISM team was flown in and worked with the members involved. What we did not know what that one of the chaplains was so directly affected by what he’d seen that he fell ill. Even with the ORM brief, he had been concentrating so much on the other people that he forgot his own needs. To this day, every time I see him I offer him a bottle of water. He laughs knowing that it’s both a private joke and a serious gesture.

Whether you are Baptist, Jewish, Catholic or atheist, I cannot fathom a CAP without a Chaplain Corps. But I will always remember that we must take as much care of them as they do us. I might not make all the worship services. But I make certain they are scheduled, and I always take care of my Padres. Almost every action I’ve seen taken by Chaplains is above and beyond the call of duty, and yet every one of them tells me it’s simply....duty.



From one CAP Member to one CAP Chaplain –

***"Thank you for what you do... please carry on."***