



## Sky Pilot Trails



### *From the HC...*

#### **“Lost Another One”**

I’m sure you have all seen the commercial where the forlorn, dejected loan officer mutters the words, “Lost another one to DiTech.”

Well, this article is the result of a resignation received from a fellow CAP Chaplain. While I can deal with the loss of chaplains and MLOs due to death, sickness, retirement, moving away or even time commitments, there have been a few resignations from MLOs and Chaplains that have troubled me that have been submitted during the past 4 years.

In pondering the reasons cited in the resignations received, I have observed four common elements that resulted in them terminating their service.:

- 1) a lack of understanding about the nature of Chaplain ministry within CAP. This goes to the heart of training. Many CAP Chaplains and MLOs have no military background (if so, they were not officers) and do not understand the nature of the organization. While reading the 221 and 221a is beneficial for chaplains,

the fact that many have not gone past Level 1 and have taken the ECI 13 is something that, in my opinion, needs to be addressed. While the regs state that Chaplains do not need to progress in their Professional Development to be promoted, that time in grade is sufficient, I find that leads to many of the problems I

have dealt with as Wing Chaplain. These problems include: not following the chain of command; not being able to identify with the members who are striving to fulfill training requirements; not knowing the culture of the organization we belong to.

On the other hand, MLOs need to fulfill the professional development requirements to promote in rank. By participating in SLS, CLC, and RSC, MLOs enjoy the benefit of seeing the over-all perspective of CAP.

- 2) not participating in the various events conducted. The particular chaplains and MLOs who resigned had never been to Wing Conference or a Chaplains’ conference or a CSRSC. Their only involvement had been teaching ML in a local squadron. If they had been involved in the larger scope of things: i.e. encampments, ES missions, training, serving on SLS/CLC

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**Chaplain (LTC) Paul Ward**

# Congratulations!

## APPOINTMENTS, AWARDS, AND PROMOTIONS...

### Appointments:

1<sup>st</sup> Lt. Craig Durham  
Capt. Cathy Neubauer  
Ch (Capt.) David

Prado

### Awards:

Capt. Karen Nahrstadt  
(Grover Loening)

### Promotions:

Ch (Maj.) Rodger Coale  
Ch (Lt. Col.) George Dawson  
Lt. Col. Della DeArman  
Capt. Patricia Lay  
Ch (Maj.) Mike McKinney



## GILL ROBB WILSON MEMORIAL CEREMONY – MAY 30 – 1300 hours

Since 1974, members of Gill Robb Wilson Group 15- Civil Air Patrol have held a memorial ceremony each Memorial Day at his grave at Forest Lawn Covina Hills. That tradition is now continued by Los Angeles County Group 1 – Civil Air Patrol. You are cordially invited to participate in this remembrance of Gill Robb Wilson and our fallen Civil Air Patrol comrades.

Uniform: Blue service coat, light blue shirt with tie and ribbons, CAP blazer uniform, aviator shirt combination or appropriate civilian attire.

*Ch (Maj.) Chuck Ingram was a participant in the Easter Sunrise Service at Forest Lawn-Covina Hills.*



RESOURCE: A couple of years ago, the Civil Air Patrol Bookstore discontinued carrying the Book of Prayers. This item is now available on the USAF Chaplain Service Website:

<https://hcllogin.maxwell.af.mil/TrainingCDs/BookOfPrayers/html/index.htm>

## ***A Good Report...***

Here is a summary of Form 34's submitted from July to December 2004: The CAWG Chaplains and MLOs participated in 1,676 activities; spent 5,122.5 hours, traveled 32,602 miles; invested \$10,334.53. The total for the year 2004: participated in 2,595 activities; spent 9,313.5 hours; traveled 62,182.4 miles; invested \$19,097.37.

In regards to the training Levels completed by members of the Chaplaincy Service:

Level of Training	Chaplains	MLOs
Level I - Orientation	22	10
Level II - Certificate of Proficiency	2	5
Level III - Grover		4
Level IV - Paul E. Garber	4	4
Level V - Gill Robb Wilson	3	5

If you are still at Level 1, make it your goal this year to enroll and complete the ECI Course 13 course: The CAP Officer. Enrollment cards are taken care of by your squadron commander, personnel officer, or Sr. Member Training/Professional Development Officer. While it may sound difficult, it really isn't. Once this level has been completed, the requirements for the other training levels will fall into place naturally because of the events you have already participated in and time you have served on staff positions. I would like to see more our CAWG Chaplain Service personnel advance to the next level of training. Chaplains - as opportunities for participating with the USAF Chaplain Service in training and other opportunities of shared ministry, it is imperative that your training level at Level 2 or above and that you have completed the 221A.

Chaplains and MLOs - For more information about Professional Development Training (Levels 2 through 5) or the Specialty Training Track (Chaplains - 221 or 221a; MLOs - 225) contact Ch (LtC) Jack Nahrstadt (jnahrstadt@comcast.net) or myself and we will be glad to assist you further your training

A couple of observations about the Form 34s: 1) please use the most recent form. **The CAWG Form 34 has been eliminated (in 2002).** 2) The hours (and cost of gasoline) that you spend driving to and from an event can be counted as well as the hours it take to prepare the ML class.

## Mark Your Calendar

### MARK THESE DATES:

- 21-22 May – Practice SARX @ Santa Maria
- 30 May – Memorial Day/Gill Robb Wilson Memorial
- 03-06 June – Evaluated SAREX @ Santa Maria
- 30 June – Form 34 Due
- 06-13 August – Encampment @ Camp San Luis Obispo
- 18-20 August – National Boards @ St. Louis, MO
- 21-23 October – Wing Conference @ Santa Maria

### FORM 34 DUE: June 30, 2005.

Please make sure that your report includes hours and costs involved. If you have any questions about filing out the report, read the instructions on the back of the form or contact either Chaplain Nahrstadt or Chaplain Ward. All these figures are important as they are part of CAP's annual report to Congress. Send the completed form to:

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**Partners In Service**  
by  
**Ch (Lt. Col.) George Dawson,**  
**Deputy Wing Chaplain (No. Cal)/Group 5 HC**

The Pacific Region Chaplain Staff College of 2005 was a great time of fellowship, training, cooperation, and making new friends. Monday evening we had some time to meet with people from our own Wings. For me it was a good time to get acquainted with folks from different parts of California. Tuesday morning our devotional time was a Memorial Service for those members of the Chaplain Service who received their final promotion this past year. We said our final farewell to Chaplain, Lt.Col. Sammy Campos, and MLO, Maj. Allen Schwartz. (There was one other chaplain from the Oregon Wing).

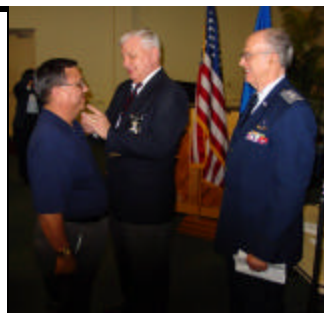
The College was organized into two tracks, one for Chaplains and one for Moral Leadership Officers. Chaplain Whit Woodard, our new Pacific Region Chaplain, did a masterful job of presenting the Pastoral Crisis Intervention course for the chaplains. The Moral Leadership Officers worked on developing new lesson material for the next issue of "Flight Time" which is the new format for Moral Leadership lessons. Then both groups got together to have a Moral Leadership session and evaluate it.

Many things made the College a special time. One of those was being led in song by Chaplain John Berger, who was renamed "Chaplain Enthusiasm." Two chaplains received their "Cross" one was our own David Prado, of Hollister, the other was Randy Potter of the Oregon Wing. Chaplain Robert Hicks was also there and he shared some of his experiences from his time at the military hospital in Landstuhl, Germany. We were reminded of the great privilege we have to serve as members of one of the greatest volunteer forces in the world, the Civil Air Patrol.

The Air Force Personnel of McChord AFB were great hosts and treated us to a tour of the Field Training Facility where we got an inside look at the C-17.

It makes you feel great to know you are part of the team working to keep our nation free. We can be very proud of our military they are working hard and risking their lives every day to ensure that we remain a free people and "One Nation Under God." It is an honor to come along side of them as the Air Force Auxiliary, Civil Air Patrol.

**Ch (Capt.) David Prado, having his cross pinned on by Deputy Director of the CAP Chaplain Service, Dr. Robert Hicks. Assisting in the ceremony was Ch (Lt. Col.) Bob Ledden, ORWG HC, who administered the Chaplain's oath.**





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## **INTERFAITH CALENDAR...**

### **May**

- 1 Easter/Pascha Orthodox Christian
- Beltane - Wicca
- Rogation Sunday - Christian
- 2 Twelfth Day of Ridvan - Baha'i
- 5 Ascension of Christ - Christian
- National Day of Prayer USA - Interfaith
- 6 Yom Hasho'ah - Jewish
- 8 St. Thomas Day - Orthodox Christian
- 14 Matthias the Apostle - Anglican Christian
- 15 Pentecost - Christian
- 22 Trinity - Christian
- 23 Declaration of the Bab - Baha'i
- 24 Buddha Day - Visakha Puja - Buddhist
- 26 Corpus Christi - Catholic Christian
- 29 Ascension of Baha'u'llah - Baha'i
- 31 Feast of the Visitation - Catholic Christian

### **June**

- 3 Sacred Heart of Jesus - Catholic Christian
- 4 Immaculate Heart of Mary - Catholic Christian
- 9 Ascension - Orthodox Christian
- 13 - 14 Shavuot - Jewish
- 16 Martyrdom of Guru Arjan Dev Sahib - Sikh
- Ganga Dussehra \*\* - Hindu
- 19 Pentecost - Orthodox Christian
- New Church Day - Swedenborgian Christian
- 21 First Nations Day (Aboriginal Day) - Canadian Native People
- Litha \* - Wicca
- 23 Buddha Jayanti - Hindu
- 24 Nativity of John the Baptist - Christian
- 26 All Saints - Orthodox Christian
- 29 Feast Day of Saints Peter and Paul - Christian
- St. Peter Day - Catholic Christian

E-MAIL - Some members of the CAWG Chaplain Service have changed their e-mail address and their e-mails are being returned. In the next couple of weeks, drop Chaplain Ward an e-mail so he can update his address book.

staff; I think that exposure would have benefited them. The “bigger picture” would have been seen.

- 3) not understanding the dynamic of providing ministry in a pluralistic/secular setting. While many of our CAP Chaplains are fine pastors, there is a great difference between ministry in a Sunday morning worship service or Wednesday Bible Study or a week-night discipleship/small group meeting and what takes place in a squadron once a month during a Moral Leadership lesson. A common frustration expressed in their resignations was the restriction they felt in “proclaiming the Gospel message” during a Moral Leadership session. Moral Leadership sessions are not a place to rehash or rehearse a sermon, or present a devotional. There is a curriculum with a set format to be followed. “Values for Living” has been designed for Chaplains and MLOs to help guide cadets in the process of developing their own sense of values through the use of guided discussion. Copies of current and past issues are valuable on the National HQ website.
- 4) not embracing the Biblical standard or the Core Value of service. I found it very disturbing that one chaplain resigned because he was not provided his own, personal office. Most squadrons meet in facilities where office space is at a premium. While serving as a squadron chaplain, I never enjoyed the luxury of a private office...but I never lacked a place to conduct a counseling session when privacy was a necessity. Even before we leave the house to attend a CAP event, we need to evaluate our motive for attending....are we going there to serve or to be served? If we are going with the attitude of receiving adulation rather than giving assistance, it would be better to stay at home.

Your service is highly appreciated and valued. Please don't fall prey to one of these potential service ending predicaments. I don't want to be muttering those words, “Lost another one to....”

In Service Together,

*Paul*

Ch (Lt. Col.) Paul Ward  
CAWG HC

## **MEET CHAPLAIN (LTC) TIM SPILLER IN 1945**



The Redlands Daily Facts did a story on Ch (Lt. Col.) Tim Spiller meeting Al Fenn in Scottsdale, Arizona. What makes this story wonderful is that Tim and Al first met in a fox hole on the island of Iwo Jima in WWII. In the few minutes they were together, Tim promised Al that he would contact friends of Al's who were on Maui and tell them Fenn had been seen alive. Tim kept his word. When he arrived on Maui, he went to a local USO club and asked a woman if she knew a Peter Sequeira. The woman turned out to be Peter's wife. After 60 years, Al and Tim were able to visit again and catch up on what has taken place in their lives since that day in a foxhole on the island Iwo Jima.

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