



Sky Pilot Trails



From the HC...

While attending the recent Wing Conference I was asked the question by one of the CAWG members in attendance, "What does the Wing Chaplain do?"

Talk about a loaded question. I thought about some of the administrative tasks that are performed, then about some of the activities or events that I attend or participate in, but I settled in one brief description of my function: "The role of the Wing Chaplain is to empower and equip the Chaplains and MLOs in performing their duties in their squadron."

Talk about an answer with a lot of latitude. But that is what I perceive my role to be. It is my privilege to serve the members of the CAWG Chaplain Service by assisting them in their appointments, promotions, training; providing counsel; and leading by example in my own professional training and participation.

Talk about an awesome job. One of the benefits of being the Wing Chaplain is that of working with people who are dedicated to providing ministry (service) to the nearly 3400 members of the CAWG and their families.

Talk about an influence we're having. Throughout the Conference, I was gratified to hear from many CAWG members of the outstanding work that our CAWG Chaplain Service is providing. Your work is of great value and greatly appreciated. Thanks

for all you do on behalf of all our members.



Ch Ward and his wife, Nancy, with the newest member of the CAWG Chaplain Service, 2nd Lt. April Barton (MLO).

In Service Together,

Paul

Ch (Lt. Col.) Paul Ward
CAWG HC

Congratulations!

ACHIEVEMENTS/AWARDS/ APPOINTMENTS/PROMOTIONS

Awards Presented at the CAWG Conference:

Ch (Lt. Col.) Tim Spiller - CAWG
Chaplain of the Year

Capt. Sue Willey - CAWG MLO of
the Year

Lt. Col. George Link - CAWG Senior
Member of the Year (Life Achievement)

Commander's Commendation:

Ch (Lt. Col.) John Berger (CAWG)

Maj. Della De Arman (CAWG)

Ch (Maj.) Chuck Ingram (CAWG)

Lt. Col. George Link (CAWG)

Ch (Lt. Col.) Marion "Tim" Spiller
(CAWG)

Ch (Lt. Col.) Paul Ward (PCR)

Capt. Sue Willey (CAWG)

Non-Distress Find Ribbon (04M2166): Capt. Sue Willey

A reminder to all: to receive Sr. Programs
Awards, a Form 24 must be submitted. For
more info or assistance, contact Ch (Lt. Col.)
Jack Nahrstadt (mostrevjack@earthlink.net)

Level 2 - Certificate of Proficiency:

Ch (Capt.) Mike McKinney

1st Lt. Karen Nahrstadt

Level 4 - Paul Garber Award:

Ch (Lt. Col.) George Dawson

Maj. Della De Arman

Ch (Capt.) Chuck Ingram

Level 5 - Gill Robb Wilson Award:

Maj. Bruce Joyner Promotion: Ch

(Lt. Col.) George Dawson

Completion of Courses

ECI 13 - Ch (Lt. Col.) John Berger

Ch (Capt.) Robert Ferguson

Ch (Capt) Mike McKinney

SLS - 1st Lt. Bonnie Shanks

CLC - Ch (1st Lt.) Kevin Shaw

(221A)

Retirement: Ch (Lt. Col.) Mike

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Lt. Col. George Link, recipient of the CAWG Senior
Member of the Year, with Br. Gen. Tony Pineda -National
VC, Col. Virginia Nelson - CAWG CC, and Col. Merle
Starr - PCR CC. (3717a)

Lt. Col. Ken Parris (MLO) with Mary Feik, honored guest
and banquet speaker.



FIRST ANNUAL CHAPLAIN SAMMY CAMPOS AWARD OF EXCELLENCE

As most of you know, Chaplain Paul Ward does not like surprises and surprised he was. Unbeknownst to him, Ch (Maj.) Chuck Ingram had spoke with Col. Virginia Nelson, Wing Commander, about instituting a new award within the Chaplain Service: The Chaplain Sammy Campos Award of Excellence. This award is a wonderful way to perpetuate the legacy and memory of Sammy. The inaugural award was presented to Ch (Lt. Col.) Paul Ward, who stated that what is taking place within the CAWG Chaplain service today is a continuation of the passion and vision of Chaplain Sammy Campos.

Having served as Sammy's deputy, Chaplain Ward stated upon receiving this honor, "Sammy had the heart for this ministry, but his body wore out." In the years to come, a member of the CAWG Chaplain Service will be recognized for their "ministry of presence" - something that Chaplain Sammy Campos embodied and modeled for all of us. Indeed this wonderful man of God helped to set the bar for what it means to be a CAP Chaplain.



FORM 34 DUE: January 5, 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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Mark Your Calendar

MARK THESE DATES:

- November 25 - Thanksgiving (Multi-faith)
- December 8 - Bodhi Day (Buddism) Immaculate Conception (Christian)
- December 8-15 - Hanukkah/ Chanukah (Judaism)
- 25 - Christmas (Christian)
- December 26-January 1 - Kwanzaa (Multi-Faith)
- January 1 - New Year's Day (Multi-Faith)
- 6 - Feast of the Epiphany (Christian)
- 7 - Eastern Orthodox Christmas (Christian)
- 21-24 - Eid al-Adha/Idul-Adha (Islam)
- February 8 - Mahashivrati (Hindu)
- 9 - Ash Wednesday (Christian)
- 10 - Al-Hijra/Muharram - Islam
- 15 - Nirvana Day (Buddhism)
- 18-21 - CAWG Cadet Programs Conference
- 10 - Application of the next RCSC in Washington '2005'



CHAPLAINS ASSIST MEMBERS FOLLOWING PLANE CRASH

On Saturday, September 25th, there was a plane crash that occurred at the Fullerton Airport during an air show/open house. Cadets from three local squadrons were working the flight-line and senior members were manning the recruiting booth. One of our chaplains, Ch (Maj.) Chuck Ingram, was there. The three-engine airplane, a 1986 replica of a 1920's era Ford Tri-motor, developed mechanical problems. It had been worked on Friday and before taking up paying customers this morning was going up on a test run. As the plane took off, it veered. In its climb the left wing dropped, almost hitting the control tower, and missing the crowd. The plane crashed on a nearby Commonwealth Avenue, critically injuring the two men on board. The pilot did an outstanding job of keeping the plane from both the crowd and buildings on the airport.

Chaplain Ingram was instrumental in bringing calm to the cadets and seniors who had witnessed the accident and helped to make sure that all the cadets were accounted for. The cadets and senior members were later tasked by the Fullerton PD to assist with crowd control. Chaplain Ingram had the cadets call their parents to let them know that they were safe and before any of our CAP members left, he conducted a CISM defusing.

When it was learned that a couple of cadets from Squadron 45 were in attendance and had left, Ch (Lt. Col.) Jack Nahrstadt was contacted. He met with the cadets as well.

Between these two chaplains, members of the CAWG received a great deal of personal ministry.



Replica of Tri-Motor Ford aircraft prior to crashing on Commonwealth Ave. during the Fullerton Airport Open House.

Every event that is publicized in the CAWG, I pass along to the members of the Chaplain Service as a way of encouraging their participation. When Chaplain Ingram went to the Fullerton Airport this morning to support his squadron's work at the air show, he had no idea that his services would be needed in a bigger role than manning a recruiting booth.

"Ministry of Presence" is not just a motto or a catchy phrase thrown around in the chaplain service...it is a way of life. Once again, I would encourage you to participate in the events in which our members are involved. You never know when your training and services would be needed.

Notes from the Wing Conference

FLIGHT TIME PRESENTATION

The CAWG Chaplain Service presented a workshop at the recent CAWG Conference on "Implementing the New Character Development Curriculum: "Flight Time." Members of the



1st Lt. Nancy Woodard leading the ML session

CAWG Chaplain Service were joined by several members of the CAWG who serve as Squadron Commanders or Deputy Commanders of Cadets and others who are interested in the Moral Leadership Officer specialty track. Following my presentation of what the new curriculum entailed, 1st Lt. Nancy Woodard led the attendees in an ML session. So in a sense the session went from "Tactical to Practical." The PowerPoint presentation can be found on the CAWG web-site: www.cawg.cap.gov. A free PPT viewer can be downloaded from the www.microsoft.com web-site.



Group Picture of the CAWG Chaplain Service Conference

Col. Virginia Nelson (CAWG CC) and Brig. Gen. Tony Pineda (National CV) with Flat Stanley. Col. Nelson and Gen. Pineda visited the Chaplain Service Conference. Gen. Pineda spoke of his great appreciation for the work the Chaplain Service personnel perform in teaching our cadets, serving in the ES missions, being a valuable resource to all of our members, and a vital support to their commander.

CH (LT. COL.) ROBERT HICKS DEPLOYED TO GERMANY

The Deputy Director of Chaplain Services for CAP, Dr. Robert Hicks, serves as a Chaplain with the Air National Guard. He was deployed recently to serve at a military hospital in Landstuhl, Germany. He and eight other chaplains are dealing with injured and dying soldiers that are being flown in from both Afghanistan and Iraq. Remember Chaplain Hicks and his family in prayer during his time of deployment.



CSRSC MARCH 7-10 McChord AFB
Theme: "Ministry Models for Today's CAP"

This 4 day event will be divided into two tracks - one for the Chaplains (Pastoral Crisis Intervention) and one for the MLOs (Ministry in Character Development). Registration forms are available from Ch (Lt. Col.) Whit Woodard - PCR HC or Ch (Lt. Col.) Paul Ward - CAWG HC.





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CHAPLAIN SERVICE NOTEBOOK

One of the benefits of attending a Chaplain Service Conference is the sharing of ideas. Ch (Lt. Col.) Jack Nahrstadt serves as the

Group 3 Chaplain and Professional Development Officer for the CAWG Chaplain Service. He has developed a useful resource for the Chaplains and MLOS that serve squadrons within Group 3. Chaplains are encouraged to have a transmittal file and part of that file can be this notebook. Here are the suggested contents for the notebook and the sections:

PAMPHLETS/REGULATIONS

Sections:

- 1 - CAPP 265-1 Religious Leaders
- 2 - CAPR 265-1 Chaplain Service (including DRAFT copy)
- 3 - CAPR 265-2 Code of Ethics
- 4 - CAPP 225 MLO Specialty Track

- 5 - CAPP 265-4 Chaplain Service Handbook
- 6 - CAPP 221 The CAP Chaplain
- 7 - CAPP 221a Chaplains Helping Chaplains
- 8 - CAPP 265-2 Flight Time: Values For Living

BROCHURES/FORMS

Sections:

- 1 - CAP Chaplain Service Recruiting mailer
- 2 - CAPF 35 Chaplain Application
- 3 - CAPF 45 Senior Training Record
- 4 - CAPF 45b Senior Training Record
- 5 - USAF Chaplain letter from Chief of

Chaplain Service (Utilization of Air Force Auxiliary Chaplains)

- 6 - Sample Moral Leadership Certificate
- 7 - CAPF 48 Religious Interview Guide
- 8 - Character Development Attendance sign up sheet
- 9 - One copy each of the In-Turn letters for level 3 and 4