



Sky Pilot Trails



From the HC...

The annual Chaplain Service Region Staff College was conducted at Nellis AFB in mid-February. Again the CAWG Chaplain Service was well represented with 14 of our members attending. It was great being together and renewing old friendships as well as getting better acquainted with two of our newest members, Chaplain (Capt.) Richard Nelson and 2nd Lt. Robert Tapley (MLO). A special thanks to Chaplains John Berger, Richard Nelson and Dave Stewart for assisting me in the Wednesday morning devotional time. Capt. Cathy Neubauer presented a Moral Leadership lesson in order to fulfill the requirement for the Master Rating in the MLO specialty track.

Each training session was very informative and the tour of the Threat Training facility was a vivid reminder of the clear and present danger faced by our men and women in the Armed Forces who defend our Nation's freedoms. While there were many items of interest shared by instructors and by Chaplain (Col.) Charles Sharp-National Chief of CAP Chaplain Service and Col. Merle Starr-Pacific Region Commander, there was one item that both Chaplain Sharp and Col. Starr addressed briefly that should be on our radar screen. Both men spoke of budget cuts and reorganization at the National Headquarters due to major budget cuts for the USAF (resulting in 15% budget cut for CAP, roughly \$3.7 million). The CAP Chaplain Service has already

experienced the fallout from last year's budget cuts and reorganization...the loss of the corporate Deputy Director for Chaplain Services position. Other programs within the CAP will soon be facing similar fates. To date, 26 employees at National Headquarters have been let go.



Chaplain (LTC) Paul Ward

Such cuts and reorganization may result in lots of emotional unrest, confusion, concern, and other feelings expressed by members in our squadrons. As we know changes can bring about the best and the worst in people - depending on how they respond to the challenge. They will be looking for a voice of assurance. While members of the Chaplain Service may not be financial wizards or organizational strategists, we certainly can be a calming influence.

Our commanders, in all likelihood, will be looking for us to be a sounding board or a confident in these uncertain times.

Let's be ready for any challenge or opportunity that comes our way.

As always, it is a joy to serve the California Wing of the Civil Air Patrol with you. Our wing and the organization at large is blessed because of your commitment and willingness to make yourself available to its membership.

In Service Together,

Paul

Ch (Lt. Col.) Paul Ward
CAWG HC

Congratulations!

APPOINTMENTS AND PROMOTIONS...

2nd Lt. **Traci Montgomery** - MLO for Squadron 126 (Shasta Composite - Group 5)

Nancy Woodard promoted from 1st Lt. to Captain.

AWARDS

Br. Gen. Charles E. "Chuck" Yeager Award (Aerospace Education Program for Senior Members)

Ch (Lt. Col.) Jack Nahrstadt
Capt. Karen Nahrstadt
Capt. Cathy Neubauer
1LT Adelle McKinney
LTC Thomas Darby



Commander's Commendation -

Ch (Maj.) Chuck Ingram
Ch (Capt.) **David Prado**

Ch (Maj) Chuck Ingram is presented with a Commanders Commendation on behalf of LT Tony Upton for his work at the 2006 Cadet Encampment.

Chaplain Senior and Master Rating -

Ch (Capt.) Richard Nelson

MLO Senior Rating -

Capt. Cathy Neubauer

Certificate of Proficiency (Level 2) -

Ch (Capt.) Richard Nelson
1st Lt. Nancy Woodard

Grover Loening Award (Level 3)

Capt. Teri Contreras

Paul Garber Award (Level 4)

Capt. Sue Willey

CHAPLAIN PROMOTIONS:

If you have completed the 221 (for Capt. and Maj.), the 221A (for Lt. Col.), and have been in the following grades for this length of time, you are eligible for promotion. Complete and submit a Form 2 to your Squadron Commander.

Be sure you apply using section 4: The Professional Appointment.

Captain - 18 months as
1st Lieutenant
Major - 3 years as
Captain
Lt. Colonel - 4 years as
Major



SUMMARY OF FORM 34's (Reporting period July-December 2005):

From the 38 reports submitted the following information about the CAWG Chaplaincy Service was gathered:

Nearly 28% of the Squadrons in the CAWG are not covered with either a Chaplain or MLO (at the end of 2001 nearly 68% of the squadrons did not have a chaplain or MLO). So with your continued help in recruiting Chaplains and MLOs we will continue to provide more services. An interesting observation: where we have had strong chaplains' programs in place we are drawing people to assist _ so it is common now to see a Chaplain/MLO team in many of our squadrons.

From July through December 2005, the CAWG Chaplains and MLOs participated in 991 activities (total FY2005 - 2,395); spent 4,192 hours (total FY2005 - 7,617), traveled 47,402 miles (total FY2005 - 82,496); invested \$15,010.58 (total FY2005 - \$30,598.02).

The reports received are compiled and sent on to National...which is in turn becomes part of Civil Air Patrol's annual report to Congress. During the recent CSRSC, PCR Chaplain Whit Woodard stressed the need for timely submission and stated that he and the region commander have agreed that awards and promotions will not be considered for those Chaplains and MLOs who have not submitted their current Form 34. The deadline for submitting Form 34's for the reporting period of Jan_June 2006 is July 5, 2006.

Mark Your Calendar

April 28-30: Pacific Region Conference - Portland, Oregon. Embassy Suites -Portland Airport.

May 29: Gill Robb Wilson Memorial Observance, Forest Lawn Covina Hills. This will mark the 40th Anniversary of Gill Robb Wilson's passing. Gill Robb Wilson is regarded as the founder of Civil Air Patrol, and served as CAP's first executive officer.

July 5: Form 34 is due. E-mail/Snail Mail directly to Chaplain Ward. ***DO NOT SEND TO WING OR NATIONAL HQ.***

July 8 -15: National Staff College, Maxwell AFB -Montgomery, Alabama. This in-residence course is designed for Majors and above who have completed Level 4.

August 5 -13: Cadet Training Group, Encampment - Camp San Luis Obispo. There is a need for chaplains to provide coverage at this event.

August 9 -12: National Board/Conference - Reno, Nevada. Nugget Hotel.

October 27 -29: California Wing/Chaplain Service Conferences Bakersfield. Doubletree.



FROM THE PACIFIC REGION CHAPLAIN STAFF COLLEGE, NELLIS AFB - FEBRUARY 2006



Ch (Lt. Col.) John Berger leading the Monday evening sing during the CSRSC.

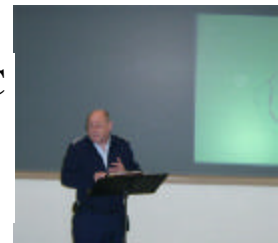


Members of the CAWG Chaplain Service at the 2006 Chaplain Service Region Staff College held at Nellis AFB.
 Front Row (Left to Right): Capt. Cathy Neubauer, Capt. Sue Willey
 Middle Row (Left to Right): Ch (Maj.) Mike McKinney, 1st Lt. Adelle McKinney, Lt. Col. Tom Darby, Ch (Lt. Col.) Paul Ward, Capt. Karen Nahrstadt, SM Beth Ferguson, Ch (Capt.) Bob Ferguson
 Back Row (Left to Right): SM Mike Hoover, Ch (Maj.) Chuck Ingram, Ch (Maj.) Dave Stewart, 2nd Lt. Robert Tapley, Ch (Capt.) Richard Nelson, Ch (Lt. Col.) Jack Nahrstadt, Ch (Lt. Col.) John Berger



Chaplains and MLO's line up for inspection by Protocol Officer Capt. Debbie Prosser. They all passed!

Chaplain LTC Paul Ward



Congratulations Jackie DeCosta on winning the prestigious FLAT STANLEY AWARD 2006



Chaplains were given a special tour during their stay at Nellis AFB.

It was warmer outside than inside!

SPECIAL MEMORIES AT THE 2006 CADET PROGRAMS CONFERENCE



Lt. Col. Marc Cohen (MLO) proposed to Capt. Denise Van Loo during the CPC banquet. Denise said... what did you expect?? It was "yes" !! :)



Wing Chaplain Paul Ward presenting a Character Development course at the 2006 Cadet Programs Conference (CPC).

News of the Force
Tuesday, February 14, 2006

Introducing: The CAP Channel

The Civil Air Patrol -- America's Air Force Auxiliary -- now has its own video "channel" on the World Wide Web. The "channel" offers video-on-demand,

live Web streams, commander's updates, and more.

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NATIONAL STAFF COLLEGE

The dates for National Staff College have been announced. Attendance at this course is part of the requirements for attaining the Gill Robb Wilson Award (Level 5).

National Staff College is the capstone course in professional development. Held annually at CAP National Headquarters, Civil Air Patrol, NSC is designed for members who are, or will be, assuming positions of regional or national importance within CAP.

NSC is taught by senior CAP leaders and USAF instructors from Air University, the curriculum challenges students in the areas of executive leadership, management, organizational behavior, and policy formulation. Much time is spent examining CAP's national-level operations. Students

engage in seminar discussions, case studies, and exercises throughout the seven day course.

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.

New: Those who have completed NSC prior to 2000 are also invited to apply and attend again! Keep in mind that first time attendees have the priority.

National Staff College for 2006 is scheduled for July 8 - 15, at Maxwell AFB in Montgomery, AL, home of CAP's National Headquarters.

Details and application procedures are covered in CAP REGULATION 50-17, CAP SENIOR MEMBER PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM, dated March 2003.