



The Sky Pilot



From the CAWG HC...

HALFWAY THERE!

This year marks the ½ way mark of the 6 years that I can serve as a Wing Chaplain. It is truly a rewarding experience. In the past three years the CAWG Chaplain Service has experienced some truly great things.

Our chaplain service is growing in the numbers of personnel serving the squadrons within our Wing; our members are working on their training – both in their specialty tracks and the Senior Training Program; our members are participating in SARXs and Missions; and our members' achievements and accomplishments are being recognized at Squadron, Group, Wing and Region levels.

During the next three years I would like see more chaplains work on their training levels in order that the Wing Commander can have a greater pool of chaplains to draw from to serve as Wing Chaplain upon the completion of my tenure. The minimal requirements to serve as Wing Chaplain are the completion of the 221a and Level 2.



My Flat Stanley— Lt. Col. George Link embracing Flat Stanley at the CSRSC

In this newsletter you will find a summary of all that the members of the CAWG Chaplain Service accomplished during the year 2003. I look forward to seeing greater things accomplished as together we serve the members of the CAWG.

In Service Together,
Paul

Chaplain (Lt. Col.) Paul Ward
CAWG HC

Congratulations!

Meritorious Service – 1st Lt. Adelle McKinney
Ch (Lt. Col.) Paul Ward

Commanders Commendation –
Capt. Teri Contreras
Lt. Col. Marc Cohen
Maj. Scott Englund
Ch (Maj.) Chuck Ingram
Maj. Bruce Joyner
1st Lt. Patricia Lay
Ch (Lt. Col.) Paul Ward

Brig. Gen. Charles E. “Chuck” Yeager Aero-
space Education Achievement Award:
Maj. Bruce Joyner
Ch (Capt.) Lennart Skalin

Sr. Member of the Year, Squadron 103 – Capt.
Teri Contreras

Promotions: Capt. Hugh Taylor



Squadron 103 Sr. Member of the Year, Captain Teri Contreras with Lt. Col. Mike Lewis, Group 4 CC



Col. Dyer presenting 1Lt Adelle McKinney the Meritorious Service Award at the PCR Chaplain Staff College at Nellis AFB in February

From Chaplain Shannon Black: Hi! For those interested in dropping our (Ariel Black) a line she would really appreciate the contact. You can't tell from the address but she is serving as a combat corpsman in Iraq for the next six -12 months. She is assigned to a Marine platoon. Her spirits are high but living conditions are "less than ideal." Thanks for the interest (and an occasional prayer) :)

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FORM 34 - Summary of the Year 2003

40% of the Squadrons in the CAWG are not covered with either a Chaplain or MLO (at the end of 2001 nearly 66% 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. Currently we have two chaplain applicants who are pending appointment. Both are awaiting their ecclesiastical endorsement. There is paperwork out for five potential MLOs.

In the year 2003, the CAWG Chaplains and MLOs participated in 1,698 activities; spent 7,275.5 hours, traveled 123,153.3 miles; invested \$32,392.19.

Chaplain Ward makes this observation: "The CAWG Chaplain Service continues to be one of the leading groups in all of CAP. I salute each of you for your devotion to service above self. The members of our wing are truly blessed by your influence and presence."

Cadet Programs Conference Report

The CAWG Chaplain Service had a great "ministry of presence" at the recent Cadet Programs Conference held at Camp San Luis Obispo during the Presidents' Day week-end in February.

The following members were members of the staff: Capt. Lani Cahill, Lt. Col. Marc Cohen, Maj. Scott Englund, Lt. Col. Russ Hodges, Ch (Maj.) Chuck Ingram, Lt. Col. Ken Parris, Capt. Hugh Taylor, and Ch (Lt. Col.) Paul Ward.

This event is one of the premiere events of the CAWG Cadet Programs. Nearly 300 cadets participant in a week-end filled with various workshops, fun activities, Color Guard competition, and concluding with a wonderful banquet.

One of the most poignant moments of the banquet was an award received by 1st Lt. Denise Van Loo. Denise Van Loo received the Certificate of Recognition for Lifesaving. The life she saved was none other than one of our own...Lt. Col. Marc Cohen, CAWG Director of Cadet Programs and MLO. On Saturday, July 26, 2003 Marc and Denise were working on the Cadet Encampment when Marc complained of pain in his arm. Denise insisted that Marc go to the hospital to be checked out. Twenty minutes after arriving at the hospital, Marc went into cardiac arrest. Marc spent 4 days in the hospital and had stents placed in two blocked arteries. Denise's recognition of the problem Marc was experiencing and her insistence resulted in Marc's still being around today... contributing to the CAWG and his work with Child Car Seat Safety program.

Mark Your Calendar

April 6-13 – Passover (Jewish)
April 9 – Good Friday (Christian)
April 11 – Easter (Christian)
April 26—Israel's Independence Day
May 2 – Birth of Prophet (Muslim)
May 6—National Day of Prayer
May 9—Mothers Day
May 31 – Memorial Day Each year there is a Gill Robb Wilson Memorial Ceremony conducted at Forest Lawn Covina Hills. It is sponsored by Los Angeles County Group 1. All members of Civil Air Patrol, families and friends are cordially invited to participate in honoring the memory of Gill Robb Wilson, founder of Civil Air Patrol. Since 1974, CAP has held a memorial ceremony at Gill Robb Wilson's grave site to honor Mr. Wilson and our fallen Civil Air Patrol comrades. Watch your e-mail for more details.

Cadet Encampment – August 7-



Ch (Maj) Chuck Ingram (with Flat Stanley) at CPC conference

15th. Location to be announced. If you are interested in serving on the Chaplain's Staff, contact Ch (Maj.) Chuck Ingram (cwingram@webtv.net - 626.335.7369).

CAWG Conference – October 29-31. Lionsgate, Sacramento.



Chaplains and MLOs had the opportunity to tour the home of the Thunderbirds and see a new airplane being prepared to take the place of the one lost at a recent airshow.



Major Bruce Joyner and Capt. Debbie Prosser leading the morning devotions with singing!



Once again our senior Chaplain of the CAWG was present, LtCol Del McLaughlin and his wife.

CSRSC

Once again the CAWG Chaplain Service had a great representation at the Chaplain Service Region Staff College conducted at Nellis AFB, Las Vegas during the first week of February.

Twenty members of the CAWG service were in attendance – participating in the sessions, the tour of the Thunderbirds facility, and the Flat Stanley Mini-Golf Tournament. The golf tournament was especially memorable as some twenty golfers (the only ones crazy enough to be on the course in the freezing wind), bundled up from head to toes, swinging clubs at 60 mph, running through the 18 holes in less than 90 minutes.

Three members of the CAWG Chaplain Service were presenters: Lt. Col. Marc Cohen – Cadet Programs; Lt. Col. Ken Parris – Suicide Intervention; Ch (Lt. Col.) Paul Ward – Professional Development.



This year we had all Wing Chaplains from the PCR represented at Nellis AFB



It's always an honor to have Chap. Col. James Melancon , Chief of Chaplains in attendance!

Lt. Col. Ken Parris tries out the cockpit for size!



PRAYER REQUESTS:

Two of our members have been dealing with on-going physical problems and have been hospitalized for extended periods of time. Lt. Col. Patricia "Pat" Okawa and Maj. Allen Schwartz are in need of your continued thoughts and prayers.

If you would like to send cards, their addresses are:

Lt. Col. Patricia "Pat" Okawa
P.O. Box 588
Pearblossom, CA 93553

ML Lessons – Available on CD

While preparing for our Wing Inspection in 2003, Lt. Col. Pat Okawa (Admin Officer for the CAWG Chaplain Service) came across several past issues of "Values for Living" (1972-1981). We can thank her for retrieving these items.

Chaplain Ward has scanned the lessons found in the past issues and saved them as a text file. These lessons are available on a CD. You can then open them in the word processing application of your choice (i.e. WordPerfect, Word, or Works - etc.) and format them as you choose. While the moral principles discussed are timeless, the observations/statistics/illustrations may be dated and will need to be updated. There is a charge of \$10.00 to cover the cost of the CD and mailing it. If you are interested in purchasing a CD, send a check or money order for \$10.00 to Chaplain (Lt. Col.) Paul Ward; P.O. Box 5245; San Luis Obispo, CA 93403



Lt. Col Marc Cohen energizing the cadets at Cadets Programs Conference

FORM 34 - There has been a change in the dates that the Form 34 is due. Form 34's are due no later than June 28th and December 27th. Please use the most recent form (dated Nov. 00). Previous CAP and CAWG Form 34s are obsolete and are no longer to be used. Make sure that your squadron commander receives a copy of your report as well as the Wing Chaplain. The mailing address for the Wing Chaplain: Ch (Lt. Col.) Paul Ward; P. O. Box 5245; San Luis Obispo, CA 93403. Please do not send a copy of it either to National or Wing HQ.

E-Mail Addresses: Some of the members of the CAWG Chaplain Service have a new e-mail address. E-mails sent are being returned. If you have changed your e-mail address or haven't received an e-mail in recent weeks from the Wing Chaplain, drop him a line so he can make the changes in his address book. Chaplain Ward's e-mail address is pward@cawg.cap.gov.



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IN MEMORIUM:

Maj. Allen Schwartz, MLO with Sq. 89 - Group 3, passed away on Sunday, March 8th. In early February, he was hospitalized with stomach pain. Following days of testing, he was released. He returned to the hospital again on the 24th. On the 4th of March, the doctors gave Allen and Tobi a bad report: Allen had a fast metastazing bone and colon cancer. In the following days, Allen's body grew weaker and his heart gave out. The memorial service for Allen was held on Thursday, March 11th.

JUST IN:

Ch (LtC) Andy McIntosh, former Group 6 CC before the USAF assigned him to Grand Forks AFB in North Dakota, has been selected to be an IACE (International Air Cadet Exchange) Escort this summer. His group of cadets will be visiting Australia. Congrats, Andy!!!

POLICY MEMO

On March 5, 2004, Ch (Maj. Gen.) Lorraine K. Potter – Chief of USAF Chaplain Service, issued a policy memo stating: "The policy of the United States Air Force Chaplain Service permits Wing Chaplains to use the services of Air Force Auxiliary chaplains when they meet auxiliary chaplain qualifications as established in AFI 52-101 (dtd 21 Jun 02), paragraph 2.3.1 They must meet all ecclesiastical, educational and professional standard for AF Chaplains while serving as an AF auxiliary chaplain as set forth in AFI 52-102 (dtd 7 Jan 04). Wing Chaplains ensure this standard of excellence is reflected in those who serve in the Air Force Auxiliary."

In other words...members of the CAP Chaplain Service has been given great opportunities to serve upon the invitation of a USAF Wing Chaplain – provided they meet the training standards and the grooming standards. It is imperative that Level 2 of your training is completed (221a and ECI 13), as well as being able to wear the USAF-style uniform if you desire to provide services for the USAF Chaplain Service.