



Sky Pilot Trails



From the HC...

It was wonderful to see so many of you at the recent CAWG/CAWG Chaplain Service Conferences a couple of weeks ago. I trust that you went away from the conferences with some worthwhile information gathered during the various sessions you attended as well as some great memories of participating in the conference activities. Many of our Chaplain Service personnel were honored in both conferences.

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Chaplain (LTC) Paul Ward

I concur that it would be appropriate that the change of Wing Chaplain take place at the 2006 Wing Conference so that the new Wing Chaplain can be introduced to the Wing membership and be able to have some time prior to the 2007 Chaplain Service Region Staff College (CSRSC). As I complete this last year in my tenure as Wing Chaplain, rest assured that I will not be a "lame duck". Col. Nelson and I will be conferring during the next few months regarding the future direction of the CAWG Chaplain Service. I will also be getting my continuity book

up to date so that a smooth transition will take place. Your continued prayers and support are greatly appreciated.

In Service Together,

Paul

Ch (Lt. Col.) Paul Ward
CAWG HC

Congratulations!

APPOINTMENTS, AWARDS, AND PROMOTIONS...

2nd Lt. Robert Tapley - MLO for Reeves Field Skyhawks Composite Sq. 471, Group 6

Chaplain (Capt.) Richard Nelson - Chaplain for Skyhawk Composite Sq. 47, Group 7



MLO Bruce Joyner Award of Excellence - Capt. Teri Contreras



Grover Loening Award

(Level 3)
Chaplain (Maj.) Lennart Skalin

Paul Garber Award

(Level 4) Chaplain (Maj.) Lennart Skalin



50 Year Recognition/Lifetime Membership - Chaplain (Lt. Col.) Del McLaughlin



Order of Flat Stanley Award - Chaplain (Maj.) Chuck Ingram



CAWG Senior Member of the Year (Life Achievement Award) - Lt. Col. Marc Cohen

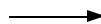


Chaplain Sammy Campos Award of Excellence - Chaplain (Lt. Col.) John Berger and Chaplain (Lt. Col.) Tim Spiller

CAWG MLO of the Year - 1st Lt. Lonn Olfert



CAWG Chaplain of the Year - Chaplain (Lt. Col.) Jack Nahrstadt



A Good Report...

New Curriculum - During the recent Wing Conference, a new Character Development curriculum was introduced: "Core Values for Senior Members." In April of 2005, Col. Virginia Nelson, CAWG Commander, tasked the Wing Chaplain with coming up with something that dealt with Core Values for our senior members. This was a response to a need expressed by several Group Commanders. This 5 lesson curriculum (complete with instructor's guide, student hand-outs, PowerPoint presentation, and Certificates of Completion) was the end result. Attendance at the session in which the course was debuted was outstanding and the initial reaction to the material has been overwhelming. The curriculum can be downloaded from the National HQ web-site: <http://level2.cap.gov/index.cfm?nodeID=6963>.



MARK THESE DATES:

November 19-20, 2005
CLC/SLS; Lemoore NAS

December 1, 2005 -
CAP Sabbath/Sunday
February 18-20, 2006
CPC at Camp SLO;
San Luis Obispo

February 20-23, 2006
CSRSC at Nellis AFB;
Las Vegas, NV

More pictures from the CAWG Conference in Santa Maria...



Form 34 due no later 5 January 2006. Send directly to Ch (Lt. Col.) Paul Ward; P.O. Box 5245; San Luis Obispo, Ca. 93403



Chap. (LTC) Whit Woodard and Chap (LTC) Paul Ward

Congratulations Chaplain Woodard and Chaplain Ward for outstanding Leadership in the Pacific Region and California Wing CAP Chaplain Service.

Both deserve the Flat Stanley Award of Excellence.

Chaplain (Lt. Col.) Delbert "Del" McLaughlin Honored at CAWG

The CAP Chaplain Service was established in 1950. Chaplain (Lt. Col.) Delbert "Del" McLaughlin received his appointment on April 10th 1951. Del attended the 1st National Chaplain Conference in 1951, 2nd and 3rd National Chaplain Conferences....and untold number of conferences, staff colleges, squadron meetings in the subsequent years.



In September of 1954, Del and 14 other CAWG Chaplains literally leaped into CAP legend and lore when on their way from Burbank to Mather AFB to attend the CAWG Chaplain Service Conference, the C-46 they were on caught fire, the engine fell off and they had to parachute to safety over Newhall. All survived.



From 1956-1964, Del served as the California Wing Chaplain. As his pastoral ministry took him out of state for a few short years, Del served squadrons in Washington and Kansas - where he served as the Kansas Deputy Wing Chaplain. He and his wife, Marilyn, returned to California in 1975.

Del served as IACE (International Air Cadet Exchange) escort to Germany and Great Britain. The Israeli Air Force in 1972 presented Del with the Flying Cross, one of that nation's highest awards, for his efforts in helping several Israeli Air Cadets to earn their wings under the auspices of the International Air Cadet Exchange Program.

In early October, Del wrote National informing headquarters staff that at the age of 91, he would be retiring and requested a certificate of retirement. National refused his retirement... instead Del has been granted a life membership in appreciation of his 50 plus years of ministry to the CAWG and the CAP. This award was presented to Chaplain (Lt. Col.) Delbert "Del" McLaughlin during the recent CAWG conference held in Santa Maria. The presenters were Brig. General Rex Glasgow, National Vice-Commander and Col. Virginia Nelson, California



Brig. Gen Rex Glasgow and Col. Virginia Nelson, Chap. Ward honoring Chap. McLaughlin



MORE AWARDS

Chaplain Jack Nahrstadt presenting Chaplain Tim Spillers the Sammy Campos Award.



LtCol John Meyer presented Ron his MLO of the year award.





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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.

CONFERENCE REPORT:

The CAWG Chaplain Service and CAWG Conferences will held in Santa Maria during the week-end of October 28-30.

In the Chaplain Service Conference sessions, briefings were given regarding National, Region and Wing highlights of the year and upcoming events. Chaplain (Col.) Charles Sharp sent a PowerPoint presentation which Chaplain Ward shared regarding the status of the CAP Chaplain Service. Chaplain (LtC) Whit Woodard, PCR HC, challenged those in attendance with what it means to be a member of the chaplain service by using the acrostic "CHAPLAIN" in his presentation on Models for Ministry. Each letter in the word "CHAPLAIN" dealt with a characteristic by which we who are members of the chaplain service should embody. During the Friday session many achievements and accomplishments by members of the CAWG Chaplain Service were recognized. Ch (LtC) Chuck Ingram was the recipient of the "Order of Flat Stanley". Ch (Capt.) Lennart Skalin received both his Loening and Garber awards by his squadron commander, LtC. Gordon Ziegler. It was difficult to select one individual to receive the Chaplain Sammy Campos Award of Excellence since there were two of our outstanding Chaplains who have faithfully demonstrated the standard of what it means to be a Chaplain in the CAP. This award was bestowed upon Ch (LtC) John Berger and Ch (LtC) Tim Spiller. This year was the inaugural for a new award -- MLO Bruce Joyner Award of Excellence. This award was named in honor of the late Maj. Bruce Joyner who prior to the MLO becoming an official specialty in the CAP, did the duties of an MLO with the late Ch (LtC) Pete North at the Beale Squadron. When Pete retired in 2001 and the MLO became an official specialty, Bruce received his appointment. This year's award was bestowed upon Capt. Teri Contreras. Certificates of Appreciation were given to members of CAWG Chaplain Service staff: Chaplains George Dawson, Chuck Ingram, Mike McKinney, Jack Nahrstadt, Whit Woodard; MLOs Adelle McKinney, Pat Okawa, Nancy Woodard. Ch John Berger received a Certificate of Appreciation for his years of service as the Group 2 chaplain -- but also just for being John. A very informative session of Professional Development was presented by Ch (LtC) Jack Nahrstadt. If you have any questions regarding what you need to do to achieve the Loening, Garber, and Wilson Awards with in the Professional Development program as well as attaining the Technician, Senior, and Master ratings in our specialty tracks, contact Chaplain Jack (jnahrstadt@comcast.net).

In the General Assembly on Saturday morning, two of our members received awards for their outstanding service to the CAWG and CAP. 1st Lt. Lonn Olfert was selected as the Outstanding MLO of the Year and Ch (LtC) Jack Nahrstadt was selected as the Outstanding Chaplain of the Year. I was proud of Lonn and Chaplain Jack for their service being recognized as well as being proud for all those who were nominated for both awards.

Following the General Assembly, Chaplain Ward conducted a session on Implementing the Core Values Course for Senior Members. The material will be posted on the CAWG web-site and on the National web-site to be downloaded. Members of the CAWG Chaplain Service were able to attend workshops conducted by other directorates of the CAWG and interact with members of the CAWG.

At the CAWG Banquet, those in attendance enjoyed a wonderful meal and a great time of fellowship around the tables. Two members of the CAWG Chaplain Service were honored with special awards. Ch (LtC) Del McLaughlin, at the age of 91, decided to retire this year. He requested a Certificate of Retirement from National. Instead of a Certificate of Retirement, Del was given a beautiful plaque in appreciation for 54 years of service to the CAP and a lifetime membership. This award was bestowed by Brig. Gen. Rex Glasgow, National Vice-Commander and Col. Virginia Nelson, CAWG Commander. LtC. Marc Cohen, one of our MLOs, received the Senior Member of the Year Award. While this award sounds like it is for service rendered during the year, it is awarded to the recipient for their YEARS of service. Marc has contributed greatly to the CAWG and CAP. His work with Cadet Programs and DDR is outstanding.

In reflecting upon the conference, Chaplain Ward wrote to the CAWG Chaplain Service personnel: "As Wing Chaplain, I could not be prouder of those who were recognized at this year's conference -- but my heart also swelled with pride as I watched our chaplain service personnel performing 'ministry of presence' during the conference as they participated in the various sessions and interacted with the CAWG membership in attendance."