



Sky Pilot Trails



From the HC...

In the chaplain service the phrase "ministry of presence" is used to describe our influence. Time and time again I hear from members of the CAWG how they appreciate seeing the Chaplains and Moral Leadership Officers participating in the various events throughout the Wing.

This edition of the "Sky Pilot Trails" highlights some of the events which members of the CAWG Chaplain Service recently participated in.

Our participation contributes greatly to the CAP programs – Aerospace Education, Cadet Programs, and Emergency Services. There are also some benefits to our "side" of the house as well. We serve as a tremendous resource to our membership. Let me share about a couple of encounters recently.

Before receiving his "official" CAP appointment, Ch (Maj.) Patrick Sturm attended the Cadet Programs Conference at Camp San Luis Obispo with the cadets and commander from his squadron. Since he is a retired Navy Chaplain, the chaplain ministry was not something foreign to him. During the conference, I had the opportunity to share with him regarding the CAP Chaplain Service, but more than that, I had the opportunity to observe him ministering to the cadets from Squadron 103 and with other conference attendees.

The Professional Development Week-end for Group 3: Following teaching the session on "The Chaplain Service" at the CLC, a member approached



Chaplain (LTC) Paul Ward

me and inquired more about the role of the Moral Leadership Officer. As a result, we have an application pending appointment. The next day, as part of the SLS class that dealt with Cadet Programs, I was able to explain the Moral Leadership program for cadets. It was amazing to see how many students had no clue

as to what ML was about. Needless to say, there was a lot of discussion, questions and answers. It was great. Attending the worship service conducted by Chaplain Nelson was a real blessing. His message to those in attendance was a word of encouragement that struck a cord with many of those in attendance.

Gill Robb Wilson Memorial Service: Following the service, I was approached by a member who had a request. He was wondering if I could provide him with benedictions for the squadron meeting. As soon as I returned home, an e-mail was sent with several benedictions.

I know that you can relate to those encounters. How many times have you been approached at an event or meeting and asked for a word of counsel or for your assistance in providing a resource? The reason we receive requests is because we are there. Our presence provides opportunities for service...and our service is appreciated.

In Service Together,

Paul

Ch (Lt. Col.) Paul Ward
CAWG HC

Congratulations!

APPOINTMENTS AND PROMOTIONS...

Ch (Maj.) Patrick Sturm – Vandenberg AFB Composite Squadron 101

Ch (Lt. Col.) Olen Crowe from the Florida Wing to the Merced County Composite Squadron (147)

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

IN MEMORIAM

Ch (Maj.) John David MaGee

February 8, 1944 – March 17, 2006

Fresno Composite Squadron 112 - Former
Group 6

On Saturday, March 27, 2006 the life and ministry of Chaplain (Maj.) John MaGee was celebrated in the church he pastored for several years – Free A.M.E. Church of Fresno. Members of the local squadron were in attendance. Tributes were given by his ministerial colleagues, his family, members of his church family, and leaders in the community. The CAWG was represented by Chaplain Ward.



VIETNAM MEMORIAL SERVICE AT MARCH AIR RESERVE BASE

Chaplain (Lt. Col.) Jack Nahrstadt participated in the Vietnam Memorial Service at March ARB on 28 April 2006. He offered the invocation, read a poem before turning and saluting which signaled the Honor Guard to fire the 21-gun salute. The 4th Air Force Commander and the 452 Wing commander were also participants in this ceremony.



Chaplain LTC Jack Nahrstadt offering the invocation



The Honor Guard at the Memorial Service

E-Mail Addresses – Many members of the CAWG Chaplain Service have changed their e-mail address. If you have done so in the past couple of months, please send an e-mail to Chaplain Ward (pward@cawg.cap.gov) so he can update his listings.

Chaplain Ward has decided to go wireless. Since he receives very few calls on the landline, his only phone number is his cell phone: (805) 234-5496.

Mark Your Calendar

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 5-12: 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. Registration is available on the National Headquarters website.

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



**FIELD TRAINING EXERCISE WITH
147th COMBAT COMMUNICATIONS SQUADRON,
CALIFORNIA AIR NATIONAL 6-7 May 2006**

19 Cadets and 18 Senior Members from Squadrons 47 and 144 spent the week-end touring the ANG communication site at Camp Pendleton. The cadets were able to observe the exercise which demonstrated the respective duties and what they would do to support a forward air wing in a combat situation. They also received a tour of the Assault Craft Unit Five – “*The Swift Intruders*”. The ACU-5 is a U.S. Navy amphibious squadron composed of about thirty hovercraft designated LCAC (Landing Craft Air Cushion).

On Sunday, 7 May 2006, a chapel service was conducted by Chaplain (Capt.) Richard Nelson from Sq. 47. Twenty-one cadets and senior members participated in this chapel service.

Chaplain (Capt.) Richard Nelson conducting the worship service.



**NEWS FROM THE
RECENT NATIONAL
EXECUTIVE
COMMITTEE...**

The CAPR 50-17 has been amended. The Special Recognition program for chaplains has been eliminated in its entirety. This went into effect immediately following the NEC meeting. Chaplains will continue to substitute the 221 for SLS and 221A for CLC.

The second action was the overwhelming rejection by the NEC of the plan to eliminate the Moral Leadership program and replace it with a Character Development program. That plan is dead. There was also some discussion of the new Case Study approach to teaching moral leadership. More than likely the curriculum will include a mixture of both the old format of discussion questions as well as the Case Study (FAPS).

A new alternate uniform coat resembling the Navy dress uniform, except in Air Force blue instead of navy blue has been approved for wear with the new alternate corporate uniform effective immediately. Hard rank has been approved for the new alternate corporate uniform. A service cap has been approved for this uniform as well.

GROUP 3 PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT WEEK-END 1-2 April 2006

The leadership of Group 3 put together an outstanding training week-end at March ARB. The following courses were offered: Level 1/CPPT, SLS, CLC, and Radio ACUT/MRO.

The CAWG Chaplain was represented in this event. Chaplain (Lt. Col.) Howard Payne and Capt. Cathy Neubauer (MLO) were present. Chaplain (Lt. Col.) Paul Ward taught 2 classes (one in CLC and the other in SLS). Chaplain (Capt.) Richard Nelson served as the chaplain for this week-end event. He led a worship service which was attended by 37 students.

“Bravo Zulu” to the members of the CAWG Chaplain Service for their “ministry of presence.”

GILL ROBB WILSON MEMORIAL DAY OBSERVANCE – MAY 29, 2006

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 California Wing - Civil Air Patrol. This is the only Civil Air Patrol Memorial Day ceremony held in California. The CAWG Chaplain Service was well represented.

CAWG Chaplain Service

Participants: Lt. Col. Charles Wiest, Col. Virginia Nelson, Col. Ernie Pearson, Ch (Lt. Col.) Paul Ward



CAWG Chaplain Service represented – Front Row: Capt. Cathy Neubauer, Capt. Karen Nahrstadt, 1st Lt. Adelle McKinney Back Row: Ch (Lt. Col.) Paul Ward, Ch (Lt. Col.) Jack Nahrstadt, Ch (Maj.) Chuck Ingram, Ch (Maj.) Mike McKinney



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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.