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## Greetings, Men and Women of PCR Chaplains Corps

Chaplains and MLO's are spiritual and moral leaders, another way of saying role models.

In Psalm 25:5, the Psalmist is praying for direction from God as he faces the challenges leadership. In verse 4, he had asked God to show (make known) to him the ways of God. That request related to *knowledge*. In verse 5, he follows up with a plea for God's leadership. That request related to *conduct*. The word "lead" in verse 5 is translated in several other passages "bend" as in the process of stringing a bow. In *Psalm 11:2* it is used to describe the wicked bending their bows to shoot secretly at the upright. In that instance, the Psalmist concludes "If the foundations are destroyed, what can the righteous do?" (*Psalm 11:3*) In *Ezekiel 17* the word is employed to describe the bending of the root of a vine. (Isn't that what we are attempting to do in our character development training? Mold or bend the lives of the next generation of young leaders to shore up the foundations of integrity and morality and godliness?)

We sometimes employ this idea in English to refer to a strong inclination to do something or the determination to follow a certain course. We might say "He is bent on going," or "She has a bent for music." Well, we are to have a bent for the truth of God - a mindset that consistently demonstrates the heart of God.



Chaplain Whit Woodard

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We speak much of the *ministry of presence*. Of course we must realize that it is not our presence that matters, but the presence of God. It's only as we model the truth of God that we can truly say that we have entered into the ministry of presence. That happens when we have been molded (bent, if you will) by seeking and submitting to the truth of God, as revealed to us in the Word of God.

Only then can we offer the godly compassion that is required of us. Only then can we earn permission to give a reason for the hope that is within us. (*1 Peter 3:15*) Only then can we truly show the love of God to a spiritually needy culture. We must be bent into the form of one who exists only to please the LORD. Then shall it be truly said that we have a ministry of the presence of God.

In the coming months, the Pacific Region Chaplain Service will focus on *the Chaplain as a role model*. We, of all senior members of the Air Force Auxiliary, should be examples of vitality, morality, propriety, diligence, appearance, vigilance, knowledge and love. The theme for our 2005 Chaplain Services Staff College is "***Ministry Models for Today's CAP.***"

It is my prayer that the chaplains and MLO's of the Pacific Region will be the model of all that is praiseworthy in a committed senior member;

that we will epitomize the true meaning of "*Integrity First, Service Before Self and excellence In All That We Do;*"

that our faithfulness in the small things will commend us to our comrades and, more importantly, to our Lord, for it is first accounted of a steward that he be found faithful (1 Cor. 4:3);

that our submission to the proper wear of the uniform, our abstinence from complaint and divisiveness, our willingness to serve in humility, will be evident to all.

that our diligence in submitting timely reports of our activity will enhance the contribution of the chaplain service.

And, most important, that our presence will be characterized by the presence of the One Who calls us to represent Him as we participate in missions for America.

In the coming months, we will be addressing all of these important expectations outlining ways our example can make a real difference.

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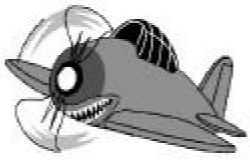
## Staff College Planned

Chaplain (LTC) Chuck James, our Deputy Pacific Region Chaplain, has planned a dynamite Chaplain Services Staff College to be held from March 7-10, 2005. Chaplains will receive CISM certification in Pastoral Crisis Intervention and 1.3 hours of CEU's from University of Maryland. MLO's will get valuable experience in the new Character Development instruction and in Cadet Programs. The fellowship will be great and McChord AFB is a wonderful host. (Note: You may want to get in shape for the 3rd Annual Flat Stanley Miniature Golf Tournament.)

***It is important that you register immediately so that the Military Support Authorization can be processed.*** Brochures are available from the Wing Chaplains or email a request to [pcr-hc@echogroup.com](mailto:pcr-hc@echogroup.com). In addition to the registration, be sure to process a CAP Form 17 signed by your commander. The Form 17 may accompany your registration or follow it, but it must be processed.

Send your registration, Form 17 and \$50 registration fee to Ch., LTC, Chuck James, 1018 Wishkah #123, Aberdeen, WA 98250. (Non-member spouses \$10)

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# A R O U N D T H E R E G I O N

Greetings,

I thought it might be good to let you know a little about me since Chaplain Woodard has asked me to be his Deputy for Pacific Region. Some of you I have met before and I look forward to meeting others as our paths cross.

I retired from the Air Force Chaplains Service in 2000 and have been a squadron chaplain and the wing chaplain in the state of Washington. I worked with Chaplain Don Starr in the past to help coordinate and present 3 Regional Staff Colleges. We are looking forward to a great Region Chaplains Staff College March 7-10, 2005 at McCord Air Force Base. Chaplain Woodard and Chaplain Hicks from National and other leaders will be sharing with us, and we are looking forward to having a great Chaplain/MLO Leadership Staff College. Hope you will make every effort to attend.

May God richly Bless you as you serve your units in CAP,

Chaplain Chuck James, LTC, CAP

**NEVADA WING**

*by Elizabeth Tattersall*

This year, for the first time in several years, the chaplain presence at Nevada Wing Encampment offered a Christian worship service on Sunday morning. The service was well attended (the alternative was drill). All agreed that this chaplain is not talented song leader.

The cadets did an excellent and thoughtful job with the moral leadership lesson, which entailed their writing a moral code. Each group of 4-5 cadets prepared a moral code. One of the rules was that all members of the group had to agree before an item could be put into the code. Then the larger group looked at the individual groups' moral codes, and again, all members of the group had to agree before an item was placed in the moral code. There were some excellent arguments put forth both for and against some of the proposed moral principles. Following are the moral codes that resulted from each of the two groups:

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- Respect others
- Help others
- Don't lie
- Treat other as you wish to be treated
- Don't murder
- Don't break trust
- Trust those you respect
- Respect yourself

- 2
- Do not misuse God's name
- Honor your parents
- Don't commit adultery
- Respect others
- Respect you elders
- Treat others as you wish to be treated



Region Chaplain congratulates Chap. Tom Miller on his Meritorious Service Award



Chaplains & MLO's meet at Nevada Wing Conference



Chaplain, Capt. Elizabeth Tattersall appointed new Nevada Wing Chaplain



**OREGON WING***by Bob Ledden***New Chaplain**

Ch. 1st Lt Charles Sattgast received his appointment in July of this year and is attached to the Columbia Composite Squadron located at the Portland Air National Guard (PANG) Base in Portland. Ch Sattgast is a graduate of the College of Idaho in Caldwell with a major in zoology in 1980. He then completed his graduate studies in Biblical studies at Multnomah Bible College in Portland, Ore. in 1981.

From 1994 through 1998 Ch. Sattgast pastored Grace Foursquare Church in Portland, Ore. After a leave, he rejoined the pastoral team centering on children's ministries, developed the child abuse risk reduction police for the church, worked in discipleship and small groups, assisted with pulpit ministry, developed adult education training tracks and assisted with the counseling ministry.

Since joining CAP, Ch. Sattgast has obtained a technician rating in cadet programs and become certified in several emergency services specialties. Ch. Sattgast has completed both "The CAP Chaplain" and "Chaplains Helping Chaplains" and is fully rated as a Mission Chaplain.

We welcome him to the chaplain team.

**Deputy Wing Chaplain**

Chaplain Maj Fr Robert Van Sickler has been appointed as Deputy Wing Chaplain. Most recently he has completed his work at National Staff College and all the requirement for Level 5.

Ch. Van Sickler is serving the Klamath Falls Composite Squadron as extra duty. In addition to his mission chaplain rating, he is a communicator and involved in logistics.

For the past year, Ch. Van Sickler has also served in the capacity of community resource to the 173rd Fighter Wing at Kingsley Field in Klamath Falls, Ore. He serves the Catholic community on the base and holds mass each week.

As the ordained ministry is a second career for Ch Van Sickler, he has an unusual resume. Before entering college, Ch Van Sickler served his country in WWII. He then entered Seattle University and completed his BA in Classical Literature (1956). That was followed by a BS in Forestry from the University of Maine (1960). He worked for the Pennsylvania Dept. of Forestry before

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moving to the Bureau of Land Management in Oregon where he worked from 1966 through 1987.

During this time he gained a private pilot and amateur radio license. He also became a certified rescue scuba diver and radio telephone with radar operator.

In 1992, Ch Van Sickler earned his Masters of Divinity from Gonzaga University and was ordained a priest in 1993. He served Catholic parishes in Pendleton and John Day, Ore. He now serves the parish in Merrill, Ore. in a retired relationship.

**HAWAII WING***by James C. Merritt*

Hawaii Wing Chaplain James C. Merritt was able to help restart the Island of Kauai's cadet program. The program was rekindled after Chaplain Merritt took control of the program and found individuals who were willing to restart the program. Chaplain Merritt was a former cadet chaplain until 1997 when the Kauai cadet program went under because of leadership and attendance. He was later transferred to the Kauai Senior Squadron, where he became the Wing Chaplain for Hawaii.

With the addition of the new cadet program, the Kauai Senior Squadron has changed its status to a Composite Squadron. This has been Chaplain Merritt's desire to see happen for a number of years. The first meeting of the cadets was on Tuesday night, September 7 at the regular senior meeting. The cadets were all dressed in uniforms and the presentation of the Colors was accomplished by some of our Island's best ROTC cadets, who have just joined our CAP program. PTL!!! They are very interested in the flying aspect of our CAP program. At our October meeting, cadets had their first Aerospace Education class taught by one of our pilots.

Hawaii still lacks participation by the clergy or chaplains in our squadrons throughout the whole state. I would ask that you pray that God would open the door for more participation by the Clergy in Hawaii and that Hawaii Squadron commanders would appoint chaplains as well. Aloha In Jesus Christ our Lord.

**CONGRATULATIONS** are in order for *Chaplain, Capt. Elizabeth Tattersall* who was appointed Nevada Wing Chaplain; *Chaplain, LTC Dan Dyer* on his well deserved appointment as Deputy Chief of Chaplains for CAP; *Chaplain, LTC Paul Ward* who received the first annual Sammy Campos Ministry of Presence Award from California Wing; *Chaplain, LTC Tom Miller*, awarded the Meritorious Service Award for his many years of excellence as Nevada Wing Chaplain.

## REFLECTIONS UPON THE WEEK-END

Ch (Lt. Col.) Paul Ward  
CAWG HC  
Professional Development Officer, staff of PCR HC

It's Sunday morning, October 31, . . . a little after 10. Nancy and I just left the Lions Gate Hotel in Sacramento where we participated in the CAWG Chaplain Service and CAWG Conferences.

We arrived on Friday shortly before noon and enjoyed lunch with Ch (Lt. Col.) Whit Woodard and his wife, Nancy. During our table talk, Whit reminded me of a deadline - November 1 - for submitting an article for the Eagle Wings. Now I have to tell you truthfully that in preparing for these two conferences (9 different PowerPoint presentations; schedules/certificates of participation and appreciation; and a few minor details) the thought of putting pen to paper and writing an article was not a top priority. Then there was the proverbial writer's block . . . what shall I write about?

Well, while filling up the gas tank for the trip home, I asked Nancy if she didn't mind driving for a while . . . grabbed the laptop and began to put together some thoughts. Permit me to share with you my reflections both as the CAWG HC and the PCR Chaplain Service Professional Development Officer.

Throughout the CAWG conference as I observed the dynamics of the event, I couldn't help but think of how blessed the CAWG is by the 57 individuals who are part of the CAWG Chaplain Service. Nearly 1/2 of our service was in attendance - some were not able to attend the Chaplain Service conference because they were attending or leading other workshops that pertained to other "hats" they wear at Squadron, Group, or Wing levels.

During the CAWG Chaplain Service session on Friday we conducted a memorial service for the members of our service who had gone on to their eternal reward this past year. Former PCR HC and newly appointed National Deputy Chief of Chaplain Service Ch (Lt. Col.) Dan Dyer shared with us what is taking place and what future plans are in store for the CAP-USAF Auxiliary Chaplain Service. Ch (Lt. Col.) Whit Woodard, PCR Chaplain shared with us from Psalm 25 about the need to study and apply God's truth to our lives as we serve others. I shared with those present what has taken place within the CAWG Chaplain Service since the last conference. Our conference also enjoyed a special appearance by one the CAWG Conference speakers/guests: the National Vice Commander, Brig. Gen. Tony Pineda. 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.

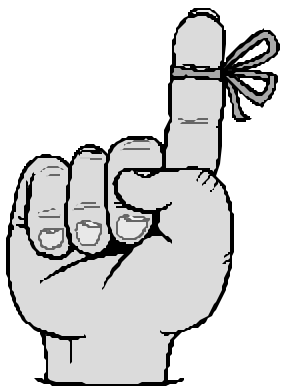
The CAWG Conference events on Saturday were outstanding when it comes to the CAWG Chaplain Service. In the General Assembly, Chaplain (Lt. Col.) Marion "Tim" Spiller (Group 3, Sq. 5) was recognized as the Outstanding Chaplain of the Year. For the second consecutive year, Capt. Sue Willey (Group 2, Sq. 80) received the Outstanding Moral Leadership Officer of the Year. The CAWG Chaplain Service presented a workshop on "Implementing the New Character Development Curriculum: "Flight Time." Members of the 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 we went from "Tactical to Practical." In the evening banquet, two of the CAWG MLO's were honored with prestigious awards: Maj. Bruce Joyner (Group 4, Sq. 19) received the Gill Robb Wilson Award and Lt. Col. George Link (Group 3 HQ) was recognized for life-time achievement by being named as "Senior Member of the Year."

As Wing Chaplain, it made me proud to see the members of the CAWG Chaplain Service being recognized for their achievements. It made me prouder as I interacted with members of the CAWG who in the course of conversation or went out of their way to share with me what a great job their chaplain or MLO was doing and how they appreciated their presence. Not only are these events a great time for fellowship and renewing friendships, they are great times for training and networking. One of the great mission/vision statements of the Chaplain Service is "You are a Visible Reminder of the Holy." It was wonderful to see members of the CAWG Chaplain Service interacting with other members of the Chaplain Service during the short time we had together as well as their interacting with members of the CAWG.

*Reflections . . . cont.*

As Professional Development Officer, many of the achievements that were recognized at this conference were a result of the members' training. The commitment and dedication to pursuing one's professional development in CAP cannot be overstressed. To see members of the Chaplain Service progress in their training and begin to assume new roles and responsibilities is exciting indeed.

I would encourage each of you to attend the various Wing events. Your presence is greatly appreciated by the members you serve. I would also encourage you to continue to "strive for excellence" by pursuing your training. As you progress, the more opportunities for "service to others" will be afforded.

**Remember!**

Deadline to have articles in for the next "Eagle Call" publication will be **February 15, 2005**.

We would like to have articles from all region chaplains and anyone with an interesting story or article.