



The Sky Pilot



From the CAWG HC...

Change and New Opportunities

As a new year approaches, for many there is the time for reflection and a time for looking ahead to new opportunities. The questions "Where have I been?" and "Where am I going?" are in the back of the mind. Based on the reflection and the forward look, plans and preparation begin to formulate. For some it may be to attain a higher level in training - what needs to be done to complete Level 2, 3, 4 or 5? For others it might be in their specialty track-what needs to be done to attain the technician, senior or master rating? Still others it might be a ES rating - what do I need to do to be a scanner, observer, Mission chaplain, etc.?

By the time this newsletter reaches you, there has been a major change in the lives of Nancy and I. After 30 years of full-time pastoral ministry, .

I have retired from pastoral/pulpit ministry. The Lord has provided a job in the secular field for me which is very fulfilling and allows me the opportunity to continue in the CAP Chaplain

ministry and have the weekends available for involvement in the various CAP events throughout the CAWG. Our new mailing address is on the newsletter. I will be sending out an email regarding the new phone number.

Until then you can reach me on my cell: (805)234-5495, in case of an emergency.



Col. Larry Myrick and Chap. (Lt.Col.) Paul Ward holding CAWG's beautiful replica of the Pentagon's window.

As a new year approaches, I would encourage you to look for opportunities for training and service...they are there for the choosing.

In Service Together,

Paul

Chaplain (Lt. Col.) Paul Ward
CAWG HC

Congratulations!

CHAPLAIN APPOINTMENTS

2nd Lt. David Prado -MLO, Sq. 36 in J.J. Montgomery Cadet Squadron (San Jose), Group 2.

Ch (Capt) John Roll - Chaplain, Monterey Bay Cadet Squadron 60, Group 2

2nd Lt. Joseph Torres -MLO, Burbank Angels Cadet Squadron 63, Group 1



Meritorious Service

Awards:

LtC. Marc Cohen
LtC. Patricia "Pat"
Okawa
Chaplain (LtC.) Paul
Ward

Commander's Commendation Awards:

Ch (Lt. Col.) John Berger
Ch (Maj.) Chuck Ingram
1st Lt. Adelle McKinney
Ch (Capt.) Mike McKinney
Ch (Lt. Col.) Tim Spiller
Ch (Lt. Col.) Paul Ward
1st Lt. Sue Willey



CAWG Awards:

1st Lt. Sue Willey - Outstanding
MLO of 2003 Award
Ch (Capt.) Mike McKinney-Outstanding
Chaplain of 2003 Award.

PCR Awards:

Maj. Bruce Joyner -MLO of the
Year 2003

Maj. Charles Ingram-Squadron
Chaplain of the Year 2003

1st Lt. Adelle McKinney-Public
Affairs Officer of the Year 2003

CTG (Cadet Training Group)

Encampment:

Maj. Scott Englund received the
Chaplain Loren Brown Award.
This award, named after one our
CAWG Chaplains who was heavily
involved in the Encampment
program, is bestowed upon the
Senior Member who displays out-

standing leadership during
the week long event.
Scott served as the Chief
Tactical Officer during
Encampment and serves
as the MLO for Sq. 131.

Gill Robb Wilson:

Ch (Maj.) Jack Nahr-
stadt, Lt. Col. Pat Okawa

Distress Find Ribbon:

Ch (Capt.) Rodger Coale
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Congratulations to Chaplain Andrew MacIntosh upon his CAP promotion to Lt. Col. Andrew is an active USAF Chaplain, now stationed at Grand Forks AFB. Prior to that assignment, he served as the Group 6 Chaplain and Squadron Chaplain for Sq. 84, Edwards AFB Composite. Andrew recently returned from serving at Base Z with the 401st AEW - a base of support aircraft (refuelers) during Operation Iraqi Freedom.

Replica of Pentagon Chapel Window Presented to CAWG

Maj. Jim Macko, (USAF) Pentagon _ Homeland Security presented a replica of the window in the Pentagon Memorial Chapel during the CAWG Conference to Col. Larry Myrick. This was done in appreciation for the Wing's participation during 9/11. This window was assembled by approximately 400 Chaplains and Chaplain Assistants. The five sided window features an eagle. An image of the Pentagon, the American olive branch. Two rings around the images are made of red glass, of the 184 victims there on Sept.



He also shared with the banquet attendees that students/staff at the 2001 NSC were assigned to work on ideas of how the CAP can be utilized. Many of their suggestions were incorporated in the final plan adopted. Students and staff from CAWG who attended the 2001 NSC: Lt. Col. Peggy Myrick, Lt. Col. Virginia Nelson, Lt. Col. Marc Cohen, Ch (Lt. Col.) Paul Ward, Maj. Phil Laisure, Col. Byron Brammer, Maj. William Hartmann, Lt. Col. Elizabeth Blackey, Maj. William Brewer, Lt. Col. Jack Carter, Lt. Col. Ken Parris, Maj. Fred Pitcher, Lt. Col. Fred Mahadocon, Col. Ernie Pearson, Lt. Col. Charles Wiest.

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Mark Your Calendar

January 10, 2004 Form 34 due (Mail copy to Chaplain Ward; submit copy to Sq. CC -DO NOT SEND TO EITHER WING OR NATIONAL HQ)

February 2-5, 2004 Pacific Region Chaplain Staff College Nellis AFB, NV

This college is part of the requirement for the Level 4 (Paul E. Garber) award.

February 20-23: Cadet Programs Conference, Camp San Luis Obispo

Mission 03M2709

Two members of Squadron 6750, Capt. Leonard Weekley and 1st Lt. Donald Munroe, were tragically killed when the plane they were in crashed as they were returning home from a SARX conducted in Palm Springs. The search began around 1300 on Saturday, November 22nd when the plane was reported overdue at Big Bear Airport. Around 1630 wreckage was found. Within a couple of hours, the families were notified.

I would like to express my thanks to: Chaplain (LtC) Dan Dyer, who served as Mission Chaplain; Chaplain (Capt) Bob Ferguson and Chaplain (Maj.) Jack Nahrstadt, who were on standby; and a special word of appreciation to Chaplain applicant Gene Smith of Squadron 6750 who performed the difficult tasks of notifying the families and then later officiating at the memorial services of our fallen colleagues.

However, this accident reminds us how understaffed Mission Bases are when it comes to having Mission Chaplains present. There is a great need for our chaplains to have an Emergency Service (ES) Card and either their 101T or rating for Mission Chaplain.

30th Anniversary observed

The 30th anniversary of Chaplain (Lt. Col.) John Berger's appointment as a Civil Air Patrol Chaplain was celebrated at Squadron 80's meeting held on December 2, 2003.



This surprise observance was coordinated by Capt. Kevin McGovern, Sq. CC and 1st Lt. Sue Willey.

Several presentations were made including a Joint Resolution from the Pacific Region and California Wing Chaplain Services proclaiming the first week of December as the **WEEK OF CHAPLAIN JOHN BERGER CIVIL AIR PATROL CHAPLAIN.**

JOINT RESOLUTION BY THE CHAPLAIN SERVICES OF THE PACIFIC REGION AND THE CALIFORNIA WING

WHEREAS, December 1st marks the 62nd anniversary of the founding of the Civil Air Patrol and the 30th anniversary of the appointment of John Berger as a Civil Air Patrol Chaplain, and;

WHEREAS, Chaplain (Lt. Col.) John Berger has faithfully served as a Squadron and Group Chaplain influencing the lives of countless thousands of individuals within the California Wing, and;

WHEREAS, he has inspired the members of the Chaplain Service with his song leading at the Chaplain Service Region Staff College and through his times of instruction and participation enriched the ministry of his fellow colleagues during these events, and;

WHEREAS, Chaplain John Berger was the first recipient of the Order of Flat Stanley award which is bestowed upon a member of the Pacific Region Chaplain Service in recognition of their being an ambassador of good will, and;

WHEREAS, his achievements and accomplishments have been recognized by both the Pacific Region and California Wing in their bestowal of the Chaplain of the Year award, and;

WHEREAS, the Core Values of the Civil Air Patrol - Integrity, Volunteer Service, Excellence, and Respect _ are not only embraced but consistently demonstrated in the life and ministry of Chaplain John Berger,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT in recognition of these two landmark anniversaries, the first week of December 2003 be observed by the members of the Pacific Region and California Wing Chaplain Services as the **WEEK OF CHAPLAIN JOHN BERGER CIVIL AIR PATROL CHAPLAIN.**



Happy Holidays everyone:

We will be getting a newsletter out to all of you about the middle of January with you MSA. Just reminder that we are going to be on a Military base so we will be shape in appearance. Move over, we will be having our session at the "O" club. High visibility.

I am asking that all who wear the Air Force type of uniform to bring your blouse. We will wear them at our graduations luncheon. All other will wear either the CAP gray slacks, sports coat or civil attire.

Our luncheon speaker will be Chaplain Major Melvan Brinkley from the 99th ABW. He spent sometime overseas in the "Sand Box". That's the middle East (actually in Jacobabad, Pakistan were they had six (6) killed and 3 wounded while he was there). He will be relating this experience to us!

Also if you haven't sign up for the Mini golf tourney, please e-mail your request to me as will as your Air-line, Flight number and arrival time, if your haven't already done so! I say again" No informationeeee, no pick upeeee"! The cab cost to the base is out of this world!

I sent in the names for the MSA, so the cut off date was Monday Dec 15th.

God Bless and Semper Fi!

Chaplain Dan Dyer
Chosin-1
Pacific Region



Nancy and I (Chap. Ward) would like to wish you and your family a very Merry Christmas and a blessed New Year.

Emmanuel - "God with us" – is more than a name, but it is a promise and a reality. A few moments ago, I received a wonderful report from Chapla in George Dawson regarding their grand-daughter Abby (e-mail dated late last night) . He writes: "Abby was discharged this afternoon. She still has one aneurysm, but it is much smaller in size now after the pressure treatments. The Cardiologist at Travis will monitor her for a few weeks and give it time to heal. If that doesn't work then they will refer her to Stanford for another procedure. Our prayer is that this won't be necessary. I know she is in the hands of the Great Physician and we are trusting Him for her complete healing."

Reports from friends that live in this area have shared about God's presence with them during the recent earthquake and how He preserved and protected them. One of our dear friends was in the bread shop picking up items for the coming holidays. She had left the building and was beginning to drive away when the quake hit and the buildings on that block collapsed. Saw the whole thing take place in her rear-view mirror.

"God with Us" – again we are reminded that we are left alone but God comes to us in our times of adversity as well as times of blessing, in our times of grief as well as our times of joy.



Lt. Col Jerry Prickett, Chap. McKinney and Chap. Ward—the party Is over!

**CALIFORNIA WING CONFERENCE
ONE OF THE BEST!**



The California Wing Chaplain's Conference was honored to have both Col Jim Melacon and Mr. Robert Hicks as our special guests from national.

It was good to see Chaplain Melacon and his lovely wife. Also pictured is Chap. And Mrs. Nahrstadt.





SEE YOU NEXT YEAR IN SACRAMENTO!






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After 62 years, 'new' Civil Air Patrol is changing with the times

MAXWELL AFB, Ala. — Civil Air Patrol is alive and well and protecting the home skies, just as its members did on Dec. 1, 1941, when the organization first was formed.

The all-volunteer organization, which celebrates its 62nd anniversary this week, was founded during World War II to protect the U.S. coastline from enemy submarine attacks. Ironically, since the Sept. 11, 2001 terrorist attacks, CAP members are finding themselves performing homeland security missions once again.

During its early days, CAP's civilian pilots also served as couriers for U.S. defense plants and the U.S. Army, towed targets for anti-aircraft, patrolled for spies and saboteurs, and rushed medicines and supplies by air to disaster areas. CAP also performed search and rescue missions, flew sentry over Mexican borders and spotted forest fires, work for which the organization is still known today.

In 1948, CAP became the official civilian auxiliary of the U.S. Air Force.

"Many baby boomers remember Civil Air Patrol from the 1950s and 60s, when America was concerned about nuclear weapons, the Cold War and the Space Race," said Maj. General Richard Bowling, CAP national commander. "Back then we did a lot of reconnaissance flying, trained a lot of cadets who were interested in military service, and helped satisfy the public's insatiable fascination with aerospace. What people may not realize is that CAP has continued to thrive as an organization. On any given day, throughout this nation, there are CAP members quietly doing volunteer work in their local communities."

Today's "new" Civil Air Patrol boasts some 64,000 members nationwide, including about 27,000 cadets ages 12 to 21. And perhaps most important in today's Civil Air Patrol is the increased emphasis on homeland security missions.