

THE TRANSMITTER

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From the Director

National Board is over and a new leadership team is in place both for the CAP Corporation and the Chaplain Service. Meeting between hurricanes, the Board and National Conference was a resounding success and the Lord provided excellent weather during our time in Tampa. The Board elected Vice Commander, BG Dwight H. Wheless as new National Commander. General Wheless then named Chaplain, Charles E. Sharp, Southwest Region Chaplain, as Chief of CAP Chaplain Services. Congratulations go to Chaplain Sharp on his appointment. I would like to personally thank our outgoing Chief, Col James H. Melancon and his staff for their tireless contributions over the last three years. During a period of significant change for Civil Air Patrol, beginning with 9/11, Chaplain Melancon and his team broke new ground with the Air Force. These efforts resulted in many new accomplishments and opportunities for the CAP Chaplain Service. I greatly appreciate the support they extended to me and our office at NHQ. The Melancon team truly exhibited the spirit of CAP volunteerism.

Gearing up each summer for National Board is somewhat stressful but an important time at headquarters. However, we all experience a sigh of relief when it is over. The anticipation that things can now get back to “normal,” usually results. That’s what I thought until I got back. Upon returning from National Board, I was requested as an Air National Guard chaplain to do 60 days at Landstuhl Army Medical Facility outside Ramstein, Germany. This is the first stop for casualties from Afghanistan and Iraq. When you receive this newsletter, I will be there. I would appreciate your prayers for God’s strength, wisdom and counsel as I attempt to give rehabilitative hope to our combat veterans. I consider it a privilege to serve my God and our country in this fashion, but I know it will raise questions about the office here at headquarters. In my absence, our new Chief, Charles Sharp, will be making the Chaplain and MLO appointments, and directing the office along with our very capable administrative assistant, Missie Derocher. I will continue to do as much as I can via email. I would appreciate your support of them as they fill the gaps during this time. God’s blessing be upon you.

Robert Hicks, Deputy Director



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Holy Days

Sept 30-Oct 5 Sukkot (Jewish)
Oct 15 – Ramadan Begins (Islam)
Nov 1- All Saints Day (Christian)
Nov 25- Thanksgiving (Interfaith)



2004 National Chaplain Service Award winners were recognized at the August National Board. From left to right, Lt Col Frederick J. Kossegi (TX), receives the MLO of the Year Award. Unit Chaplain of the Year went to Ch, Lt Col. William L. Jackson (TX), and Ch, Lt Col Don Mikitta (NCR staff) received the Senior Chaplain of the Year Award. The awards were presented by MG Richard Bowling, National Commander. Congratulations to these outstanding performers!



WELCOME New Appointments

Chaplains

Michael O'Berg- CA
George Ramsaran- FL
Belen Zalezype- NY
Albert R Young- GA
Dermot A. Thiel- WY
William Adam- WA
Richard Rehmert- NE
Henry Harmon- TX
Edward Carroll- SC
Swanson Donel- MN
Robert McMillan-OK
Mi Y. Min- TX

Moral Leadership Officers

David J. Fish- WI
Jonathan S. Bailey- NY
John W. Maynard- FL
Duane R. Wilkins- NY
Charles M. Shinn-FL
Nadine Y. Leffler- NV
Barry M. Yarbro- WI
Debra L. Ford- TX
John R. Weld- LA
Harvey D. Taylor- LA
William E. Wonders- NY
Ronald L. Chastain- TX
John C. Hackney- PA
Rosemarie T. Maly- SD
Susanne Ford- LA
Michael J. Johnson- NY

Scholarships Available for Training

The CAP Chaplain Service Advisory Council established at its National Board meeting the criteria for use of the Military Chaplain Association Scholarship awards. MCA gives CAP \$2,000 a year for training its personnel. Up to four scholarships of \$500 each will go to deserving CAP Chaplain Service personnel for training purposes (not staff colleges) The criteria approved by the Council are:

1. Purpose: to provide funds for AF training opportunities (travel expenses only).
2. Present letter of intent and/or need to Chief, CAP Chaplain Service, Charles Sharp.
3. Be able to wear the AF style uniform.
4. Commander recommendation and approval on CAPF 17.
5. Verification of Level II of training.

Meet Our New Chief



“Musician,” “educator,” “pastor,” “administrator,” and now Chief of CAP Chaplain Service” All these terms describes Chaplain, Colonel Charles E. Sharp. Born in Roswell, NM (before the aliens arrived!), he grew up in Texarkana, Texas and has served churches and schools in Arkansas, Texas, Oklahoma and New York. He holds a bachelor’s degree in music, a master’s and doctorate in education, and completed seminary Golden Gate Baptist Theological Seminary, CA. He has served as minister of music, minister of education, and senior pastor in several churches. Chaplain Sharp taught overseas in South Africa, Zimbabwe, Kenya, Russia and Romania, and was adjunct professor at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary. He joined CAP in 1993 and has been the Wing Chaplain in both Kansas and Arkansas. He was also Director of Aerospace Education for the Arkansas Wing. He served on the staff for National Staff College, and will be the Chief of Staff for the upcoming National Staff College in 04. His awards include: Kansas Wing Chaplain of the Year; Military Chaplain Association Distinguished Chaplain of the Year; and CAP National Senior Chaplain of the Year. Chaplain Sharp is qualified as Mission Chaplain and Mission Radio Operator. He also serves on the CAP-USAF Inspection Team as the first CAP chaplain in that capacity. He is married to Peggie Anne Brewer of Pine Bluff, AR and has four children and six grandchildren.

CAP National
Commander
MG Dwight Wheless

Executive Director
Albert A. Allenback

CAP-USAF
Commander
Col George C. Vogt

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A Word from Chaplain Sharp

“I count it an honor and privilege to serve as your Civil Air Patrol Chief of Chaplains for the next three years. Chaplain, Lt Col Dan Dyer is the new Deputy Chaplain and Chaplain, Lt Col Gene Packer will serve as secretary of the Chaplain Executive and Chaplain Advisory Councils. Gene has previously served as the Colorado Wing Chaplain and Rocky Mountain Region Chaplain. Dan Dyer was our Pacific Region Chaplain. These men bring a wealth of experience to the Chaplain Service leadership team. Please call on us if we can help you, or if you just need someone to cheer you on.

Pray for the chaplains in the Southeast Region. They have faced three hurricanes and are gallantly serving in the trenches as CAP chaplains. The Middle East Region also received flooding in the aftermath of hurricane Charley. Our personnel have been on the front lines serving long hours and doing we all train for. Pray for these as they minister to those who have lost home and property, and in some cases, loved ones.”

**Ch, Col Charles Sharp, CAP
Chief, CAP Chaplain Service**

The Tool Box

Chaplain/MLO
Resources

Check Out the Chaplain Service Web Page

For first-timers: To get to the Chaplain Service Web page; go to the main page at www.cap.gov. Once there, click on Membership. Scroll down under membership until you see "Chaplain Services." Once there you can look at the most frequently asked questions, back issues of *Values for Living*, current and back issues of the *Transmitter*, and an entire section on resources. In the resource section, you will find current briefings that are downloadable for your own use. The following are listed: a CAP Chaplain Service Brief, an Ethics and Leadership Briefing and an instructional guide on using the new Values for Living: *Flight Time*. Current CAP and USAF policy letters are also found there. The Web is the Future!

Chaplain Melancon Says "Semper Vigilans"



"My journey as your National Chief has been epic and historic. I leave the office with a profound sense of appreciation for the confidence MG Richard L. Bowling invested in me. By God's grace, I endeavored to be a caring and faithful steward of his charge. An old African proverb says, 'The house of the heart is never full.' Though my time to step down has come, there remains plenty of room in 'the house of my heart' to continue my service as a chaplain in CAP."

"Semper Vigilans!"
James H. Melancon
Chief, Emeritus

FY 2005 Courses at Knoxville, TN

The Air National Guard's Academy for Innovative Ministry continues to authorize our Chaplain Service personnel to attend courses. The training is free, but travel, meals and billeting must be covered by the individual. Those interested in attending must obtain commander approval verifying completion of Level Two and Wear of the AF- Style Uniform. Commander approvals must be forwarded on a CAPF 17 to the Director at HQ who will work the selection with ANG. **DO NOT CONTACT MCGHEE-TYSON DIRECTLY!**

28-29 Oct-04	CISM- Advanced Group Intervention (Basic Required)
16-17 Nov-04	ASIST: Applied Suicide Intervention Skills Training
18-19 Nov-04	CISM: National Guard Trained Crisis Responder Course
6-7 Jan 05	CISM: Individual Crisis Intervention
8-9 Mar 05	ASIST: Applied Suicide Intervention Skills Training
10-11 Mar 05	CISM Advanced Group Intervention (Basic Required)

*NOTE: Some courses are back-to-back, thus allowing you to take two courses in four days. This is a better use of funds. A separate Form 17 is required for each course. You need to complete only the Basic CISM course to serve on a CAP CISM team; the other courses are highly valuable for your professional and pastoral development. All courses are held at McGhee Tyson ANG Base, Knoxville, TN.

Discussions with AF Chief Clarifies Support

At the Tampa National Board, USAF Chief of Chaplains, MG Charles Baldwin met with CAP Chaplain Service personnel. During a time of Q & A, he clarified the recent policy letter he issued on 16 August 04. The policy letter refers to CAP chaplains meeting "auxiliary chaplain qualifications as established in AFI 52-101 and AFI 52-102." Confusion has existed over the word "auxiliary." When the Air Force uses the term in reference to chaplains, it is not talking about the Civil Air Patrol, as the Air Force "auxiliary." Active duty, guard and reserve bases can use civilian clergy to support their base programs if needed. When this is done, USAF Wing chaplains must ensure that the civilian clergy meet the same ecclesiastical, educational and professional standards as Air Force chaplains. They are then "contracted" to perform assistance on these bases and called "auxiliary chaplains." Again, this **does not** refer to Civil Air Patrol. If Air Force Wing Chaplains desire to have CAP chaplains regularly serve on their bases, then there already exists a category called "Auxiliary Chaplains" as referenced in the above AFI (regulations) to perform this duty. However, to do this, the Wing Chaplain must have a file with copies of the CAP chaplain's ecclesiastical endorsement, along with the chaplain's educational and professional credentials. Since the Air Force does not have a "waiver program" whereby seminary education is substituted with five years of ministry experience, CAP-waivered chaplains would not qualify under this AFI and could not serve as USAF auxiliary chaplains. For those who meet the standards, USAF Wing Chaplains must realize that when CAP chaplains serve as USAF auxiliaries, they still do so as volunteers in a non-pay status. Travel and billeting expenses may be provided by the USAF Wing Chaplain, but this is at the Wing Chaplain's discretion. It is not required, nor should be expected.

AFI 52-101, 2.3.1 Auxiliary Chaplains: Auxiliary Chaplains must meet the same educational requirements as Air Force Chaplains and be approved in writing by their religious bodies. Exceptions must be approved in writing by MAJCOM/HC and kept on file.

AFI 52-102, 7.1.1: Chaplain Service Professional Development: The officer must satisfy the requirements set forth in DoD Directive 1304.19 which include the following: 1.1.1 Possess a baccalaureate degree with not less than 120 semester hours from an accredited college. 1.1.2. Possess a post-graduate degree in the field of theological or related studies from an accredited institution, with not less than 72 semester hours of graduate level work. Related studies may include courses in pastoral counseling, social work, religious administration. (Instruction not quoted in entirety.)



Ch, Maj Gen Charles Baldwin, USAF Chief of Chaplains, speaking at National Board Prayer Breakfast. Subject: "Extreme Prayer."



Chaplain Baldwin charges the new CAP Chief of Chaplains, Charles Sharp, to be faithful and responsible to the office. Chaplain Melancon, outgoing Chief, looks on after passing the stole.

"As precision weapons have improved our ability to put a bomb on target, so we need to use precision prayer to specifically target our requests before God." Chaplain Baldwin



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