

THE TRANSMITTER

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Prepare-Prevent-Respond
“Eyes on America’s Soul”

From the Director

A refrain of the USAF Chaplain Service is that chaplain services exist to be “visible reminders of the Holy.” I believe this is truer today than ever. The very mention of God in our courtrooms, classrooms, or on our coins brings hostile anti-religious forces into a legal fray to rid the public square of any discourse about the Divine. From polls, our country seems split between “secularists” and “religionists.” Now we are told this division is the great predictor of voting patterns. One’s politics is driven by religious beliefs or by anti-religious or strongly held a-religious commitments. Both reinforce the power of religion in our secular society. At the same time, teachers cry out for the need to teach moral values to our youth and place more emphasis on character development in the classroom. It’s not surprising that cheating is a major problem in our schools when basic instruction about right and wrong cannot be placed in a curriculum. Calling any behavior “wrong” might upset someone someplace!

So in the middle of this cultural conflict, we have a chaplain service that is supposed to be the “visible reminders of the Holy”... in the middle of a secularized society. It is indeed a fine line we have to walk. To represent the very thing that many in our society want purged from view and relegated completely to the private realm puts us in quite a bind. After all, true religion demands of its followers not just mouthing their beliefs, but acting on them. At the same time, there exists genuine concern over the separation of church and state. In both USAF and CAP chaplain services, Chaplains are the visible reminders that God matters, even in a society that may or may not want to embrace the concept. More than ever, our world needs an articulate, compassionate conscience and presence of how God views the human condition.

Would the presence of a chaplain having been permanently assigned to the Abu Ghraib prison have changed those events? As an Air Force Chaplain commented, “Chaplains were assigned to visit it, but we all know how everyone cleans up their act when the chaplain walks in.” Certainly a strong, compassionate conscience was needed in that environment. A visible reminder of what is holy, good and right was needed. There and elsewhere the need is apparent and our marching orders the same: “Be the visible reminders of the Holy.” When we are, we make a difference!

Bob Hicks, Deputy Director

Gearing Up for National Board

From now until August 18th, our office is gearing up for CAP’s Annual National Board and Conference. This means preparing for the annual meeting of the Chaplain Service Advisory Council. All chaplains and MLO’s are invited to sit in on this meeting. We are also preparing for the National Commander’s Prayer breakfast with our honored speaker, the new Chief of the Air Force Chaplain Service, Ch, MG Charles Baldwin. We will be offering seminars on Understanding Today’s Youth, Using Computers in the Chaplaincy, and others. Plan to spend August 18-21, at the Tampa Marriot Waterside Hotel, for CAP’s highlight event of the year, Go to www.cap.gov to register.



“Be the visible reminders of the Holy”

National Board Schedule

Wed, 18 August- All Day
Conference Registration
CAP Day at Busch Gardens
Thursday, 19 August
NB Bus Mtg-8: 00am- 5:00 pm
Exhibits open-9:30 am- 4:00 pm
Chaplain Advisory Council-
1:30 - 5:00 pm
Reception- 6:00 -7:30 pm
Friday, 20 August
Gen Assembly 8:00 - 9:30 am
NB Bus Mtg- 10:30 am -5:00 pm
Seminars- 1030 am- 5:00 pm
Jewish Service- 5:00 – 6:00 pm
Saturday, 21 August
Prayer Breakfast 6:45- 745 am
CAP Recognition Program
8:00 -1000 am
Seminars- 1030 am-5:00 pm
Catholic & Protestant
Services- 5:00 – 6:00 pm
Commander’s Reception-6:00 pm
CAP Annual Banquet- 7:00 pm



WELCOME

New Appointments

Chaplains

Carl Towley- MA
 Robert Leroe-MA
 Robert Collins- AZ
 Linda Pugsley- FL
 Lewis McMullen- FL
 Iona Smith- TX
 Larry Call- IL
 Louis Adams- FL
 Richard Lane- AZ
 Michael Vernava- CA
 Kevin Shaw- CA
 Eddie Guerra- PR
 William Heine- WY
 M. T. Hicks- AL
 Thomas Upton- FL
 George Guyer III- NJ
 Kathleen Menne- MN
 Steven Sellers- AL

Moral Leadership Officers

Richard Rehmert- NE
 Jeffrey Rees- FL
 Pauline Daniels- FL
 James Hoy- NM
 Vernon Summers- MI
 David Skaar- MN



Military Support News

Chaplain Dick Lionberger MO WG has been supporting the 139th AW, Missouri Air National Guard. He supported families of deployed personnel, helped in doing pre-deployment paper work, and led chapel services.

Chaplain Larry Franklin, KY Wing chaplain, and *Chaplain Bill Davenport*, were honored by the USA Field Artillery Association for their outstanding support of six Kentucky Army Guard units. During annual training they provided chapel services, counseling and crisis intervention. This ministry grew out of a memorandum of understanding signed between the Kentucky Army Guard and CAP

Chaplain Robert Balnicky, FL Wing, now holds the distinction of performing over 500 military weddings on and around MacDill AFB, FL. He regularly hears from many of the couples he has married.

Chaplain Ron Tottingham, North Central Region Chaplain, on April 11th was given the keys to Sioux Falls, SD by the Mayor of the city. The mayor declared the day "Dr. Ron Tottingham Day." This was honoring his 30 years of service to his church, country, veteran issues, and of course CAP.



Ch, Lt Col Richard Clifford, MA Wing Chaplain receives the Military Chaplain Association Award for CAP Chaplain of the Year. Presenting the award is the Honorable Thomas F. Hall, Assistant Secretary of Defense for Reserve Affairs. Congratulations Chaplain Clifford!

Reasons Some Applications Take So Long to be Processed

1. Form 35 lacks required documentation (transcripts, endorsement, etc).
2. Form 35 is not signed by commander or wing chaplain.
3. Level One and/or Cadet Protection has not been completed.
4. For MLO's, if rank is SM, then a CAPF 2 is required for promotion.
5. The application is still at the wing office or the wing chaplain still has it.
6. The Post Office has a conspiracy against the applicant!
7. A thief broke into NHQ and stole it from the Chaplain Service office!
8. Our office just lost it or the dog ate it!



Chaplain Balnicky poses with a Marine Corps couple "Just Married" at the MacDill AFB Chapel.

CAP National Commander
MG Richard Bowling

Executive Director
Albert A. Allenback

CAP-USAF Commander
Col George C. Vogt

Chief, CAP Chaplain Services
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The Tool Box

Chaplain/MLO Resources

Flight Time: Values for Living, is Published

The 2004 edition of *Values for Living* just went to press but it can be previewed and downloaded from the CAP web site. Go to publications, scroll down to CAPP 265-2, click and you will find it. Back issues are also available at the Chaplain Services section of the Web.

USAF Chaplain Service Web available

CAP Chaplain Service personnel can now access the USAF Chaplain Service Web site. Formerly, it was accessible only from military computers. To enter the private site:

1. Go to: www.usafhc.af.mil
2. For user name enter: **CAP**
3. For password enter: **chaplains**
4. Once in, you can download the resource materials available.

CAUTION: This Web site is a private military site: Do not distribute to non-chaplain service personnel.

Chaplain Murdoch Elected MCA President



Former CAP Chief of Chaplains, Chaplain, Colonel John Murdoch, was recently elected President of the Military Chaplains Association. He will serve a two year tour and bring significant leadership to the organization. Chaplain Murdoch commented that his experience as Chief was excellent preparation for serving MCA, also a volunteer organization. All CAP Chaplain Service personnel are eligible to join MCA. For more information see: www.mca-usa.org.

Chaplain Service Numbers

Chaplains:	655
Moral Leadership Officers:	253
Total:	908

Training Opportunities in 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!**

- 17-18 Aug- ASIST- Applied Suicide Intervention Skills Training
- 19-20 Aug- CISM: Basic Group Crisis Intervention
- 28-29 Oct- CISM- Advanced Group Intervention
- 16-17 Nov- ASIST: Applied Suicide Intervention Skills Training
- 18-19 Nov- CISM: National Guard Trained Crisis Responder Course

*NOTE: Some courses are back-to-back, thus allowing one 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 one's professional and pastoral development. All courses are held at McGhee Tyson ANG Base, Knoxville, TN.

New Uniform Wear Policy

The Air Force has authorized Civil Air Patrol to return the nametag to the blue service coat. Effective 1 May 2004 CAP members will now wear a nametag centered on the right breast of the service coat with the bottom of the nametag parallel to the bottom row of ribbons. Senior members are also authorized to wear the new silver Air Force nametag on the service coat. This new nametag is available from all Air Force Clothing Sales or can be ordered through CAPMart (Old CAP Bookstore). Until the new nametags can be obtained, senior members may wear the grey three-line nametag. Mandatory wear for the new AF nametag is 1 August 2004.

“The problem with being an atheist is when something good happens to you, there's no one to thank.”

C. K. Chesterson

Holy Days

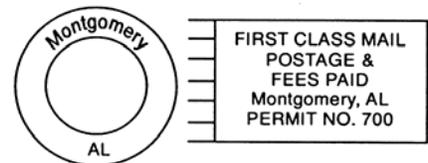
July 24- Mormon Pioneer Day
Sept 16-17- Jewish New Year
Oct 25- Yom Kippur- Jewish

Staff College Season Comes to an End

More than 290 chaplains, moral leadership officers, spouses and guests attended Region Chaplain Service Staff Colleges this year. Although funding was provided for seven colleges, each college saved some of its money to help fund the eighth college. This sacrifice and commitment by the Region Chaplains allowed the Middle East Region to plan and perform an excellent college with no funding. Newly appointed MER Chaplain Ed Skiba extends his sincere appreciation to the chaplain service leadership team (Chaplain Service Advisory Council).



Northeast Region Chaplain George Kelly presents a certificate of appreciation to Captain Bert Moore, Director of the Naval Chaplain School for hosting the NER college at Newport, RI Naval Station. (Opposite above & right)



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