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“The Eyes on America’s Soul”



From the Director

“Pluralism” to some is a dirty word or concept. To these individuals it means a watering down of sacred beliefs, or a compromise of one’s faith. In my Baptist tradition, I hold firmly to the belief in the “Soul Liberty” of the individual. This means that I have the “soul liberty” to read, interpret, formulate and preach my beliefs singularly upon the Bible. This is my tradition, and of course, I think it is the correct position! That’s what my calling, ordination and ecclesiastical endorsement is all about. It is also a requirement for me to serve in like-minded churches. But to serve as a chaplain is not the same as serving a particular faith group. As chaplain, my “congregation” is of a different sort. The complexion of any unit will be a mix of many denominations. The chaplain must equally accept, welcome, and represent the differing religious and non-religious beliefs that surface in every squadron.

In the final analysis, this is what makes the great American experiment a success. European wars were fought over whose church or religion should rule the country. Our American founders learned something important from this history. Perhaps that is why they penned the First Amendment. Our first freedom is the freedom of religion! To them, pluralism was not a dirty word but a healthy provision and protection in law. Our chaplain service must represent the first amendment which guarantees our cadets and seniors that no particular religious tradition will be “established” in our squadrons, nor will the free exercise of anyone’s faith be prohibited. What this means is, if I want the freedom to preach the gospel as I understand it, then I must grant the same freedom to others who may not agree with me. The sword cuts both ways. The freedom all of us enjoy to pursue our faith is the freedom rooted in the First Amendment. That’s what pluralism means to me.

Does “pluralism” mean “compromising” my faith? No, I still answer to my denomination who endorses me. Does this mean I should never pray in the name of Jesus, or present the gospel to someone? No, indeed. But these are questions of wisdom, not regulation. If my unit is not completely Christian, it might not be the wisest of decisions to pray in the name of Jesus. My rule of thumb is: “Always know your audience before you pray.” What it does mean is that I need to care about things like: “Are there special non-Christian holy days I need to be sensitive to,” or “are there religious dietary provisions that I need to make the commander aware of before he schedules an all-meat, or pork barbeque?” This is pluralism in action, and this is what the chaplaincy is all about.

Robert Hicks, Deputy Director



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Did You Know?

On average, a member of CAP’s Chaplain Service spends \$603 of his/her money to perform 31 activities a year, while driving 404 miles in his/her own vehicle to perform 126 hours of volunteer work. All this is done for less than five thousandths of 1% of the combined CAP budgets.

That’s a pretty good ‘bang for the buck.’ Of course this information comes from the form 34’s, and since only about 89% of the wings reported last year, these stats should be even higher. Since these are used in the Annual Report to Congress, there is good reason for every MLO and chaplain to send in the 34’s.



WELCOME New Appointments

Chaplains

Rollin Steele- OH
 Carlyle Sampson- PR
 William Black- CA
 Larry Woodward- FL
 Ralph Gaines- NE
 Terrence Barlow- NC
 Michael McClure- FL
 William Humphrey- NJ
 Steven Wadle- CO
 Jack Stanek- CO
 John Evans- TN
 Myles Calvin- TX
 Bruce Brumfiel- NC
 Walter Gessner- MD
 Jeffrey Johnson- CO
 Patricia Whittington- WV
 Cynthia Crockwell- FL
 John Roll- CA
 Robert Finch- NY
 Kenneth Howe- IN
 Lawrence Ellison- AK
 Frank McDonald- GA
 Michael Marshall- IL
 Maurice Markle- AR
 Larry Monday- SC
 James Wilson- OR
 Brainard Harris- FL
 Clyde Jones- AL
 Carey Girgis- OH
 Sheri Lee- CO
 Jeffrey Ballon- AL
 Mark Wilkinson- IN
 Patricia Rothermel- ME
 William Teng- DC
 Troy Robinson- AR
 Gary Abney- MI

CURRENT MANNING

646 Chaplains

235 MLOs

881 Total Personnel

Moral Leadership Officers

Luis Camus- AZ
 Ralph Bruns- IN
 Kathy Bruns- IN
 Gary Boyd- TX
 Tracy Zeiser- KY
 Ben Blaze- TX
 David Prado- CA
 Alexander McEntire- OH
 Jeffrey Owens- IN
 Kyle Litz- NY
 Alma Mathews- FL
 Annette Balnick- FL
 Joe Fenley- FL
 Joseph Moldon- FL
 Linda Pugsley- FL
 Joseph Torres- CA
 Leon Wright- MI
 Geraldine Meiners- OH
 John Erickson- AK
 David Murotake- NH
 Maurice Darr- NC
 Bonita Skiba- SC

Chaplain Service Staff Colleges Begin

2-5 Feb- PCR: Nellis AFB, NV

29 Mar- 1 Apr- SER: Leesburg, FL

19-22 Apr- SWR: Ft Worth NAS, TX

26-29 Apr- NCR: Omaha, NE

26-29 Apr- GLR: Wright-Patterson AFB, OH

12-14 May- RMR: Hill AFB, UT

17-21 May- NER: Newport NS, RI

2-4 June- MER: Seymour Johnson AFB, NC
Plan now to attend and learn!



USAF Deputy Chief of Chaplains BG Charles Baldwin visits CAP NHQ to receive a CAP mission brief from Col (Ret) Al Allenback, Executive Director. The Deputy Director of the Chaplain Service shown above, also briefed Chaplain Baldwin on the current manning and military support missions performed by CAP chaplains. After the briefings, Baldwin toured NHQ and the new National Operations Center.

"The highest reward for a person's toil is not what they get for it, but what they become by it"

John Ruskin, Writer

CAP National Commander
Maj Gen Richard
Bowling

Executive Director
Albert A. Allenback

CAP-USAF Commander
Col George C. Vogt

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The Tool Box Chaplain/MLO Resources



Books

Voices of Chaplaincy, Published by the Military Chaplain Association. Contains short articles on various aspects of chaplaincy ministry written by military chiefs of chaplains and other senior service chaplains.

Sea of Glory, Published by Broadman & Holman. A novel based upon the WWII story of the four chaplains who gave up their lives aboard the torpedoed USAT Dorchester.

130 Questions Children Ask About War and Terrorists, by Stephen Arterburn and David Stoop, published by Tyndale House. A great tool in helping children understand our war on terrorism.

Resource Organization

TAPS, *Tragedy Assistance Program for Survivors, Inc.* A highly recommended organization that steps in when military resources end. They publish an excellent newsletter, other literature and have a 24- hour hot line. Contact: 1-800-959-TAPS (8277) or www.taps.org

Farewell

Capt Harold Kelderman, MLO, IA WG
Ch, LTC, Charles Dudley, MO WG
Ch, Eugenio Illidge, PR WG
Ch, Maj Rupert Hazen, AZ WG

Your service is not forgotten

04 Training Opportunities in Knoxville, TN

The Air National Guard's Academy for Innovative Ministry again has authorized 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.

Interfaith Holy Days

- 1 Feb- Four Chaplains Sunday (Interfaith)
- 14 Feb- St. Valentines Day (Christian)
- 22 Feb- Hijra- Islamic New Year
- 25 Feb- Ash Wednesday (Catholic)
- 25 Feb- Apr 3- Season of Lent (Catholic)
- 7 Mar- Purim (Jewish)
- 17 Mar- St. Patrick's Day (Christian)
- 4 Apr- Palm Sunday (Christian)
- 6-13 Apr- Pesach (Jewish Passover)
- 11 Apr- Easter (Christian)

Course listings for 04

- 18-19 March- CISM: Basic Group Crisis Intervention
- 13-14 April- ASIST: Applied Suicide Intervention Skills Training
- 15-16 April- CISM: Pastoral Crisis Intervention
- 11-12 May- Community Education Programs: Suicide Prevention & Workplace Violence
- 13-14 May- CISM: National Guard Trained Crisis Responder Course
- 17-18 June- CISM: Individual Crisis Intervention & Peer Support
- 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. Only the Basic CISM course is required to serve on a CAP CISM team; the others are highly valuable for one's professional and pastoral development.

All courses are held at McGhee Tyson ANG Base, Knoxville, TN.

"A man begins cutting his wisdom teeth the first time he bites off more than he can chew."

*Herb Caen (1916-1997)
Journalist*



The Chaplain Service Advisory Council met October 7-9, 2003 at Keesler AFB, MS to forge the direction of the Chaplain Service

Policy Change on Appointment Rank

The Chaplain Service Advisory Council at the Strategic Planning Institute at Keesler AFB recommended to the National Executive Committee a change in appointment rank for entering chaplains. The NEC adopted the recommendation at their November meeting. To better align ourselves with other CAP professional officer appointments and the policy of the Air Force, now all new chaplains will be appointed as First Lieutenants.



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