



# The *Transmitter*

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## *From the Deputy Chief of the Chaplain Corps.....*

### **Don't Forget the Fundamentals**

A couple of weeks ago, I was at a junior high basketball game where some of the young people from our church played. I was quickly brought into the excitement of these young athletes doing their very best to win a game and do those things that they had seen others so often do on the basketball court. Up and down the court they ran, dribbling and passing and shooting. The trouble was that before long it was evident that the fancy moves that they had seen others do were not producing the points on the score board that they wanted. The showman dribbling that takes the ball between their legs and around their backs were being batted away only to have the other team recover the ball. Fancy bouncing passes were being intercepted. The leaping shots were missing their mark, and the rebound were not gotten. By the end of the first half "our team" was down by double digits. My thoughts during that game returned to my younger days when I too coached a junior high basketball team. I remembered some of the same issues being faced and the overriding need to bring these young players back from their starry hero images of themselves and back down to master the basics of the game. That too must have been the role this coach too, as the team returned to the court for the third quarter, settled into some solid play where passes were clean, dribbling safe and shots taken and made. The free throws were now being made and the score began to even out.



**Ch, Lt Col Ken Van Loon**

Perhaps that basketball game was more valuable to me for other reasons than simply supporting the teens from my church who were playing, and for me to watch these young players show their stuff. Sometimes we can use the miscues that occurred in that basketball game, to remind ourselves that if we aren't careful, we can lose sight of the fundamentals – the basics. Regardless of the good intentions and desires, if we forget to execute the fundamentals, we will fail to accomplish what we set out to do. As I now have begun my 28th year as a CAP chaplain, I think that my watching that junior high basketball game was a good reminder to me to look back to my chaplaincy ministry and ask myself about how I am progressing with the basics. It occurred to me that without a sound utilization of the basics, all the fancy moves and trick shots in the world were of no value, if the game was lost. All the things we get involved in lose value if we fail on the basics.

I am so very grateful for the wonderful resources that we have available to us as part of the Civil Air Patrol Chaplain Corps. Yet there are three basic fundamentals that I want to have us pause and reflect upon as a point of evaluation for ministry.

**(Chaplain Van Loon's remarks continue on page 2)**

## From the Deputy Chief of the Chaplain Corps...

### Don't Forget the Fundamentals (*Cont'd.*)

First, there is the **ministry of presence**. In our high tech world, we can email, Skype, conference call, text, and of course phone as part of our ministry process. But I wonder if these have not taken us away from this ministry of presence that is such a vital part of any ministry. It is awfully difficult to really develop a relationship with people that will translate into real ministry if we are not actually around them. The Scriptures are full of examples of people who were touched in ministry only because there was a human connection between them and the Savior. The challenge of this basic fundamental of a ministry of presence is that we make sure our presence is a part of the overall program and lives of our CAP family to which we have the privilege of being a Chaplain or Character Development Instructor.

Second is the **ministry of principle**. As I watched the basketball game, it was almost amusing to watch those players on the bench giving instructions to those on the floor as to how to do it. But when their turn came to play, and the roles were reversed, it seemed that somehow the execution of the elements that they so easily instructed about, were not so easy to carry out. Again there is an area for us to look at ourselves in. How well are we practicing the elements of the Divine that we claim to be representing? This role is one that takes far more discipline than simply knowing the information and the academics of it all. It requires the living of it before those who see us as we really are as we have that ongoing ministry of presence. When we hurt; when things aren't going our way; when the circumstances are not to our liking or when we get the short end of the stick; just how do we respond?. Be assured it looks easier from the bench then to live it on the court. That basketball game reminded me that rehearsing and practicing the very basic elements which our Savior taught concerning how we represent Him and lives with one another is what produces the desired end result and makes a ministry worthwhile. Just as mastering the basic fundamentals of dribbling the ball without having to constantly watch it, or shooting the free throws so as to consistently sink that free shot, or knowing how to make a clean pass to an open team mate will win games, so too the basic fundamental of our faith being consistently lived out will open doors of opportunity to make a difference in someone's life.

Finally, there is the **ministry of proclamation**. This is what it is that we want to convey and share with those who we will get the privilege of speaking to. Sometimes it is in a group setting and sometimes in a one on one situation, but it is the very thing that we look forward to doing. Sharing the truths and principles and tools that help others succeed in life and overcome the obstacles that get in their way and often get them down. Be assured, that the success here will be dependent upon the previous two fundamentals of ministry. If we haven't mastered those basics in our daily lives, we will not have much of an opportunity to share this third one. And even if we do get that opportunity, it will not be taken too seriously if we haven't first demonstrated a proficiency in the first two. The greatest privilege we have is to share the wonderful provisions and tools that God has provided to those who we care about and who are in need of them. But it comes back to making sure we have it down in the basics first.

Yup, it was an interesting evening of basketball. Our team ended up losing that game by 1 point in a double overtime. They missed 4 free throws in the final 2 minutes of the game, which would have been more than enough to win. One of the fundamentals - simply wasn't mastered. As the Chaplain Corps of Civil Air Patrol, we have a wonderful and proud heritage of those who set the bar high for our ministries and lives. We enjoy great advantages and recognition today, and have the opportunity to do things that could only have been dreamed about in years gone by. But in the midst of it all, don't lose sight of the fundamentals of ministry to people. Be there, practice what you claim, and share what you have for the benefit of other. Don't neglect to keep on developing in the training opportunities that we have. Make developing the fundamentals an ongoing part of daily life, so that when the opportunity comes to use them in the "game of life" we are ready and accomplish the purpose we came to do. May we make the generations that will follow us proud to be following in our footsteps, because we mastered the fundamentals that have made the CAP Chaplaincy great.

Blessings!

Ch, Lt Col Ken Van Loon, CAP

Chaplain Van Loon joined CAP in 1984 and is trained as a pilot, mission observer, mission chaplain, communicator, and logistics/supply officer. His service record includes: Squadron Chaplain, Deputy and Alaska Wing Chaplain, Group VI (OHWG) Chaplain, Great Lakes Region Chaplain, two terms as National Secretary and is currently serving a second term as National Deputy Chief of the Chaplain Corps. Chaplain Van Loon has been recognized as the National Senior Chaplain of the Year, has received 3 Commander's Commendation Awards, 4 Meritorious Service and 11 Exceptional Service Awards. He holds the Gill Robb Wilson Award (#2145). Having pastored in OH, MN, AK, he currently pastors a church in Newton, Iowa.

## CIVIL AIR PATROL STEPS UP FOR ILLINOIS MEMBER WITH ENDOMETIAL CANCER

ILLINOIS (*Volunteer Now* – January 20, 2012)

Lewis Composite Squadron, the Romeoville-based unit of the Civil Air Patrol, is stepping up to help one of its own. Members of the squadron are hoping to ease the financial strain on Homer Glen resident and CAP member Capt. Mary Jo O'Connor, who has been battling a second round of endometrial cancer for over six months. Capt. O'Connor serves as a Character Development Instructor as well as in other areas of responsibility in the local squadron. Click here for the complete story and to learn how members of the Lewis squadron are trying to help O'Connor and her family: <http://triblocal.com/homer-glen/community/stories/2012/01/civil-air-patrol-steps-up-for-a-member-with-endometrial-cancer/>



Picture: Captain Mary Jo O'Connor enjoys an evening with her daughter, Rebecca Straub, and grandson, Cadet Airman Charles Aimaro, at the Civil Air Patrol Group 2 Ball on January 13, 2012 even as she fights endometrial cancer.



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***“Service to others is the rent you pay for your room here on earth.”***

— Marian Wright Edelman



Then Capt Gregory Schulz with his son, Cadet MSgt Stephan Schulz

**"OUT OF SORROW COMES SERVICE"**  
*VOLUNTEER NOW* article on Lt Col Gregory Schulz (WIWG)

The on-line version of *"Volunteer Now"* (January 25, 2012) featured an article on the service of Lt Col Gregory Schulz entitled: *"Out of sorrow comes service: Why one Wis. member continues to serve"*.

Lt. Col. Gregory Schulz joined CAP in 1997 with one of his children, as many adult members tend to do. But he stayed in CAP for a reason that no parents wants to experience.

Schulz, professor of philosophy at Wisconsin Lutheran College in Milwaukee as well as an ordained Lutheran pastor who remains active in congregational preaching and teaching, took the loss of Stephan and his son's love of CAP and turned it into a life of service as a living memorial of his son.

For more than 10 years since his son's death, Schulz has continued to serve as a character development and aerospace education officer, most recently for the Timmerman Composite Squadron in Milwaukee. Because of his son's love of flying, Schulz learned to fly and soloed. He also qualified as an aircrew member in search and rescue missions and serves by teaching and mentoring youth in CAP, as well as participating as an instructor at staff colleges for the Great Lakes and North Central regions.

The entire article can be found at:

[http://www.capvolunteernow.com/todayfeatures/?out\\_of\\_sorrow\\_comes\\_service\\_why\\_one\\_wis\\_member\\_continues\\_to\\_serve&show=news&newsID=12393](http://www.capvolunteernow.com/todayfeatures/?out_of_sorrow_comes_service_why_one_wis_member_continues_to_serve&show=news&newsID=12393)

***Lt Col Gregory Schultz was named the GLR CDI of the Year in 2011.***



The reporting database is easily accessible by signing in to eServices ([www.capnhq.gov](http://www.capnhq.gov)). Once you have successfully signed in to eServices, select "Chaplain Corps Reporting" to begin entering data pertaining to your activities. The home screen will be displayed providing you with the opportunity to immediately begin entering your data or view more detailed information about the online reporting system. Instructions may be

viewed by selecting the "Instructions" link on the left side of the screen. These instructions are provided to help guide you through the process of entering data as well as generating reports.

Please be sure to keep a copy of your submittal for your records. All semi-annual reports are due no later than 5 January and 5 July. Please remember, each Chaplain and Character Development Instructor is required to submit a complete semi-annual report even when he or she had been inactive during the reporting period. If you have questions or comments regarding the new online reporting system, please utilize the "Feedback" box provided on the home page.

**CAP CORE VALUES**



- Integrity
- Volunteer Service
- Excellence
- Respect

*For more information on the Core Values of the Civil Air Patrol, consult CAPP 50-2*



**Chaplain, Capt L.M. Hamby (GAWG)**  
**Chaplain, Lt Col Richard Taba (HIWG)**  
**Capt William "Bill" Wholean (CTWG)**

## Chief of Chaplains pays visit to local squadrons

During the weeks of 22 January and 29 January, the Chief of Chaplains -- Ch, Col J. Delano Ellis II, had the privilege of taking a Sabbatical from his church in Cleveland, Ohio. He used most of that time visiting squadrons in the Maryland (the Fort McHenry Composite Squadron in Cantonsville) and Pennsylvania (Delco Composite Squadron 1007, Landsdowne and West Philadelphia Composite Squadron 1006) to get a first-hand look at the work the Chaplains and Character Development Instructors under his oversight as Chief. A squadron in Delaware that had been on the list to visit wasn't in session as advertised.

With each visit, Chaplain Ellis was able to bring greetings from the National Commander and his staff and found the local Commanders to be exceptionally grateful and gracious. He also found that each class was impressive.



**Chief of Chaplains, (Ch) Col J. Delano Ellis II bringing words of encouragement to cadet members of Fort McHenry Composite Squadron (MDWG)**

Chaplain, Lt Col Edco Bailey (MDWG HC) was present at the Fort McHenry Composite Squadron meeting and made this observation about Chaplain Ellis' visit: *"Chaplain Col Ellis is wise, engaging, compassionate, strong and motivating. He absolutely enjoys his role and seeks to make a lasting contribution during his time in office. This is contagious. It is inspiring. I personally felt immensely blessed by his care and concern for what is going on at the Squadron level. His participation with the Cadets was exceptional. I think he greeted each one with a firm handclasp and a wonderful commemorative memento of his office. He and they enjoyed engaging each the other in CAP character development dialogue. He also interacted positively with the seniors. I believe we were all enriched by the gift of presence that he brought as he came to see how we were doing."*



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# CAP CHAPLAIN HISTORY: "The Chaplain Corps and Odyssey 2009 and Beyond"

*Contributed by Ch, Lt Col Steven E. Thomas (GLR HC)*

## **This is the eighth in a series of articles outlining the history of the Civil Air Patrol Chaplaincy**

I don't know if we could foresee the changes that would take place in these next few years. The years 2008 and 2009 brought with it changes in nomenclature. After the National Boards met in 2008, the designation of MLO (Moral Leadership Officer) changed to CDI (Character Development Instructor). Nothing changed except the title. The purpose was to expand our cadet programs, but vital to the task of chaplains and CDIs was to provide high quality moral and ethical character development. The chaplains were not exempt from name changes, in that our parent service changed their name to the US Air Force Chaplain Corps; we became the Civil Air Patrol Chaplain Corps in early 2009. In one sense it unified our identity as a fourth component of the Air Force Chaplain Corps. With the misunderstandings earlier in this decade, the AF Chief of Chaplains, Chaplain Maj. Gen. Cecil Richardson reviewed and revised the memorandum with the CAP Chaplain Corps. Our 61st year, 05 January, 2010 was marked with the signing of a new Memorandum of Agreement with the AF Chaplain Corps and the CAP Chaplain Corps by Chaplain Richardson (USAF) and Ch, Col Whit Woodward. The document strengthened the position of chaplains as force multipliers in a non-combatant back fill status in an active force stretched thin.



**Ch, Lt Col Steven Thomas**

Not only did chaplains join our brothers and sisters in the Air Force, CAP also joined the Air Force. When the 1st Air Force was stood up as a command for air missions in the US, they were puzzled with this group called the Civil Air Patrol and as how to utilize them. They were soon to find out, with CAP flying 90% of 1st Air Force sorties. This increased mission responsibility required a greater degree of expertise and understanding for CAP and the Air Force now flying missions for floods, hurricanes, tornadoes, earthquakes and tsunamis. A new degree of competence was required also for our Chaplain Corps. No longer tasked to do just church as first envisioned, these new taskings required greater expertise and understanding.

As of 01 April 2009 with the recommendation of the Chaplain Corps Advisory Council and the action of the National Board, CAP Chaplains joined Civil Air Patrol. This meant that in order to promote, chaplains were now responsible to complete the CAP Professional Development training track. This action meant that chaplains were to complete Levels I through V, much in the same manner as any other CAP senior member. In the early days, as long as the chaplain did opening and closing prayers, manned the coffee pot, brought in goodies baked by the church ladies, and could talk to youth, they provided integral ministry of presence. Then came the early 221 series, A and B, requiring reading and some competency. Chaplains could be promoted without going through SLS (Squadron Leadership School) or CLC (Corporate Learning Course) or even taking the dreaded AFIADL 13. Many chaplains were promoted to Lieutenant Colonel and still held only a Level I. There existed a perception that chaplains were indeed closer to God as a privileged status and exempt from the many tasks required of senior members. In this new decade, more was to be expected and more was to be required as Chaplains would become part of the everyday life of CAP. Chaplains still were appointed initially as 1st Lieutenants or Captains, but further promotion would require completion of training requirements and approval of the commander as any other senior member. Also, the SLS, CLC and even the new Officer Basic Course, were made with an online

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option. Also tied into this, was the completion of online courses for the specialty track: CAPP 221A for technician; 221B for Senior and 221C for the Master Level. This was important as to hold position in the ranks of chaplains and CDIs since these new requirements affected the positions of Wing, Region and National Chaplain. This change was brought about with the elimination of the Corporate Chaplain in 2005. Greater responsibilities were being given to wing and region chaplains for processing applications and participation in policy decisions. Usage of the Chaplain Corps chain of command had become critical.

CAP and in particular the CAP Chaplain Corps came into an integral role in missions with the BP Oil Spill of 2010 and Deep Water Horizon missions. After days of long, hot and stressful operations, there was a need to watch over the emotional and spiritual welfare of all the people involved. Originally watched over by a single Naval Chaplain attached to the Coast Guard, CAP Chaplain Lt. Col. Marcus Taylor, stepped in and offered the resources of CAP Chaplains, and forming Joint Forces Ministry Team (JFMT) at the Deep Water Horizon ICP, soon after the Army and Air Guard assigned Chaplain teams which then assimilated into the JFMT.

One side note is that in 2009, Chaplain Lt. Col. Alex Mills of the GAWG was presented with an Outstanding Service Award with 25 years of continuous service as a squadron and group chaplain. He is the only chaplain left who was a charter member of CAP as a cadet and at 82 years of age continued and was still excited with doing FAPS in the squadron with his cadets.

Blessed events occurred in the fall of 2011. First was the appointment of Chaplain Capt. Jill Robb Dennison Paulson, who is the granddaughter of our founder of CAP, Gill Robb Wilson. Second, after much struggle revision and tears, a new simpler form 34 online system was created, allowing for information to be entered online and continuously updated regarding the information of Chaplain and CDI activity and participation, through e-services.

As we close out this segment of historical contemplation, we stand at an interesting crossroads for CAP Chaplains and CDIs. We have celebrated our 60th anniversary and continue in the 70th anniversary celebration of CAP and look to our 70th. We have storied the accomplishments of our forerunners and founders, yet many challenges await us. In a few years we will celebrate 65 and then 70 years as a service. And now as the Chaplain Corps, what sort of legacy are we going to leave for those who will come after? Will it be a more competent corps reaching for ever greater heights of excellence? Will it be just as vital to the overall mission? The increasing complexity of chaplaincy will require an even higher expectation in expertise and training for all CAP officers and specialties. Will Chaplains and CDIs be there as even newer technology and communication venues, tax our abilities and require us to change? Our purpose is to protect the religious liberty of our cadets and seniors. Our ministry is to care for our cadets and seniors in regard to ethics, morale and religious accommodation. We are a unique group. Together we have the important responsibility of molding and maintaining the character development of our cadets and seniors into this next decade, the next century and beyond.



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## PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT AWARDS



These members of the CAP Chaplain Service attained the following awards in the Senior Member Professional Development Program. We are proud of their accomplishments.



### Level 2 – Benjamin O. Davis

Capt Arthur Blanchet (FLWG)  
 Capt Cory Hewitt (FLWG)  
 Lt Col Andre Hance, Sr. (GAWG)  
 Ch, Lt Col Edco Bailey (MDWG)  
 Capt Charles Glynn (TWWG)



### Level 3 – Grover Loening

Ch, Capt Donald Hoy (LAWG)  
 Ch, Lt Col Edco Bailey (MDWG)  
 Maj Ruy Costa (NHWG)



### Level 4 – Paul Garber

Ch, Maj Hal Lee, Jr. (MSWG)



### Level 5 – Gill Robb Wilson

Ch, Maj Dave Franklin (WAWG)

***For guidance in pursuing your Professional Development, consult the CAPR 50-17***

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## CHAPLAIN CORPS REGION STAFF COLLEGES 2012

### PACIFIC REGION

16-19 April  
 Joint Base Lewis-McChord – Tacoma WA

### SOUTHEAST

14-17 May  
 Moody AFB – Valdosta, GA

### NORTHEAST

21-25 May  
 Binghamton USAF Station – Niagara Falls, NY

### GREAT LAKES

7-10 May  
 Wright-Patterson AFB  
 Hope Hotel – Fairborn, OH

### NORTH CENTRAL

23-26 April  
 Columbian Fathers Retreat - Bellevue, NE

### ROCKY MOUNTAIN

16-18 May  
 Hill AFB – Ogden, UT

### MIDDLE EAST

28-31 May  
 Richmond, VA

### SOUTHWEST

9-12 July  
 Naval Air Station Joint Reserve Base  
 Fort Worth/Carswell Field, TX

## A LEGACY IN CHAPLAINCY: CHAPLAIN, LT ROLAND GITTELSON MEMORIAL SERMON: "THE PUREST DEMOCRACY" IWO JIMA – MARCH 1945



**Ch, Lt Roland Gittelsohn  
conducting a service on the island  
of Iwo Jima**

The impact that the ministry of chaplains have made throughout the years is nothing short of remarkable. The account of "The Four Chaplains", who in WWII demonstrated the meaning of service and sacrifice, is well known and has been recounted time and time. Army Chaplains, George L. Fox, Alexander D. Goode, John P. Washington, and Clark V. Poling certainly demonstrated their faith and calling on that cold February night in 1943, when the transport ship they were on was torpedoed by a German sub. After guiding men to safety, comforting the wounded and dying, gave their life jackets to others and perished in the icy waters of the North Atlantic. For more details on this amazing story of heroism, check out the following links:

<http://www.homeofheroes.com/brotherhood/chaplains.html>  
<http://www.fourchaplains.org/story.html>

I was recently made aware of another act of a chaplain in WWII that touched the lives of others. A great friend and mentor of mine -- Ch, Lt Col Dan Dyer (CAP, ret.) -- send me an email recently about Chaplain, Lt Roland Gittelsohn (USN) and what transpired on the island of Iwo Jima in March of 1945.

The fight for Iwo Jima in 1945 was one of the bloodiest of World War II. A tiny island in the Pacific dominated by a volcanic mountain and pockmarked with caves Iwo Jima was the setting for a five-week, nonstop battle between 70,000 American Marines and an unknown number of deeply entrenched Japanese defenders. The courage and gallantry of the American forces, climaxed by the dramatic raising of the American flag over Mt. Suribachi, is memorialized in the Marine Corps monument in Washington, D.C. Less well-remembered, however, is that the battle occasioned an eloquent eulogy by a Marine Corps rabbi that has become an American classic. Rabbi Roland B. Gittelsohn (1910-95), assigned to the Fifth Marine Division, was the first Jewish chaplain the Marine Corps ever appointed. The American invading force at Iwo Jima included approximately 1,500 Jewish Marines, and Chaplain Gittelsohn was in the thick of the fray, ministering to Marines of all faiths in the combat zone. He shared the fear, horror and despair of the fighting men, each of whom knew that each day might be his last. Chaplain Gittelsohn's tireless efforts to comfort the wounded and encourage the fearful won him three service ribbons. Space does not allow for the whole account to be shared here, so I would encourage you to read the account found on the following link: <http://www.jewishvirtuallibrary.org/jsource/US-Israel/sermon.html> This link only has contains a couple of excerpts of Chaplain Gittelsohn's sermon. The entire eulogy/sermon entitled: "*The Purest Democracy*" can be read on the following link: [http://www.wv2gyrene.org/spotlight4\\_gittelsohn.htm](http://www.wv2gyrene.org/spotlight4_gittelsohn.htm)

In his writings, **WITNESS TO VALOR**, Charles "Chuck" Tatum -- a Marine who fought on Iwo Jima -- makes this observation: "*Chaplain Roland B. Gittelsohn's, Sermon on the Dedication of the Fifth Division at Iwo Jima, has been described by many as the Gettysburg address of World War II. No one since, Lincoln has written words that have affected men's souls, as does Rabbi Gittelsohn's sermon on the dedication of the Fifth Marine Division Cemetery at Iwo Jima.*"