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**THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

**Merry Christmas  
and  
Happy New Year to all.**

Recently a friend and former parishioner of mine wrote a letter to the editor because he was upset with the sales clerks in the stores who were all wishing him "Happy Holidays" instead of Merry Christmas. He complains that he is Christian and this is a Christian holiday and therefore he feels that

he is losing some of his freedom because he is forced to say "Happy Holidays" rather than "Merry Christmas". Certainly the commercial side of Christmas has eclipsed the religious nature of the Christmas season. Be that as it may Christmas is still a nice holiday as well as a beautiful feast and I still enjoy all the stuff that goes with it; the lights, the carols, the presents and especially the Christmas Masses. Now that I am retired and don't have to worry about doing multiple Masses all jammed into the period of one week, I can truly say that I enjoy it even though it wasn't always that way. So whatever your situation on this Christmas season, I hope you can take a little time and appreciate the reason for the season and have a blessed and joyful Christmas time.

Your Brother in Christ,

Gene



*Our Midwest Regional meeting is in place.  
Monday, April 26, in Waterloo, IA (KALO).*

## COMING EVENTS

### Midwest Regional Meeting

Monday, April 26, 2010  
Waterloo, Iowa

### National NAPP Meeting

Tuesday, Wednesday July 6 & 7, 2010  
Altus AFB, Altus Oklahoma

After reading President Gene's message about Christmas greetings I thought I would include something I got recently. Perhaps you've seen it. If not the **LETTER FROM JESUS ABOUT CHRISTMAS** gives some seasonal thoughts for reflection.

*There have been some address changes since the last newsletter. They are included so you can keep your directory up to date. I would suggest putting those corrections in your hard copy as we won't be putting out a new one next month. As per our decisions last July we'll put out the next one in July.*

Plans are slowly but surely moving ahead for next July's convention in Altus, Oklahoma. The motel arrangements are made. Other events will be formulated in the new year.

A partial reservation form is included. At least you can get the room taken care of if you so desire.

*We will once again include the **dues notice** reminder for those of you who have overlooked your dues payment.*

*If you are delinquent I will put a note in your envelope indicating that. If you don't have that notice you are OK.*

*The electronic letter will carry that same reminder.*

*We would like to remind you of the convenience of paying with PAYPAL. Quite a number of you are taking advantage of it.*

## WE WISH YOU

A VERT

**MERRY CHRISTMAS**

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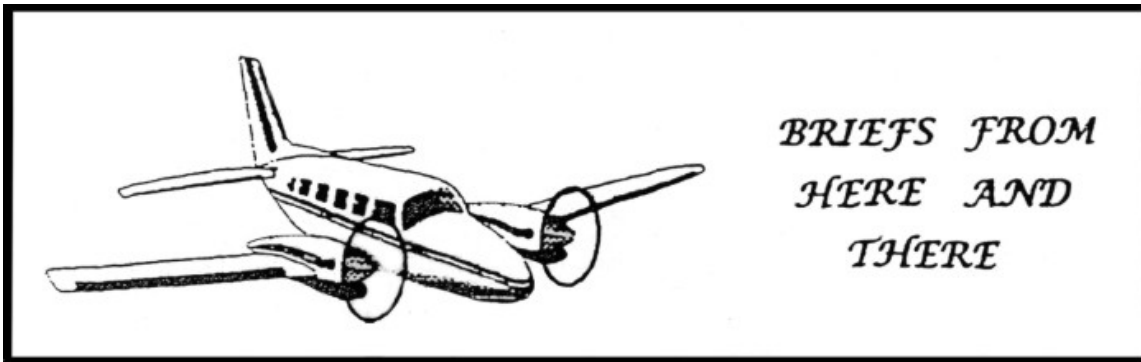
**HAPPY NEW YEAR**

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*CDR Miles Barrett sends the following*

Thanks Mel,

I just went online and paid-up 2010 and 2011 dues. I turned 59 Monday and have until 62 to enjoy serving the troops as a Navy Chaplain. USCC TRACEN CAPE MAY NJ is a fantastic tour, too. Big contrast to being with the Marines in Iraq.

I'm still flying with C.A.P. and taught their 25 cadets moral leadership last night. Actually flew the Piper Turbo Arrow III N42PG to Iowa with my co-owner and another CAP pilot friend who are working on their instrument ticket. 10 hours, head winds and clouds going out in one long day, but, fast tail wind return the next day with a stop in Pontiac, Michigan overnight. AT 11500 feet in clear cold air it reached 235 mph coming back to Cape May NJ hat Thursday morning.

Maybe next year I'll make the priest pilots gathering.

Blessing on you and your safe flying.

Pax Christi, carpe diem!

Miles

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*Jack Fitzgerald included the following with his Dues and change of address*

**AIRPORT CHAPAIN RECOGNIZED AT  
PITTSBURGH INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT**

For the last 15 years, Fr. Jack Fitzgerald has been the airport chaplain.

His last day at Pittsburgh International Airport is July 1 when he will report to Our Lady of Peace in Conway where he will be Pastor.

The airport Authority hosted a farewell reception for Fr. Jack in the Airport Chapel today, June 26, 2009

Airport Authority Executive Director Bradley thanked him for his years of service, presented a proclamation from Allegheny County Executive Dan Onorato and presented him with a FlyPittsburgh.com model airplane. "It was chance to say goodbye to a great airport friend and wish him Godspeed," Penrod said.

**FAREWELL TO FATHER JACK**

Inside Pittsburgh International Airport there is a chapel. "It is an oasis of quiet in a noisy environment": as he likes to call it.

Father Jack's reign as airport chaplain, however, is coming to an end. On July 1, he reports to Our Lady of Peace in Conway where he will be pastor. "It has truly been an incredible experience," he said of his time here. "It has never felt like work. If you love what you are doing, you will never work a day in your life."

Ordained in 1974, Father Jack came to the airport in November 1994, when the airport realized the need for a chaplain. He was assigned b Bishop Donald Wuerl of the Pittsburgh Diocese. A chaplain for the Air National Guard for 23 years, Father Jack combined several techniques into his ministry here.

"I took the military model of being a chaplain and brought it over here to do it civilian wise. Military chaplains are concerned for the morale of the people. You are encouraging people to do what they do to live out their vocation. You are actually helping them to achieve what God is calling them to do," he said.

Working at the airport has come with many responsibilities and excitement. Being a pilot for over 30 years Father Jack got to bring together the two things he loves the most.

“For the past 15 years I have had the opportunity to combine my vocation with my avocation – flying. I combine passion with profession. I am truly blessed to have been able to combine both and not have to make a choice between interest in aviation and my calling from God”

A good friend, Wally Bohl, reflected on Father’s time here.

“I met Father Jack when he first came here. What I really liked about him was that he was more than just a priest; he was a champion of aviation. He is the quintessential airport priest. He has a great devotion to God, but an enthusiasm for aviation that went with it. He is a genuine individual who really cares and spreads the good wealth of the industry. I am going to miss him,” he said.

When it comes time to leave, Father Jack will miss the thrill, anticipation and diversity that airport ministry has brought him over the years.

“I will miss the excitement and the incredible variety of people that make up the traveling public. You never know who will walk in that door or what their concerns will be. It is a place where people, both worker and travelers, come when they are stressed. People are not always traveling on vacation or business. Sometimes there are very important changes in their lives.”

“The most rewarding aspect has been the trust in me by my diocese, professionals and passengers that has allowed me to be a part of their lives and a part of the airport’s history.”

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Tim Sander. OSB included a note with his dues stating the FAA made him a “Master Pilot” on October 16, 2009. Congratulations Tim.

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Tom Bishop, Associate member from Palmer, AK, included the following with his 2010 dues

Hi Rev Hemann,  
I hope this has been a better flying year for you. Less pilots keeping current up here but maintenance is the same. How does that figure?  
I enjoy the newsletter. Wind here this week is 70+ but temps are 10 degrees +. Something about living by two glaciers and keeping flexible while leaning forward into the wind.

Peace to you and keep on flying  
.Tom Bishop

## *Letter from Jesus about Christmas*

*It has come to my attention that many of you are upset that folks are taking My name out of the season.*

*How I personally feel about this celebration can probably be most easily understood by those of you who have been blessed with children of your own. I don't care what you call the day. If you want to celebrate My birth, just GET ALONG AND LOVE ONE ANOTHER.*

*Now, having said that let Me go on. If it bothers you that the town in which you live doesn't allow a scene depicting My birth, then just get rid of a couple of Santas and snowmen and put a Nativity scene on your own front lawn. If all My followers did that there wouldn't be any need for such a scene on the town square because there would be many of them all around town.*

*Stop worrying about the fact that people are calling the tree a holiday tree, instead of a Christmas tree. It was I who made all trees. You can remember Me anytime you see any tree. Decorate a grape vine if you wish: I actually spoke of that once in a teaching, explaining who I am in relation to you and what each of our tasks were. If you have forgotten that one, look up John 15:1-8*

*If you want to give Me a present in remembrance of My birth here is my wish list. Choose something from it..*

*1..Instead of writing protest letters objecting the way My birthday is being celebrated, write letters of love and hope to soldiers away from home. They are terribly afraid and lonely this time of year. I know, they tell Me all the time.*

*2. Visit someone in a nursing home. You don't have to know them personally. They just need to know that someone cares about them.*

*3. Instead of writing the President complaining about the wording on the cards his staff sent out this year, why don't you write and tell him that you'll be praying for him and his family this year. Then follow up. It will be nice hearing from you again.*

*4. Instead of giving your children a lot of gifts you can't afford and they don't need, spend time with them. Tell them the story of My birth, and why I came to live with you*

*down here. Hold them in your arms and remind them that I love them.*

*5. Pick someone that has hurt you in the past and forgive him or her.*

*6. Did you know that someone in your town will attempt to take their own life this season because they feel so alone and hopeless? Since you don't know who that person is, try giving everyone you meet a warm smile. It could make the difference.*

*7. Instead of nit picking about what the retailer in your town calls the holiday, be patient with the people who work there. Even if they aren't allowed to wish you a "Merry Christmas" that doesn't keep you from wishing them one. Then stop shopping there on Sunday. If the store didn't make so much money on that day they'd close and let their employees spend the day at home with their families*

*8. If you really want to make a difference, support a missionary – especially one who takes My love and Good News to those who have never heard My name.*

*9. Here's a good one. There are individuals and whole families in your town who not only will have no "Christmas" tree, but neither will they have any presents to give or receive. If you don't know them, buy some food and a few gifts and give them to the Salvation Army or some other charity which believes in Me and they will make the delivery for you.*

*10. Finally, if you want to make a statement about your belief in and loyalty to Me, then behave like a Christian. Don't do things in secret that you wouldn't do in My presence. Let people know by your actions that you are one of mine.*

*Don't forget; I am God and can take care of Myself. Just love Me and do what I have told you to do. I'll take care of all the rest. Check out the list above and get to work; time is short. I'll help you, but the ball is now in your court. And do have a most Blessed Christmas with all those whom you love and remember.*

***I LOVE YOU***

***JESUS***

**NAPP NATIONAL CONVENTION**  
**JULY 6 and 7, 2010**  
**ALTUS AIR FORCE BASE**

CONVENTION PROGRAM: TUESDAY, JULY 6 AND WEDNESDAY, JULY 7,  
2009  
ARRIVALS MONDAY, JULY 5; DEPARTURES THURSDAY, JULY 8.

FLY-IN AIRPORT: **AXS** Altus/Quartz Mountain Regional

COMMERCIAL ARRIVALS (we're still working on this)

**CONVENTION HEADQUARTERS HOTEL**

HOLIDAY INN EXPRESS

2812 East Broadway Altus, Oklahoma

Phone Reservations: **1-580-480-1212**

PRIEST PILOT CONVENTION: \$89.00 per room (Special NAPP rate until June  
20)

ARRIVING MON 7/5/09 – DEPARTING THU 7/8/09

Hospitality Room for NAPP. Hotel 2 miles from ALTUS AFB.

**Members Must Call the Hotel and Make their Own Reservation!**

**PLEASE MAKE YOUR RESERVATIONS NOW!**

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**RESERVATION FORM**

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

CONTACT INFO: ( ) - ( ) - ( ) -  
HOME PHONE WORK PHONE CELL PHONE

MODE OF TRANSPORT TO CONVENTION: **Private Car Rental Car Flying**  
(CIRCLE HOW YOU ARE GETTING TO THE HOTEL)

ARRIVAL AIRPORT: **AXS (Altus Regional)**  
(CIRCLE YOUR AIRPORT)

AIRCRAFT INFO IF APPLICABLE: N# \_\_\_\_\_ Type \_\_\_\_\_

Commercial: Airport: \_\_\_\_\_ Airline: \_\_\_\_\_ Flight No: \_\_\_\_\_ Airport: \_\_\_\_\_

Date/Time of Arrival: \_\_\_\_\_ Date/Time of Departure \_\_\_\_\_

**Please complete your reservation form now and send it to Co-Host:**  
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**More Convention Information will be in the NAPP Newsletter**  
**Monday Evening Pre-Event Hospitality Room (Pizza and Beverages, etc.)**

**TENTATIVE SCHEDULE:**

**TUESDAY: Exciting Tours and Events C17, KC 135 Simulators, Briefings**

**WEDNESDAY: Annual Meeting, Concelebrated Mass and Banquet at Altus AFB**  
**Plenty of Free Time Scheduled for Each Day!**

**The NAPP fiscal year begins July 1. Your 2010 dues are now due**

*If you have not paid your current NAPP dues  
we ask that you complete the form below  
and mail it with your check to:*

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*Any questions contact me at  
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