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America honors its World War II vets

Photo by Col. Frank McConnell

World War II-era CAP veterans participate in a parade in Washington, D.C., May 31 in honor of America's World War II veterans. The parade was one of many activities held in conjunction with the May 29 dedication ceremony of the country's new World War II Memorial on the National Mall. In addition to the veterans, cadets and senior members with the Maryland, National Capital and Virginia wings marched in the parade. Seated in the car are: Back seat, left to right, John P. "Johnny" Reaver, Coastal Patrol Base No. 14, Panama City, Fla., and his wife, Betty Reaver; and Henry E. "Ed" Phipps, Coastal Patrol Base No. 2, Rehoboth Beach, Del.; and front seat, Roland W. "Tom" O'Day, Coastal Patrol Base No. 2; and driver Sr. Mbr. Roger Theil of Maryland Wing's Annapolis Squadron. Read the complete story about this special event in the next issue of the *Civil Air Patrol News*!

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First-ever CAP Cadet Week slated for July 4-11

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NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS — Civil Air Patrol cadets will get a firsthand look at military life July 4-11 during CAP Cadet Week.

Cadets all over the country will visit their nearby Air Force installations during the week. Representatives from CAP units and Air Force installations will work together to plan each group's activities, designed to help cadets learn more about Air Force operations and the military lifestyle.

Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. John P. Jumper is encouraging Air Force personnel to participate. In a June 1, 2004, memo to all major commands, he wrote, "Attracting youths to aviation and space-related career fields is key to our nation's continued progress in aeronautics and astronautics. CAP's cadet program is an investment in America's future, both in producing responsible citizens for our nation and building a potential work force for our air and space community. During the observance of CAP Cadet Week, your activities can help make our outstanding Air Force world come alive for these dedicated cadets."

CAP Cadet Week activities may include tours of aviation, maintenance and support facilities at local Air Force installations. The Air Force may also provide CAP cadets with rides in flight simulators, instruction from honor guards or flight crews, and shadowing opportunities or lunch with Air Force officers or enlisted people.

Some Air Force installations may not be able to participate because of current mission requirements, but can plan activities with CAP cadets as their schedules permit.

"This is the first year for our CAP Cadet Week program, and we expect enthusiastic participation from our members," said CAP National Commander Maj. Gen. Richard L. Bowling. "The program is a win-win for CAP and the Air Force. For the cadets, National Cadet Week offers a fun and worthwhile summer learning experience and a chance to see firsthand what a military career would be like. For the Air Force, it's an excellent recruiting opportunity — a chance to interact with outstanding young people who are already interested in aviation and space. And finally, Cadet Week strengthens the working relationships among Air Force installations and their local CAP squadrons."

For more information about CAP Cadet Week — including procedures for setting up cadet activities with local Air Force base representatives — visit the CAP National Headquarters Web site at http://level2.cap.gov/index.cfm?nodeID=5791.

CA AIRCREW LOCATES DOWNED HELICOPTER IN SAN DIEGO COUNTY

CALIFORNIA — A California Wing aircrew located the site of a helicopter that went down in rugged terrain in northern San Diego County.

The CAP was alerted by the U.S. Air Force Rescue Coordination Center at Langley Air Force Base, Va. The wing dispatched an aircraft and aircrew Sunday afternoon to locate the source of a radio distress signal believed to be coming from an aircraft emergency locator transmitter in the Ramona or Julian area of northern San Diego County, approximately 25 miles north of San Diego.

According to Capt. Bob Keilholtz, incident commander, additional wing ground search and rescue teams were sent into the area.

Using electronic radio direction finding equipment, the CAP aircrew located the approximate site of the source of the distress signal.

"The distress signal was coming from a very steep and deep ravine," said aircrew member Capt. Walter Lutz. "The radio signal was very weak and we could only hear the signal when we flew directly overhead. The position of the aircraft at the bottom of the steep ravine possibly prevented the radio signal from being picked up by the satellites."

The crash site was in a rural area near the border of Riverside and San Diego counties. Due to the ruggedness of the terrain and approaching darkness, it was impossible to visually spot the wreckage from the air.

"The top of the ravine was at approximately 2,500 feet elevation and it was very deep," said Captain Lutz.

While circling overhead, the aircrew members spotted the helicopter on the ground above the ravine. After contacting the pilot, it was determined the crew of this helicopter was not in any distress. The occupants were representatives from the USA Academy of Aviation in French Valley, near the city of Murrieta, Calif.

Photo of a Robinson R-22A similar to the one California Wing members located in San Diego County.

"They had come to the crash site to survey the condition and position of the wreckage," said Captain Lutz.

A helicopter that crashed late Saturday afternoon was identified as the source of the radio distress signal.

The two-seat Robinson R-22 Beta II helicopter carried two passengers. It is believed they were on a sight-seeing flight when the helicopter lost engine power and the pilot was forced to make an autorotation crash landing.

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CAP intends to use hyperspectral imaging technology initially for SAR and disaster relief missions, but the equipment has far-ranging uses in other areas. With this new capability, CAP is rapidly positioning itself to become a leader in low-cost, on-demand aerial imaging technology.

CAP National Commander Maj. Gen. Richard L. Bowling – Read his column on Page 8

Aviation owns the crashed helicopter.

After the helicopter crashed into the ravine, one of the occupants was able to climb out to a higher location and call 911 on their cellular telephone, according to Sgt. Kennedy Smith of the Riverside County Sheriff's Department.

The site of the crash was located with the assistance of the Riverside and San Diego County Sheriff's Department air support units. Both passengers were transported to a local hospital for medical evaluation and treatment. The exact cause of the crash is not known.

The CAP aircrew consisted of Captain Walter Lutz and 1st Lt. Peter Zeeman, who piloted a Cessna equipped with communications and electronic radio directing-finding equipment. The ground team members were: Maj. Bob Miller, Capt. Tom Charpentier and 1st Lt. Cathy Livoni. People working at mission base included: Captain Keilholtz; 1st Lt. Shane Terpstra operations director; Capt. Larry Riddle, communications support; and 2nd Lt. Chris Storey, mission information officer.

CAP was assisted with intelligence gathering for this mission by Sgt. Christine Robbins, search and rescue coordinator for the San Diego County Sheriff's Department.

1st Lt. Chris Storey

SE REGION CHAPLAIN HEADING TO UKRAINE

SOUTHEAST REGION — Chap. (Lt. Col.) Ralph E. Rivers, Southeast Region chaplain, has been invited by Olive Branch International — a humanitarian service to the international military community — to visit the Ukraine to lead a series of seminars in pastoral care for two weeks in June 2004.

These seminars are instrumental in beginning dialogue in pastoral care centered on hospital chaplaincy and lay visitation ministry by medical care providers.

"Pastoral care is equally as important as health care," Chaplain Rivers said. "There is often emotional and spiritual pain involved with the care of soldiers who have been hurt. I am going to be talking about a balanced healing process."

Chaplain Rivers will be working with health care providers to help them become more aware of the spiritual crisis injured or sick soldiers sometimes experience, which can lead to a reduction in the high rates of alcoholism, substance abuse and suicide. "The goal is to increase the level of care providers give to the sick and go deeper than simply binding the wound," he said.

From left, Lt. Col. Max Gore, Arkansas Wing's 115th Composite Squadron commander, Cadet Col. Jonathan VerHoeven, and Arkansas State Senator Jim Holt pose for a photo after Senator Holt presented Cadet VerHoeven his Gen. Carl A. Spaatz Award (#1528).

AR CADET RECEIVES GEN. SPAATZ AWARD FROM STATE SENATOR

ARKANSAS — Cadet Col. Jonathan VerHoeven of Arkansas Wing's 115th Composite Squadron was presented his Gen. Carl A. Spaatz Award June 8 by Arkansas State Senator Jim Holt.

Cadet VerHoeven, 17, joined CAP in 2000. His responsibilities have included: Participation on ground search and rescue teams, for which he earned a Save Ribbon; membership on the Arkansas Wing Cadet Advisory Council; and serving as cadet squadron commander.

In addition to his Spaatz award, Cadet VerHoeven has received numerous others, including Senior Officer of the Year and Commander's Commendation.

While active in the CAP, Cadet VerHoeven completed a 10-year goal — earning the AWANA Citation Award. "Being home-educated afforded me many opportunities to pursue my various interests," Cadet VerHoeven said.

The cadet has studied piano for 13 years, pursued interests in basketball (earned All-American at a national tournament as a junior in high school), and has written a number of fictional works, including a historical novel on World War II.

Cadet VerHoeven is a sophomore and history major at John Brown University. "My dad encouraged my early love of history and geography by taking me to visit numerous historical parks and museums," said Cadet VerHoeven. "That encouragement contributed to my four state championships in geography and led to my decision to major in history. I hope to use my degree to facilitate my acceptance into law school, where I can study constitutional law."

Cadet VerHoeven is in the Honors Scholars' and Leadership programs at John Brown University, and remains on the President's Academic List of Distinguished Students.

As a future CAP senior member, Cadet VerHoeven would like to concentrate his efforts on CAP's emergency services missions. In regard to his future career goals, he states, "Whether I ultimately choose the path of a constitutional lawyer in the courtroom or that of a university history professor in the classroom, it is my desire to share with others the immeasurable values that will keep our families strong and our nation great."

Cadet VerHoeven is one of only 16 Arkansas Wing cadets to earn CAP's most prestigious award since it was first offered over 40 years ago.

Maj. Marina Scott

HI-TECH GATHERING

Photo by Marc Huchette

Col. Drew Alexa, far right, director of Civil Air Patrol's Advanced Technologies Group, talks with Daniel Cronin, central regional manager for the Boeing Company, and Tom Kubancik, director of business development for Image Links, about CAP's new Visual Computing Network. The three briefed the CAP National Headquarters staff June 8 on the system's capabilities. For more information about CAP's use of cutting-edge technology, such as the VCN, read the CAP national commander's National Perspective column on Page 8.

HOMELAND SECURITY BRIEF

Photo by Marc Huchette

At right, Col. Glen Atwell, Alabama Wing's government relations officer, briefs James M. Walker Jr., Alabama's director of homeland security, on Civil Air Patrol's homeland security capabilities during a meeting April 30 at the state's capital building in Montgomery, Ala. In addition to learning about CAP's various homeland security missions, the director had the opportunity to witness a live Satellite Digital Imaging System demonstration.

■ Funds to be used for '05 National Cadet Competition

CAP partners with Tanis Aircraft Services

NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS — Tanis Aircraft Services has signed a corporate partnership agreement with the Civil Air Patrol.

The leading supplier of aircraft preheat systems in the world, Tanis joins a growing list of corporations in support of CAP and its community service missions through CAP's Corporate Partner Program.

While terms of the agreement were undisclosed, Tanis will provide CAP with financial and promotional support in 2004. In return, the company will receive the right to use the CAP name and corporate supporter mark in the company's advertising, marketing and promotional programs during the year. Financial support from Tanis will be used to fund CAP 2005 National Cadet Competition.

Minnesota-based Tanis produces aircraft and helicopter engine-preheat systems, as well as other cold-weather safety products. The company markets directly to aircraft owners, as well as through fixed base operators and original equipment manufacturers.

Tanis engine-preheat systems are currently being used by CAP units throughout the nation. "Most of our units that use Tanis preheat systems are in the colder climates of the north," said Dan Daniel, chief of aircraft management at CAP National Headquarters. "Preheating engines is critical in cold climates, and Tanis heating systems have always been very reliable."

"We're very happy to have Tanis as our newest partner," said CAP National Commander Maj. Gen. Richard L. Bowling. "Safety is of the utmost importance throughout CAP— not only in the performance of our missions, but in the daily activities of our members as well — and we put an even greater emphasis on the safety of our cadets."

In supporting CAP's Cadet Program, Tanis has chosen to help fund the 2005 National Cadet Competition, which will be held in Washington, D.C.

"We want to thank CAP for the fantastic work they do. They are not only an important part of aviation but do important work for our country," says Gary Schmidt, president of Tanis Aircraft Services. "Since CAP units use our products to better perform in cold weather, we felt it was a necessary part of our program to support CAP in this way."

CAP, Air BP enter into corporate partnership

NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS — Civil Air Patrol has entered into a corporate partnership agreement with Air BP, one of the world's largest suppliers of aviation fuels.

While the terms of the agreement were undisclosed, Air BP's support of CAP will include funds to support CAP youth-development programs. In return, Air BP will receive the right to use the CAP name and corporate supporter mark in the company's advertising, marketing and promotional programs during the year.

"We want to thank Air BP for their support," said CAP National Commander Maj. Gen. Richard Bowling. "Air BP believes strongly in the work being done by CAP volunteers across this country, and through their financial support of our cadet programs, they are helping in the development of America's future leaders as well."

CAP builds strong citizens for the future by providing leadership training, technical education, scholarships and career education to young men and women, ages 12 to 21. From all socioeconomic backgrounds, CAP cadets learn leadership, planning and time-management skills, as well as the value of teamwork by working with fellow cadets toward common goals in a safe, structured, yet fun environment.

"CAP's dual commitment to our homeland security and the development of our future aviators, both to those who fly for the love of flying and the ones who invest their talents into civil service, is a very noble and just cause," said Mike Delk, president of Air BP Aviation Services. "We are honored to be a component of CAP, and appreciate the good work being done by their team."

According to CAP Executive Director Al Allenback at CAP National Headquarters, Air BP and CAP are sure to be "great partners."

"We are extremely pleased in Air BP's decision to become an official corporate partner," said Al Allenback, CAP executive director. "It's a great partnership between two well-known brand names in aviation. We look forward to a long and mutually beneficial relationship."

For more information about CAP's Corporate Partner Program, please contact James E. Shea, CAP's director of Strategic Partnerships, at jshea@cap.gov or 866-948-5101.

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CAP Corporate Partnership Program

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As a federally chartered nonprofit organization, Civil Air Patrol is tax-exempt under Section 501(c)(3) of the IRS Code. This entitles members to claim various expenses as charitable contributions to the extent allowed by law. These include the following: Membership dues; expenses for uniforms and training materials; out-of-pocket expenses while participating in CAP activities; mileage on personal vehicles; travel and living expenses while participating in CAP activities.

CAP leaders establish '04 IACE fund

NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS — At the recent CAP National Executive Committee Meeting in Atlanta, a grant fund was established to provide help to Civil Air Patrol cadets attending the 2004 International Air Cadet Exchange.

According to Southeast Region Commander Col. Tony Pineda — who established the fund — the cost for IACE uniform items for CAP cadets has grown over the years to where it is difficult for the majority of cadets to be able to afford to go on an IACE trip, particularly since some of the required items are used only for this activity.

"The fund will be welcomed support for our cadets," said Colonel Pineda.

At the meeting, Colonel Pineda presented CAP National Commander Maj. Gen. Richard L. Bowling a check for $6,000 to kick off the IACE fundraiser. Region commanders who donated money to the fund were: Colonel Pineda, Southeast Region — $3,000; Col. Richard A. Greenhut, Northeast Region — $1,000; Col. William W. Webb, Great Lakes Region — $1,000; and Col. Rex E. Glasgow, North Central Region — $1,000.

Pictured holding up a $6,000 mock check for the 2004 International Air Cadet Exchange grant fund — established by Southeast Region Commander Col. Tony Pineda during the recent CAP National Executive Committee meeting in Atlanta — are, from left, Colonel Pineda, Great Lakes Region Commander Col. William W. Webb , Northeast Region Commander Col. Richard A. Greenhut, North Central Region Commander Col. Rex E. Glasgow, and CAP National Commander Maj. Gen. Richard L. Bowling.

Since the NEC meeting, other people have donated money, bringing the total to $6,450. Those contributors were: Roger White, vice president of marketing for Cessna Corp., and Col. Joseph "Rock" Palermo III, CAP's national legal officer.

The plan adopted by the donors and approved by General Bowling is as follows:

✔ The fund will cover the following required uniform items for IACE cadets — one golf shirt, one aviator shirt and its required epaulets, and an IACE name tag and tie;

✔ Leftover funds will be used to for additional items;

✔ Cadets who have already purchased their uniform items will be reimbursed according to the plan; and

✔ Cadets are encouraged to borrow a blue blazer or use their own, rather than purchasing a new one.

Anyone wishing to donate to the fund should e-mail Susan Easter at CAP National headquarters at seaster@cap.gov.

VTS Inc. signs corporate partnership with CAP

NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS — Civil Air Patrol has signed a corporate partnership agreement with VTS Inc., a Minnesota-based aviation training company.

VTS develops and produces flight training devices, training curriculum and computer-based training materials for the general aviation community.

While terms of the agreement were undisclosed, VTS will provide CAP with financial and promotional support in 2004. In return, VTS will receive the right to use the CAP name and corporate supporter mark in the company's advertising, marketing and promotional programs during the year. Financial support from VTS will be used to fund CAP cadet programs.

"Many of our cadets join because of an interest in aviation," said CAP National Commander Maj. Gen. Richard L. Bowling. "And while we want to help them achieve their dreams of flying someday, we also want to promote safety first. We're proud to have a partner like VTS on board."

According to Tom K. Kenville, CEO of VTS Inc., the CAP-VTS relationship is "win-win" for both parties. "VTS supports a good cause and CAP utilizes Cessna aircraft for which VTS builds instructional software and flight training devices," said Mr. Kenville.

"VTS offers our members another source of training information on some of the most popular general aviation aircraft," said Al Allenback, executive director of CAP. "The company is an excellent fit for CAP."

CAP's aerospace career exploration program 'vital'

ASAE selects CAP for Advance America honor roll

Melanie LeMay
Public Relations Specialist
CAP National Headquarters

NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS — Civil Air Patrol has been named to the 2004 Associations Advance America Honor Roll for its aerospace career exploration program.

The award is sponsored by the American Society of Association Executives and recognizes outstanding accomplishments by nonprofit organizations.

CAP was recognized in the Public Education category for the growth of its aerospace career exploration camps for CAP cadets. "The aerospace industry is graying," said CAP National Commander Maj. Gen. Richard L. Bowling. "If our nation is to sustain its leadership in aviation and space, we must encourage our young people to pursue careers in engineering, science and technology."

Through its cadet program, CAP offers more than 30 camps each year to introduce young men and women to the advantages of aerospace careers. During these week-long sessions, the cadets study the aerospace industry's effect on commerce, defense and scientific research.

The camps focus on a variety of career areas. At CAP's E-Tech camp, for example, aspiring engineers can design, build and test airfoils in labs at Auburn University's school of engineering. Cadets who shadow meteorologists at the U.S. Air Force Weather Agency can learn the principles of weather forecasting. Those interested in computer science can attend a camp on aerial imagery and transmission. In addition, more than 200 cadets receive flight instruction each year from volunteer CAP pilots.

"Your program is a perfect example of how associations play a vital role in helping the nation adapt to complex and changing times," said John H. Graham, president and chief executive officer of ASAE. "Contributions such as yours are vital and add real value to society."

CAP's career exploration program has grown from eight courses in 1996 to its present list of more than 30. All courses are developed and delivered by professionals and are continuously evaluated and updated by program managers at CAP National Headquarters, located at Maxwell AFB, Ala.

As the force behind the Associations Advance America campaign, ASAE is fulfilling its mission of enhancing the professionalism and competency of association executives, promoting excellence in association management and increasing the effectiveness of associations to better serve members and society. ASAE was founded in 1920 and today has more than 25,000 individual members representing business, professional, educational, technical, industrial and trade associations throughout the country.

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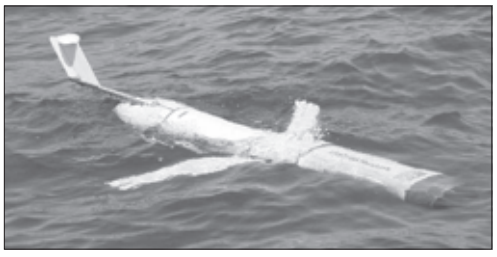
NE Region crews spot 'Cruiser' off New Jersey coast

NEW JERSEY — Members of the New Jersey and Maine wings assisted a team of ocean scientists from Rutgers University in the recovery of an autonomous underwater vehicle off the coast of New Jersey May 12.

The AUV lost communication with Rutgers scientists on May 2 during a Hudson River plume experiment.

Unsuccessful attempts were made to communicate with the AUV, and then Herve Barrier of East Brunswick, N.J., and Dr. Scott Glenn, Hopewell, N.J. of Rutgers University solicited the services of the Civil Air Patrol.



Rutgers' autonomous underwater vehicle named "Cruiser" floating off the New Jersey coast.

Incident Commander Lt. Col. Joseph Sirois of Bridgewater, N.J., directed two search aircrews. Flying a Piper Seneca from the Maine Wing and serving as the primary search aircraft were Lt. Col. John Trask of Easton, Maine, observer Maj. Thomas Goetz of Woodland, Maine, and scanner 1st Lt. William Ward of Trenton, N.J., and member of the New Jersey Wing. The crew flew over a 225-nautical-mile section of the ocean off the New Jersey coastline in search of the underwater glider.

The second aircraft, a New Jersey Wing Cessna C-172, was flown by Lt. Col. Richard Olszewski of Trenton, along with observer 1st Lt. John Gibson of Yardly, N.J. This aircraft, dubbed the "high bird," served primarily as a communication relay.

Dr. Josh Kohut of the Coastal Ocean Observation Lab at Rutgers' Institute of Marine and Coastal Sciences provided the wing members with search coordinates using CODAR, a coastal radar that uses radio waves to measure ocean surface currents. Based on the measured ocean currents, Dr. Kohut was able to determine the gliders probable location and define a search area.

The aircraft departed on their mission at 10:45 a.m. out of Trenton. Several passes were made through the search area when, on the seventh pass, Lieutenant Ward spotted the AUV. Coordinates were transmitted to Liz Creed of Rutgers, who was on board the rescue vessel Sorensen Miller, provided by Miller's Launch.

The Maine and New Jersey Wing aircrew members who located a Rutgers University autonomous underwater vehicle off the coast of New Jersey May 12 are, from left, 1st Lt. William Ward, Maj. Tom Goetz, Lt. Col. John Trask, Lt. Col. Richard Olszewski and 1st Lt. John Gibson.

The AUV — name "Cruiser" by New Jersey school children — was initially commissioned to perform water-sampling tests in a week-long experiment in the Hudson River called the Lagrangian Transport and the Transformation Experiment or LATTE. Nontoxic red dye was released exposing the movement of water from the Hudson into the Atlantic Ocean. The six-foot AUV provided real time measurements of the density, salinity and temperature, which were relayed to researchers on shore and ships participating in the experiment.

Editor's note: Story was co-authored by Maj. Lisa Van Clief, New Jersey Wing public affairs officer, and Courtney Kohut, AUV project coordinator with Rutgers University's Coastal Ocean Observation Laboratory.

National Staff College: CAP's best buy in executive leadership training

NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS — How much would you pay for an in-depth executive-level training program? How about $25 per day for lodging and $15 per day for meals, plus a registration fee of $125 for a week's worth of leadership training that will serve you well in your profession or CAP?

The training program is CAP's National Staff College, which will be held Oct. 16-23 at the U.S. Air Force NCO Academy at Maxwell AFB-Gunter Annex in Montgomery, Ala.

Col. Glyn Scott, this year's NSC director, says the training program is one of the best CAP has to offer. "NSC gives you the leadership and management tools you need to be more effective every day," he said.

Besides its emphasis on leadership and management training, NSC also helps attendees focus on strategic planning in the context of the many issues facing CAP on national, regional, wing and community levels. Instructors include faculty from Air University at Maxwell, the center of professional military education for the Air Force. Representatives from private industry, other branches of the Air Force, and CAP will also lead classes.

To attend, members must hold the grade of major or above, and have completed a Region Staff College or its equivalent. (See CAP Regulation 50-17, Senior Member Professional Development Program, Chapter 7.)

Present and potential region and wing commanders should make NSC a priority, according to Michigan Wing Commander Col. Gary Mayo.

Mayo heralds NSC from personal experience, having completed the course himself in 2003. Besides serving as a CAP wing commander, the 50-year-old Mayo is also the Global Director for Corporate Social Responsibility for Visteon Corp. "Over the years, I've attended a lot of leadership and executive development courses," he said. "They've all contributed to my success as a corporate executive. I've found, however, that being an effective leader in a military organization comprised of

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CUTTING EDGE

CAP leads way with advanced technology tools

The Civil Air Patrol has made great strides in the past three years finding advanced technology tools to enhance CAP's mission effectiveness. These new tools have been raising eyebrows and peaking interest at every level of government.

It is certainly gratifying to be in a position where Civil Air Patrol is now being recognized as a leader in aerial technology. The Advanced Technology Group, headed by Col. Drew Alexa, has played a tremendous role in making all of this possible. In this article I'm going to update you on three of these new and exciting technologies — the Satellite Digital Imaging System, Visual Computing Network and Hyperspectral Imaging.

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Satellite Digital Imaging System

Over the years, CAP has been repeatedly asked to provide airborne imagery for a variety of missions including search and rescue, disaster relief, counterdrug and most recently, homeland security. What we provided in the past has met the needs of our customers, but we knew we could give our customers improved imagery using delivery methods that much better served their needs. That's where SDIS comes in. SDIS allows us to take airborne digital photos and transmit them via a satellite phone to a password-protected Web site or directly to customers via e-mail. This means high-resolution pictures can be transmitted from the aircraft to multiple e-mail addresses anywhere in the world in a matter of minutes.

This technology significantly improves CAP's capabilities in reconnaissance, as well as search and rescue. The equipment is far less bulky than our older photography systems. With SDIS, we only need to carry a digital camera, computer and the system itself. The whole system weighs only 12 pounds. This new technology is also important because it eliminates the need to have a ground crew waiting with special equipment to receive the images. With our older medium-resolution video imaging systems, we had to have a ground crew in proximity of the aircraft to receive the images from the plane and transmit them to the waiting customer. Essentially we're cutting out the previously required middle man and making the whole system much more efficient.

The communications capability of SDIS is also exceptional. Agencies are able to talk directly with our CAP aircrew and give them instructions no matter where the aircraft is located. Therefore, SDIS also frees CAP from previous line-of-sight communication restrictions that were problematic when using radio frequency-based systems.

SDIS is an FAA-approved satellite phone system and has been installed in some of our CAP aircraft. Each of CAP's regions have at least two of these complete systems and a third aircraft has an installation kit that allows the region to rapidly install and operate the system in that aircraft. The picture quality is truly remarkable. Because of this system, CAP's SDIS-equipped aircraft have been called "civilian versions of the Predator" by U.S. Northern Command. CAP has used SDIS successfully during the past year in several major exercises and operational missions. Those include NORTHCOM exercises Determined Promise and United Defense, Hurricane Isabel, the new Madrid Fault earthquake exercise called Heartland Response and the G8 Economic Summit. You may wonder about the remarkable clarity of the pictures being sent via SDIS, so I've included a few sample pictures on Page 9 from a recent mission in Alabama. I'm sure you'll be just as impressed as our customers about this fantastic new capability.

Visual Computing Network

The second new technology tool that CAP is in the process of incorporating is Visual Computing Network. The VCN gives users a three-dimensional view of satellite imagery, which will help make mission planning, rehearsal and actual performance much more effective. VCN will also improve command and control, day/night situational awareness, and safety for flight and ground operations.

Every CAP wing will receive one complete system, which includes a very powerful laptop computer and printer. The VCN systems will include complete satellite imagery for an entire CAP wing (including a 25-mile overlap of adjoining wings.), computers loaded with commercial off-the-shelf visualization software, and 30- to 15-meter satellite imagery and maps/aeronautical charts. The VCN will provide CAP with a common viewing platform nationwide. The COTS visualization software will display georectified satellite imagery and maps in 2D and 3D overlaid on digital terrain elevation data. The software will also display latitude/longitude positioning data, as well as standard CAP search grids. The VCN contractor will provide training in each CAP region for two operators from each wing. One session will be on the use of BattleScape software and the other will be on the use of FliteStar software. As you can see, VCN is another great tool that CAP will soon be using to improve the effectiveness, efficiency and safety of our missions.

Hyperspectral Imaging

The third exciting new technology CAP is acquiring is hyperspectral imaging. It's no good having a bird's eye view if you can't see the forest for the trees. That's why CAP is giving its members a better set of eyeballs with HSI — a hot new tool in aerial reconnaissance.

CAP plans to use HSI for SAR, disaster relief and reconnaissance missions. We're in the final stages of testing the equipment, and plan to start using it nationwide in a matter of months. Various branches of the military have been looking at this technology for several years, but they're interested in far more complex applications. HSI is far enough advanced that we in CAP can use it right now for the missions we perform daily.

Hyperspectral imaging allows operators to program the spectral "signature" for an object into a sensor device. This signature identifies the way a given object absorbs and reflects light, and is so distinctive that HSI equipment can recognize it, even from the air. Since the technology is based on reflected light, it works only in daylight and will not pinpoint objects under the ground, under water or buried in snow. It can, however, identify an object through partial foliage or brush, which is especially useful during aerial searches over heavily wooded areas. The sensor can also identify "anomalies" — objects that are distinctly different from their surroundings, such as aircraft pieces scattered across wooded or desert terrain.

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The term 'hyperspectral imaging may sound invasive to some people, but that's only because they don't fully understand its purpose. It's not a camera that can take pictures through your rooftops or peer through brick walls. It basically does what CAP has always done with binoculars from a small airplane — gives us a broad view of an area when we need to find someone who is lost or assess damage after a major disaster. It's just the next technological step beyond binoculars, and a way for us to locate more quickly and accurately the people or objects that we're searching for. CAP is working with NovaSol, a small high-tech company based in Honolulu, Hawaii, to customize the HSI setup especially for the Gippsland GA-8 Airvan.

CAP has dubbed its customized HSI system ARCHER, which stands for Airborne Real-time Cueing Hyperspectral Enhanced Reconnaissance. NovaSol has taken its own hyperspectral sensor and integrated it with components from other manufacturers to create the system. Gippsland also designed a lightweight aluminum rack to hold the equipment stable in an area in the back of the aircraft. Besides the sensors, the rack holds a dual 2.4 GHz Xeon PC processor capable of more than seven hours of recording and storage time per use, a 21-inch flat-screen monitor powered by an AGP graphics card, a high-resolution Piranha-2 panchromatic imager, two removable hard disks, one internal hard disk and a power supply. The HSI sensor operates on a power bus separate from the PC, and draws only 12 volts of power from the aircraft. NovaSol is also providing one air-transportable ground processing unit per system to allow operators to analyze the recorded images in more detail.

CAP will purchase a total of 15 ARCHER systems and put at least one in each of our eight regions. NovaSol will train CAP members to use the equipment using both classroom- and online-training methods.

Here's how it works. The HSI sensor is positioned alongside the panchromatic camera. Once the sensor records a possible "hit" for the object under search, the aircraft can pass over it again for a closer look. In the meantime, the operator can review the higher-resolution image of the target taken by the panchromatic camera to better determine if the object may be the one we are looking for. If the "hit" looks promising, the operator can go ahead and relay the latitude and longitude of the object to a ground team.

While in the air, the panchromatic "waterfall" image on the operator's screen is decimated to speed up display time, but the images are actually recorded at a resolution 36 times what the operator can see on the monitor. Once the aircraft lands, the operator can remove the hard drives containing both the hyperspectral and panchromatic images and give them to operators on the ground. These ground analysts will perform further analysis and report the results to other agencies working with CAP on the mission.

Top, an image of the Lake Martin Dam in Alabama taken with Civil Air Patrol's new Satellite Digital Imaging System. Top right, a magnified view of the photo that demonstrates the image clarity Civil Air Patrol's new ARCHER system is capable of achieving.

As you can imagine, this new technology will bring a very unique capability to CAP. HSI will help CAP become much more effective, especially in search and rescue, and that will be important in saving lives. The new equipment can also help in disaster relief. Through its ability to identify anomalies, this equipment could help us find and map out an oil spill or identify a pattern of dying foliage as a result of chemicals released into the air or on the ground. It could also help with the aerial assessment of a disaster area, such as a train wreck, major aircraft crash, demolished building or natural disaster, such as an earthquake or hurricane. As we fly swaths across a given area, the equipment records what it sees below, and with computer analysis, then generates one large and consistent image of an entire area. Digital images can even be draped over a topographic depiction of the area for a three-dimensional effect.

Nation's top scientists on board

CAP is very fortunate to have the nation's top scientists helping with the program. One of them is Dr. John Kershenstein with the Naval Research Laboratory in Washington, D.C. Another is Dr. Michael Eismann with the Air Force Research Laboratory in Dayton, Ohio. Both Drs. Kershenstein and Eismann hope CAP's entry into the HSI arena will allow scientists to see just what HSI can do when it's used on a daily basis.

Other branches of the military are also very interested in CAP's success with HSI. The Coast Guard is interested because they see great potential for their own over-water SAR and reconnaissance missions. A research and development project with so much interagency cooperation is unprecedented in CAP's history. We're encouraged to see this kind of interaction among government agencies, branches of the military, scientists and private corporations. CAP is definitely taking the lead in developing a true operational system for HSI.

CAP intends to use HSI technology initially for SAR and disaster relief missions, but the equipment has far-ranging uses in other areas. With this new capability, CAP is rapidly positioning itself to become a leader in low-cost, on-demand aerial imaging technology. In a matter of months, our volunteers will be in an even better position to serve their communities, not only in emergency management, but in homeland security as well.

In conclusion, our Advanced Technologies Group has been able to identify the best equipment on the market today, figure out how it could work with our existing platforms and set up very high-profile field testing — all in a very brief space of time. This couldn't happen without effective teamwork among the CAP volunteers in the field, scientists from federal agencies and military departments, technical representatives for the equipment manufacturers, and operations and logistics personnel from our national headquarters. It's testimony to the power of teamwork in meeting a pressing need — the need for safety and security in our country today.

SDIS, VCN and HSI will increase CAP's effectiveness in SAR, disaster relief, counterdrug and homeland security missions. CAP has become a leader in advanced technology tools. Our leadership also carries with it a big responsibility. We must train regularly on these new systems if we want to maintain our reputation as a leader. Because of the complexity, it will take more time to learn how to use these tools and to stay proficient. The technology will certainly improve our mission effectiveness, but we must be ready to operate these systems when our nation calls — the lives of others are at stake.

It's very rewarding to be part of our organization during these exciting times, and I'm very proud of our Advanced Technologies Group and all of our members! CAP is definitely leading the way with advanced technology tools as we " ... perform missions for America!

Don't let your wallet affect your judgement

Being frugal is a good thing — right up to the point where it can impact the health of you or others. How many times have you seen people riding around on bald tires? Add a wet road and someone can get killed. Carpenters know that a dull saw blade can not only be inefficient, it can be extremely dangerous.

Both of the examples mentioned have the same theme — money needs to be spent to mitigate risk. Frugality does not include risking health or safety in the name of saving money.

This year, however, frugality may have passed this limit and contributed to the deaths of three of our members. Last November, a California Wing aircrew flew a member-furnished aircraft from Big Bear City, Calif., to a search and rescue exercise in Palm Springs. While inbound to the mission base, the pilot reported turbulence so rough in the mountain pass that their heads were striking the ceiling of the aircraft. Later that evening, there was discussion of canceling the next day's flying because of the discouraging wind forecast for that night and into the following day.

Billeting for those attending the three-day SAREX had been arranged at a local hotel. The mishap aircrew, however, disappointed there might not be any flying the next day due to the high winds, elected to fly home that night — even though several people tried to convince them to stay. Both were killed that night around 10 p.m. when they crashed on Tip Top Mountain at the 6,900-foot level.

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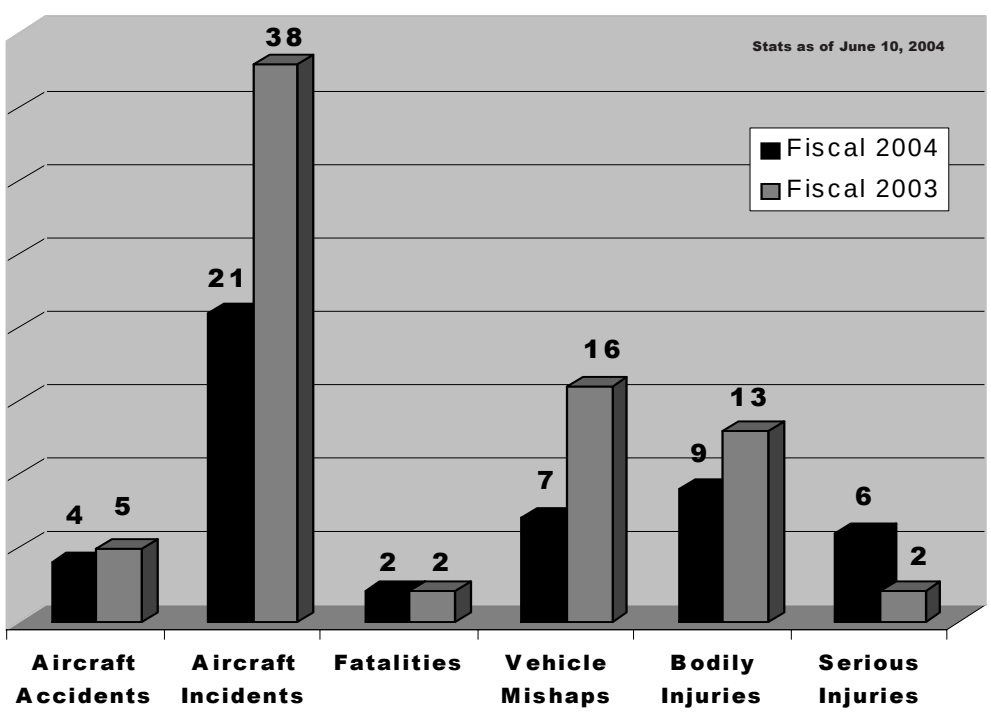
What motivated the crew to go home in these conditions? Could part of it have been the cost of the hotel room?

In April, we had another fatality when three Arizona Wing members decided to drive straight-through to Illinois to return a hot-air balloon they had borrowed for the winter. The three men took turns at the wheel until early the next morning, when according to Missouri State Highway Patrol officials, the driver fell asleep at the wheel, the van went off the highway and then rolled. Why did the members drive straight-through? Could it have been to save the cost of hotel rooms?

Accidents sometimes involve skimping — giving insufficient or barely sufficient attention, effort or funds. Skimping when health and safety issues are concerned is just asking for trouble. Whether you're trying to get a few more miles out of your tires or stretching your fuel to get to a destination, it will eventually catch up to you. It reminds me of the ad where the auto mechanic is trying to sell an oil change to a skimping customer by saying "you can pay me now or you can pay me later."

When it comes to your safety — "pay it now" — you're worth it!

CAP Accident & Incident Trends



National Commander's Sights On Safety Program

In 2002, Civil Air Patrol National Commander Maj. Gen. Richard L. Bowling introduced his Sights on Safety Program. The program's purpose was to emphasize the absolute need for all CAP members to have the right mind-set about safety — to make it a cornerstone in their lives.

General Bowling directed the SOS Program be mandatory for wings and optional (but encouraged) for squadrons. Because his goal was to see innovative approaches to safety, he decided all wings would have a program, but there would be no specific guidelines provided.

To motivate the sharing of these new approaches to safety, a substantial amount of money has been set aside again to reward the best efforts — $5,000 for the first-place wing, $3,000 for second and $2,000 for third. For participating squadrons, $2,000 for first place, $1,000 for second and $500 for third. The grants will be awarded at CAP's August national board meeting in Tampa. Region commanders will judge the entries in an SOS Awards Board — chaired by the national commander and vice.

Send program descriptions outlining innovative unit safety programs to: Sights On Safety, HQ CAP/SE, 105 S. Hansell St., Maxwell AFB, AL 36112. Submissions must arrive no later than Aug. 1.

CAP National Vice Commander Brig. General Dwight Wheless emphasized that program submissions should address safety concerns on a long-term basis and provide "cross talk" that other units would find useful — and that videotapes are not required. Members can view all policy letters concerning SOS on the CAP Web site at: http://level2.cap.gov/index.cfm?nodeID=5330.

BOOT TIPS

Proper-fitting boots most important gear for encampment

Every year at encampments, more sick-call visits occur because of poorly fitting boots than any other reason. Blisters, nail problems and toe pain are all caused by boots that have been held over another year, despite being too small or worse, they belonged to an older sibling and were handed down. This is great for economics, but very poor for feet. Imagine what would happen to your toes if you wear a pair of boots three sizes too small. Ouch! (Don't laugh — it has been done.) Some cadets even have their encampment cut short because their boots created foot problems significant enough for them to be sent home — a tragedy that is completely avoidable.

Proper fitting boots are arguably the most important piece of gear for success at any encampment. Nothing will cause misery as quickly as poorly fitting shoe gear. Excitement can be turned into torture on the first day if boots cause blisters or squeeze toes so nails cut into the flesh. Here is a short lesson in boots and how to fit them, and hopefully prevent some injuries this encampment season.

When to search for boots

Search for new boots in the evening, since feet normally swell during the day. If they fit perfectly in the morning, chances are they will be too tight when night rolls around. Try them on again the next morning to make sure they fit comfortably. Never buy a pair of boots or shoes under the impression they will stretch enough to change a tight fit into a comfortable one. This rarely, if ever, happens. Sizing varies between manufacturers, so buy by fit, not by size. This means you need to be careful if buying through the mail. You may need to take them back more than once to get a proper fit. Remember too, that size, shape and volume of your foot changes with age, so don't rely on your previous size when choosing a new pair. Youth typically will change shoe size more than once a year, so boots that fit last summer may not fit now.

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A simple way to check for proper size is to remove the boot insert and stand on it. Put your heel on the heel end, but not overhanging. You should expect to see a thumbnail's width between the tip of your big toe and end of the foot bed (at least three eighths of an inch). The extra room in the front prevents your toes from banging into the tip of the boot. If you have this room, then the boot is the proper length. Also, most people have one foot larger than the other (typically a half size), so make sure you fit to the longer foot. If you wear special inserts or orthotics, wear them when trying on the new boots. If you begin to struggle in finding a well-fitting boot, try a different foot bed to adjust the volume inside the boot or to stabilize the foot sufficiently to give a better fit.

There should also be a rim of footbed visible all around the sides. Narrow boots will squeeze and cause pain. Sometimes, boots are stretched out for extra comfort, but water (think rain) shrinks the stretched area back to normal — so it's better to get extra room in the beginning. Ideally, you should have a fairly snug fit in the ankle, heel and arch area, but have extra room at the front. This allows for natural swelling that occurs during the day, plus extra swelling that occurs in hot weather and during prolonged heavy use.

Heel slippage

Generally, slippage in the heel should be avoided, as it will cause blisters. Your heel will lift normally in boots when they are new, however, this should subside when they become broken-in. There should be no more than one-fourth of an inch of heel-lift when you walk. If the heel area is loose, try tightening the laces near the bend of the ankle. If the heel remains loose, use an adhesive heel-narrowing patch available at your local store. This should help by narrowing the heel enough to prevent slipping.

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Break-in period

The break-in period is very important. New-boot leather will expand slightly after the boots have been worn. Break-in actually loosens the leather and allows it to stretch. This small amount of flex makes the boot more comfortable. Do not think that this will turn an uncomfortable boot into a comfortable one or that a boot which is too narrow or too short will become well fitting. This will not happen. The boot should feel comfortable when new. Break-in just makes them more comfortable. Important tip: Break them in completely before your encampment. Arriving at encampment with boots that are stiff and not properly broken-in is a recipe for disaster.

Socks first line of defense

Last but not least is the padding between the boot and your skin. Because feet can easily give off a full cup of sweat in 12 hours during strenuous activity, socks are the first line of defense against the effects of moisture around the foot. In addition, they act as insulators against cold and friction. Salt from sweat is corrosive and abrasive. Over time, it breaks down the fibers in the sock material, causing them to thin out, lose padding and inhibits their ability to wick moisture away from the foot. Salt also prematurely wears out boots.

Lesson: Buy new socks for the encampment. The best choice for socks is now synthetics. They last longer, fit better and provide better wicking than wool. Also, let's discuss the old adage about wearing two socks. This doesn't mean two socks of the same thickness. Your boots may fit perfectly with one sock layer , but two layers will make them too small. The best idea is to wear one thin pair and one regular pair of socks when fitting the boots. This means wearing a thin synthetic liner beneath the regular wool socks. A temporary method that has worked with great success during encampments is the use of inexpensive knee-high nylon stockings. The friction of the boots and the stockings is dissipated against the nylon stockings instead of your skin, thus preventing blisters. This is only if you forgot your regular liners though.

I hope these tips might provide you a bit more comfort "where the rubber meets the road." Hope you have a great and blister-free summer of CAP activities!

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CAPMart blowout sale underway

NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS — In addition to new hours of operation, Civil Air Patrol's CAPMart now has a blowout sale underway!

According to CAPMart Manager Marietta Kouns the new operating hours are now 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. CST for call-in orders at 800-633-8768, but all members are encouraged to take advantage of their "24/7" online shopping. "And members need not worry," she said, "because all industrywide standards for credit card security are in place.

Another recent change affected CAPMart's free-shipping option. "Our nine-month free shipping promotional period to highlight our move to online shopping is now over and shipping charges are now in effect," said Ms. Kouns.

The new shipping options are: Standard shipping (three to five business days), and overnight air service (orders delivered the next business day). Books or regulation sets are shipped UPS Ground only.

"The new shipping charges might seem high to some members," said Ms. Kouns, "especially for the lower-priced items like ribbons and ribbon holders, but there's a good reason for that. In order for us to protect these items from being damaged, they have to be shipped in special boxes strong enough not to be damaged in the mail. Also, in order to prevent our members from lost shipments through the U.S. Post office, CAPMart ships via Federal Express only."

According to Ms. Kouns, CAPMart is proud to offer one of the fastest shipping service of anyone in the mail order business. If the order is placed via Internet, phone or fax before 11 am. CST, it will be on its way to you the same afternoon, and mail orders ship the same day received.

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civilian volunteers requires a slightly different set of skills.

"At the executive level in CAP, you need to lead in a way that will earn people's trust, respect and loyalty. At the same time, you must inspire them to become leaders and to work as professionals. NSC gave me the chance to learn some new skills and refine the ones I had. It was truly one of the most engaging and dynamic learning experiences of my 33 years in CAP."

This is high praise from a businessman who holds an MBA in global management from Duke University's prestigious Fuqua School of Business, says Bobbie Tourville, an educational program manager at CAP National Headquarters and a longtime NSC developer.

Tourville says this year's NSC students will be housed at the Air Force Noncommissioned Officer Academy in a college campus-like environment.

To apply for the 2004 NSC, Tourville says members should first prepare a CAP Form 17 (Application for Senior Member Activities) and a check for the registration fee of $125 made payable to *National Staff College.* Submit these to your unit commander, who will forward them to the wing for approval. The wing commander will then forward your approved forms, now signed by your unit and wing commanders, to CAP National Headquarters. Tourville says forms can be faxed to headquarters at 334-953-6699.

You must apply by Sept. 15 to be approved for this year's class, and region staff applying must obtain the signatures of their own region commanders.

Once an application is approved, the student will receive a letter from the college director containing all the information pertinent to this year's NSC.

For more information about NSC, visit the CAP National Headquarters Web site at www.cap.gov. From the front page, go to the Members home page, then to Programs, then Programs for Adults, then Professional Development, then Resident Courses, and finally to National Staff College. You may also contact NSC Director Col. Glyn Scott via e-mail at glynethelscott@earthlink.net for more information or call the CAP National Headquarters professional development division at 334-953-7584.

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Civil Air Patrol's 2004 National Board & Annual Conference

TODAY'S MISSIONS – TOMORROW'S TECHNOLOGY

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15 June 2004

Dear Civil Air Patrol Members,

This year's CAP National Conference will be one of the most progressive and forward-looking programs we've ever undertaken. Our theme, "Today's– Missions Tomorrow's Technology," reflects Civil Air Patrol's commitment to embracing high-tech advances that will help us serve our nation and communities more effectively. During the conference we'll be focusing on how we can interface with today's technically sophisticated military and emergency management agencies. We'll be looking at the nation's new space initiative and how that affects our aerospace education program. We'll be looking at CAP's cadet programs and how they're meeting and anticipating the needs of a generation raised with computers, cell phones and the World Wide Web. And we'll see how our chaplains and moral leadership officers are serving in a post-9/11 world where, each day, crisis intervention and ethical questions are becoming more urgent and more complicated.

Please plan to attend this year's conference. This is an extraordinary opportunity for you to exchange ideas with fellow members and develop a more comprehensive perspective on CAP as a national program. Since many of those attending will be recognized for national awards, our gathering will include some of the best and brightest minds in our organization. The convergence of so many focused and committed volunteers cannot help but impact CAP in a positive way.

Respond soon and to take advantage of this year's easy online registration. By registering online, you'll be entered in a drawing for a free laptop computer our nod to the advantages of connectivity in today's high-tech world!

As always, the CAP National Board will meet prior to and simultaneously with the conference. This year, the board will meet on Thursday, 19 August and Friday, 20 August. One of our first orders of business will be the election of the new CAP national commander and vice commander. I know you'll want to be present to congratulate these new leaders and hear their thoughts on CAP's future.

I'd like to take this opportunity to thank you for your support and your commitment to Civil Air Patrol and our nation. I look forward to seeing you in Tampa for the 2004 CAP Annual Conference. Semper vigilans!

RICHARD L. BOWLING
Major General, CAP
National Commander

Maj. Gen. Richard L. Bowling

2004 General Schedule

Wednesday, 18 August	
Conference Registration	1000-1800
CAP Day at Busch Gardens	All Day
Thursday, 19 August	
Conference Registration	0700-1700
National Board Business Meeting	0800-1700
Exhibit Hall Open	0930-1600
Opening Reception	1800-1930
Friday, 20 August	
Conference Registration	0700-1700
Opening General Assembly	0800-0930
Exhibit Hall Open	0930-1600
National Board Business Meeting	1030-1700
Educational Seminars	1030-1700
First-time Attendee Reception	1800-1900
Saturday, 21 August	
Conference Registration	0730-1200
CAP Recognition Day	0800-1000
Educational Seminars	1030-1700
National Commander's Reception	1800-1900
CAP Annual Banquet	1900-2200

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TODAY'S MISSIONS - TOMORROW'S TECHNOLOGY

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You can still register through the mail or by fax. Simply download the registration form from the Web site, fill out and mail or fax back to National Headquarters.

Special Events

CAP DAY AT BUSCH GARDENS

Take a walk on the wild side! Wednesday, 18 August 2004, CAP members will receive the standard military discount at beautiful Busch Gardens! That's $17 dollars off the cost of admission! Avoid the long lines at the park and purchase your tickets at the hotel. Tickets will go on sale Wednesday morning at 9:00 am in the lobby. Your CAP ID is required. Don't miss this day of fun-filled excitement! Transportation will be provided.

THE BEACHCOMBER BASH

Kick off Thursday with a visit to the exhibit hall followed by the opening reception - a high-energy Beachcomber Bash! Request your favorite Jimmy Buffet tune and enjoy visiting with old friends and meeting new ones. It's a great chance to show-off that Hawaiian print shirt hiding in your closet. You may just be the lucky winner of the tacky shirt contest! Bring your shades and sunscreen, and get ready for the hottest CAP conference ever!

FIRST-TIME ATTENDEE RECEPTION

This is a private reception for all first-time senior members. You'll be welcomed by the Chairman of the CAP Board of Governors, the CAP National Commander and the CAP Executive Director at a private reception Friday evening from 6:00 - 7:00 pm. This is an excellent opportunity to visit with CAP leaders one-on-one in an intimate setting, you won't want to miss it!

CHANGE OF COMMAND CEREMONIES

An air of excitement is already building in anticipation of this year's elections. Share the memories as CAP leaders and members welcome the new National Commander and the new Vice Commander. Be sure to make your banquet reservations early, the change of command ceremonies will be a an event to be remembered by all.

Get Connected -

IT'S ALL ABOUT TECHNOLOGY

Learn how new technologies are changing the way CAP members save lives and impact their communities. Meet CAP members from throughout the nation and share your wing's ideas and best practices. Hear speakers in a choice of more than 45 workshops, and visit with aviation and technology vendors in our exhibit hall. Come take advantage of this great opportunity.

http://www.cap.gov/events/nbmain.html

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT SEMINARS

This year's new seminars will include:

* QuickBooks Online — The Solution for 24-7 Accounting Access
* Catch the Funding Wave — $urf's Up!!!
* The Compleat Space Cadet: Using the Satellite Tool Kit!
* Tactical to Practical: Creative Cadet Program Enhancement
* Exploiting the Spectrum: Hyperspectral Imaging Enhances Operations
* EX Open Cockpit — LIVE!

and many more ...

Bringing the Family? There's Plenty to do in Tampa!

The nearby **Channelside District** offers a full array of entertainment and shopping options centered around a Mediterranean-style courtyard. Channelside has every kind of entertainment: The Florida Aquarium, IMAX movies, extreme games, dance clubs, piano bars, and unique shops and restaurants. Stroll the waterfront and watch the Port of Tampa at work, or explore a 3D movie at the IMAX theater. See a concert, catch a major league baseball game, or relax over a quiet dinner. Many of the Channelside district shops offer discounts to conference attendees. The best shopping and entertainment is just around the corner. www.channeldistrict.com

The spectacular **Florida Aquarium** is among the top aquariums in the world. With over 10,000 aquatic plants and animals from Florida and beyond, The Florida Aquarium features 152,000 square feet of air-conditioned fun!

Discover an incredible shark collection, dive in our shark tank, see ocean predators and spineless wonders from around the world, rare leafy sea dragons from Australia, an invasive species exhibit with games for kids of all ages, plus playful river otters, American alligators, free-flying birds, a giant Pacific octopus, and more! Enjoy dive shows daily including one with a diver in the shark tank, close-up animal encounters, and two touch tanks. The Florida Aquarium offers us an incredible glimpse into the vast and wonderful underwater world. www.floridaaquarium.org

Just a few blocks away is **Ybor City**, a national historic landmark district and former "cigar capital of the world." Florida's Latin Quarter experience beckons you back to another era. Wrought iron balconies, globe street lights, brick-lined walkways and the majestic architecture of cigar factories, social clubs and other unique buildings, provide a glimpse into an era rich with culture and history. Today, Ybor City is a shopping, dining and entertainment district where the ancient art of premium hand-rolled cigar making lives on. And, we also boast a night life as colorful as our Spanish Flamenco dancers. http://www.ybor.org

Tampa Bay's **Busch Gardens** offers a unique blend of thrilling rides, one of the country's premier zoos featuring more than 2,700 animals, live shows, restaurants, shops and games - providing unrivaled "real" excitement for guests of every age. Busch Gardens is the ultimate family adventure park offering an array of fascinating attractions based on exotic encounters with the African continent. Best of all, get discounted tickets for a fun-filled day at Busch Gardens on August 18th, a great way for your family to kick off your CAP conference vacation! http://www.buschgardens.com

Transportation

Conveniently located outside the Tampa Marriott Waterside is the streetcar terminal. Stops include the Tampa Convention Center, St. Pete Times Forum, Channelside, Port of Tampa, The Florida Aquarium and historic Ybor City. This service makes getting around downtown Tampa particularly convenient.

Each air-conditioned streetcar can carry up to 88 passengers. With front-door service to major venues and parking facilities, the streetcar will make it easy for you to go safely and efficiently from one place to the next without the need for an automobile. The streetcars run seven days a week, with extended hours on weekends. The cost is minimal and it only takes a few minutes to get to your destination.

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Civil Air Patrol's 2004 National Board & Annual Conference

TODAY'S MISSIONS - TOMORROW'S TECHNOLOGY

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1 CONTACT INFO AND EVENT SELECTION

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Note: To attend the conference all guests must be paying registrants.

After 11 August 2004 do not mail registration. Either register online or plan to register on-site. Onsite rate applies to all registration forms received after 11 August 2004.

SELECT YOUR EVENT

	SPECIAL PRE-REGISTRATION (UNTIL 11 August 2004)	REGISTRATION (ONSITE)
☐ Conference Registration	$115	$150
☐ Banquet Registration 8/21	$ 45	$ 60
☐ First-time Senior attendee		

First-time CAP Senior attendees are invited to attend a reception with the National Commander, the Chairman of the Board of Governors and the Executive Director Friday evening from 6:00 - 7:00 p.m. Please check the box above if this applies to you.

Registration includes: conference bag, conference program & related seminar materials, Thursday evening reception in the exhibit hall, and refreshment breaks Thursday, Friday and Saturday

2 SEND IN YOUR REGISTRATION

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Credit card users may fax this form to: HQ CAP/FM — (334)953-6015
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A $15 fee will be assessed for all refunds. No Banquet refunds after 11 AUGUST 2004. The Banquet fee of $45 ($60 onsite) represents the value of the banquet meal furnished. Under IRS Code, that amount is not deductible as a charitable contribution to CAP for federal income tax purposes.

CAP cadet experience fueled his interest in military

R. C. "Archie" DeJesus liked the idea of wearing a military uniform, even as a rambunctious 13-year-old in Rockville, Md.

Former National Capital Wing cadet Archie DeJesus — now a U.S. Air Force captain — poses for a picture next to a HUMVEE while stationed in Iraq.

"I think it was the uniform that first attracted me to Civil Air Patrol," he admits. As a result, almost 20 years later, Air Force Capt. DeJesus is still in uniform, with a new Bronze Star for service in Iraq.

Captain DeJesus says his years as a CAP cadet fueled his interest in the military. "I was already interested in flying when I joined CAP as a National Capital Wing cadet," he said. "I didn't grow up in an affluent family, so normally I wouldn't have gotten much exposure to aviation. CAP helped me explore and develop that interest, and showed me it was possible for me to be an aviator — and a leader. There were adults in my squadron who had served in the military and they told me about their experiences. It made me want to be part of a well-respected force that served the country."

The 29-year-old Captain DeJesus has served the country in ways he never anticipated. As an air mobility liaison officer during Operation Iraqi Freedom, he put not only his aviation knowledge as a C-130 Hercules navigator to work, but also his communication skills. "In representing the Air Force to the Army, my job was to advise the Army on issues that deal with airlift and mobility," he said. "That could be challenging at times, because the Army and Air Force have two very different cultures. In a nutshell, I had to discern what the Army personnel wanted, given their objectives, translate that into needs which the Air Force could provide, and then help the Army connect with the resources available to get it done."

by Melanie LeMay
Public Relations Specialist
CAP National Headquarters

In the process, Captain DeJesus called upon every tool in his communications arsenal. He was well-prepared, having earned a degree in organizational communications from Xavier University in Cincinnati prior to joining the Air Force. Still, he says his early experience as a CAP cadet commander first introduced him to the art of dealing with different personalities. "CAP gave me the chance to learn how to work with different people, even under stressful conditions," Captain DeJesus said. "The individuals in any group all have different motives. I worked on focusing all those motives in the same direction to get the desired results."

Archie DeJesus, left, as a National Capital Wing cadet, with good friend cadet Ryan Williams, who is also an Air Force officer now flying C-130s in Afghanistan.

Along the way, his CAP mentors gave him constructive feedback. "They helped me learn how to make quicker decisions, and that sometimes you have to go with a less than 100-percent solution to a given situation. Sometimes the 70-percent solution is good enough when you're in a crisis."

Captain DeJesus remembers one such crisis three years ago, when part of a C-130 crew flying supplies into a blacked-out camp in Afghanistan during Operation Enduring Freedom. "The plane was not only landing on an austere assault runway, but it was also in a blacked-out environment – so we had to use night-vision goggles," Captain DeJesus said. "We got stuck in the sand before we could taxi to the parking ramp where we planned to off-load our supplies. We couldn't just keep a loaded plane sitting out there on a hot landing zone with its engines running. If we stayed too long, we risked getting attacked by mortars, and if we shut down engines, we put the whole runway out of commission. We had to do something fast. I gave the order to start unloading it, right there in the middle of the runway, to lighten the load. And at the same time, the crew chief and I got on our bellies, crawled under the plane, and literally scooped sand out from around the nose wheel with our bare hands. We had ourselves airborne in less than 15 minutes."

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Getting the job done against all odds has become a common theme in DeJesus's career. The Army awarded him the Bronze Star in 2003 for his consistent successes in coordinating people and resources. During the period of hostilities, he helped the Army's V Corps deploy into position more than 3,000 combat troops and tons of time-sensitive cargo vital to four of the Army divisions engaged in combat. He also contributed to the longest successful forward-leap executed by an Army Corps since World War II. That move involved the airlift of 225 key military personnel and 24 short tons of high-priority equipment from Kuwait to an operating location more than 450 miles into the heart of Iraq.

Captain DeJesus also helped coordinate the development of newly captured airfields throughout Iraq, including Baghdad International Airport, Tallil Airbase and Balad Airfield. When U.S. forces decided to use Iraqi labor to rebuild an airfield at the military's main logistical operations hub, it was Captain DeJesus who coordinated moving $3 million in U.S. one-dollar bills on-site to pay the workers. And thanks to the work of Captain DeJesus and his AMLOs, the airlift footprint in Iraq is now more robust and mature.

"My years as a CAP cadet helped me understand the military's pyramid system and how to work within the chain of command," Captain DeJesus said. "I think that was a big advantage for me when I first joined the Air Force, because I had a big-picture perspective on the organization."

Since joining the Air Force in 1997, Captain DeJesus has traveled the world. Still, he credits CAP with his first and most influential exposure to other countries. "I went to Germany through CAP's International Air Cadet Exchange," he said, "and it was an awesome experience. I really think being around all those cadets from other cultures helped prepare me for the work I do now."

Just as valuable were the friendships he forged with other aviation-minded cadets overseas. Captain DeJesus still maintains a close friendship with an IACE cadet who is now a helicopter pilot for the Royal Dutch Navy. "We kept in touch during all our years in college and throughout flight school," Captain DeJesus said. "IACE allowed me to see and experience places and people I would never have known otherwise." Ironically, he is back in Germany today, completing his work with the Army's V Corps.

Captain DeJesus says CAP's greatest contribution to the nation is its emphasis on patriotism, especially for cadet members. "Volunteering through CAP gives you a sense of ownership toward your community and your country," he said. "You feel like you're part of something important — and you are."

■ LETTER FROM THE NATIONAL COMMANDER

AF AUTHORIZES NAMETAG ON SERVICE COAT

OFFICE OF THE NATIONAL COMMANDER
HEADQUARTERS, CIVIL AIR PATROL
UNITED STATES AIR FORCE AUXILIARY

30 April 2004

MEMORANDUM FOR: All CAP Members

FROM: CAP National Commander

SUBJECT: Uniform Wear Policy

1. I am pleased to announce that we have taken another step toward bridging the gap between Civil Air Patrol and the United States Air Force. The Air Force has now authorized Civil Air Patrol to return the nametag to the service coat. Effective **1 May 2004**, all CAP members will 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.

2. Senior members have been authorized to wear the new silver Air Force nametag on the service coat. This change enables our senior members to be more closely aligned with their active duty peers. However, with this privilege comes increased responsibility to ensure that we wear our uniforms properly and meet the prescribed weight and grooming standards. The new nametag is available from all Air Force Clothing Sales Stores and normally takes a week to 10 days to procure. If there is not a Clothing Sales Store near you, you may special order your nametag through CAPMart. **Until the new silver nametag can be obtained, senior members will wear the currently authorized gray three-line nametag. The mandatory wear date for the new AF nametag for all senior members is 1 August 2004**. The gray nametag will remain authorized on the light blue AF shirt and CAP aviator shirt.

3. **Cadet members** will wear the **currently authorized CAP blue three-line nametag** on the service coat as well as the light blue shirts and blouses.

4. If additional information or assistance is required, please call Membership Services at 877-227-9142 or contact them by e-mail at LMM@cap.gov.

RICHARD L. BOWLING
Major General, CAP
National Commander

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2ND LT. JACK P. STARK DISTINGUISHED HIMSELF BY CONSPICUOUS, HEROIC ACTION ON JAN. 14 , 2004. WHILE DRIVING IN MID-AFTERNOON TRAFFIC, LIEUTENANT STARK NOTICED A MINI-VAN WITH THE DRIVER SLUMPED OVER THE STEERING WHEEL STALLED IN THE LEFT TURN LANE. REALIZING THAT SOMETHING MUST BE WRONG, HE PULLED HIS VEHICLE IN FRONT OF THE STALLED VAN AND JOINED TWO OTHER PASSERBYS ATTEMPTING TO HELP THE VICTIM. THE VICTIM APPEARED TO BE UNCONSCIOUS AND HIS FOOT WAS LODGED ON THE BRAKE. AS LIEUTENANT STARK AND THE OTHERS TRIED TO DETERMINE THE VICTIMS CONDITION, HIS FOOT LEFT THE BREAK AND HIT THE ACCELERATOR. WITH COMPLETE DISREGARD FOR HIS OWN PERSONAL SAFETY, LIEUTENANT STARK RAN IN FRONT OF THE MOVING VEHICLE AND JUMPED ON TO THE SIDE OF IT. AS HE ATTEMPTED TO REACH INSIDE THE WINDOW AND PLACE THE VEHICLE IN PARK, THE VICTIM SUDDENLY CAME TO AND HIT THE ACCELERATOR CAUSING THE VAN TO CRASH INTO LIEUTENANT STARK'S VEHICLE. THE VEHICLE WAS FINALLY BROUGHT TO A STOP AS LIEUTENANT STARK PUT IT INTO PARK AND REMOVED THE KEYS. HE THEN ALERTED THE PARAMEDICS AND STAYED WITH THE VICTIM UNTIL THE EMERGENCY OFFICIALS ARRIVED ON THE SCENE. LIEUTENANT STARK'S QUICK THINKING, HEROIC ACTION AND COMPLETE DISREGARD FOR HIS OWN PERSONAL SAFETY REFLECT GREAT CREDIT UPON HIMSELF, THE FLORIDA WING AND CIVIL AIR PATROL.

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MASSACHUSETTS — The cadet commander of Massachusetts Wing's Franklin County Squadron received his Gen. Ira Eaker C. Award during a special ceremony.

Lt. Col. Daniel Connell, a full-time student pursuing a bachelor's degree at Keene State College in New Hampshire, was presented his award by Massachusetts State Representative Christopher Donelan and squadron commander Maj. Gary Longley.

Representative Donelan also presented an official citation from the Massachusetts State House, commending him for being an exemplary cadet since joining the Civil Air Patrol in 1998.

"This is a bittersweet award for Lieutenant McConnell" said Major Longley. "In 30 days, he will reach the age of 21 and the end of his cadet career. I know he will take the skills he has learned as a cadet and apply them well in the future."

1st Lt. Glenn Nichols

From left, Massachusetts State Representative Christopher Donelan, Cadet Lt. Col. Daniel McConnell, cadet commander of the Franklin County Squadron, and Maj. Gary Longley, squadron commander, pose for a photo after Cadet McConnell received his Gen. Ira C. Eaker Award. Representative Donelan also presented the cadet with a citation from the Massachusetts State House. (Photo by 1st Lt. Glenn Nichols)

NEW YORK — Cadet 2nd Lt. Christopher Gerlach was named cadet squadron commander of New York Wing's Rochester Composite Squadron during the unit's January meeting.

Cadet Gerlach accepted command from Capt. Marvin McIntyre, Rochester squadron commander, during the change-of-command ceremony.

A high school senior, Cadet Gerlach joined the Civil Air Patrol in 2001, first as part of the Explorer Scout program, then as a CAP cadet. He was named the New York Wing 2002 Cadet Noncommissioned Officer of the Year, and participated in the Challenge Camp during the 2002 New York Wing Encampment.

Cadet Gerlach plays cello in his school orchestra, is active in Ski Club, Key Club, cross-country and indoor track teams, and holds a black belt in tae kwon do. He hopes to work in the fields of aviation management or flight operations.

Cadet Capt. Jennifer Camp, the squadron's outgoing cadet commander, stepped down from the position after accepting an internship with the Air Force ROTC detachment at SUNY Brockport in Brockport, N.Y., where she will enroll in sophomore-level classes.

Cadet Camp is a senior who is taking college credit courses through a special program. She hopes to continue as an ROTC student when she becomes a full-time college student.

1st Lt. Janet E. Nugent

NEW YORK — Members of New York Wing's Nassau Cadet Squadron and Suffolk County squadrons 5, 7, 9 and 10 volunteered their services during the Suffolk County Half Marathon and 5K Run on March 29.

Members assisted by setting up tables at 10 checkpoints, and handing water to 520 runners.

Eight squadrons participated, including 25 seniors, 44 cadets, and four color guard members who presented the colors at the finish line.

During the closing ceremony, cadets and senior members were thanked for volunteering their services.

2nd Lt. Dawn Kennedy

NEW YORK — Members of the Col. Francis S. Gabreski Squadron Color Guard took first-place honors in the 2004 New York Wing Color Guard Competition April 17-18 at the Stratton Air National Guard Base in Scotia, N.Y.

During the competition, the team placed first in the standard drill and outdoor presentation events, and second in the one-mile run and inspection.

Cadet members of the team were:

- Chief Master Sgt. William Schecher, team leader and cadet squadron commander;
- Chief Master Sgt. Michael West, flag bearer;
- Tech. Sgt. Nick Gati, rifle guard;
- Senior Airman Linda Kelsey; and
- Cadet Airman 1st Class Joseph Themann, team manager.

Accompanying the cadets to the competition were: Capt. Lou Fenech, squadron commander, and 1st Lt. Cheryl Dorfman.

This summer, the team will be under the new command of Cadet West, as Cadet Schecher is scheduled to attend U.S. Air National Guard basic training.

Sr. Mbr. James Allen Ridley Sr.

NEW YORK — Cadet Luis M. Villafane of New York Wing's Col. Francis S. Gabreski Squadron was named honor cadet at the Rhode Island Wing Encampment April 17-18.

The only squadron member to participate in the encampment, Cadet Villafane had been preparing for the event since joining the Civil Air Patrol in January 2004.

While at the encampment, Cadet Villafane learned more about CAP and the Air Force in general, met new friends from various squadrons around the Northeast, and experienced the importance of teamwork.

"Luis serves as an inspiration to his fellow cadets and proves the point that a motivated individual can accomplish anything," said Sr. Mbr. James Allen Ridley Sr., squadron cadet programs officer. "The members of the squadron are proud of what Luis has accomplished."

Sr. Mbr. James Allen Ridley Sr.

PENNSYLVANIA — Members of Pennsylvania Wing's Allegheny Valley Composite Squadron 711 conducted an aerospace education night Feb. 23 for Cub Scout Pack 628 of West Deer Township, Pa.

More than 50 Cub Scouts participated in building and launching AGFA fizzy rockets from Civil Air Patrol's Aerospace Excellence Program guide and building CAP paper airplanes. They also watched the launch of a large baking soda/vinegar rocket and talked aviation events over the past 100 years.

Lt. Col. Charles L. Steffan, Capt. Gerald J. Vaerewyck, 1st Lt. Lisa M. Kondrick, 2nd Lt. Voekel, and cadets Patrick Q. Burdek, Justin R. Williams and David M. Myers participated.

This is the second year the unit has conducted this program, and has been asked to do it again next year.

Capt. Gerry Vaerewyck

PENNSYLVANIA —The 2004 Pennsylvania Wing Drill Team and Color Guard Competition was held March 27 at the National Guard Armory in Lebanon, Pa.

The Golden Triangle Composite Squadron 603 placed first in the color guard competition, and the Hazelton Composite Squadron 203 placing first in the drill team competition.

Teams were judged in the areas of uniform inspection, indoor presentation of colors, standard drill, folding the American flag, written exam and a one-mile run.

Judges for the competition were: Air Force Lt. Col. Larry A. Hollerman, director of Personnel at the Pennsylvania Air National Guard State Headquarters; Air Force Master Sgt. Nicholas Roussel, a member of the Guard's 913 Maintenance Squadron and Air Force Tech. Sgt. Dennis Quill.

Maj. Anne Gibbons, project manager for the event, said, "All teams did an excellent job and should be commended."

Both squadrons participated in the 2004 Northeast Region cadet competition in Rhode Island the first weekend in May.

1st Lt. Linda A. Irwin

PENNSYLVANIA – Members of Pennsylvania Wing's Beaver County Composite Squadron 704 participated in a welcome-home celebration for the U.S. Army Reserve's 475th Quartermaster Company stationed at the Chippewa Armory in Beaver Falls, Pa.

The soldiers, who had been in Iraq since Jan. 4, arrived by bus behind a police escort at 4 p.m., preceding the Blackhawk High School Marching Band.

1st Lt. Carol Pasquerell, squadron commander, and 2nd Lt. Don Cone, aerospace education officer, held the doors for the returning soldiers, while cadets lined up on either side and saluted them as they passed by.

Beaver Falls American Legion members crossed flags to form an archway and anxious family members greeted them at the end with cheers.

The armory interior was decorated with red, white and blue bunting, stars and streamers. All along the walls were homemade banners and signs welcoming the soldiers home. Outside all the trees and shrubs had yellow ribbons.

1st Lt. Mary Ellen Stanley

PENNSYLVANIA — Members of the Latrobe Composite Squadron 1405 celebrated 30 years of service as a Civil Air Patrol unit during its third annual banquet held at the Latrobe American Legion Post.

Cadet Mund

Cadet Kareis

Cadet Heitzer

Cadet Tassone

Cadet Phillips

Special guests at the ceremony included: Maj. Gilbert Breakwell, representing the wing's Group 1; Dave Wagus, American Legion commander; and Sgt. Lee Munshower, with the Northeast Region Liaison Office.

The colors were posted by Latrobe squadron honor guard members cadets Lanell Craig, Eric Munden, Brendon Phillips and Matthew Tassone. The honor guard also performed a rifle presentation.

A special flag ceremony depicting the four freedoms was presented by Cadets Alex Ciocca, Andy Cunningham, Alex Hahn, Montana Miller and John Reiner.

Gen. Billy Mitchell Awards were presented to Cadets Eric Munden, James Kareis, David Heitzer, Matthew Tassone and Brendon Phillips.

Cadet Munden has been accepted to the 2004 National Honor Guard Academy at Camp Pendleton, Calif., and 2004 National Emergency Services Academy at Camp Atterbury, Ind. He also received the Most Active Cadet Award for participation in every activity and duty during his last 2 1/2 years of membership.

Cadet Kareis will graduate from Greensburg Salem High School this spring, and has been accepted into Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University this fall where he will major in aeronautical science.

Cadet Heitzer has been promoted to the position of cadet commander. He also received the Best Improved Cadet Award for his accomplishments since joining the Civil Air Patrol in 2000.

Cadet Tassone has been accepted to the 2004 National Honor Guard Academy.

Cadet Phillips has been accepted to the 2004 National Honor Guard Academy and 2004 National Emergency Services Academy.

Cadets Heitzer and Munden were also awarded a $50 gift certificate toward any CAP activity.

1st Lt. Sarah Jo Tassone, Latrobe squadron commander, presented 1st Lt. Christine Friedline with the unit's Senior Member of the Year Award. She received her reward for her dedication and unit support.

Also during the event, Cadet 1st Kyle Yakopovich stepped down as cadet commander and Cadet Heitzer assumed command, and Powerpoint presentation assembled by Cadet Brendon Phillips of past-year images was shown.

1st Lt. Sunday Munden

MIDDLE EAST REGION

COMMANDER
COL. CHARLES S. GLASS

DELAWARE MARYLAND
NATIONAL CAPITAL ★ NORTH
CAROLINA ★ SOUTH CAROLINA
VIRGINIA ★ WEST VIRGINIA

MIDDLE EAST REGION — More than 90 cadets and senior members from four Middle East Region wings converged on Fort Pickett, Va., for a weekend of color guard training and drug demand reduction orientation.

Although the weather was cold and blustery, the weekend — planned and coordinated by Lt. Col. Phyllis Griffin, Middle East Cadet Programs director of Cadet Programs, and Lt. Col. Jett Mayhew, Middle East Region Drug Demand Reduction coordinator — was a huge success.

During color guard training, individuals reviewed the history of the flag, trained in the intricate color guard performance maneuvers and experienced the pride that is exhibited from carrying the nation's colors. The attendees were instructed by: Lt. Col. David Friedenberg, Middle East Region staff member and retired Air Force drill instructor; Capt. Randall Borton of the North Carolina Wing, an Air Force active duty member and base honor guard member; and Middle East Region Honor Guard cadets 2nd Lt. Kate Lamneck of the Virginia Wing, Senior Airmen Carrie Hanlon of the South Carolina Wing, and 1st Lts. Gwen and Alex Faraday of the North Carolina Wing.

After rigorous instruction and practice, all of the cadets participated in field demonstrations with color guard equipment which most of them brought from their own units. Senior members also participated in the hands-on training during the event in an effort to take their newly learned information back to their respective units.

The weekend involved another important function — drug demand reduction sessions to demonstrate how a wing and unit could have an effective DDR program, and stress the importance of sharing drug awareness with unit members. The sessions drove home the impact of drugs in everyday lives with discussions that led to the decision to focus on a drug of the month, to examine the many dangers and reactions, and the interaction of mixing medications and over-the-counter drugs.

"Kids know some friends on drugs, but don't want their parents to know because they are afraid they might not want them to see them anymore," said Colonel Mayhew. "But, are you truly a friend?" asked Mayhew.

Additional discussions focused on Coridin D and how it is like the red Skittles candy, and how mixing it at parties can cause disastrous reactions. They also discussed the effect of drugs and alcohol, mixing medications, and the impact they have on a variety of activities.

In a memorable moment while at Fort Pickett, some of the attendees met members of a unit preparing to deploy to Iraq, and went out of their way to say thank you for what they and all our nation's military members do.

"When you see our colors, take a moment to think about those military personnel willing to put their lives on the line for us, and give them the respect their actions represent," said Colonel Mayhew. "We in Civil Air Patrol are supporting our troops and our members by having an active drug demand reduction program and educating our members, communities and military families about drug awareness. We're putting a big effort into cutting down the usage of illegal drugs in America," she said.

Lt. Col. Karen L. Copenhaver

MARYLAND— A Frederick Composite Squadron cadet was presented a full scholarship from the Maryland Wing during the squadron's weekly meeting April 13.

Cadet Operations Officer 2nd Lt. David K. McConnell received a scholarship to pay for the costs incurred while earning his private pilot license.

In July 2003, Cadet McConnell graduated from the Maryland Solo School, scoring 100 percent on the Federal Aviation Administration written private pilot exam — the first cadet to do so in the school's 12-year history.

The presentation was made by Middle Eastern Region Director of Operations Lt. Col. Robert Ayers.

By 1st Lt. William Palmer

MARYLAND — According to Maryland Wing Commander Col. Lawrence L. Trick, a record number of Maryland Wing cadets have been accepted to service academies.

Seven cadets from six different Maryland squadrons

Maj. Jeff Van Etten of Virginia Wing's Leesburg Composite Squadron pilots the wing's newest ASGS 1-26E glider over the state's Blue Ridge Mountains. The glider was shipped to wing headquarters from Colorado Springs, Colo., Nov. 21, 2003.

will attend the U.S. Air Force Academy, U.S. Naval Academy, and U.S. Military Academy Prep School.

"The number of appointments exceeded our expectations," said Colonel Trick. "And needless to say, I am proud to serve with these fine cadets. They are a credit to the Maryland Wing and the Civil Air Patrol Cadet Program."

According to Colonel Trick, the Maryland Wing Cadet Advisory Council had established a goal for how many the wing should recommend, and they exceeded that number.

The cadets are:

◆ 2nd Lt. Michelle Mattingly, St. Mary's Composite Squadron, joined CAP Nov. 11, 1999 — U.S. Naval Academy;

◆ Capt. Emily Hudson, Arrundel Composite Squadron, joined CAP Nov. 1, 2000 — U.S. Air Force Academy;

◆ 2nd Lt. Claire Vazquez, Bowie Composite Squadron, joined CAP Sept. 8, 1999 — U.S. Air Force Academy;

◆ 2nd Lt. Marcus Robinson, Howard Composite Squadron, joined CAP May 4, 1999 — U.S. Air Force Academy and Naval Academy;

◆ 2nd Lt. Amanda Tavel, College Park Composite Squadron, joined CAP Jan. 21, 2000 — U.S. Military Academy Prep School;

◆ Airman Jonathan James, College Park Composite Squadron, joined CAP May 5, 2003 — U.S. Air Force Academy; and

◆ Airman 1st Class Lars Hinrichsen, Bethesda Chevy-Chase Composite Squadron, joined Dec. 23, 2002 — U.S. Air Force Academy.

VIRGINIA — Members of the Virginia Wing recently conducted flight testing of the wing's newest ASGS 1-26E glider.

The glider was shipped Nov. 21, 2003 on a flatbed truck from Colorado Springs, Colo., to Virginia Wing Headquarters. Lt. Col. Eric Litt, wing operations chief, performed its acceptance inspection and annual check.

For the flight testing, Capt. Jim Kellet of the Winchester Composite Squadron and Lt. Col. Jim Truxel of the Virginia Wing transported the glider to the Front Royal-Warren County Airport near Front Royal, Va. Maj. Jeff Van Etten, tow pilot for the day, ferried in the tow plane from Leesburg Airport in Leesburg, Va.

For the flight testing, Major Truxel helped keep the records, Captain Kellett and Sr. Mbr. Warren Vest drove the ground vehicle, and 2nd Lt. Greg Ellis of the Burke Composite Squadron helped supervise the assembly of the glider. Capt. Lynn Jensen of Group 3, also assisted. Two special guests were also involved: Capt. Olin Kinney, director of Glider Operations for the Maryland Wing Glider Program, and Maryland Wing glider pilot Sarah Pearson.

Captain Kellett and Lieutenant Ellis, who both owned 1-26s, also instructed the pilots on the procedures for glider assembly/disassembly, which is one of the standard tasks for a private pilot license.

Several ways of handling of the assembled glider were explored. The 1-26 is different from the Blanik L-23 , which is a two-place glider. When properly loaded, the nose rests on a skid just forward of the main gear, making it impossible to be towed forward while a pilot is in the cockpit. It was discovered that a fully loaded glider can easily be moved by three, and possibly two ground-support people by lifting the nose and moving the glider backward. This helps in airports where runway-occupancy time is critical.

Captain Kellett, who reported the flight characteristics were exactly as expected, made the test flight. Everyone was briefed on the flight test information.

Necessary instruction and flight proficiency checks were accomplished by Virginia Wing pilots Lieutenant Ellis and Sr. Mbr. Steve Lander of Prince William Composite Squadron, and Captain Kinney.

After 10 flight tests were flown, the glider was temporality left at a hangar at Front Royal-Warren County Airport.

Lt. Col. Linda J. Utting

WEST VIRGINIA — Members of West Virginia Wing's Morgantown Composite Squadron and the Boy Scouts of America Aviation Explorer Post #747 sponsored "Celebrating the Next Century of Flight," a day of aviation for area youth.

Approximately 300 youth, ages eight to 17, received a free Experimental Aircraft Association Young Eagles orientation flight out of Morgantown Airport in Morgantown, W.V.

Youth received flight training and participated in a walk-around preflight inspection of the aircraft. A squadron cadet or aviation explorer post Scout identified the aircraft's different parts and how they work in flight.

The youth also learned about the plane's interior and instrument panel, and how to review an aeronautical chart and identify reference points critical during flight.

There were many other "hands-on" interactive aviation activities, static aircraft displays and demonstrations. Youth were also able to talk with pilots, aircraft owners, air traffic controllers and weather observers.

Capt. Jeffery Schrock

WEST VIRGINIA – Capt. Joseph Martin of West Virginia Wing's Clarksburg Composite Squadron has been selected to attend the 2004 International Air Cadet Exchange in the Netherlands July 15 - Aug. 4.

Captain Martin will be a senior escort to four West Virginia Wing cadets — guests of the Netherlands Air Force and Aero Club.

Seventeen countries, including the United States, will participate in the exchange, which allows cadets from all over the world to share and experience other cultures.

"These cadets are the cream of the crop," said Captain Martin. "They are going to be America's future leaders. Spending three weeks overseas traveling to military bases and aerospace companies, and experiencing other cultures will be a great experience for them."

Captain Martin visited Norway during CAP's 1969 International Air Cadet Exchange, and was a senior escort to France in 1996. He is a former Clarksburg squadron commander, and a pilot who has built and flies several experimental aircraft.

Capt. Jeffery Schrock

GREAT LAKES REGION

COMMANDER
COL. WILLIAM W. WEBB

ILLINOIS ★ INDIANA
KENTUCKY ★ MICHIGAN
OHIO ★ WISCONSIN

MICHIGAN – Members of Michigan Wing's Detroit 100th Composite Squadron held its Second Annual Awards Dinner Celebration March 18 at Barrister Gardens Banquet Center in St. Clair Shores, Mich.

The keynote speaker was retired Air Force Maj. Gen. Lucius Theus, a former member of the famed Tuskegee Airmen and commander of the Air Force Finance and Accounting Center.

The Tuskegee Airmen, an all African-American member combat flying unit during World War II, achieved a remarkable aerial combat record while performing bomber-escort duty. Squadron members are also known as the "Redtails," a name adopted from the Redtails Fighter Group, one of five Tuskegee Airmen fighter groups. The squadron also maintains a relationship with the Tuskegee Airmen's Detroit chapter.

The evening began with the presentation of colors by the squadron's color guard and a drill demonstration. Squadron commander Capt. Robert Birt gave the first toast to the colors and president of the United States, with cadets toasting the Air Force, Civil Air Patrol, POW/MIAs and "Redtails."

General Theus, who spoke about his fascination with flight as a small child and historical

Members of Michigan Wing's Detroit 100th Composite Squadron pose for a photo with retired Air Force Maj. Gen. Lucius Theus, third from left, a former member of the famed Tuskegee Airmen, during the squadron's second annual awards dinner March 18 in St. Clair Shores, Mich. Squadron members are, from left: Cadet Maj. Matthew Mandzui, Cadet Airman Gary Ray III, Cadet Airman 1st Class Anthony Smith, Maj. Frank Ross, Cadet Airman 1st Class Brandon Jones and Cadet Airman 1st Class Michael Arnold. (Photo by Capt. Joseph A. Balmas)

events dating from his entrance into the service to the present day, helped present the unit awards.

Cadet commander Maj. Matthew Mandziuk was the emcee and narrated a slide presentation featuring unit accomplishments and awards.

Special guests included: former Tuskegee Airmen Capt. Richard Macon and James Edwards; Lt. Col. Ronald Padavan, wing chief of staff; Lt. Col. Edward Phelka, Southeast Michigan Group commander; Capt. Charles Cook, wing director of communications engineering; 1st Lt. Mark Milby, wing director of communications frequency management; and 1st Lt. Joseph Buford, wing public affairs officer.

Maj. Robert Watkins, Maj. Frank Ross, Capt. Cliff Miller and Joseph Balmas assisted in presenting the cadet flight awards.

The Detroit squadron ranks second in the nation with five cadets who have soloed. The cadets are: Maj. Matthew Mandzui; Airmen 1st Class Anthony Smith, Brandon Jones and Michael Arnold; and Airman Gary Ray III.

1st Lt. Joseph L. Buford

OHIO — The Youngstown-Warren Composite Squadron was named the 2004 Ohio Wing Squadron of Merit — for the third consecutive year — during the wing's annual banquet in March.

Members of the squadron won the award for their participation in numerous activities during the past several months. They include:

➢ The squadron color guard represented the 910th Airlift Wing Color Guard stationed at Youngstown Air Reserve Station while they were deployed overseas;

➢ The squadron color guard performed on national television during the opening game for the Cleveland Browns, and at the opening ceremony for the Air Force Jazz Band, which was televised locally;

➢ The squadron color guard represented the Air Force during the ribbon-cutting ceremony for the National President William McKinley Birthplace Home and Research Center, and at the Bicentennial Bell Casting for Trumbull County in Ohio;

➢ For the second time in three years, the drill team and color guard took first-place marching-unit honors in a local St. Patrick's Day parade;

➢ The squadron has conducted numerous field training exercises to prepare for missions; and

➢ Four seniors and eight cadets participated in a group search and rescue exercise in which ground teams located emergency locator beacons and completed a navigational course.

1st Lt. Theodore Pifer

OHIO — Sixteen Cadets of Ohio Wing's Eagle Composite Squadron 004 visited the Ohio Army National Guard's Aviation Support Facility 1 in Akron.

The cadets attended a ground school on the history, specifications and performance of the CH-47 Chinook helicopter, and then went into the aircraft hangars to check out the Chinooks, and UH-1 Iroquois "Huey" and Bell helicopters.

That evening cadets watched several "Huey's" land after a night mission with aircrews using night-vision goggles.

According to Army National Guard Master Sgt. Fred Raymond, it was very encouraging to see such disciplined young men and women interested in aviation. "It makes me proud to be able to encourage and share with them what we do on a daily basis," said Sergeant Raymond.

Cadets participating were 1st Lt. Jody Slingluff, Phillip Stryczny, John Mihouk, Kyle Roth, Justin Whale, Capt. Jim Meyerhoffer, 1st Lt. Chris Hanson, Patrick Smith, Steve Dembkowski, Josh Glovitch, Robert Stoltz, Jacob Slingluff, Kaytln Lentz, Steve Meshenburg, Luke Turnage and 2nd Lt. Betty Turnage.

2nd Lt. Jody Slingluff

Cadets with the Youngstown-Warren Composite Squadron pose for a photo after accepting the squadron of merit award during the Ohio Wing's annual banquet. This is the third year in a row the unit has won the award.

WISCONSIN – Two senior members of Wisconsin Wing's La Crosse Composite Squadron were awarded the American Flag Medal.

Receiving the medals were Lt. Col. Gary A. Russell, squadron aerospace education officer, and Maj. Frank J. Roldan, squadron commander. Making the presentations were Capt. William E. Bruring, squadron historian and chairman of the American Legion Post 52's Americanism Committee in La Crosse, Wis., and squadron member 2nd Lt. Ronald A. Asfoor.

The two citations read: "Showing a commitment to succeed and determination to excel at every task he undertakes, Lt. Col. Gary A. Russell/Maj. Frank J. Roldan has shown a respect toward all senior members in the La Crosse Composite Squadron of the Civil Air Patrol, as well as cadets whom he has taught, nurtured and mentored in the quest for knowledge and accomplishment.

"The American Flag Medal is hereby presented to Patriot-Volunteer Lt. Col. Gary A. Russell/Maj. Frank J. Roldan as a sincere thank you token from everyone he has helped, assisted and taught during his many years of CAP service in the public interest. His display of Americanism is boundless and of the highest order. As an American patriot he represents the best that he can be."

1st Lt. Jim Hobelsberger

WISCONSIN — Wisconsin Wing's Rock County Composite Squadron named Cadet Staff Sgt. Brigitte A. Frusher the 2003 Cadet Noncommissioned Officer of the Year.

Maj. John Chrobak, squadron commander, made the announcement and praised Sergeant Frusher's efforts during the unit's January 2004 meeting.

Since joining Civil Air Patrol two years ago, Cadet Frusher has participated in squadron and wing activities such as the 2002 and '03 Kid Ventures at the Experimental Aircraft Association Air Ventures, Oshkosh, Wis. She also participated in community outreach projects through her church, including a week-long mission trip to the Rosebud Indian Reservation in Mission, S.D.

The NCO of the year award acknowledges Cadet Frusher's achievements in CAP, as well as her community involvement.

Cadet Frusher is an 11th grade student at Parker High School in Janesville, Wis.

Lt. Col. Larry L. Ochowski

WISCONSIN — Members of Wisconsin Wing's La Crosse Composite Squadron attended the annual wing conference and awards ceremony April 23-25 in Green Bay, Wis.

The following squadron members were recognized for their 2003 achievements:

◆ Wing Chaplain of the Year — Capt. Elwood Reike;

◆ Wing Communicator of the Year — Capt. Greg Peterson;

◆ Wing Safety Officer of the Year — Capt. Gary Raabel;

◆ Wing NCO Cadet of the Year — Cadet 2nd Lt. Allison Schneller;

◆ President's Physical Fitness Gold Award — La Crosse Composite Squadron Cadet Flight; and

◆ Meritorious Service Award — Capt. Tedd Agnello (for his outstanding work as wing and squadron web master),

Wisconsin Wing Commander Col. Clair Jowett congratulated the members for their achievements.

Wing Standardization and Evaluation Officer Maj. Harold Moe participated in a wing staff question-and-answer session.

Capt. Bill Bruring, squadron and wing historian, along with Lt. Col. Gary Russell and 2nd Lt. Ron Asfoor, set up the wing's historical display.

Captain Bruring also received a special mention for his hard work and dedication with the historical display.

1st Lt. Jim Hobelsberger

Pave Hawk Incentive Ride

Cadet Carlo Vician of Georgia Wing's Moody Composite Squadron enjoys a four-hour incentive ride in an Air Force HH-60 Pave Hawk assigned to the 41st Rescue Squadron at Moody Air Force Base, Ga. Cadet Vician received the flight for being selected the unit's February cadet of the month.

South-East Region

Commander
Col. Antonio J. Pineda

Alabama ★ Florida o Georgia ★ Mississippi o Puerto Rico ★ Tennessee

ALABAMA — Members of Alabama Wing's 117th Air National Guard Composite Squadron participated in a refueling mission March 29 from a KC-135 Stratotanker assigned to Alabama Air National Guard's 117th Refueling Unit out of Birmingham.

Cadets and senior members watched while Stratotanker crew members refueled an Air National Guard F-16 Fighting Falcon.

Participants in the refueling mission were: Capt. Lisa Robinson, 117th ANG squadron commander; Maj. Michael Phillips, commander of cadets; and cadets Dustin Corey, Daniel Cummings, Joshua Davenport, Charlie Murphy, Alana Nichols, Autumn Owens, Katie Owens, Charley Ray and Bobby Smith.

Capt. Susan Phillips

FLORIDA — Members of Florida Wing's Headquarters Group 8 participated in a refueling mission Jan. 24 aboard an Air Force KC-135 refueling tanker assigned to the 6th Air Mobility Wing at MacDill Air Force Base, Fla.

Fourteen cadets and four senior members made the flight from Tampa, Fla., to the Outer Banks of North Carolina. The trip was a typical mission the wing performs in their ongoing role assisting with homeland security operations.

The cadets had front-row seats for takeoff and landings, and for the refueling process of Air Force F-15 Eagle fighter jets patrolling the skies over Washington, D.C.

Capt. Terrance Power

TENNESSEE — Members of Tennessee Wing's Henry County Composite Squadron held a change-of-command ceremony Jan. 10 for the squadron commander and cadet commander positions.

Capt. Edwin DeHay, squadron commander for 10 years, relinquished the commander's position to Capt. Wanda Myers, while Cadet 2nd Lt. Nathan Blackwell, cadet commander for three years, passed the reins of command to Cadet 2nd Lt. Thomas Myers.

A crowd of more than 100 was present, including: Tennessee State Representative Willie "Butch" Borchert, Judge Hansel McAdams, Henry County Mayor Brent Greer, Paris (Tenn.) Police Chief Tommy Cooper, and Henry County Airport Manager Don Davenport.

Distinguished Civil Air Patrol guests included: Tennessee Wing Commander Col. James Rushing; Tennessee Wing Liaison Officer Col. John Carnduff and Headquarters Group 4 Commander Lt. Col. Scott Quiesing

Representative Borchert read a proclamation from the state senate declaring the importance of CAP as a volunteer organization, as well as the squadron's importance to its local community. He also assisted with award presentations and unit promotions.

Other local leaders publicly expressed their appreciation for CAP and those volunteers who work with the community to provide leadership for youth, and knowledge and resources during times of emergency.

Colonel Carnduff arrived in Tennessee Wing's newest aircraft, a Cessna 182, which is equipped with CAP's new hyperspectral imaging system. After a tour of the aircraft, Colonel Rushing briefed unit members on the HIS system and its advantages. This newest technology demonstrates CAP's commitment to homeland security.

Capt. Wanda Myers

Class of 2008

From left, Puerto Rico Wing cadets Col. Hila Levy of the Muniz Air Base Cadet Squadron and Lt. Col. Jaime P. Martinez of the Col. Clara E. Livingston Cadet Squadron hold a U.S. Air Force Academy pennant in honor of their receiving appointments to the school, which is located in Colorado Springs, Colo. The two cadets will enter the academy class of 2008 on July 1.

North Central Region

Commander
Col. Rex E. Glasgow

Iowa ★ Kansas
Minnesota ★ Missouri
Nebraska ★ North Dakota
South Dakota

KANSAS – Members of the Emerald City Composite Squadron earned the 2003 Kansas Wing Best Compliance Inspection Award.

Capt. Craig Bradley, squadron commander, accepted the award from Kansas Wing Inspector General Lt. Col. E. Blaine Schoolcraft Jan. 24.

"Of the six subordinate compliance inspections that were conducted in 2003, this unit was the only one that received an overall rating of excellent," Colonel Schoolcraft said.

The squadron received two outstanding ratings, the highest possible for such an inspection, in cadet programs and public affairs. It also earned excellent ratings in command, administration, personnel and communications.

"It was a real team effort by everyone in the whole squadron," said Captain Bradley.

According to Bradley, the Emerald City squadron has tripled in size in the past 16 months.

2nd Lt. Mark L. Sageser

MISSOURI — A Missouri Wing senior member attended the "Smoke and Mirrors: Inhale the Truth About Marijuana" conference at the University of Missouri-Kansas City campus Jan. 22.

Members of the South Dakota Wing participate in a seminar during the wing's corporate retreat at an outdoor school in the Black Hills, close to Mount Rushmore, S.C. Members also participated in leadership and team-building exercises and a low-ropes course.

Lt. Col. Wesley R. Biggs Sr., Missouri Wing recruiter and Platte Valley Squadron public affairs officer, was one of the more than 265 attendees at the one-day conference.

The conference included presentations on what should be known about marijuana, farming myths and prevention methods.

Colonel Biggs is a member of the Northland Coalition, a grassroots community drug-prevention team serving Clay, Platte and Ray counties in Missouri, which sponsored numerous substance-abuse prevention programs throughout the year. He is also a past commander of Missouri Wing's Frontier Composite and Group One squadrons.

All conference attendees were awarded certificates and continuing-education units from UM-KC.

Sponsors of the conference were the Missouri National Guard, Tri-County Health Services and Drug Enforcement Agency.

Lt. Col. Wesley R. Biggs Sr.

MISSOURI — The Missouri Wing's Pegasus Composite Squadron was presented the 2004 Squadron of Merit Award during a March 13 commander's call conducted by Missouri Wing Commander Col. Joe Casler. Competition for the award was high with each squadron being evaluated in five areas — number of cadets, active cadet recruiting and retention program, number of cadet milestone awards, number of cadet first-time encampment attendees, and participation in Civil Air Patrol's orientation flight program.

Squadron commander Maj. Tracy Birkett said he was "very proud" of what the members of the Pegasus squadron have achieved. The unit also won the same award in 2003.

Maj. Tracy Birkett

NORTH DAKOTA – Two cadets with North Dakota Wing's Magic City Composite Squadron received awards and promotions during the squadron's meeting April 5.

The awards and promotions were presented by Capt. Derk MacPherson, squadron commander, to the following cadets:

◆ Matthew E. Stebleton — Gen. Billy Mitchell Award, and promoted to second lieutenant;

◆ David J. Schleisman — Wright Brothers Award, and promoted to staff sergeant; and

◆ Jason T. Geiger — promoted to chief master sergeant.

Cadet Stebleton joined Civil Air Patrol on Dec. 28, 2001, and is a 10th-grade student at Des Lacs-Burlington High School in Des Lacs, N.D.

Cadet Schleisman joined CAP on Aug. 20, 2002, and is an 11th grade student at Rolla High School in Rolla, N.D.

Cadet Geiger joined CAP on Oct. 9, 2002, and is a 12th grade student at Minot High School in Magic City, N.D.

There are 352 members — 228 senior members and 124 cadets — in the North Dakota Wing, and 44 members — 30 senior members and 14 cadets — in the Magic City squadron.

1st Lt. Bruce Helms

NORTH DAKOTA — Cadet Alicia J. Engelhard of North Dakota Wing's Magic City Composite Squadron was presented the Gen. Billy Mitchell Award and promoted to the rank of second lieutenant.

Capt. Derk MacPherson, squadron commander, conducted the award presentation and promotion ceremony during the squadron's February meeting.

Cadet Engelhard, who serves as the cadet squadron commander and is the first Mitchell award recipient for the Magic City squadron in three years, joined Civil Air Patrol on Oct. 30, 2001. She is a student at Minot High School in Minot, N.D.

There are 352 Civil Air Patrol members — 221 senior members, 131 cadets — in North Dakota, and 37 members — 23 senior members, 14 cadets — in the Magic City Composite Squadron.

1st Lt. Bruce Helms

SOUTH DAKOTA — South Dakota Wing members held a corporate retreat at an outdoor school in the Black Hills, close to Mount Rushmore, S.D.

Members attended seminars where they reviewed strategic plans and brainstormed new ideas for managing the wing's various programs.

Senior members, cadets and nonmembers participated equally in the seminars and also participated in various leadership and team-building exercises, including a challenging low-ropes course.

According to several wing members, "It was a productive and stimulating alternative to the usual wing conference."

Lt. Col. B.T. Marking

SOUTHWEST REGION

COMMANDER
COL. THOMAS L. TODD

ARIZONA ★ ARKANSAS
LOUISIANA ★ NEW MEXICO
OKLAHOMA ★ TEXAS

ARIZONA — Four members of the Arizona Wing successfully located an errant emergency locator transmitter at Falcon Field Airport in Mesa, Ariz.

The signal was found coming from inside a helicopter undergoing refurbishing in a maintenance building on the other side of the airport.

Members of the mission team were: Capt. Martha Farley of the Willie Composite Squadron; 2nd Lt. Tony Martineau and his daughter, Cadet Senior Airman Lisa Martineau and Maj. Steven Hughes, wing director of Ground Operations, who advised the group via the telephone as they set up the direction finder.

Locating the signal's origin was the easy part — turning it off was more complicated. The ELT was so far back in the helicopter a mechanic had to dismantle the cowling to access it.

"It was total teamwork — from the guard who let us into the building to the mechanics who cooperated with us," said Captain Farley, who was excited over her first find. "I loved working with my fellow Civil Air Patrol members, especially with a father-daughter team like the Martineaus. I'm ready for the next call!"

2nd Lt. Verna M. Larsen

ARKANSAS — Arkansas Wing's 115th Composite Squadron, Northwest Arkansas held a reception May 19 honoring Cadet Airman Josh R. Cope on his appointment to the U.S. Air Force Academy's class of 2008.

Cadet Cope joined the Civil Air Patrol in September 2003. He has managed a successful lawn business since 1998, using the proceeds to finance his flying lessons. He obtained his private pilot's license in October 2003.

After Cadet Cope graduates from the academy, he plans to fly military aircraft.

Maj. Marina Scott

NEW MEXICO — Eight cadets and three senior members from New Mexico Wing's Taos Composite Squadron traveled to the U.S. Air Force Academy Colorado Springs, Colo., April 25.

The group's academy tour included stops at the visitor's center, where they watched an introductory movie on the academy, chapel, planetarium, Arnold Hall for lunch, and field house.

The members also had a chance to see the academy falcons and their handlers. One of the cadet falcon handlers was a third-year cadet who gave the cadets pointers on being accepted into the academy and what to expect as a student.

Diana McElhinney, academy youth relations representative, arranged the tour for the group and she also took time to explain the admissions process.

While at the academy the group stayed in the school's temporary living quarters overnight.

Cadets who participated were: Taylor Cottam, Tucker Cottam, Candice Cox, Patrick Cox, Evan Farley, Sean Maldenado, Austin Rees and Christhell Terrazct.

Senior members who participated were: Tom Germscheid, Tim Cottam and Kelly Maldenado. Cindy Germscheid and Brandon Dekema, family members of Cadet Rees, also made the trip.

Anna Walters

TEXAS – Two Gladewater Corsair Composite Squadron cadets were presented Civil Air Patrol's Gen. Billy Mitchell Award, and promoted to cadet second lieutenant during a ceremony at Texas Wing's

Group 7 Headquarters in Tyler, Texas.

2nd Lt. Josiah Ware, a 17-year-old senior from Big Sandy, Texas, attends home school through Summit Christian Academy in Desoto, Texas. He joined CAP in 1988 and serves as cadet squadron commander.

2nd Lt. Kyle Vaughn, a 15-year-old sophomore from Mount Pleasant, Texas, attends Mount Pleasant High School. He joined CAP in 2002 and serves as squadron deputy commander.

Cadet Ware

Cadet Vaughn

TEXAS – Sr. Mbr. David William Galvin of Texas Wing's Texoma Composite Squadron has been selected as the unit's aerospace education officer.

Mr. Galvin is a 1974 graduate of the U. S. Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs, Colo., and also received a degree in meteorology from Pennsylvania State.

Mr. Galvin worked as a meteorologist for the National Weather Service and American Airlines at Dallas-Fort Worth Airport for 20 years. He is a former CAP cadet who attained the Goddard rating in 1969.

According to Mr. Galvin, he intends to make the squadron's aerospace education program the "best in Texas."

The Texoma Composite Squadron has a new facility at Grayson County Airport in Denison, Texas.

Rocky Mountain Region

Commander
Col. Lynda C. Robinson

Colorado ★ Idaho
Montana ★ Utah
Wyoming

WYOMING — The Prairie Wind Squadron out of Wheatland, Wyo., Wyoming Wing's newest composite squadron, is up and running as of May.

The squadron consists of six cadets and 12 senior members who have already begun to learn and progress in their Civil Air Patrol training.

While searching CAP's history in the area before submitting their charter, members learned the area had units in 1975 and 1945.

A charter ceremony will be held for the squadron later this summer.

Maj. Susan McDonald

WYOMING- Three Cody Cadet Squadron cadets prepared for the Wyoming Wing's upcoming search and rescue exercise by participating in a simulated search with the North Big Horn County search and rescue team April 30 - May 3.

The cadets camped out at the Wayfaring Traveler Llama Ranch and used llamas as pack stock to carry their gear for the-two day event.

Participating were: Cadets Staff Sgt. Krystina Beatty, Airman 1st Class Zack Kessler and Airman Justin Gillenwater; and senior members Capt. B.J. Carlson, squadron commander, and Capt. Mike Carlson, Prior Mountain Wild Horse Group logistics officer.

While at the ranch, cadets Beatty and Gillenwater brushed up on their lama-trekking skills and worked with Kessler.

The three cadets will help instruct other cadets during the wing's SAR exercise, which will be held in the Big Horn Canyon National Recreational Area.

Wyoming Wing's Cody Cadet Squadron members prepare for the wing's upcoming search and rescue exercise by participating in a simulated search with the North Big Horn County search and rescue team. The cadets camped out at the Wayfaring Traveler Llama Ranch and used llamas as pack stock to carry their gear. (Photo by Capt. Mike Carlson)

Pacific Region

Commander
Col. Merle V. Starr

Alaska ★ California
Hawaii ★ Nevada
Oregon ★ Washington

CALIFORNIA — California Wing's Redwood Empire Composite Squadron 157 presented two cadet awards during its awards banquet Jan. 25.

Cadet commander Capt. Zachary Hamill, 18, of Santa Rosa, Calif., was presented the Amelia Earhart Award, and deputy cadet commander 2nd Lt. Clay Reber, 14, of Sonoma, Calif., was presented the Gen. Billy Mitchell Award.

Guests of honor included: Robert Arnold, grandson of Gen. H.H. "Hap" Arnold; and U. S. Coast Guard Capt. Jack Smith, commanding officer of the U.S. Training Center in Petaluma, Calif., located near the squadron's base at Sonoma County Airport in Santa Rosa, Calif.

Mr. Arnold is also the owner of Chandelle Wines, a distributor of wines with aviation-themed labels out of Rancho Feliz., Calif., in the hills of Sonoma Valley, and the city General Arnold retired to.

In the keynote address, Mr. Arnold told members and guests a true tale of a 1922 Portland-to-San Francisco air race between carrier pigeons and a contingent of biplanes led by then Major Arnold. The planes won, but just barely.

Mr. Arnold also told of his grandfather's support for both the creation of the Civil Air Patrol, and its continuing missions as the auxiliary of the U.S. Air Force. He presented both cadets an autographed copy of his grandfather's biography.

Captain Smith spoke of the shared humanitarian missions of the U.S. Coast Guard and CAP. He and Lt. Cmdr. Frank Pedras presented a video on U.S. Coast Guard missions and operations.

2nd Lt. David J. Reber

CALIFORNIA — Members of California Wing's Auburn Composite Squadron 92 hosted 44 cadets and six pilots from several Northern California units Feb. 28 for a day of orientation flying at Auburn Municipal Airport, Auburn, Calif.

Activities began with aviation-related classroom instruction, including aircraft preflight procedures, observations during flight and actual flight operations.

Twenty-one flight releases were given for the cadet orientation flights, with a total of 24 hours flown and each flight consisting of two cadets and a pilot.

Pilots participating included: Maj. George Bloom, Squadron 92 commander, and Lt. Col. Larry Adair and Capt. Bern Mueller, also of Squadron 92; Maj. Bruce Joiner of Yuba-Sutter Composite Squadron 19; 1st Lt. Bill Slavensky of Sacramento Composite Squadron 14; and Capt. Mark Walters of Redwood Empire Composite Squadron 157.

Cadets participating included: eight with Sacramento Composite Squadron 14; two with Yuba-Sutter Composite Squadron 19; eight with Travis Composite Squadron 22; 10 with Eugene L. Carnahan Cadet Squadron 85; and 16 with Squadron 92.

Senior members with all squadrons helped transport the cadets, coordinated flight schedules, supervised cadets who were not flying, assisted with the paperwork and provided lunch.

Also attending was Lt. Col. Raymond Peterson, commander of the NorCal Group 5, who flew to Auburn Airport in his private aircraft to observe the operations.

Maj. George Bloom

CALIFORNIA — World War II veteran and P-38 Lightning fighter pilot Mr. Paul Hissey spoke to members and guests at the Clover Field Composite Squadron 51 meeting April 22 in Santa Monica, Calif.

Mr. Hissey, who flew with

World War II P-38 Lightning fighter pilot Paul Hissey speaks to members of California Wing's Clover Field Composite Squadron 51. Members also viewed a P-38 documentary film made by squadron member Capt. Ben Schick in which Mr. Hissey "starred." (Photo by 1st Lt. Gregory Solman)

the 429th Squadron of the 474th Fighter Group, appeared at the request of Clover Field squadron pilot Capt. Ben Schick, a certified flight instructor who met Mr. Hissey 10 years ago when he requested flying lessons.

"He had good stick-and-rudder control, but couldn't communicate or navigate," recalls Captain Schick. "He told me later they never had to during the war. They usually followed their leader into and out of combat. They got lost all the time, using railroad stations to identify their locations."

Mr. Hissey returned safely from the European theatre, but his wife asked him not to fly. He honored her request for half a century until she passed away.

As Mr. Hissey dusted off his wings, he and Captain Schick became close friends. The two attended P-38 pilot reunions together.

Collecting nine hours of interviews with other P-38 pilots and interweaving them with historical stock footage, Captain Schick made "War Stories: The P-38 Pilots of WWII." The half-hour documentary was shown at the beginning of the squadron's meeting. After the movie, Mr. Hissey answered questions, and compared the enthusiasm of his generation when called into conflict with today's post-"9-11" world.

"We thought of it as an adventure," Mr. Hissey said. "What I didn't realize until much later is how hard it was on our parents to see us go off to war at 18 or 19 years old."

1st Lt. Gregory Solman

NEVADA — Several Nellis Cadet Squadron members were honored for their achievements during an awards ceremony April 24 at the Airman Leadership School, Nellis Air Force Base, Nev.

Nevada Wing Vice Commander Lt. Col. Carl Steinhoff presented cadets Nathaniel E. Gingery and Christopher D. Taylor them with their Gen. Billy Mitchell Award and promoted them to second lieutenant.

Nevada Wing Government Liaison Officer Lt. Col. J. Schofield awarded Cadet Capt. Brett M. Donaldson with his Amelia Earhart Award. He also received the Civil Air Patrol Lifesaving Ribbon for rescuing a distressed swimmer recently in Las Vegas.

Also honored was Cadet 2nd Lt. Lorenz G. Madarang, the second cadet in two years accepted into the U.S. Air Force Academy.

The three-year-old squadron was named best squadron in the Nevada Wing twice, and selected as one of the top eight squadrons in the nation.

Sr. Mbr. David Henderson

OREGON — 2nd Lt. Nicholas Otto of the Salem Composite Squadron received the Gen. Billy Mitchell award Feb. 17.

The achievement of this award represents a lot of hard work, desire and dedication, according to Lieutenant Otto, but "no one element stood out as being more challenging than another — it was a matter of getting everything done."

Lieutenant Otto is a junior at Sprague High School in Salem, Ore. He plays trombone in the school band and was part of the school symphony that won first place in the 2003 state symphony competition. He also was chosen to be a member of the 2003 and '04 all-city band, and more recently the 2004 all-state band.

There are more than 800 members in the Oregon Wing.

2nd Lt. Alan Hageman

OREGON — Cadets with Oregon Wing's McMinnville Composite Squadron and Angel Falls Cadet Flight are putting action to the words aerospace education by building a gyrocopter.

The cadets meet at the Evergreen Aviation Museum in McMinnville, Ore., the first Saturday of each month to paint, sand, and install aircraft parts and look for missing ones.

The gyrocopter was donated to the museum, but was totally dismantled. Museum staff approached and challenged members of the local squadron to put it back together, and they accepted. They also invited Angel Falls members to join in.

Before the cadets started rebuilding the experimental aircraft, they spent a couple of weeks researching the history and usage of it. Now they work with few printed plans and two volunteer airframe and power plant experts from the museum.

"It has been a real challenge for the cadets," said Lt. Col. Les Peterson, deputy commander for cadets for the McMinnville squadron. "They have learned very quickly from their mistakes and it is really taking shape. They sanded rust, painted parts and double checked everything at least two or three times before reassembling the gyrocopter. Both squadrons have worked very hard on this project."

The cadets work on the project in their battle dress uniforms in sight of museum attendees. They are building it under the wings of a World War II-vintage B-17 Flying Fortress bomber and across from an SR 71 Black Bird spy plane.

The cadets and museum staff hope to unveil the gyrocopter by late summer.

The Evergreen Aviation Museum is a business member of the Civil Air Patrol.

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