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Colorado Wing saves!



Colorado Wing aircrew members Capt. Rick Schein, left, and Maj. "Wheels" Wheeler preflight one of the wing's C-172s before taking off on a search mission. The Colorado Wing scored 12 saves in 1999 thanks to members like Schein and Wheeler. Check out the wing's 1999 recap on Page 5.

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CAP National Board moves toward improved relations with Air Force

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NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS — Civil Air Patrol National Board members approved several measures in a move toward improving the nonprofit organization's relationship with the U.S. Air Force.

The board voted on four proposals at a meeting in Washington, D.C., Feb. 25-26. The proposals included the establishment of a board of governors, and a cooperative agreement with the Air Force along with a statement of work and proposed legislation.

"CAP's National Board has made bold decisions to strengthen the CAP-U.S. Air Force relationship and provide all CAP volunteers an oppor-

tunity to expand their service to all Americans in the new millennium," said CAP National Commander Brig. Gen. James C. Bobick.

Lt. Gen. Nicholas Kehoe, who has been running Air Force efforts to improve its relationship with CAP, said, "I am optimistic we are well on our way to putting the relationship between the Air Force and CAP on a sound footing. I see a very bright future for CAP as we move forward together to establish an enduring and mutually beneficial relationship."

Over the past year, CAP and Air Force representatives have worked together on the proposed board of governors with the intent of including congressional, CAP, Air Force and industry representatives.

The board also approved a cooperative agreement that de-

finies fiscal responsibilities regarding the management of appropriated funds allocated to CAP. A 1996 audit of CAP Corporation revealed a need for changes in the mechanisms that fund CAP. The measures are necessary to bring CAP funding in compliance with many of the laws that have changed since CAP was congressionally chartered in 1946.

A 1991 memorandum of understanding previously defined CAP's role as the Air Force auxiliary. The statement of work replaces that agreement and spells out future services CAP is to perform on behalf of the Air Force.

At press time, formal Air Force approval of draft legislation details were being finalized. They will be forwarded to Congress for review and consideration.

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AT A GLANCE

■ Cadet attends leadership forum

WASHINGTON — Cadet Patricia Thurman of Washington Wing's Olympia Composite Squadron attended the National Youth Leadership Forum on Defense, Intelligence and Diplomacy in Washington, D.C., Feb. 1-6.

Having demonstrated academic achievement and an interest in a career related to national security, Thurman joined more than 350 outstanding high school juniors and seniors from across America at the forum.

Students learned how the United States plans for peace and prepares for crisis, met with leaders from key agencies and institutions, and visited several military institutions such as the Pentagon and the Naval Air Station at Patuxent River.



Cadet Patricia Thurman

■ MER cadet school set for June

MIDDLE EAST REGION — The Middle East Region Cadet Leadership School, slated for June 18-23 at Seymour Johnson Air Force Base, N.C., is now accepting applications.

Cadets must be at least 15 years of age and have passed four achievements of the Civil Air Patrol

Cadet Program, have attended an encampment, and be of a grade no higher than first lieutenant.

The school consists of instruction by staff of the 4th Wing Airman Leadership School, an ongoing activity at Seymour Johnson. The curriculum focuses on leadership, followership, drill and ceremony, flag respect, oral and written presentations and other subjects pertinent to the leadership function.

Cadets are billeted in single-person rooms in a self-contained facility which includes laundry, snack area, lounges and classrooms. The base dining hall is one building away.

To apply, complete a CAP Form 31 and send it to: Maj. Robert L. Spencer, 1000 Samuel Miller Loop,

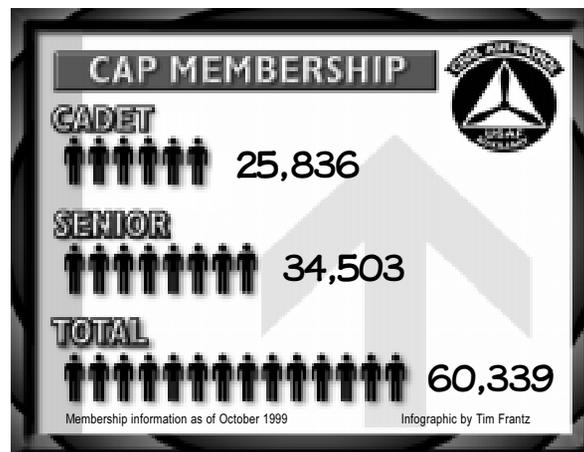
Charlottesville, VA 22903-9328. Questions may be addressed to Lt. Col. Jim Carr at jimcarr@hickory.net or (828) 322 1225.

■ DuMoulin receives alumni award

WASHINGTON — Lt. Col. Linda DuMoulin of Washington Wing's Mount Rainier Composite Squadron received an outstanding alumni award from the University of Montana.

DuMoulin, the wing's public affairs officer, was recognized for her accomplishments while serving as an officer and helicopter pilot in the U.S. Army, and for her professional and personal contributions as an artist and teacher in the communities she has lived.

DuMoulin became the Army's second female pilot after completing flight school at Fort Rucker, Ala., in the early '70s. She also became the Army's first female pilot to fly a combat helicopter.



Getting it straight!

In the January 2000 issue, it was incorrectly reported in the CAP Coastal Patrol Base Two reunion story (Page 2) that President Theodore Roosevelt presented an Air Medal to both Maj. Hugh Sharp and Lt. Eddie Edwards. It was President Franklin Delano Roosevelt who presented the medals.

19 graduate 2000 Region/Wing Commanders' Course

NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS — "Excellent" was how attendees described the 2000 Region/Wing Commanders' Course held at Civil Air Patrol National Headquarters at Maxwell Air Force Base, Ala., Feb. 6-10.

One region commander, one region vice commander, and 17 current and future wing commanders representing six regions participated in the annual course, making it the largest class in years.

Presented by Senior Programs Division and supported by all of the directorates at headquarters, the commanders' course is designed to give new region and wing commanders insight into issues of interest to them as corporate officers and senior leaders. The course also includes an opportunity to discuss management and leadership issues, receive an orientation about government and legal affairs, and learn about the different resources available to them, with specific focus on headquarters operations.

For five days, the commanders

heard from CAP and Air Force leaders including: CAP National Commander Brig. Gen. James C. Bobick; National Chief of Staff Col. Joseph D. McMillan; Assistant CAP Inspector General Col. Emmitt Williams; CAP Executive Director Col. Robert L. Brooks; CAP-U.S. Air Force Commander Col. Dennis B. Parkhurst Jr. Each of these leaders discussed national-level management issues with a special emphasis on developing and attaining future goals and objectives for the organization.

In addition, Dr. Richard Lester, educational advisor to the commander of the Ira C. Eaker College for Professional Development under Air University, and internationally known speaker, gave a special presentation on command-level leadership.

Attendees received comprehensive briefings from each of the eight directorates at national headquarters, the CAP general counsel, as well as from the following CAP-U.S. Air Force members: Chaplain



Nineteen graduates and staff of the 2000 Civil Air Patrol Region/Wing Commanders' Course pose for a group picture outside of CAP National Headquarters at Maxwell Air Force Base, Ala..

(Lt. Col.) Kenneth Colton, chief of Chaplain Service; Capt. Richard Mink, staff judge advocate; Lt. Col. Doug Nolan, logistics.

Representatives from the headquarters' organizations spoke about their functions and responsibilities,

and the specific services they can provide to commanders. Each of the presentations helped the participants gain a greater appreciation for their role as representa-

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AT A GLANCE

■ Depot activates secured Web sites

NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS — The Civil Air Patrol Supply Depot has activated two "secured" Web sites and expanded their payment options.

Now running on line for buying general items is www.capsupply.com and, for aerospace education, is www.aerospace-ed.com.

Also, the depot is now accepting American Express credit cards, as well as Master Card, Visa and Discover.

For more information about the sites or payment options, call the depot at (800) 858-4370.

■ VA member attends SAR course

VIRGINIA — A Virginia Wing senior member completed the Managing Search Operations Course taught by the Virginia Department of Emergency Services.

1st Lt. Donna Johnson, Group 1 public affairs officer, graduated from the 40-hour course, which is part of the state's search and rescue training program.

Johnson is a state-certified field team member and search sign-cutter and serves as the public officer for the wing emergency services function — an additional duty assignment. She is also an emergency medical technician-basic and a volunteer with Floyd County (Va.) Rescue Squad.

The course was developed by the National Park

Service, National Association for Search & Rescue and Emergency Response Institute. It is widely used in the United States and in other countries.

■ NCR schedules leadership course

NORTH CENTRAL REGION — The North Central Region announced plans for its 2000 Region Cadet Leadership School.

The school, open to cadets who have completed an encampment, will be hosted by the Kansas Wing and held from June 10-17 in Salina, Kan.

The cost is \$125 and includes lodging, food and facility fees. Transportation to and from the school is the responsibility of attendees, though region and wing headquarters should work together to pool transportation resources.

Because there are only 50 slots, a firm deadline

for applications has been set for May 26.

The school will include about 40 hours of lecture, seminar sessions and field exercises. Topics will include basic and advanced leadership, problem solving, creative thinking and other topics of importance to leaders.

Cadet officers who wish to be considered for staff positions are also invited to apply. They must submit an application and a letter which specifies the position they are interested in and their qualifications for that position. Applications will not be considered without a letter of request.

Those interested in attending the region's cadet leadership school may apply by completing a CAP Form 31, which must be signed by the cadet's unit and wing commanders, and include the \$125 payment.

Mail applications to: Col. Burgess W. Rennels Jr., Kansas Wing Headquarters/NCRCCL, P.O. Box 2597, Salina, KS 67402-2597.

■ Glasgow new Iowa commander

IOWA — Col. Rex Glasgow assumed command of the Iowa Wing during a change of command ceremony.

Glasgow, the former commander of Iowa Wing's East Iowa Cadet Squadron, replaced Col. John Lalla.

The ceremony was presided over by Col. Joseph D. McMillan, national chief of staff and former commander of the North Central Region.

CAP SAFETY STATS			
	Dec	2000*	1999*
Fatalities	0	0	2
Serious injury	0	0	9
Bodily injury	0	0	28
Vehicle mishaps	1	1	9
Aircraft incidents	4	4	18
Aircraft accidents	0	0	3

* Statistics based on calendar year

Florida Wing member receives POW medal after being detained, questioned in Cuba

FLORIDA — Great Britain's National Ex-Prisoners of War Association awarded 2nd Lt. Alex de Quesada the Allied POW Medal for being detained in Cuba because of his membership in the Civil Air Patrol.

"Frankly, I'm surprised over the award," said de Quesada, "but I'm honored."

de Quesada, of Florida Wing's 8089th Civil Air Patrol Squadron, was detained in September 1999 by troops of the Ministry of the Interior.

de Quesada was in Cuba conducting legitimate historical research with another American college professor. He works as a museum consultant and historical writer.

When he entered the airport in Havana, he was apprehended by Cuban soldiers and escorted to a detention area. During a vigorous search of his personal

possessions, the troops came across the CAP membership card he kept in his wallet. Following that he endured hours of intense interrogation by intelligence officers from G-2 (Cuba's equivalent to the KGB) about his affiliation with CAP, his family history and why he was in Cuba.

Throughout his ordeal, he was constantly threatened with imprisonment for "counter revolutionary activities against the Republic of Cuba."

Toward the end of his day of detention, troops were sent to hold a commercial airplane. After soldiers relieved him of some of his personal possessions, he was escorted to the plane and flown home.

de Quesada's medal citation reads: "... based upon the application and documentation supplied by 2nd Lt. A.M. de Quesada, USAF Auxiliary (CAP) on

his detention in Cuba by troops of the Ministry of the Interior in September 1999, the Allied Prisoner of War Medal (#S662) is hereby awarded. The medal is proposed by the National Ex-Prisoner of War Association in the UK for all ex-prisoners of war whose countries were allies of Britain at the time of their capture irrespective of whether the United Kingdom itself was involved in the conflict or not."

Fellow squadron members — Lt. Col. Lawrence Upham and 1st Lt. Raymond Spengler — noted that de Quesada may be the first recognized CAP "POW" detained by a hostile power to the United States.

"Who said the Cold War really ended? Seems I was caught up in the middle of it," said de Quesada. "However, I'm extremely proud of my country and my service to the Civil Air Patrol — enough said."



From left, Virginia Wing Commander Col. Click Smith, Senator Charles Colgan, State Delegate V. Earl Dickinson and Virginia Wing Vice Commander Lt. Col. Joe Vasquez pose for a photo after Colgan and Dickinson were inducted into the Civil Air Patrol as honorary members.

VA Wing honors politicians

VIRGINIA — The Virginia Wing honored Senator Charles J. Colgan and State Delegate V. Earl Dickinson with Civil Air Patrol honorary memberships.

Both legislators have been longtime supporters of the wing's emergency services missions and personally campaigned to obtain a special allocation from the state budget to purchase five complete emergency communications networks (one for each of the wing's groups). The senator also made arrangements with the governor to have the first week of December declared across the state as CAP Week.

Colgan's first airplane ride was in a CAP aircraft and, according to the senator, that is how he got his start in aviation. He owns Colgan Airways, a small airline based out of Manassas Airport.

Virginia Wing cadets meet with new Air Force undersecretary

VIRGINIA — Members from Virginia Wing's Prince William Composite Squadron in Manassas recently celebrated Civil Air Patrol's Drug Awareness Week in a unique way.

A group of cadets and senior member escorts were invited to the Pentagon to visit with the newly appointed undersecretary of the Air Force, Carol DiBattiste.

The members were escorted to her office and spent about 30 minutes discussing drug awareness, aviation, the Civil Air Patrol, and the U.S. Air Force.

The cadets presented DiBattiste with her own CAP

Drug Awareness Week red ribbon, depicting the CAP cadet program's "Drug Free and Proud" slogan and logo.

DiBattiste presented each member with an Undersecretary's Coin, depicting the Air Force seal on one side and the undersecretary of the Air Force's Flag on the reverse. She also requested an invitation to attend one of the squadron's weekly meetings to see an operating CAP squadron firsthand.

Prince William Composite Squadron members attending were: cadets Lt. Col. William Hurst, 2nd Lts. Matthew Chrestman and Craig Heffner,



Members of Virginia Wing's Prince William Composite Squadron pose for a picture with Undersecretary of the Air Force Carol DiBattiste during a recent visit with her at the Pentagon.

Vanessa Yuhaniak, Brian Carley, Henry McNalley, Curt Dvonch, Derek Maier, Kyle Reid and Roger Safrit, and senior members Col.

Larry Toigo, squadron commander, Lt. Col. Jennifer Toigo, Maj. John Schumacher, 2nd Lt. Nelson Alcalde.



Many Colorado Wing missions are flown over 14,000-foot peaks like the one pictured.

Colorado Wing aircrews, ground team members help save 12 lives in 1999

COLORADO — The Colorado Wing helped save 12 lives in 1999.

The following are recaps of the wing's saves:

Dec. 25: A Christmas miracle closed the year when an airplane crashed at over 12,000 ft. on Whiskey Pass. Ground teams scrambled through deep snow and rough terrain to bring down a cold, sore survivor as aircrews coordinated overhead.

October: A woman with a heart problem was located alive in Montezuma County after a two-day search. Wing aircrews provided air support.

September: Wing members provide high bird communications support to find a lost hunter in Route County. The hunter is found and the sheriff is grateful for CAP support.

August: Wing members provided air communications to ground crews looking for a 55 year-old pastor and his 15-year-old grandson. The two were discovered hungry, wet and cold by a mounted search and rescue patrol after a two-day search.

July: Wing ground teams were an integral part of the rescue and recovery of two people involved in an aircraft crash.

March: Wing ground teams rescued two people from their capsized aircraft three hours after the plane was forced to land in a cow pasture outside of Limon, Colo. Wing ground teams from three counties responded to the scene.

January: A wing pilot and observer spotted the morning signal fire of two lost hikers in the Mesa Verde National Park. Helicopters rescued the cold, hungry couple 48 hours after they had wandered off from a two-hour hike.

January: A skier from Georgia was lost in the wilderness and spent more than 24 hours alone in the winter cold before he was located by a snowmobile crew over eight miles from the ski resort. The wing provided air support for the search.

Tennessee Wing members help locate downed aircraft on Clinch Mountain

TENNESSEE WING — The call came in at 2:30 a.m. on Jan. 17 from Maj. Gary Milton, Tennessee Wing Group I emergency services officer to Capt. Bill Lane, operations officer for the wing's Kingsport Composite Squadron.

A plane was overdue on a flight from Louisville, Ky., to the Hawkins County Airport near Rogersville, Tenn. Although the pilot had not filed a flight plan, he had been in contact with Atlanta Center and had been given a "squawk code."

The plane slipped below radar coverage at about 4:30 p.m. the afternoon of Jan. 16. When the family reported the plane overdue to county authorities late that evening the search began.

The Federal Aviation Administration was able to provide the aircraft type, tail number and last radar fix, but the name of the pilot was not available nor was the aircraft color. No ELT signal had been reported either.

Lane initiated the call-in procedure and opened the mission base at the Tri-Cities Airport. He then conducted a ramp check at the airport and then proceeded to the Hawkins County Airport to conduct a ramp check there. By 6 a.m. Squadron Commander Lt. Col. Harry Darnell and Lt. Col. Al Clary now manned the mission base. They were later joined by Maj. Floyd Harris, 1st Lt. Bob Evans, Capt. Rolla Wade, Sr. Mbr. H. Glenn Darnell, and 1st Lt. Arlinda Bailey, along with cadets Christopher Bailey and Daniel Hutton.

After daylight, an aircrew consisting of Clary, Wade and Evans was dispatched, as was a ground team consisting of Bailey and the two cadets. Time was of the es-

sence since a winter storm had been forecast for later that afternoon.

The aircrew proceeded to the last radar position, which was just north of a 2,500-foot ridge line known as Clinch Mountain.

After three passes within three miles of the aircraft's last known position, the aircrew spotted a site marked by white and blue debris and several cleanly cropped trees.

After getting a GPS fix, the aircrew contacted a Hawkins County Sheriff's Department helicopter, which was searching South of the ridge. The helicopter was able to confirm that the site appeared to be an aircraft, although no tail number could be seen from the air. The Hawkins County Rescue Squad was called in by the Sheriff's Dept.

Volunteering to serve dual duty as both an air and ground team member, Wade (an experienced mission pilot with one "find" to his credit and an accomplished hiker) was able to catch up with the rescue squad before they reached the site and confirmed the plane and pilot's identity. The ELT box was not found. (This may be one of the few cases on record in which an aircrew member, fresh from a successful sortie, confirmed a "find" by serving as a ground team member.)

The entire mission, including completion of the debriefing paperwork, lasted less than 12 hours.

The Kingsport Composite Squadron has recorded two finds in nearby mountains within the last two years and was named a Tennessee Wing/Group 1 Squadron of Merit in 1999.

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tives for the more than 60,000 members who serve in cap at the dawn of the 21st Century. The commanders also had the chance to visit with national headquarters staff and the CAP Bookstore during their free time.

The course is open to newly appointed region and wing commanders and vice-commanders.

The 2000 course attendees were: Col. Donald Prouty, Northeast Region; Col. Phillip Groshong, Pacific Region; Col. Robert Alex, New Jersey Wing; Col. Amy Courter, Michigan Wing; Col. Rex Glasgow, Iowa Wing; Col. Richard Greenhut, New York Wing; Col. Virginia Keller, Oklahoma Wing; Col. Joseph King, Illinois

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New Mexico aircrew scores a find

Maj. Sharon M. Lane
Public Affairs Officer
New Mexico Wing

NEW MEXICO — A New Mexico Wing aircrew was instrumental in finding two lost hikers in the rugged mountains of central New Mexico Feb. 6.

The two male hikers from Los Alamos, N.M., both in good physical condition and equipped to hike in difficult terrain, started a day hike from Los Alamos about 5:30 a.m. Feb. 5. The hike was to end about 5:30 p.m. that same day at Fenton Lake west of Los Alamos.

When the two hikers failed to meet their evening deadline, family members notified the New Mexico State Police.

The trail the hikers took was in the vicinity of a private 95,000-acre ranch. Search efforts were slowed until Joe Grider, La Cueva fire chief and the state police's search and rescue field coordinator, could get

permission for his search and rescue teams to get onto the property.

The New Mexico Wing, working with the state police, was called at 11:30 p.m. Feb. 5 to start the air search. CAP Mission Coordinator Art Olson of Durango, Colo., said, "A Civil Air Patrol airplane from Los Alamos, N.M., piloted by Maj. Robert Gibson, was in the air almost immediately. His observer was 1st Lt. David McClard, also from Los Alamos."

The aircrew spotted a campfire about six miles north of Redondo Peak, an 11,254 foot mountain in northern New Mexico, about 2:30 a.m. Feb. 6. The crew stayed aloft to guide the Los Alamos ground teams to the campsite area.

Members of the La Cueva Search and Rescue, Los Alamos Fire Brigade and La Mesa Search and Rescue reached the location by 4:15 a.m. and confirmed it was the two hikers.

Qualified medics in their crews examined the hikers. Other than being very cold, the two were in good condition. They were taken to their homes shortly afterward.

"They were actually lost," Grider said. "They had apparently hiked around Pharito Mountain and were about six miles off course."

The hikers had done every thing right. They were equipped for the weather and the terrain. They had a cell phone with them; however the signal for the cell phone could not reach out of their location.

The two had also left a "plan" with someone in case they did not return by the appointed time. Seemingly the only thing they did wrong was miscalculate the length of the hike.

"It (the search) went just the way it was supposed to," said Grider. "All of the agencies involved knew their jobs and simply went out and did them."



Cadet Lt. Col. Rachel Vogt

Oklahoma cadet has trouble keeping her feet on ground

Capt. Charles Newcomb
Director of Public Affairs
Oklahoma Wing

OKLAHOMA — Oklahoma Wing Cadet Lt. Col. Rachel Vogt has trouble keeping her feet on the ground, but to her that's a compliment.

The 19-year-old flight instructor, who has only been flying for 3 1/2 years, has more than 600 hours in the air.

Perhaps even more remarkable, Vogt recently recovered from a disease that could have taken her life, and she has earned her wings as a Civil Air

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Central New York Group provides emergency service agencies' C³I

2nd Lt. Jeff Wallace
Public Affairs Officer
Central New York Group

NEW YORK — Over the past several years, upstate New York has been racked by floods, blizzards, tornados, a mud slide, and a catastrophic ice storm.

The Central New York Group has been activated for each emergency and has played a key role in damage assessment. The experience gained in these missions has led to an expanded role for CAP under the Incident Command System.

The Central New York Group commander, Maj. Jim Edmonds, saw an opportunity

for the group to provide an additional level of support in future disasters. Edmonds, an electrical engineer at Lockheed Martin in Syracuse, saw that the major thrust in new U.S. military procurement was in the area of command, control, communications and intelligence (C³I) systems. He also saw that, during disaster relief missions, local emergency response and management agencies were overwhelmed trying to deal with the massive flow of information via normal police, fire and EMS channels and dispatch methods.

Edmonds took advantage of the New York National Guard's "guardHELP" Program to request training in information/intelligence collection, analysis and dissemina-

tion. Capt. Bob Stabb, intelligence officer for the Army Guard's 1/108th 27th Infantry Brigade was assigned to respond to this request. Stabb trained Edmonds in the basics of "The Intelligence Cycle" and "Intelligence Preparation of the Battlefield" as they would pertain to domestic support operations and disaster relief missions.

Upon completing a training and implementation plan, Edmonds briefed Pete Alberti, Onondaga County director of emergency management. Alberti immediately saw how this capability would greatly enhance his ability to manage disaster responses.

In accordance with the Incident Command System model, the group has now been asked to provide a

team of personnel to the Planning Section chief to perform the function of the "situation unit." The unit is comprised of specially trained command post personnel called the "analysis and control team" and field teams who are trained in collecting and reporting essential elements of information.

Edmonds has also been asked to train Onondaga County Emergency Management personnel in the C³I methods to ensure a common base of knowledge and understanding. The goal is to provide incident commanders with intelligence to allow them to keep ahead of a developing emergency rather than simply reacting to events.



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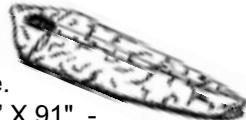
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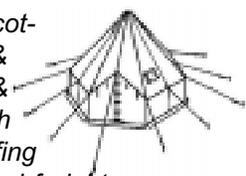
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Colorado congressman honorary member



Colorado Wing Commander Col. William Hines, right, presents Colorado Congressman Tom Tancredo with a framed Civil Air Patrol honorary membership certificate as Rocky Mountain Region Commander Col. Gary Tobey, left, and CAP National Commander Brig. Gen. James C. Bobick look on. After the presentation, the congressman toured the wing's headquarters, and was briefed on CAP communications and aircraft.

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Patrol check pilot. That means she determines whether CAP pilots — some two and three times her age — are safe to fly for Civil Air Patrol.

“All she’s ever wanted to be is a pilot,” said Maj. Mark Weiser, Oklahoma Wing chief of staff, who remembers one of Vogt’s first orientation rides in a CAP airplane, but her chosen career was in doubt when he took her on that ride four years ago. She was still recovering from brain surgery and no one could guarantee she would ever qualify for an Federal Aviation Administration medical certificate — an absolute requirement for all pilots.

Today Vogt not only has her medical certificate, but she’s teaching others to fly as a professional instructor at the Oklahoma State University flight school at Tulsa’s Richard Lloyd Jones Airport. She hopes to land an airline job in the not too distant future.

The Operations Directorate at Civil Air Patrol National Headquarters at Maxwell Air Force Base, Ala., doesn’t keep records of pilots’ ages, but it believes Vogt might be the youngest member ever to qualify as a CAP check pilot.

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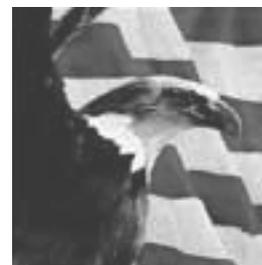
“The Great Lakes Region Web site contains information about speeding up communications. For example, a listserver can take an e-mail message and deliver it to all members of the region or wing whose e-mail addresses make up the listserver. List members keep their addresses current by subscribing or unsubscribing themselves. The site also provides web space for CAP units and can help obtain and host domain names such as <http://glr.cap.gov>. Using web-pages, units can display unit event calendars for its visitors.”



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submitted by
Cadet Master Sgt.
Tim Flohrschutz, Ohio Wing

“The Ross P. Barrett Cadet Squadron Web site contains several informative pages that could benefit most CAP members, and teach them a little more about the organization. There is a complete library of wing patches, plus a section called ‘profiles’ where visitors can learn more about Barrett squadron members. Additionally, the Web site contains the squadron newsletter, photographs and an events calendar.”



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Historical research ultimately determines fact, fiction

While attending a Civil Air Patrol National Board meeting, an old story was once again rehashed for the umpteenth time and once again it was sworn to me as being gospel by a CAP member.

Of course, the member heard it from a CAP member who heard it from another CAP member who heard it from ... Fact is, the story is one that has been widely talked about since 1945 and comes back as a solid rumor every few years.

So, I gave him my card and he promised me he would follow up with the name of the name of the name ... Still no word!

Now I'm not trying to pick on anyone here, but most of us who have been around the program for a while have heard the following statements and comments many times over: "I have this from a reliable source," or "They said ... ,"

or "I saw it in the regulations."

Those statements are why we who profess to be historical chroniclers try to find substance or solid facts in the form of documents, letters, photographs and eyewitness



WAY BACK WHEN

Col. Leonard A. Blascovich
CAP National Historian

accounts to back the stories up. Personally, I believe history is one-quarter rumor, verified and supported by three-quarters fact.

Hence, along with many other credible sources, I put the story I heard at the conference into the same category as "Elvis Sightings."

Anyhow, here is the story:

It seems during our hectic

Coastal Patrol days, a CAP light aircraft — carrying a pilot, an observer and a bomb slung underneath the fuselage — was flying a patrol mission far out in the Atlantic in 1943 when they were surprised and fired upon by a German U-boat. The aircraft was hit and because of sustained damage crashed into the ocean. Both aircrew members were hurt either by the bullets fired at them by the U-boat or as a result of the crash.

One of the aircrew members was then picked up by the U-boat. The Germans were going to shoot him as a spy until they became aware of the "US" block letters on his CAP shoulder patch. Instead, they provided him with limited medical services and confined him to the brig.

After the U-boat finished its patrol, it returned to Germany. The lone CAP prisoner was turned over to the Gestapo for interrogation and then placed into a POW camp for the duration of the war.

According to the story, the CAP member either succumbed to his injuries, may have been mistreated

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while a prisoner, shot as a spy or just plain old died because of old age. (Remember — most CAP members during World War II were not spry young chickens!)

Let me assure you — though the story certainly sounds plausible, it is not true!

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Pennsylvania fires



Photo by 2nd Lt. Gini Siegel

2nd Lt. Gini Siegel, a scanner attached to Group 1 of the Pennsylvania Wing, photographed forest fires burning dangerously close to a Washington County home in Pennsylvania while on a training mission. Siegel and two other crew members — pilot 2nd Lt. William Durdan and observer Capt. Arnold Andreson, both of Group 2 — spotted the fires and called in the coordinates to an air traffic control tower in Wheeling, W.V. The crew then flew overhead until fire department crews arrived on scene.

■ CAP Health Services Program

Success depends on preparedness

One of the three tenets of Civil Air Patrol's Health Services Program is preparedness.

So, here are some questions for your thought and action:

- Are you prepared?
- Do you have checklists?
- Do you check and re-check your first aid equipment, so it is always full and ready?

■ Are CAP Form 31s and 60s filled out and appropriately filed?

Are you up-to-date on all training requirements - first aid, blood-borne pathogens, CPR, etc.

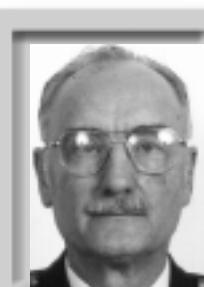
Is all your field and aircraft survival equipment in order?

Just as we preflight our aircraft, we need to "preflight" ourselves and our equipment, whether we're going flying or into the field. Let me offer a few suggestions; and, hopefully, you're already doing them.

A great idea from Capt. Pedro Martinez of the Puerto Rico Wing is to have everyone carry completed

copies of CAP Forms 31 and 60 in his/her left breast pocket. This way, if the person is unable to commu-

nicate, emergency treatment can be started immediately, without waiting to find those forms at base camp!



FIT TO SERVE

Col. (Dr.) James H. Erickson
Chief, CAP National Health Program

At every unit meeting, before every search and rescue or field training exercise, and at the conclusion of every exercise, be sure to check all equipment — first aid, survival, emergency, etc. You won't be of much help in an emergency situation when some piece of equipment has been forgotten.

Make sure you also have the appropriate clothing and other necessities for

sun-glasses, mirrors, compasses, flashlights, canteens (full of H₂O!), etc.

Make sure those who need them have all required medications readily available. Be sure you are really physically fit for the mission at hand.

Finally, make sure you are appropriately trained, and, if not, get trained. That's what training exercises are for!

Success in any mission — whether actual or training — depends on our preparedness. I trust we will always be prepared.

Semper vigilans!

NER members take on ICS training

MASSACHUSETTS — The Federal Emergency Management Agency and Massachusetts Emergency Management Agency held a one-day Incident Command System course for Northeast Region members.

The course, which was held at the University of Massachusetts Medical School campus in Worcester, Mass., was attended by 32 senior members and cadets, including Col. Donald Prouty, region commander, and Col. Eric Schollmann, Massachusetts wing commander.

Capt. Gareth Hendrixson, commander of Goddard Composite Squadron (Massachusetts Wing) and Red Cross worker, was the course instructor. Each phase of the

course provided a strong basis for discussion, acquisition of knowledge from those who have "been there and done that," and a question and answer session with a very knowledgeable, experienced instructor.

The course was presented to familiarize members with a proven, effective operational method to enhance the performance of all organizations involved in an emergency situation or other crisis. Many fire and police departments, and emergency medical groups at the federal, state, and municipal levels have been using ICS for about 25 years.

"This is a positive step into the future for Civil Air Patrol emergency services," said Schollman.

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'It just plain makes you feel good ...'

Editor:

A short while back I received a phone call from Oklahoma. That's not too unusual in my line of work because I receive calls from all over the United States, but this call was special. It was from a cadet and what he had to say was great!

Before I tell you about our conversation, I would like to give you a brief history of this cadet.

I first met him while I was the Group III commander in Tennessee. It was at the annual cadet selection and drill competition in Knoxville. He was a short pudgy kid who talked like a politician so I dubbed him "The mayor." We were going past where he lived — about 150 miles away — and were asked to drive him home.

This cadet probably has had more trouble staying in Civil Air Patrol than any other cadet in the program that I know of. No, I don't mean getting into trouble, but be-

cause of other things such as a deactivated unit, etc. He wanted to be a member so bad his mother drove him to Lebanon, Tenn., every Monday so he could be in the Lebanon Composite Squadron —

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about a 100-mile round trip for mom.

Well, that was OK for about a year until the Lebanon squadron was deactivated. He then transferred to the Smyrna Composite Squadron in Smyrna, Tenn. — a 150-mile round-trip for mom.

This worked for a while until there was a conflict with a cadet who later became a senior mem-

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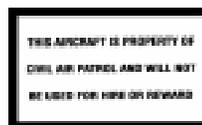
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The over \$10,000 in total scholarships are designed for the purpose of assisting cadets with their ground and flight training leading to the Federal Aviation Administration private pilot's license. The award is named for Maj. Gen. Lucas V. Beau, former national commander of Civil Air Patrol and a signer of the charter for the Order of Daedalians.

A board of U.S. Air Force and CAP officers nominates cadets for the Order of Daedalians to consider.

To be eligible, a cadet must:

- a. Be a citizen of the United States;
 - b. Be an active cadet in CAP;
 - c. Have indicated a desire to attend college and pursue a career related to aerospace;
 - d. Have expressed a desire to pursue a career in military aviation;
 - e. Be 15 ½ years through 18 ½ years of age as of July 1, 2000, and a recipient of the Gen. Billy Mitchell Award;
 - f. Not possess a private pilot certificate;
 - g. Have uncorrected 20/20 vision; and
 - h. Use all of the monies prior to a cadet's 19th birthday or Dec. 31, 2000, whichever comes first.
- Application procedures are:
- a. Complete CAP Form 95;
 - b. Include a copy of your high school transcripts (plus college transcripts, if any);
 - c. Include a statement of acceptance to an accredited college or university (or a statement from your guidance counselor stating college potential);
 - d. Attach a recent photo in your CAP uniform to the CAP Form 95; and
 - e. Include a statement from your doctor that your uncorrected vision is at least 20/20.



1999 IACE participants

Below are the names of the cadets and senior member escorts who visited foreign countries during the 1999 International Air Cadet Exchange. Congratulations to all!

Australia — Alex Berenberg, Adam Lyon, Katie Badowski, Osvaldo Santiago and escort Maj. Michael Kathriner

Austria — Kyle Patten, Brandy Meyer Robert Rothman, Kelly Nettleblad, Reed Jorgensen, Timothy Bonarski and escort Lt. Col. John Buschmann

Belgium — Benjamin Mitchell, Christopher Angel, Aaron Lile, Jason Logsdon, Mario Brana, Thomas Davis, Justin Coutts and escort Lt. Col. Chris Gerlach

Canada — Brian Fash, Levi Heller, Christopher Harlan, Melissa Nielsen, Scott Lippincott, Joy Chandler, Michael Smith, John Sammons, Daniel Good, Jeremy Demos, Chad Burks, Hector Bauza, Richard Harley, Whitney Holbrook

Finland — Steven Davis, Rhoda Beutler and Maj. Alexandra Calloway

France — Benjamin Hoffman, Edward Hollo, Michael Provencher, Michael Lander and escort Lt. Col. Roger Thomas

Germany — Melissa Damhauser, James Engle, Jack Turner, Robert Johnson, Joanna Sotelo, Kyle Dickinson, Robert Seymour, Brandon Blair and escort Maj. Ronald Jarvis

Hong Kong — Kristin Jones, Josef Gassmann, Andrew Meislin, Thaddeus Douthitt and escort Maj. Shannon Harlan

Israel — Charles Bursi, Christopher Beatty, David Korzen, Raymond Forte, Neil Copenhaver and escort Capt. David Woller

Japan — Aleyna Farrell, JC Chandler, Adam Fachan, Jessica Block, Zachary Miller, April Simmons and escort Lt. Col. John Taylor

Netherlands — Jalen Whitener, Shaun Reed, Christopher Wood, Christopher Johnson, David Carroll, John Wandell, Lindsay Smith, Ryan Purpura and Capt. Anne Sapienza

Norway — Beau Provost, Oscia Timschell, Jessica Elinski, Larry Huisman and escort Lt. Col. Charles Graf

Philippines — Christopher Blakeslee, Stephen Grusendorf, Nathan Melton and escort Maj. Eugene Becker

Sweden — Raul Marquez, Timothy Schober, Darla Dare, James Lomax, Sinead MacMenamin, Timothy Stauffer, John Hedrick, Hans Kerekes and escort Lt. Col. Thomas Berg

Switzerland — William Thompson, Gregory Auerbach, Timothy Spink, Ciara Hiles, Robert Melgosa and escort Lt. Col. Laurie Watson

Turkey — Mark Hurley, James Groom, Rick Mearse and escort Maj. Bryan Watson

United Kingdom — Clinton Angel, Alex Hanna, Michael Bauer, Jessica Kratz, Francis Condon, Donald Ellis, Nancy Damhauser, Anthony Rios, William Bridgman, Eric Dekelbaum, Cody Comer, Erin Cramer, Brooke Renzullo, Leo Perellie, Erin Cunningham, Christopher Onesti and escorts Lt. Col. Terry Stanberry

Wing commanders are encouraged to convene a flight scholarship selection board to determine the wing's nominee. The wings will submit their nominee to the registrar of the Cadet Programs Directorate at CAP National Headquarters no later than April 1.

Scholarship nominees and wing commanders will be notified by headquarters as soon as the decision is made by the Order of Daedalians.

New registrar in place

The Cadet Programs Directorate is pleased to announce that Janice Serrano has been hired as

the directorate's new registrar.

Janice comes to the post with an excellent track record for managing national awards and programs. She also has a bachelor's degree in Communications Advertising from Sacred Heart University in Puerto Rico and speaks three languages.

Janice is the person to call if you have a question about the cadet milestone awards (Mitchell, Earhart, Eaker or Spaatz), the scholarship program, encampments or orientation flight reimbursements. Her telephone number is (334) 953-4238.

Welcome aboard, Janice!

Aviation flight scholarship

CAP National Headquarters has recently received a one year \$2,000 grant for the cadet program. The benefactor has agreed that this grant can be given to one cadet to help offset the costs associated with getting a private pilot's license.

A board of Air Force and CAP officers will review the applications for this grant.

To be eligible the cadet must:

- a. Be a citizen of the United States;
- b. Be an active cadet in CAP;
- c. Have indicated a desire to attend college and pursue a career related to aerospace or have expressed a desire to pursue a career in aviation;
- d. Be 15½ years through 18½ years of age as of July 1, 2000, and a recipient of the Gen. Billy Mitchell Award;
- e. Not possess a private pilot certificate; and
- f. Use all of the monies prior to the cadet's 19th birthday or Dec. 31, 2000, whichever comes first.

Application procedures are:

- a. Complete a CAP Form 95;
- b. Include a copy of your high school transcripts (plus college transcripts, if any);
- c. Include a statement of acceptance to an accredited college or university (or a statement from your guidance counselor stating college potential); and
- d. Attach a recent photo in your CAP uniform to the CAP Form 95.

Wing commanders are encouraged to convene a flight scholarship selection board to determine the wing's nominee. The wings will submit their nominee to the registrar of the Cadet Programs Directorate at CAP National Headquarters no later than April 1.

The scholarship recipient and wing commander will be notified by headquarters as soon as the decision is made.

No more CHITs, but program continues

The Cadet Programs Director-

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ate has recently received the responsibility for the CAP cadet uniform program from the CAP-U.S. Air Force Logistics.

This program, formerly known as the CHIT program, provides an opportunity for new cadets to receive a basic blue uniform (shirt, pants, belt, shoes, hat) at no cost to them. Cadets would still be responsible to purchase the CAP accessories (name tag, ribbons, grade insignia, hat device, etc.).

After discussing the current processes with selected cadets and senior members, our office is proposing to change the old CHIT program to include the following precepts:

- The new program will no longer be called the CHIT Program. We will announce the name of the new program in our official memorandum;

- The uniforms are not really “free,” just free to the cadet. The Air Force is paying hundreds of thousands of dollars for this “free” program;

- Not every cadet will desire a “free” uniform;

- Not every cadet desiring a free uniform will get one. With 12,000 to 14,000 new cadets every year, and a cost of \$95 the Air Force expends for just one uniform (not adjusted for inflation annually), and a program budget of only \$600,000, the reason is obvious;

- Not every cadet will return a uniform voucher;

- The new program will begin on April 1, 2000, and will continue until Aug. 31, 2000, or when the funds run out. We estimate about 6,000 cadets will join between April 1 and Aug. 31.

The proposed procedures for this new program include:

- The uniform vouchers will be mailed directly to the cadet with his or her new membership card;

- The vouchers will include clear instructions about the new procedures;

- These uniforms belong to CAP not the cadet. When a cadet is no longer active in the program

then the squadron commander must make every reasonable effort to retrieve the uniform items;

- The cadet will sign the voucher indicating he or she understands the new procedures and that he or she is required to return the uniform when he or she is no longer a CAP cadet;

- Cadets may retain these uniforms as long as they are current members of CAP, even if the cadet moves. The squadron commander will maintain the accountability of these uniforms with records that are available for audit;

- The commanders may use any returned uniform parts for any other cadet in his or her unit, and may trade these uniform parts with other CAP units. Commanders will maintain the accountability of these uniform parts with records that are available for audit;

- Vouchers will require both the parent(s) and the squadron commander's signature agreeing to the terms;

- The vouchers are valid only until Aug. 31, 2000, and must be mailed directly to the Army/Air Force Exchange Service address

listed on the voucher;

- Uniforms from AAFES will be mailed only to the new cadet;

- Uniforms will not be sold;

- Units will not use these uniforms for “incentives.” (A couple of examples include: Giving new cadets used uniforms and requesting the new uniform in exchange or holding back the new uniforms for only the squadron's drill team or color guard cadets.)

- The wing commanders will audit the squadron records at least annually to maintain the integrity of the program and to ensure its success at the local level. The wing commander may delegate this responsibility; and

- No vouchers will be mailed out during the last month of the fiscal year, to allow time for the National Headquarters audit.

Our directorate will send out an official memorandum to all commanders detailing the new procedures once they are finalized.

We hope to be able to send out this memorandum this month.

If you have any comments about the proposed procedures, please e-mail Rob Smith at cpc@capnhq.gov or call him at (334) 953-5309.

National Cadet Special Activities — Summer 2000

ACTIVITY	DATES	MIN. AGE	NOTES	COST
Advance PJOC	June 24 – July 8	15	Note 1, 3	\$250
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AETCFC (TX)	June 18 – 24	15		\$100
AFSPCFC (CO)	June 17 – 24	15		\$100
AFSPCFC (FL)	August 1 – 8	15		\$100
AFWAFC (Basic & Advanced)	June 25 – July 1	Note 2	Note 3, 7	\$150
COS	June 22 – 30	16		\$150
Hawk	July 8 – 16	13	Note 1, 4, 7	\$75
IACE	July 18 – August 2	17	Note 1, 5	\$100
JU/Comair	June 22 – July 16	16		\$3,200
NBB	July 21 – August 2	16	Note 1, 6, 7	\$175
NFA Glider (GA)	June 15 – 24	14		\$700
NFA Glider (OR)	July 16 – 29	14		\$700
NFA Glider (PA)	June 18 – July 1	14		\$700
NFA Glider (UT)	August 11 – 21	14		\$700
NFA Power (MA)	To be decided	16		\$700
NFA Power (TN)	June 18 – July 1	16		\$700
NFA Power (VA)	July 24 – August 4	16		\$700
NFA Power (WI)	June 16 – 26	16		\$700
NGSAR (Basic)	July 29 – August 6	13	Note 1, 7, 9	\$135
NGSAR (Advanced)	July 29 – August 6	13	Note 1, 7, 8, 9	\$135
NGSAR/MBSS/MAS (Pre-Course)	July 24 – 28	13	Note 7, 9	Note 10
MAS	July 29 – August 6	18	Note 7, 9	\$135
MBSS (Basic)	July 29 – August 6	16	Note 7, 9	\$135
MBSS (Advanced)	July 29 – August 6	18	Note 7, 9	\$135
PJOC (KY)	July 20 – 27	15	Note 1	\$125
PJOC (NM)	June 10 – 17	15	Note 1	\$125
PJOC (VA)	July 29 – August 5	15	Note 1	\$125

New application procedures: The new procedures, along with “postmarked by” deadlines for National Cadet Special Activities, are as follows: 1. CAP Form 31 sent to your wing headquarters — Dec 31; 2. Wings submit CAP Form 31s to CAP National Headquarters — Jan 31; 3. CAP National Headquarters sends activity directors and wing headquarters the slotting lists — Feb 29; 4. Cadets submit their payments in full to national headquarters — April 15. Also, Schedule & fees are subject to change without notice. Encampment credit required before the start of the activity. Every activity open to senior members who wish to be escorts.

Note 1: Physically demanding.

Note 2: No age but Rickenbacker achievement required.

Note 3: Advanced course requires basic course completion.

Note 4: National headquarters does not process the applications for this course. The application procedure is different than the other NCSAs.

Note 5: Activity fee does not cover the cost of IACE uniforms. The application procedure for IACE is different than the other NCSAs.

Note 6: Participants must already have at least their CAPF 101 General Emergency Services rating. The CAP Form 101T for Ground Team Member, the CAPF 76, and/or a current standard first aid card are highly desirable. Seniors possessing the CAPF 75 are also desired.

Note 7: This activity allows senior members to be full participants and/or staff.

Note 8: No age but NGSAR Basic Course (or equivalent) required. Contact Activity Director for details. Advanced first aid certification is recommended as well (and is available as a pre-course session).

Note 9: Staff fees are \$35 (total). Persons interested in staff positions should contact the Activity Director.

Note 10: The pre-course prerequisite training (like first aid or general emergency services) costs vary depending upon the course. Students must also be registered for one of the NGSAR/MBSS/MAS programs. Contact the activity director for more information.

Balloons provide vital Airborne Laser Program data

It sounds like something a child would love to do. Staying up all night, building something out of foam, cardboard and wires, powering it with batteries and then attaching it to a huge balloon. The most exciting part of the night, however, is letting the 6-foot-wide balloon go into the air, willing it to make it past electric lines so as not to knock the power out ... again.

Actually, this job is no small task and the implications from doing it wrong could be costly. Balloons launched here and from Doha, Qatar, provide vital information for the Airborne Laser Program.

Working hand-in-hand with specialists from the 452nd Flight Test Squadron at Edwards Air Force Base, Calif., the Air Force Research Laboratory at Kirtland AFB, N.M., and the 452nd's Detachment 2 at Kirtland, three specialists from Hanscom AFB, Mass., are gathering information to help understand atmospheric turbulence — an initial nemesis of the ABL.

After several years of sending balloons in to the air from here and Doha, Lt. Col. John Roadcap, technical advisor in the tactical environment support branch at the AFRL at Hanscom, along with Air Force contractors Kris Robinson and George Clement, have their craft down to an art.

It takes only a short time to get their three “payloads” ready each night. Four pounds of foam, plastic, wire and batteries are attached to the end of a 330-foot-long



Air Force Lt. Col. John Roadcap, a technical advisor with the Air Force Research Laboratory, prepares a balloon for testing atmospheric conditions. The research is being completed as part of the Airborne Laser program.

nylon line, which is then attached to a large balloon. Inside the payload is the equipment to transmit current levels of temperature, air pressure and humidity, and very small temperature differences measured across the length of the package.

As the balloon rises at a rate of about 16 feet per second, it sends this information to the ground station, which records these atmospheric conditions. This information, along with the star optical

measurements collected from the aircraft, is used to determine the optical turbulence in the atmosphere.

The balloons are launched at the same time the C-135E Argus is in the air gathering atmospheric turbulence data at about 45,000 feet. It's important the two sets of data be collected concurrently so the data is interpreted with the same atmospheric conditions, according to Roadcap. If the balloons run into power lines or otherwise

don't collect their data, the information recorded during the Argus flight might not be as useful.

“Without the vertical data the balloons collect, it will be difficult to interpret the star measurements,” Roadcap said. “We need to understand why, when we're looking at the stars from certain elevation angles, that the atmospheric turbulence values are increasing or decreasing.”

Roadcap said collecting data from the balloons is crucial to the ABL program.

“This is very important,” Roadcap said. “We need to know everything we can about the atmosphere and its possible effects on the laser because this is the way of the future.”

The results from the testing will help with the employment of the airborne laser, a key player in the nation's theater missile defense strategy. When fully operational in 2008, the ABL will be the primary weapon used to attack theater ballistic missiles during their boost phase. It will destroy them early in flight before their warheads have an opportunity to separate from the boost vehicle. With this strategy, the warheads and destroyed missile components will fall back on enemy territory, exposing them to whatever warhead they employed.

Editor's note: Article was written by Staff Sgt. Cindy York, who is assigned to the Public Affairs Office at Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea, and published by Air Force Print News.

Letter ... from Page 11

ber and he was forced to find refuge in yet another unit, the Bowling Green Composite Squadron in Bowling Green, Ky.

Through it all, this cadet worked his way up the ranks, attended two encampments each year (summer and winter), attended a special activity each year including a national flight encampment and CAP's International Air Cadet Exchange. When he graduated from high

school he enrolled in a flight school.

All of the cadet activities were, in the cadet's words, “great,” but the one he remembers most is the national flight encampment — and this brings us to the purpose of his phone call. The cadet is Lt. Col. Steven Mathis of KY 217 and he called to tell me he had finished flight training some time back, and now had his commercial multi-engine and multi-engine instrument certificates and was flying “right seat” for a company in Oklahoma. He also added he was attending an Oklahoma college.

I wanted to pass this along to other CAP members because when they have anything to

do with a cadet achieving his or her goal in life, it just plain makes you feel good. In the case of Steven Mathis, there are three others besides me who probably feel that way — Lt. Col. William Darby, Lt. Col. Rosemary Hackney and Lt. Col. Jeffery Tipton.

In spite of the trouble and turmoil we often face in CAP, it is clearly well worth it — thanks to cadets like Steven Mathis who make the difference.

**Lt. Col Jim Barnes
Squadron Commander
Fulton County Composite Squadron
Kentucky Wing**

Colorado, New Mexico wings conduct search for New York pilot missing west of Pueblo

Lt. Col. Nancy Hollis
Public Affairs Officer
Broomfield Composite Squadron
Colorado Wing

COLORADO — After nearly two weeks of searches by members of the Colorado and New Mexico Wings, the search for an aircraft that disappeared during a flight from New York to Las Vegas was suspended Dec. 3, 1999.

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According to AFRCC officials, no emergency locator transmitter signals were picked up from the area where the plane was believed to have gone down.

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California Wing's new ES team meets with MCs

CALIFORNIA — Maj. Jan Ostrat, California Wing's new director of emergency services, gathered the wing's mission coordinators from Northern California for the first of a series of meetings to introduce the new ES staff to all wing mission coordinators.

Meeting attendees included: Col. Ed Lewis, wing director of operations; Maj. Mike Heil, wing deputy director for communications and a mission coordinator, who provided an update on the National Telecommunications and Information Administration-compliant radios being installed in wing aircraft and the successful efforts of the communications staff to keep the wing's 31 repeater stations operational; and Capt. Tom Hird, wing aircraft manager, who briefed the wing Internet system for managing the wing's 24 powered aircraft and three gliders. The system was developed with assistance from Lt. Col. David Crawford of the Middle East Region.

Three Wings Record 13 Saves

CIVIL AIR PATROL NEWS

APRIL 1 Set As Deadline For Awards

Alaska Saves Eight During One Mission

CAP Gets 22 Spaces At School

25 YEARS AGO IN THE CIVIL AIR PATROL NEWS

- X Alaska Wing saves eight during one mission while searching for a distressed 44-foot Coast Guard boat. The survivors were located on a beach near Point Couverden in southern Alaska.
- X New Jersey's Group 244 swings into action in the wake of a violent storm that struck the East Coast. Unit aircrews provided airlift for surveying and photographing the state's shoreline.
- X Civil Air Patrol receives 22 spaces for the National Search and Rescue School at Governor's Island, N.Y., July 27 - Aug. 1.
- X Nevada Wing's Carson City Senior Squadron conducts a successful fundraising event that allows them to start building a unit search and rescue center.
- X Northeast Region joins forces with the Federal Aviation Administration to sponsor a three-day flight seminar.
- X Maine Wing links up with the state's Air National Guard in hunt for electronic locator transmitter signal in northeastern Maine.

Proposed 2001 AF budget emphasizes people, readiness, expeditionary force

RANDOLPH AIR FORCE BASE, Texas (AFPN) — The Air Force Personnel Center here has published its quarterly report on the active-duty populace. Civilian data will be available within the next few weeks.

The report offers a snapshot of the service's active-duty employees, providing a more descriptive look at the service.

The latest version covers Oct. 1 through Dec. 31. This demographic information is also available on the center's Web site under the public affairs area.

Force Strength

— Approximately 352,536 individuals are on active duty; 68,920 officers and 283,616 enlisted personnel

— The Air Force has 12,583 pilots, 5,022 navigators, 33,284 non-rated line officers in the grades of lieutenant colonel and below

** Age

— The average age of the officer force is 35; enlisted is 29

— Of the force, 35 percent are below the age of 26

— 41 percent of enlisted versus 12 percent officer

Gender

— 18 percent of the force are women

— 17 percent of the officers and 19 percent of the enlisted

— 53 percent of the female officers are line officers; 47 percent are non-line

— 84 percent of the male officers are line officers; 16 percent are non-line

— The population of women has increased from 33,000 (5.4 percent) in 1975 to 65,167

— Women first began entering pilot training in 1976, fighter pilot training in July 1993 and navigator training in 1977

— There are 364 (3 percent) female pilots and 131 (3 percent) female navigators

Race/Ethnic Group

— Racial minority representation has risen from 14 percent in 1975 to 25 percent

— 75 percent of the force are Caucasian, 16 percent Black, 5 percent Hispanic, and 5 percent Other

— Officers: 86 percent Caucasian, 6 percent Black, 2 percent Hispanic, 6 percent Other

— Enlisted: 72 percent Caucasian, 18 percent Black, 5 percent Hispanic, and 4 percent Other

Marital Status

— 63 percent of current force are married

— 74 percent of the officers; 61 percent of the enlisted

— There are 17,068 military couples in the Air Force

— 1,147 of these are married to members of other services

Family Members

— Active duty members supported 523,155 dependents

— 430,539 are family members in household

Overseas

— 21 percent of the current force are assigned overseas

— 10,216 officers; 64,243 enlisted

Total Active Federal Military Service

— The average total active federal military service is 11 years for officers and 9 years for enlisted

Academic Education

— 57 percent of the officers have advanced or professional degrees

— 45 percent have a master's, 10 percent have professional degrees, and 2 percent have doctorates

— 30 percent of company grade officers have advanced degrees;

22 percent have a master's, 8 percent have professional degrees, and 0.3 percent have doctorates

— 91 percent of field grade officers have advanced degrees; 74 percent have a master's, 14 percent have professional degrees, and 3 percent have doctorates

— 100 percent of the enlisted force have at least a high school education; 92 percent have some semester hours towards a college degree; 14 percent have an associate's degree or equivalent semester hours; 4 percent have a BA/BS; 0.7 percent have a MA/MS

Component

— 58 percent of the officers have a Regular commission

— 62 percent of the line officers have a Regular commission

Source of Commission

— 20 percent of officers were commissioned through the Air Force Academy, 42 percent through ROTC, and 20 percent through OTC. The remaining 18 percent were commissioned from other sources (direct appointment, etc.)

Term of Enlistment

— 35 percent of the enlisted personnel are serving in their first term of enlistment

— 16 percent are on their second and 49 percent are on their third or greater term of enlistment



BRIEFLY

C-17 flies into Mozambique

ROBINS AIR FORCE BASE, Ga. (AFPN) — A C-17 Globemaster III crew from Charleston Air Force Base, S.C., delivered 85,000 pounds of humanitarian goods to flood-ravaged Mozambique.

The crew from Air Force Reserve Command's 315th Airlift Wing landed in Maputo, then flew to Beira. The cargo included plastic sheeting, wool blankets and containers for drinking water. The United Nations and the World Food Bank provided the supplies, which were flown from Pisa, Italy, by the 315th AW.

AF stands down KC-135s

SCOTT AIR FORCE BASE, Ill. (AFPN) — Air Mobility Command announced Feb. 25 the stand down of 198 of the 546 C/KC-135s in the Air Force inventory as a precautionary measure for a potential stabilizer trim actuator problem.

The directive applies to specific aircraft identified by tail number throughout the Air Force inventory. An immediate time compliance technical order will be issued.

AMC officials stress there was no precipitating incident, accident, or system failure causing the stand down. This restriction is being imposed as a precautionary measure due to a manufacturing problem discovered during an assessment of processes developed to replace a stabilizer trim actuator on an aircraft.

Failure of the gear could result in a jammed stabilizer. As a result, the stabilizer could be stuck in a position that potentially hinders the airplane from going up or down with input from the pilot.

AF searches for Flight 261

WASHINGTON (AFPN) — The Air Force sent four aircraft to assist in the search and rescue operation for Alaska Air Flight 261 that crashed Jan. 31 north of Anacapa Island, Calif.

The aircraft included a night-capable MC-130 and HH-60 helicopter from the California Air National Guard's 129th Rescue Wing at Moffett Field; one UH-1 helicopter from Vandenberg Air Force Base, Calif.; and one Air Force Reserve E-3 Sentry from the 513th Air Control Group, Tinker AFB, Okla.

■ Mobility 2000 one step closer to reality

First 6 AF flight managers graduate

Maj. Eric Stake

Tanker Airlift Control Center

SCOTT AIR FORCE BASE, Ill. (AFPN) — The first six Air Force flight managers graduated from a Federal Aviation Administration-certified dispatch school recently, bringing Mobility 2000 one step closer to reality.

M2K is a restructuring of Air Mobility Command's command and control processes and systems to improve safety and operational effectiveness. It is "A must do!" according to Gen. Charles T. Robertson Jr., AMC commander. M2K is required to be able to adapt to the future international flying environment, as well as to be able to meet war-fighter needs with declining resources.

"The three main areas we are working to improve through M2K are: connectivity of aircraft-to-ground and ground-to-ground; improved data in our systems;

and a detailed system view of every AMC mission as it is being executed worldwide," said Col. Gregory Padula, Tanker Airlift Control Center director and M2K deputy project director. "In the end we will have end-to-end digital data links to and from more than 1,200 AMC aircraft, the TACC and other command and control centers, including the FAA."

"In order to accomplish this, we will adapt some of commercial airline industry's best practices to the way we do business. We are not looking to become a commercial enterprise, but want some of their efficiencies without reinventing the wheel," said Col. Terry Williams, AMC's chief of architectures and integration division and the M2K project director.

Brig. Gen. Michael Wooley, TACC commander, congratulated the first class at their recent graduation ceremony. The graduates

will be the first flight managers to "dispatch" missions from the TACC, the AMC command and control center for more than 2,000 sorties to more than 50 countries weekly.

"These flight managers were handpicked with superb operational credentials. They are the crewmembers' crew member," Padula said. "This group of six was handpicked across AMC. They were all crewmembers on a variety of tanker and airlift AMC aircraft. Additionally, one was an airline pilot and airline dispatcher, and is now a full-time Reservist for at least the next year."

The graduation ceremony capped a demanding 200-hour course, which consisted of intense instruction and thorough evaluations in the fields of meteorology, flight publications, rules and regulations, flight planning, weight and balance, and aircraft performance calculations.

Raptor weapons test



Courtesy photo

Raptor 4001 shows its claws during a recent side-weapons-bay-doors-open test at Edwards Air Force Base, Calif. The F-22 is designed to carry two AIM-9M or X Sidewinder short-range, heat-seeking air-to-air missiles in its side weapons bays. The F-22 flight test program is scheduled to launch a Sidewinder from a Raptor for the first time later this year.

New communications technology assures command, control

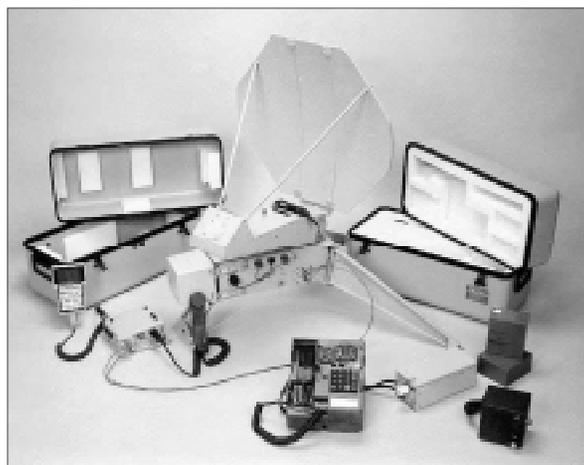
Navy Journalist 1st Class Michael J. Meridith

U.S. Strategic Command Public Affairs

OFFUTT AIR FORCE BASE, Neb. (AFPN) — The recent employment of new communications technology has expanded the ability of U.S. Strategic Command to assure command and control of the nation's nuclear forces.

The Single Channel Anti-jam Man Portable terminal is a secure, easily transportable communications system that allows strategic forces to communicate, even after a nuclear conflict has begun. A fixed-site configuration, specifically designed for USSTRATCOM, went operational Jan. 31 at 15 bomber, reconnaissance and tanker bases. Another 14 fixed-site terminals are slated for additional air refueling wings later this year. The transportable SCAMP will also be sent to strategic mobile teams this year.

Air Force Lt. Col. Kirk H. Pridell, who



Courtesy photo

The newly fielded single channel anti-jam man-portable terminal — called SCAMP — communications system dramatically expands survivable command and control of U.S. nuclear forces.

helped shape the system's strategic requirements, said SCAMP has all but revolutionized

command and control of strategic forces. "SCAMP provides the final linkage between our command centers, the shooters, and mobile support teams," said Pridell. "This is the first time these command posts have had a truly survivable communications capability."

According to Pridell, distributing the system to the strategic task forces was a collaborative effort bringing together technical experts from USSTRATCOM, the Electronic Systems Center, Air Combat Command, Air Mobility Command, the Army Procurement Office and Rockwell Collins.

The four-year effort did more than create an efficient communication system — the SCAMP's fixed-site configuration also introduced cost savings exceeding \$40 million over its predecessor, the antiquated Ground Wave Emergency Network system. The fixed-site GWEN system was judged obsolete and shut down nearly two years ago.

'ROTOR HEADS'

National Capital Wing cadets deal with thumping rotor blades, vertical speed, torque

The rotor blades thumped in the background as the pilot stared at his instrument panel, illuminated by an eerie red light. Remembering not to look at one instrument too long, he proceeded to scan each instrument reading individually. Air Speed, Heading, Attitude, Vertical Speed, Torque, all seemed to be within the standard normal limits.

The copilot carefully watched his instruments, as well as the reactions of the pilot. Reaching over, and slightly drawing the pilot's attention, he flicked a switch. Before the pilot had time to ask what he was doing, everything in the cockpit went mad.

Painfully loud sirens began to erupt in their headsets. The carefully balanced flight controls were thrown out of balance as the Huey tipped its nose toward the ground. Warning lights lit up the caution panel, indicating one thing, engine failure.

Repeating in his mind what he was taught to do in this situation, the pilot began to slowly regain control of the aircraft.

"We're descending too rapidly," the copilot said. "Do you want me to take control?"

"I can handle it," the pilot said nervously, yet seemingly confident. "I hope," he added, this time to himself.

"We're 100 feet from the ground," said the copilot, "80, 60, 40!"

At the precise moment he was taught, he decreased his airspeed and pulled up on the collective, changing the pitch of the blades and giving the chopper a cushion of air with which to land. Making final adjustments, the pilot landed the aircraft with only a slight bump instead of that horrible jolt. Both men breathed a deep sigh of relief.

"Good job, cadet," the instructor said, turning toward the cadet who had just crash landed the UH-1 flight simulator. "That's enough for today. Cockpit 4 requests going off-motion." The large hydraulics hissed as Simulator Number Four

descended from its lofty perch near the ceiling of the large room.

Three other simulators twisted and turned in place, surprisingly graceful and smooth for their large size. As they exited, the instructor ejected the tape from the VCR attached to the back of the simulator. The entire session was taped — to study later. And study the cadet would. Like those



Cadets Walton Dabney, foreground, and Eric Rechenbach get in some flying time in a UH-1 helicopter flight simulator with Lt. Col. John W. Hoffman, their flight instructor.

before him, he was determined to successfully complete the National Capital Wing's Cadet Orientation UH-1 Flight Simulator Flight Training Program.

Lt. Col. John W. Hoffmann, program creator and primary instructor, has led eight CAP cadets, each with 10 hours of flying time, through the course. The program focuses on basic flight maneuvers in a helicopter and on helicopter instrument flight. (All the windows in the cockpit are "fogged" over, forcing a pilot to fly only with instruments.

Cadets receive four hours of basic instrument flight, three hours of navigation and three hours of approaches. It is one of a handful of training courses in CAP dealing with rotary wing aircraft and the first devoted solely to instrument flying.

Current CAP orientation flights in most squadrons deal with fixed wing aircraft in visual conditions. The look and feel of a helicopter in flight, even if it is simulated, is quite different.

Cadet Erik Rechenbach, who earned his solo wings at the National Flight Academy in Fort Pickett, Va., said, "Piloting a helicopter takes more out of you than a conventional airplane. Changing your speed and staying on your heading is exhausting compared to flying a fixed-wing."

The entire course takes a minimum of two weeks

to many months, depending upon the amount of time available by the cadet student. It is a one-on-one instructor-to-student course, sponsored by the 12th Aviation Battalion Flight Simulator Division, Davison Army Airfield, Fort Belvoir, Va.

First to complete the program was Rechenbach of the National Capital Wing's Mount Vernon Composite Squadron. So far eight cadets have completed the program. I, myself also had the opportunity to complete the training and later went on to solo at the CAP National Flight Academy in Tennessee. The flight control inputs for the aircraft and instrument knowledge I learned in the helicopter simulation program, made me comfortable with other types of aircraft, such as the Cessna 172.

Besides learning the basics of helicopter flight, some cadets have received extra credit in their private or public school. The course is free, the cadets get a chance to solo in the simulator, and, after successful completion, receive an official certificate. But most importantly, it's fun.



From left, cadet Eric Rechenbach, Lt. Col. John W. Hoffman and cadet Walton Dabney share a proud moment after some simulator time.



Left, cadets Walton Dabney and Walton Dabney put the simulator through its paces.

**Cadet Walton Dabney
Mount Vernon Composite Squadron
National Capital Wing**

SENIOR PROGRAMS



GILL ROBB WILSON AWARD

LT COL FRANKLIN S BROWN	CA
LT COL EARL D TILLMAN	GA
COL JAMES P. NORVELL	NM



PAUL E. GARBER AWARD

MAJ DON A ECKHARDT	AZ
MAJ WILLIAM R HARTMANN	CA
CAPT SUSAN E SCHINDLER	CT
MAJ FRANCIS R POOLE	FL
CAPT ARESTEDES PETAROS	GA
MAJ MITCHELL KRELL	MS
MAJ JOSEPH V SIROIS	NJ
LT COL EUGENE E PACKER	RMR
MAJ JAMES M RUSHING	TN
MAJ DARRELL L HAMM	TN
CAPT ROY D DAVIS	VA



GROVER LOENING AWARD

MAJ GERALD A GODWIN	AZ
CAPT JOSEPH A SPAHR	CA
CAPT JANEY F THORNTON	CA
CAPT SHARLEEN L JORDAN	CA
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CAPT KARLA L JOHANSON	CO
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CAPT PAUL W CHARBONNEAU	NE
CAPT MARY L LANE	NHQ
MAJ TIMOTHY E KINSELLA	PA
1LT JUAN A RODRIGUEZ	PR

RETIREMENTS

LT COL ELDON S. ROTH	AZ	28 AUG 76 - 31 DEC 99	23
LT COL BOBBY E. SHERRILL	NC	28 DEC 68 - 31 DEC 99	
		1 JUN 45 - 30 JUN 48 CADET SVC	31
LT COL IGNATIUS S. FINIZIO	NJ	28 FEB 55 - 30 SEP 99	44
LT COL GEORGE E. MULLEN	MA	28 NOV 81 - 20 NOV 99	18
MAJ ANNA O. SCHEIDLY	NJ	28 JAN 83 - 4 DEC 99	16
MAJ JAMES D. JACOBS	NY	11 JUL 72 - 11 MAR 99	27
MAJ JAMES F. BRUNO	WI	28 DEC 81 - 31 DEC 99	18
MAJ GEORGE G. KOUPAL	IL	28 APR 72 - 31 DEC 99	27
CAPT BETTY-ANN SHERRILL	NC	28 DEC 75 - 30 NOV 99	
		1 MAR 69 - 30 MAR 72 CADET SVC	24

*Congratulations to all retirees
and awardees!*

CAPT JAMES M BROWNMILLER	TX
CAPT RANDALL S HARDY	VA
CAPT DAVID C SCULL	VA



BRIG. GEN. CHARLES E. "CHUCK" YEAGER AEROSPACE EDUCATION ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

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1LT LEON C. CROW	AZ
CAPT DAVID M. COPPOM	CA
CAPT RICHARD MATA	CA
1LT KEVIN J. MCDOWELL	CA
2LT ROBERT J. POLLARD	CA
1LT JOSHUA G. PUHL	CA
2LT MICHAEL J. SWHARTZ	CA
CAPT JOSEPH J. SWENSON	CO
CAPT BRIAN C. ALTMILLER	MD
CAPT BRIAN S. COATS	MD
1LT BRUCE B. DRURY	MD
1LT DONNA M. EATON	MD
1LT JOHN C. KILGALLON	MD
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1LT KATHRYN A. STONEKING	MN
MAJ TOM CONNOR	MT
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CAPT JOHN FEATHER	MT
1LT ROBERT L. BLANTON	NC
1LT CHRISTOPHER R. HASTY	OH
1LT JAMES JOHNSON	OH
CAPT RYAN WILLIAMS	OH
2LT JOHN M. WITMER	OH
MAJ JAMES A. PIERCE	OH
CAPT HARRY BRODZINSKI	PA
SM DAVID L. FIELDING	PA
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SM RUTH RANKOSKY	PA
MAJ CHARLES B. HANCHAK	PA
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SM LINDA MC HALE	PA
SM VINCENT MC HALE	PA
SM HAROLD J. NEWBERRY	PA
2LT BRUCE RUSSELL	PA
2LT CONNIE SANTELL	PA
2LT FRED SERICH	PA
1LT JASONE SECREST	PA
SM ANDREW WALKER	PA
MAJ BRYAN WATSON	PA
2LT DAVID B. WOLD	PA
2LT P. ZELENAK	PA
1LT JESUS E. DELGADO	PR
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CAPT ROBERT E. HENDERSON	TX
MAJ FRANKLIN F. KENNEDY	TX
2LT CHARLES L. SIMIEN	TX
MAJ LARRY SPRULIN	TX
CAPT RONALD A. KING	VA
CAPT ROGER MITCHELL	WV
SM WARREN WEAKLEY	WV

CADET PROGRAMS



GEN. IRA C. EAKER AWARD

CHRISTOPHER E. ANGEL	AL
CLINTON E. ANGEL	AL
DONALD R. HAMMOND	CA
ADAM J. FIGLENSKI	FL
KEITH PORTILLO	FL
ADAM J. FINGLENSKI	FL
JASON L. MAHAFFEY	FL
DEREK S. FAN	FL
JOEL R. WILLIS	GA
CLINT BRADLEY	KS
SARAH E. SMITH	LA
ROBERT J. REPETTO	NJ
KENNETH S. HARDY	PA
SEAN T. CONROY	PA
JAMES B. OUTLAND	TN
SARAH O. ROY	TN
ALAN D. PRAVEL	TX
RUSSELL E. CHAZELL	UT
JONATHAN L. DODD	WV



AMELIA EARHART AWARD

JERRAD B. LEE	AR
IAN P. BARROWCLOUGH	AZ
LUKE W. THIVIERGE	CA
BRIAN E. RODKEY	CA
DONALD R. HAMMOND	CA
MICHAEL A. TIER	FL
LEWIS J. PATTERSON	GA
JOSHUA B. HORNBERGER	IN
RYAN C. JOHNSON	MA
RENEE D. ALLARD	MI
JENNIFER E. GORMAN	MI
EMILY L. HELLMUTH	MN
SHAUN P. RYAN	MN
ANDREW T. DEW	MN
MARK DAVIS	MS
GABRIEL A. JENKO	MT
JOAN R. SANTIAGO	PR
KADESHA M. FRETTO	PR
MICHAEL L. TURNER	TX
KELLEY J. KRAEMER	TX
CATILIN R. CIMA	TX
HUNTER L. HOLLRAH	TX
DAVID E. GASTINEAU	TX
CAROLYN J. PACK	UT
TED M. GERMAN	VA
JOSEPH R. JODOIN	VT
AARON J. THIEL	WI



GEN. BILLY MITCHELL AWARD

JARED O. LING	AL
NATHANIEL SOHL	AR
ERIC M. ROBBINS	AZ
VERONICA L. ROBBINS	AZ
CATHERINE L. CROWE	AZ
REBEKAH A. JOHNSON	AZ
ANTHONY M. KETCHUM	AZ
SUZANNE F. BULICHI	CA
ROBERT J. JOHNSON	CA
SEAN M. HALBERT	CA
PHILLIP L. HADA	CA
TARA E. HORNE	CA
JONATHAN L. MARKIEWITZ	CA

MICHAEL J. EAKMAN	CA
THOMAS J. GOCKEL	CA
JOSHUA D. OREDSON	CO
ADAM R. GAVRICH	CO
JAMES M. RALPH	CO
SHANE J. SHIVELY	CO
STERLING D. OSBORN	CT
MICHAEL C. PERINA	CT
MATTHEW P. SALVATORE	CT
JAMES R. LINDSAY	CT
RICHARD B VISINSKI JR.	CT
JERRY A. HORN	DE
STEVEN L. SCHAPPERT	FL
CHRIS A. MASSA	FL
ROBERT M. SHELBY	FL
JOSHUA A. NEMESER	FL
BENJAMIN JAY TURINSKY	FL
KAREN N. ROTHMEL	FL
ASHLEI K. HAMADA	FL
BRETT MATCHCHECK	GA
CHRIS M. FARRIS	IL
MICHAEL H. DUNN	IL
STEPHEN R. FRAME	IN
MICHAEL C. PHILLIPP	IN
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BRANDON L. GRIFFIN	MI
BARBARA L. HAVRILAK	MN
NEIL A. TORNBLOM	MO
NATHAN E. WHITTAKER	MO
LYNN K. MILLER	MO
ADAM H. CROXTON	MS
CHRIS D. FLINT	MT
GARRET E. DOVER	MT
WESLEY S. WRIGHT	NC
ADAM T. HAUSER	NC
MICHAEL A. WILLIAMS	NC
LUCUS R. TUCKER	NC
SHARON R. WEEKS	NC
DAN M. MAAS	NE
TRACI L. O'DONNELL	NJ
RANDALL L. GAUDREAN	NJ
ANDREW P. FAMA	NJ
CHRISTOPHER G. CRANN	NJ
CORIN JOHNS	NM
JACK SABBA	NY
FREDERICK J. ALBRIGHT	NY
MICHAEL A. PERRY	NY
REBECCA E. BARKLEY	NY
VINCENT P. ENGBITH	NY
ASHLEY M. BLUM	NY
EDWARD W. DAVIS	OH
ANTHONY J. DE MARINO	OH
GREG D. PIKUS	OH
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JUSTIN S. JARVIS	OK
DAVID J. COLE	OR
CHAD C. CARVALHO	PA
MARK D. TAPPENDORF	PA
WILSON VEGA	PR
ANTHONY D. ALLEN	PR
EDWARD C. SUTTON II	SC
LADSON LEE BERRY	SC
MATTEW W. SCHMIDT	SD
BENJAMIN L. CATLETT	SD
RYAN W. HAMPSON	TN
MICHAEL T. LOWE	TN
NATHAN C. WATERS	TX
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HEIDI A. BOULANGER	VT
GRAHAM R. BUDD	VT
ALAN J. MURRAY JR.	VT
ADAM L. TRUSO	VT
RYAN M. WHALEN	VT
AARON M. BIGLER	WA
JASON C. GRANGER	WA
DANIEL J. CLARK	WA
LUKE M. VILLWORK	WI
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RHODE ISLAND ★ VERMONT

MAINE — Several members of the Bangor-Brewer Composite Squadron received awards during the squadron's annual awards night.

Awards were presented to both cadets and senior members by Capt. Charles Bragg, squadron commander, during the meeting, which was held at a local Armed Forces Reserve Center.

Cadets who received awards were: Nathan Hicks, cadet of the year; Meaghan Wepner, outstanding first year cadet; Matthew Flagg, commander's military customs and courtesies award; Andy Hiles, overall model rocketry winner; and Bruce Sutherland, Randy Hiles and Andy Hiles, aerospace education and model rocketry awards.

Sandra Beck received the senior member of the year award.

Members who received promotions were: Cadet Senior Airman Tanya Henderson; 2nd Lts. Albert Henderson and Helen Henderson; Cadet Airmen Chris Blush and Erik Rae; Cadet Airman 1st Class Crystal Carter; and Cadet Staff Sgts. Meaghan Wepner and Devin Stout.

Lt. Col. Kay Brown and Lt. Terry Daughinee, deputy commander for cadets, assisted Bragg with the presentations.

2nd Lt. Sandra Beck

MASSACHUSETTS — Members of the Essex County Composite Squadron recently held a change of command

ceremony, at which several awards were presented for excellence in 1999.

Cadet 2nd Lt. Natalie Martin assumed the position of cadet squadron commander from Matthew Bailey.

Some of the cadets who received awards were: 2nd Lt. Victoria Britton, cadet of the year; Sgt. William Fernald, cadet of distinction; and Airman Beau Landry, most-improved cadet.

Awards were also presented to senior members 2nd Lts. Ted Watson, senior of the year, and Russ Cahalane, senior of distinction.

Also during the meeting, Cadet Sgt. William Fernald assumed the position of first sergeant, and Cadet 2nd Lts. Meaghan Cahalane and Jonathon Kuipers became flight commanders.

*2nd Lts. Meaghan and
Russ Cahalane*

NEW HAMPSHIRE — Several members of the New Hampshire Wing received awards at the 1999 wing conference held in Portsmouth, N.H.

Col. Kenneth Herman, New Hampshire Wing commander, presented awards to: Capt. Jim Beach, communicator of the year; Cadet 1st Lt. Jason Smith, cadet of the year; Cadet 1st Lt. Morgan Gagne, cadet leadership award; Maj. Darren Ninness, staff member of the year; 1st Lt. Harold Wheeler, senior member of the year; and Maj. Curt LaFond, squadron commander of the year.

Commander's commendations were received by: 1st Lts. Aileen Anderson and Gerald Chenard; Capts. Phelps Laszlo, Tom Ianuzzi, Steven Donnell, Kevin Madore and Robert Lee; Majs. Margie Sambold, Mead Herrick,

George Guild, Larry Sartin and Frank Swain Jr.; and Lt. Cols. Thaddeus Piorek, Merrell Collard, Hans vanden Biggelaar and Gordon Cheney.

Capt. Penny H. Hardy

NEW HAMPSHIRE — About 70 people gathered as several cadets from the Hawk Cadet Squadron received honors at the squadron's annual awards dinner.

Maj. Curt LaFond, squadron commander, and Col. Kenneth Herman, New Hampshire Wing commander, presented awards to five cadets.

Cadets who received awards were: Capt. Jason Smith; 2nd Lts. Jennifer McAllister and Morgan Gagne; Senior Master Sgt. Chad McAllister; and Airman 1st Class Patrick Kimball.

Capt. Jim Beach was also honored at the annual event,



A cadet from New Jersey Wing's Paramus Composite Squadron learns about the gear F-16 pilots use from Master Sgt. Arnie Karp of the New Jersey Air National Guard's 177th Fighter Wing.

Coast to Coast

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which was held at the Governor Blood Building in Laconia, N.H.

Capt. Penny H. Hardy

NEW JERSEY — Promotions were presented to several members of the Jack Schweiker Composite Squadron.

Maj. Dennis Walton, squadron commander, and 2nd Lt. Jennifer Rudolph, cadet commander, presented the promotions during a regular squadron meeting.

The cadets who were promoted included: Airman Ty Clark; Airmen 1st Class Richard Bukowczyk, Steven Bukowczyk and Aaron Realey; Sgts. Adam Daniel, Dennis Mallon and John Presner; and Senior Master Sgt. Heidi Glaudel.

Senior members promoted were 1st Lts. Kevin Godfrey, Tim Schober and Robert MacIntire.

The Schweiker squadron is based at the Cherry Hill Armory and has members from Camden, Burlington and Gloucester counties.

2nd Lt. Barbara Nowicki

NEW JERSEY — The Paramus Composite Squadron's cadet program has been improved because of the kindness of a nearby fighter wing.

According to Doug Parker, public affairs officer for the Paramus squadron, members from the New Jersey Air National Guard's 177th Fighter Wing have gone above and beyond the call of duty to help educate and entertain Paramus cadets.

Parker also said that members of the fighter unit have hosted several tours and introduced the cadets to everything from the gear pilots carry to F-16 Fighting Falcons on the flight line.

The 177th is an F-16 fighter wing based out of Atlantic City, N.J.

Doug Parker

NEW YORK — The former commander of the Rochester Composite Squadron turned over squadron command and accepted command of a New York group at the squadron's annual ball.

Lt. Col. Candi Jones turned over command of the Rochester squadron to Capt. Marvin McIntyre to become the commander of the New York

Wing's Finger Lakes Group.

Jones succeeded Maj. William Hughes as group commander. Hughes served as group commander for five years.

Several awards were also presented at the ball. Col. Richard Greenhut, New York Wing commander, presented the Gen. Billy Mitchell Award to Cadet 2nd Lt. Cucchiara, a flight commander and the squadron's noncommissioned officer of the year for 1998.

Cucchiara's mother, U.S. Army Lt. Col. Rita Cucchiara, was present at the ball.

2nd Lts. Anthony Rocco and Henry Kicera and Master Sgts. Lauren Tomkiewicz and Jennifer Hill were all recognized as cadets of the quarter for the four quarters of 1999.

Other cadets who received awards included: Senior Airman Joseph Georgia, the excelsior award for excellence in academics for a cadet new to the program; Master Sgt. Lauren Tomkiewicz, noncommissioned officer of the year and promotion to the position of first sergeant; 2nd Lt. Anthony Rocco, cadet of the year; and Capt. Marvin McIntyre, senior member of the year.

*Capt. Sean W.P. O'Toole and
Maj. Mark Jones*

NEW YORK — An article co-authored by a member of the Buffalo Composite Squadron was published in a national magazine.

Maj. David J. Albanese helped write an article entitled "Civil Affairs Forces: Civilians on the Battlefield at the Joint Readiness Training Center." The article was published in Infantry magazine.

In the article, the authors outlined how civil affairs forces operate to lessen civilian interference in military operations by building rapport and offering humanitarian assistance to the nearby civilian population.

Albanese is an active duty U.S. Army officer serving with the 4th Psychological Operations Group at Fort Bragg, N.C.

He is also a former Buffalo squadron commander, mission observer, and graduate of the U.S. Air Force Search Management Course.

2nd Lt. Julie M. Sager

NEW YORK — Members of the Col. Francis S. Gabreski Composite Squadron joined

thousands in efforts to raise money to fight breast cancer.

Squadron members gathered at the Jones Beach State Park to assist the American Cancer Society in their annual Breast Cancer Walk-a-Thon. About 14,000 people showed up for the event and about \$13 million was raised.

Squadron members helped with crowd control and safety.

Maj. James A. Hirsch, squadron commander, said he was pleased with how things went. "It's events like this that make us proud to help out."

Additional cadet support was provided by the Nassau Cadet Squadron, under the direction of Capt. Bill Brochu, squadron commander.

Representatives from the American Cancer Society said they looked forward to having CAP help in the future, and Hirsch vowed continued squadron support for the event.

Thomas C. Brady

PENNSYLVANIA — Several awards were handed out at the Harrisburg International Composite Squadron's 10th annual awards banquet.

The banquet was held at the home of the 193rd Special Operations Wing of the Pennsylvania Air National Guard. The guest speaker was Judith Redlawsk, director of air operations for the Harsco Corporation from Harrisburg, Pa.

At the banquet, awards were presented to both cadets and senior members. 1st Lt. Michael Huffstutler, assistant deputy commander for cadets, presented awards to these cadets: Tech. Sgt. Daniel Miller, cadet of the first quarter; 2nd Lt. Neil Baughman, cadet officer of the first quarter; Tech. Sgt. Craig Gauthier, cadet of the second quarter; 2nd Lt. Matthew Atwood, cadet officer of the second quarter; 2nd Lt. Mary Jo Szekeres, cadet of the third quarter; 2nd Lt. Brandon Kopp, cadet officer of the third quarter; Airman 1st Class Kory Swope, cadet of the fourth quarter; and 2nd Lt. Angela Sampaio, cadet officer of the fourth quarter.

Lt. Charles Bechtel, commander of Group 2, presented 2nd Lt. Neil Baughman with the cadet of the year award.

Lt. Col. Robert Troisi

presented the Gen. Billy Mitchell Award to Cadet 2nd Lts. Neil Baughman, Brandon Kopp and Mary Jo Skezeres.

Col. Fredric Weiss, Pennsylvania Wing commander, presented the Ira C. Eaker Award to Cadet Lt. Col. Maryssa Skezeres.

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A cadet from the Harrisburg International Composite Squadron recently became the third generation of his family to become CAP flyers.

Cadet 2nd Lt. Neil Baughman made his first solo flight on his birthday, following in the footsteps of his father and grandfather, both of whom earned their pilot's license and served as CAP members in Pennsylvania.

In 1948, Neil Frederick Baughman joined a Harrisburg, Pa., squadron. He later earned his pilot's license, as did his son, 1st Lt. Charles Baughman. Charles Baughman is the father of Cadet Neil Baughman.

Charles Baughman is now a senior member of the Harrisburg International squadron and serves as the aerospace officer.

Neil Baughman serves as the cadet aerospace officer and was named cadet of the year by his squadron.

Maj. Sara Shenefelt

PENNSYLVANIA — Several members of the Doylestown Composite Squadron flew aboard a C-130 Hercules to Wright-Patterson Air Force Base in Dayton, Ohio.

The members boarded the C-130 at Willow Grove Naval Air Station in Willow Grove, Pa. They spent the night in Ohio at the Wright-Patterson visiting airman's quarters.

The following morning was spent touring the aviation museum at Wright-Patterson. During the tour, squadron members had the opportunity to see the new F-22 Raptor, which had just finished flight testing, as well as many historical displays.

In the afternoon, the group saw the presidential section of the museum, which holds several planes, including an Air Force One Boeing 707.

The trip was organized by Capt. Daniel Pompei.

*Cadet Senior Master Sgt.
John Fischer*

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NORTH CAROLINA —

Members of the North Carolina Wing will be able to work more effectively with local emergency services after taking a class on the incident command system.

Twelve wing members took the class on basic incident command, taught by Maj. David Bratton, Group 7 commander. All who attended were certified in basic incident command.

By going to this system of incident management, CAP units will be able to work better with those agencies who already use the incident command system, such as local emergency service units.

Bratton is certified by the state of North Carolina as an instructor in all phases of incident command. He is also the training officer for the Havelock, N. C. police department and the city's emergency services director.

Those who attended the course included: Lt. Cols. Mike Whittington, Weenis Surratt, Larry Ragland and Stan Ingram; Maj. Leslie Ingram, Douglas Dudley and Michael Kies; Capt. Talmon Blood; and 1st Lts. Robert Nesbit, Thomas Merrill and George Hurley.

Lt. Col. Stan Ingram

VIRGINIA — Despite temperatures below freezing, members of the Clinch Valley Composite Squadron showed their support for the Salvation Army during the holidays.

Cadets and senior members served as "bell-ringers" and collected donations at area retail stores for two consecutive weekends. The money raised went toward the Salvation Army's humanitarian efforts.

Participants were: Majs. Larry Cyphers and Pat Beavers; and cadets Jon

Nikkel, Cassie Sparks and Chris Hale.

Maj. Pat Beavers

VIRGINIA — Cadets from four squadrons took a trip to Maryland to see the U.S. Naval Academy take on Tulane University in a college football game.

Cadets from the Winchester, Fredericksburg, Leesburg and Burke squadrons traveled together to Annapolis, Md., to watch the naval academy midshipman defeat Tulane.

In addition to watching the football game, the cadets ate breakfast and dinner with the midshipmen, and marched with them to the football field for the game.

Gina Elkins Hope

VIRGINIA — The Virginia Wing appointed a new mission coordinator/incident commander to manage searches on behalf of the Air Force Rescue Coordination Center at Langley Air Force Base, Va., and Virginia Department of Emergency Services.

Maj. Robert G. Wingfield of Roanoke, Va., was added to the list of 23 mission coordinators across Virginia.

Wingfield has been involved with CAP for 30 years, and was active in emergency services most of that time. He most recently served as ground emergency services officer.

Wingfield is also a ground search and rescue course instructor for the state department of emergency services.

1st Lt. Donna Johnson

VIRGINIA — Members of the Langley Composite Squadron toured the life support group at Langley Air Force Base, Va.

The life support group is responsible for maintaining the gear military pilots use to survive hostile terrain and expedite rescue when they crash.

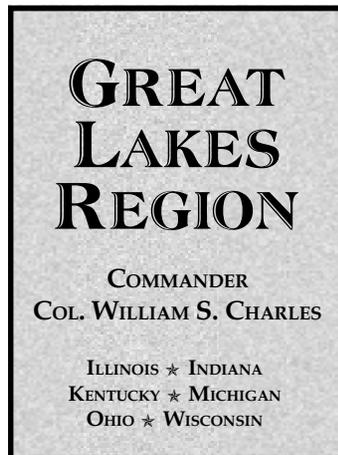
During the tour, squadron members were able to examine many of the essential items pilots use, including survival vests, personnel harnesses and cold-water suits.

After learning about, handling, and donning some of the gear, members went to the group's virtual reality parachute training site.

At this site, trainees wear virtual reality goggles while suspended in a parachute

harness. A computer uses input from the trainee to simulate parachuting to the ground after ejecting from aircraft.

Maj. John Grubb



KENTUCKY — Several cadets from the Louisville Composite Squadron completed a training course designed to improve their leadership skills.

Eight cadet noncommissioned officers completed the course, in which subjects such as self-discipline, maintaining discipline and public speaking were taught.

The course was based on material from the leadership laboratory, but the information was complemented with information from real life.

The course was created to

expand on the existing training material and to meet the needs of experienced cadets.

The purpose was to give each of the noncommissioned officers a foundation to build upon as they progress to the cadet officer ranks. It was taught in eight weekly sessions.

The first cadets to complete the course were: Tech. Sgts. Thomas Murphy, Joseph Murphy, Brian Wimpsett and Matt Williams; Staff Sgts. Jacob Ballou, Molly Schaeffer and Jeb Dale; and Master Sgt. Jason Munsel.

Each noncommissioned officer who successfully completed the course took on additional responsibilities in training and leading teams in emergency service-related missions.

Once the noncommissioned officers learn about a particular subject, they train other squadron members and then cross-train in other specialties.

Squadron officials say they have noticed significant improvements in several areas since the course was held, and that those cadets who attended the course are better at setting — and achieving — goals.

Capt. Matt Butkis

KENTUCKY — Forty-four cadets and seven senior

members from three wings participated in the 1999 Kentucky Wing Winter Encampment.

The 51 Great Lakes Region members who participated in the encampment represented the Michigan, Kentucky and North Carolina wings.

Cadets were at the encampment for six days of training on a variety of topics ranging from search and rescue to military customs and courtesies.

The encampment was hosted by the Millersburg Military Academy, located north of Lexington, Ky.

The encampment's honor flight was commanded by Cadet 2nd Lt. Michael Strady, and the flight sergeant was Cadet Tech. Sgt. Timothy May.

Cadet Staff Sgt. Seth Evans, Eagle Composite Squadron, was the encampment's honor cadet.

Cadet Staff Sgt. Robert Howard, Campbell Composite Squadron, and Cadet Airman Sean Blackwell, Boone County Composite Squadron, were flight honor cadets.

Cadet Airman Joseph Julick was the most improved cadet.

Three cadets from Fort Knox's Golden Armor Composite Squadron participated in the encampment: Airmen 1st Class Billy Knight and Shane

Glass, and Airman Chad Willet.

Capt. Brian Cook served as encampment commander. *Capt. Jayson Altieri*

KENTUCKY — Several members of the Campbell County Composite Squadron received honors at a special end-of-year awards ceremony.

The ceremony was divided into three sections, and began with the presentation of the Gen. Billy Mitchell Awards.

Mitchell awards were presented to Cadet 2nd Lts. Katie Ebeling and Michael Strady by U.S. Representative Ken Lucas, from Kentucky's 4th District, and 1st Lts. Tim Henn, squadron commander, and Steve Wolfe, operations officer.

In the second section of the awards ceremony, six cadets received promotions to airman. The cadets were: Jeremy Schrand, Dennis Chaney, Nick Osterbrook, Sean Rengering, Chris Wheatley and Bobby McKinney.

The third section of the evening was the presentation of the Albert J. Enzweiler Memorial Flight Scholarship.

The scholarship was created in 1999 when six Campbell County squadron pilots contributed money to help pass on their love of flying.

The six were: Tom Edwards; Capt. Steve Enzweiler; 1st Lt. Steve Wolfe; and 2nd Lts. Dave Munday, Chris Suttles, and Jim Schneider.

They named the scholarship for Enzweiler's father, a barnstormer who encouraged people to pursue their dreams.

To be eligible for the scholarship, cadets had to pass a 60-question written exam and a two-hour oral exam created by Tom Edwards, professor of aeronautics at Northern Kentucky University and a Federal Aviation Administration examiner.

Cadet 2nd Lt. Michael Strady was awarded the scholarship at the ceremony.

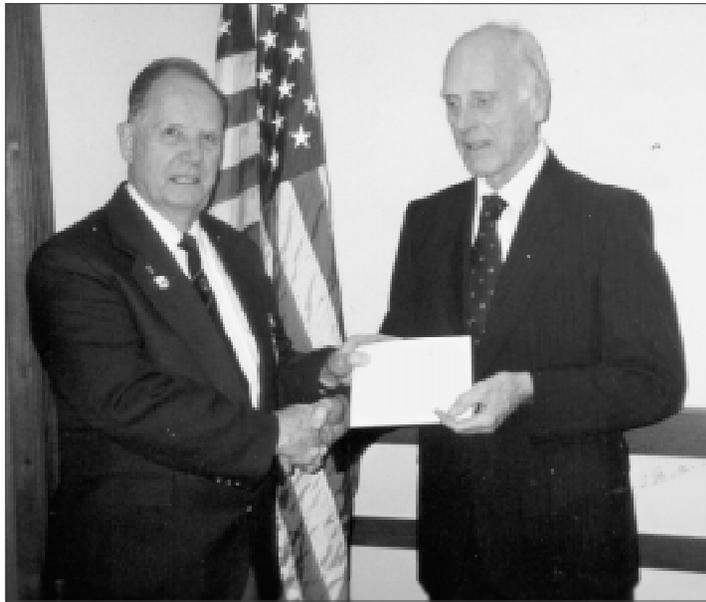
Other guests at the ceremony included Lt. Col. Bill Schneider, Kentucky Wing aerospace education officer, and Maj. Loretta Holbrook, Kentucky Wing cadet programs officer.

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Cadets practice folding the flag during the 1999 Kentucky Winter Encampment. About 44 cadets from three wings in the Great Lakes Region attended the encampment at the Millersburg Military Academy north of Louisville, Ky.

★ 38 YEARS OF SERVICE



Left, Maj. George S. Kelly, chaplain of Ohio Wing's Group 7, presents a certificate of recognition to Maj. Carl W. Herring, former Wright Brothers Aero Squadron chaplain. Herring retired at the end of 1999 after 38 years of service.

A senior member from the Campbell County Composite Squadron presented his research paper at an aerospace science conference in Reno, Nev.

2nd Lt. David Munday delivered a paper entitled "Flow Control Experiments for Low Re-Adaptive Airfoils" at the 38th Annual Aerospace Sciences Conference of the American Institute for Aeronautics and Astronautics.

Munday is a research fellow and doctoral candidate at the University of Kentucky's department of mechanical engineering.

2nd Lt. Mary Pranger

MICHIGAN — A cadet from Michigan Wing's Kalamazoo Composite Squadron received his private pilot's license, while a senior member became one of fewer than 200 flight instructors to be classified as a master instructor.

Cadet Capt. Rick Lauterbach completed his Federal Aviation Administration check ride and received his private pilot's license.

Lauterbach, currently cadet commander of the Kalamazoo squadron, attended the CAP National Powered Flight School in Oshkosh, Wisc. He earned his cadet solo wings in 1998.

Capt. Edmond Verville has been designated a master certified flight instructor by the

National Association of Flight Instructors.

While there are about 78,000 certified flight instructors in the U.S., fewer than 200 nationwide have earned the master instructor designation.

Verville is one of only four master CFIs in the state of Michigan.

OHIO — Cadets from the Wright-Patterson Composite Squadron prepared for future ceremonies by attending a course taught by members of the Wright-Patterson Air Force Base honor guard.

U.S. Air Force Staff Sgt. Brian Fair and Airman 1st Class Roopa Mahal, base honor guard members, worked with the cadet color guard for about six hours.

The training session provided the cadets with a knowledge of Air Force procedures for posting and retrieving colors at military ceremonies. Specific topics included folding the flag, parade marching routines, and uniform care and appearance.

Cadets who participated included: Master Sgt. Stephanie Robinson, Airman 1st Class Robert Manifold, and Airmen Doug Sisco and Harry Drake. The senior members who participated were: Maj. F. Ann O'Brien, Capt. George Colleary and Master Sgt. Jim Walker.

Master Sgt. Jim Walker

OHIO — A ground team from the Tusco Composite Squadron was honored at the 1999 Ohio Wing senior awards ceremony.

The team received the Ohio Wing's ground team of the year award.

Several of the members of the ground team have served on staff for numerous training schools, including the Ohio Wing Ground Operations Training School and National Ground Search and Rescue School.

They also served as staff members on many search and rescue missions, both real and practice.

James Johnson

WISCONSIN — Cadets from the La Crosse Composite Squadron had the chance to learn about global positioning systems at meetings attended by two regional aerospace education directors.

Alice Noble, director of aerospace education for the Great Lakes Region, and Dennis L. Yeager, director of aerospace education for the North Central Region, brought several handheld GPS devices to help the cadets learn how to use the devices.

The directors also offered information and advice to Cadet 2nd Lt. Amanda Spangler, who teaches cadets about the GPS devices.

Maj. Gary A. Russell, squadron aerospace education officer for cadets, assisted Spangler.

Noble brought enough GPS devices so that there was one device for every two cadets, which helped speed up the learning process.

According to Yeager, the directors also learned from the meeting. "Our observations here will help us in the aerospace education program," Yeager said.

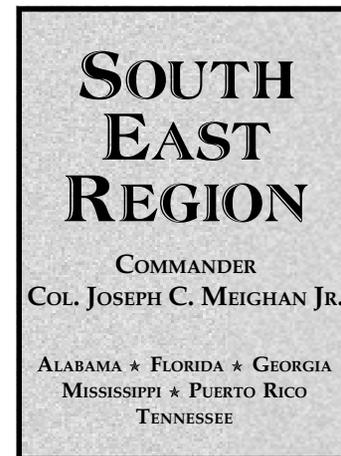
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The La Crosse Composite Squadron received honors from the Wisconsin Wing and the squadron commander honored members at a monthly meeting.

The squadron was named the Wisconsin Wing's squadron or merit for 1999 and the squadron's commanding officer, Capt. Frank J. Roldan, presented certificates to those who helped make the squadron worthy of the award.

Roldan presented certificates of appreciation to: Maj. Harland D. Getter, emergency services and counter drug officer; Capt. Stuart M. McIlraith, aerospace education and public affairs officer; Capt. Harold R. Moe, deputy commander for seniors and flight training officer; and Cadet 2nd Lt. Amanda M. Spangler, former cadet commander.

Capt. Stuart McIlraith



GEORGIA — Members of the Peachtree DeKalb Senior Squadron joined with members of four different wings in Huntsville, Ala., for a tour of NASA facilities.

Members from Georgia, Florida, Alabama and Mississippi gathered in Huntsville to tour the National Aeronautics and Space Administration's Marshall Space Flight Center, U.S. Space and Rocket Center and the U.S. Army's Redstone Arsenal.

The tour was part of a program created by Kathy Baucum, Southeast Region director of aerospace education.

Squadron members who participated were Henry and Peggy Hall, Lee Tedder, John Tucciarone, Ron DeWees and Joe Friend.

Included with the tour were lectures on the history of rocketry and space exploration, Imax movies, flights on jet simulators, slide shows and even a simulated shuttle mission.

Joe Friend

FLORIDA — The year 2000 started on a positive note for many members of the 8089th CAP Squadron.

In mid-January, Col. Chip Diehl, commander of the U.S. Air Force's 6th Air Refueling Wing, and Brig. Gen. William

Cass, former CAP national commander, presented a U.S. flag to the squadron in a small ceremony at MacDill Air Force Base in Tampa, Fla.

The MacDill base honor guard donated the flag to the squadron so it could be used in future ceremonies.

During the ceremony, Cass also presented Gen. Billy Mitchell Awards to 2nd Lts. Matthew W. Henry and Colin D. McDonald.

During an annual honor guard awards luncheon, Senior Airman Raymond Sanchez of the U.S. Air Force's 6th Transportation Squadron received the honor guard member of the year award.

Sanchez trained several local cadets and acts as the liaison between the honor guard team and local CAP units.

8089th squadron cadets were given a tour of the MacDill base control tower where they watched two F-18 Hornets land.

Plans for the coming months include a bivouac at the Avon Park Air Force Bombing Range, KC-135 orientation flights and the annual MacDill Airfest.

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The 8089th Squadron welcomed several new members and announced that several senior members have accepted command positions.

Some of the new members transferred from other units, but some joined CAP for the first time.

Those who transferred to the 8089th were: Jared Childress, from North Carolina; Matthew Hane; and Cadet Lt. Col. William Bridgham, from Massachusetts.

New CAP cadets include: Bryan Boskey and Jeremy Crumbliss from Tampa, Fla.; and cadet Matthew Helm from Apollo Beach, Fla.

Several squadron senior members will be moving to command positions. Some of these include: Lt. Col. Larry Upham, moral leadership officer; 1st Lt. Ray Spengler, deputy squadron commander for seniors; and Capt. Christine Ferry, Group 8 commander.

2nd Lt. A. M. de Quesada

FLORIDA — Eighty-seven people gathered to honor those members of the Lan

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tana-Lake Worth Cadet Squadron who excelled in 1999.

Cadets, senior members, friends and relatives came together as the squadron held its annual awards banquet in January. Guests included Col. Antonio Pineda, Florida Wing commander, and Owen Gassaway, director of the Palm Beach County Air Park and longtime CAP supporter.

Awards were presented to these cadets: Master Sgt. Joseph Koebel, cadet commander's award; Master Sgt. Erin Killian, cadet of merit; Senior Master Sgt. Thomas Miller, cadet of the year; David Kerner and Thomas Miller, special appreciation plaques for service as wing color guard and drill team commanders; and Capt. Jonathon Calise, Amelia Earhart Award.

Senior members who received awards included 2nd Lt. Brenda Bowyer, emergency services award; Lt. Col. Harvey Russell, aerospace educator; and 1st Lt. David Leali, senior of the year.

At the conclusion of the banquet, Gassaway offered to make his private aircraft available and provide free fuel for those cadets working toward their solo wings.

1st Lt. David C. Leali

FLORIDA — Members of several squadrons joined together for a weekend of fun and learning at the Air Force Association's Gold Coast Chapter Static Warbird Show.

Members from the Coral Springs and Broward Cadet squadrons, along with members from the West Broward and Fort Lauderdale Composite squadrons, joined the hosting Pompano Beach Composite Squadron in the weekend field exercise.

Squadron members helped with parking, traffic control, night watch of the aircraft and aircraft safety.

Cadets received a tour of a World War II transport plane that was stationed at Midway during World War II. Owner Charlie Clements, with crew members Joe Turnipseed and Mike Handrahan, provided information on the aircraft.

The Classic Wings Corporation from Florida led cadets on a tour of a restored U.S. Air Force Convair which served as a command post during World War II.

Other cadet favorites at

the show included the "Red Baron", a Russian MiG fighter, and the favorite of female cadets, a B-25 Mitchell named "Girls Rule."

The highlight of the weekend was the appearance of some of the surviving members of the famous Tuskegee Airmen.

Jeanne Veneziano

FLORIDA — Squadrons and residents around Broward County had the opportunity to retire their flags properly thanks to the Group 6 honor guard.

Honor guard members retired 24 flags brought by various squadrons and county residents.

Col. Ross Shumistern, a retired U.S. Air Force officer, presented the retirement toast, and the blessing was given by Brad Farrow, pastor of the Village United Methodist Church in North Lauderdale, Fla.

The ceremony took place flanked by a column of cadets and senior members from Coral Springs, Pompano Beach and Broward Cadet squadrons, and the Fort Lauderdale and West Broward Composite squadrons.

Many veterans and their families also attended the event.

Members of the Group 6 honor guard were: Capt. Thomas Baldwin, officer in charge of operations, Pompano Beach; 1st Lt. Kalfred Cruz, officer in charge of training, Pompano Beach; Cadet Master Sgt. Anthony Viviani, noncommissioned officer in charge, Coral Springs; Cadet Staff Sgt. Anthony Veneziano, Pompano Beach; Cadet Senior Airman Anthony Burke, Fort Lauderdale; Airmen 1st Class Jennipher Cruz and Andre Dorsey, Pompano Beach; Airman 1st Class Dorian Fiallos, Coral Springs; Airmen Felicia Veneziano, Kris Orofino and Arnold Trujillio, Pompano Beach; and Airmen Megan Tindell and Katie Kassos, Coral Springs.

GEORGIA — Promotions were presented to five senior members of the Georgia Mountain Composite Squadron.

Capt. Al Schimmelmann, squadron commander, presented the promotions at a regular squadron meeting.

The senior members promoted were: Lt. Col. Art Evans, squadron senior programs officer; Maj. Howard Ray, squadron emergency services officer; Maj. David Perkins; 2nd Lt. Tom Haney,

communications officer and assistant medical officer; and Annette Schimmelmann, squadron public affairs officer.

The Georgia Mountain Composite Squadron is located at Pickens County Airport, in Jasper, Ga and supports Cherokee, Pickens, Dawson and Gilmer counties.

2nd Lt. Annette Schimmelmann

TENNESSEE — Cadets and senior members from the Hardin County Composite Squadron hosted a platoon of paratroopers from Fort Bragg, N.C.

Hardin County squadron members hosted the members of the U.S. Army's 112th Signal Battalion, Bravo Company, 2nd Platoon, after they jumped from a C-130 Hercules during a training exercise.

With the soldiers' help, cadets learned some of what an airborne operation of that size entails, and how to determine wind speed and direction with certain devices.

Cadets helped search the woods for four paratroopers who missed the landing zone.

Squadron members prepared and served breakfast for the soldiers, who spent two nights at a National Guard Armory in Savannah, Tenn.

2nd Lt. James Torbert

NORTH CENTRAL REGION

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IOWA — Col. Rex Glasgow, former commander for the East Iowa Cadet Squadron, took over the position of the Iowa Wing commander.

Lt. Col. Doug Tindal took over the position of the East Iowa Squadron commander.

Within the East Iowa squadron, 2nd Lt. Kathy Stone became deputy commander and Capt. Terry Spitzer became co-deputy commander.

Changes in the East Iowa Cadet Squadron's cadet chain of command included: 2nd Lt. Shea Daniels as the new cadet commander; 2nd Lt. Dan Stone as the new cadet basic training flight commander; and 2nd Lt. Keith Weber as the new phase-two flight commander.

Cadet 2nd Lt. Dan Stone

MINNESOTA — Several members of the Valley Cadet Squadron received awards at the squadron's annual awards meeting and open house.

The meeting was open to family members so they could join in the celebration and learn about the squadron.

At the meeting, Capt. Steve Miller, squadron commander, and 1st Lt. David Ringsmuth, squadron deputy commander, presented awards to the following cadets: Staff Sgt. Eddy Ringsmuth and Senior Airman Dan Nordin tied for best attendance; Staff Sgt. Eddy Ringsmuth, most merit points and cadet communicator of the year; Chief Master Sgt. Josh Gulbranson, outstanding cadet support staff and cadet aerospace education officer; Ringsmuth and Airman Kendra Sand, cadets of the quarter; Tech. Sgt. Chris Reichert, cadet of distinction; 2nd Lt. Nick Busse, cadet of the year; Staff Sgt. Aaron



Florida Wing cadets pose in front of a World War II-era B-25 Mitchell bomber during the Air Force Association's Gold Coast Chapter Static Warbirds Airshow. Cadets and senior members from several Florida squadrons helped make the show safe and enjoyable.



Cadets Scott Knight and Keithley Lake from Missouri Wing's Richards-Gebaur Composite Squadron practice finding an emergency locator transmitter during the squadron's second annual extreme weather class.

Scicluna, most helpful cadet; and Master Sgt. Kevin DeVeau, most improved cadet.

Seniors who received awards were: 1st Lt. Ernie Moen, outstanding senior support staff; 1st Lt. Bill Reichert, senior aerospace education officer and ready responder; and Capt. Tom Vellani, senior of the year.

Capt. Steve Miller

MISSOURI — Members of the Richards-Gebaur Composite Squadron took advantage of incoming snow to improve their year-round ground search and rescue skills.

The members gathered after two inches of snow collected on existing snow for the second annual "Extreme Weather" class.

"This class incorporates the current weather and new ground team curriculum," said Maj. Gary Gregory, squadron commander.

Ten cadets and three senior members attended the class. Eight of the cadets were there for the second time.

The first thing the cadets were taught to do is monitor the weather from every available source, watching the forecasted temperatures and conditions.

Other topics discussed at the class included the physical and psychological effects of cold temperatures, how to survive if lost in extreme weather, proper equipment and clothing for cold, and first

aid for cold-related injuries.

Cadet Master Sgt. Russell Paul, the squadron's basic cadet training sergeant who previously completed the national ground search and rescue course, and Cadet 1st Lt. Julie Berry, cadet commander, were the course instructors, ground team leaders and team supervisors.

The night's low temperature was 0 degrees with a windchill factor of -9.

The cadets worked on a total of five ELT exercises during the weekend.

The cadets who participated were: 1st Lt. Julie Berry; Senior Master Sgt. Caleb Unruh; Master Sgt. Russell Paul; Staff Sgts. Daniel Sullivan and Christoph Santell; Airmen 1st Class Zachary Packignham, Scott Knight and Adrienne Johnson; and Airmen Jonathon Sandhu and Keithley Lake.

The senior members who directed the weekend were: Christopher Schley, and Majs. Lynnette Gregory and Gary Gregory.

Maj. Gary Gregory

SOUTH DAKOTA — The color guard from the Rushmore Composite Squadron helped at a conference of emergency medical technicians held in Pierre, S. D.

Several cadets from the Rushmore squadron presented colors at the opening of the annual South Dakota EMT convention.

The convention allowed those in the emergency medical service to meet and continue their education, as well as to see the latest in lifesaving tools and technology.

The cadet color guard members were: Capt. Joshua Grundt; Master Sgts. Jessica Grundt and Colleen Desmond; and Staff Sgt. Nick Armstrong.

Lt. Col. James Howe, deputy commander for cadets, and Capt. Dan Wilcox, squadron commander, accompanied the cadets.

Cadet Master Sgt. Jessica Grundt

SOUTH DAKOTA —

Members of the Rushmore Composite Squadron gathered at Ellsworth Air Force Base, S. D. for their second annual awards banquet.

The banquet speaker was Col. Charles "Chuck" H. McGuirk, commander of the 28th Operations Group of the U.S. Air Force's 28th Bomber Wing.

McGuirk is a command pilot with over 3,300 flight hours.

Awards were presented to: 1st Lt. David Hatch, senior member of the year; Cadet Capt. Bob Arneson, cadet member of the year; 1st Lt. Jim Roy, senior member rising star; Cadet Airman Paul Reese, cadet member rising star; Lt. Col. Jim Howe, deputy commander for cadets, commander's commendation; Capt. Daniel Wilcox, squadron commander, Torch Award; and Cadet Capts. Joshua Grundt and Bob Arneson, Amelia Earhart awards.

Lt. Col. Mike Beason

SOUTH WEST REGION

COMMANDER
COL. COLIN FAKE

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ARIZONA — A cadet member of the Arizona Wing was presented the Gen. Carl A. Spaatz Award by Gen. John

L. Barry, commander of the 56th Fighter Wing at Luke Air Force Base, Az.

Cadet Col. Jeffrey Mueller received the Spaatz award in January. The award is one of the highest honors cadets can earn.

The ceremony was hosted by Cadet Lt. Col. Michael Smith, Mueller's friend.

Present were: Jan Mueller, the cadet's mother; Paul Wisowaty, stepfather; Kay Walker, grandmother; Lt. Col. Peter Feltz, Arizona Wing vice commander; Lt. Col. Arthur Bornstein, Arizona Wing chief of staff; and many other friends and family members.

A local color guard participated in the ceremony, which was held in the Talon room of the Luke Air Force Base Officer's Club.

The ceremony concluded with comments by Mueller, who thanked CAP and all who influenced him to achieve.

1st Lt. Cynthia Runkel

ARIZONA — Three cadets from the Tucson Cadet Squadron were presented with Gen. Billy Mitchell awards and received promotions.

2nd Lts. Timothy J. Humphries, Robert Savoie and David Keys all received the Mitchell Award in the same month.

Two other Tucson squadron cadets, 2nd Lts. Andrea Everhart and Matthew Kuhn, also earned Mitchell awards in 1999.

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Cadets from the Tucson Cadet Squadron won first place in the Arizona Wing color guard competition for the second consecutive year.

The Tucson squadron's color guard team won first place in physical training, inspection, standard drill, indoor and outdoor presentation categories, as well as in the overall status.

The team took second place in the written exam portion of the competition.

The cadet team members were: Master Sgt. Paul Sheehey; Staff Sgts. Christine Hansen and Mario Vittorio; and Airman 1st Class Lance Swentesky.

Lt. Col. Barbara Mathews

ARKANSAS — Both cadets and senior members of the Lake Dardanelle Composite Squadron marched in one

of Arkansas' largest parades.

The annual Russellville, Ark., Christmas Parade is the second-largest parade in Arkansas and includes about 130 different entries.

The squadron's color guard led the way, followed by the squadron banner and then several members.

The color guard members were: Airmen Andy D. Gambill, Jake Linden and Joshua Dickens; and 1st Lt. Ben Baldwin.

Carrying the banner was John Newburn and 2nd Lt. Sandra Hodges, who embroidered the banner.

Cadets who followed behind the banner included: Diadra Brasher, Seth Lake, Mike Mitsukaitis, Joel Newburn, Ben Stewart-Abernathy and Jennifer Wisdom.

ARKANSAS — Several cadets of the Northwest Arkansas Composite Squadron went to the Arkansas Wing Cadet Leadership School at Little Rock Air Force Base, Ark.

The six cadets went to the class to prepare for the coming encampment and were accompanied by three senior members.

The Northwest Arkansas squadron cadets who attended were: Senior Master Sgt. Sohl; Master Sgt. Langham; Tech. Sgts. Walters, Fitzpatrick and Jones; and Senior Airman Heilman.

All of the cadets over the rank of staff sergeant received leadership positions at the encampment.

Cadets from the Northwest Arkansas squadron also had the opportunity to travel to the University of Arkansas in Fayetteville, Ark., to attend sessions on aerospace-related topics.

During the lunch period, Dr. John Wood, a scientist from the Goddard Space Center, gave a slide show using photographs from the Hubble telescope.

Cadet Master Sgt. Annika Fitzpatrick

LOUISIANA — The Barksdale Cadet Squadron honored two outstanding members during an open-house celebration.

Lt. Col. Rose Macey and Cadet Sgt. Chris McCauley were honored during the event.



Cadet Sgt. Chris McCauley, cadet of the year for the Louisiana Wing's Barksdale Cadet Squadron, poses with Capt. Thomas Barnard, left, squadron commander, and Col. William Fraser, wing commander of the U.S. Air Force's Air Combat Command Second Bomb Wing, Barksdale, La.

McCauley was given a plaque and recognized as the outstanding cadet of the year for 1999.

Macey was honored for her contributions during 48 years of CAP service.

Capt. Michael T. Campisi

OKLAHOMA — Cadets from the Flying Castle Composite Squadron received awards for their performance on a written exam.

The Flying Castle squadron's color guard represented the Oklahoma Wing at the Southwest Region color guard competition. The team earned the "most intelligent" award for the highest team score on the written exam.

The squadron cadets who made up the color guard were Jason Heaston, Josh Yerky, Eran Harrill, Ben Newton, Shawn Bailey and Danial Naim.

Naim was also awarded the first Mary Kelly Flight Scholarship from the Order of Daedalians. The scholarship is named for the former manager of Tenkiller Airpark and director of the Grassroots Summer Aircamp who was killed in a plane crash in April 1998.

Naim soloed during an encampment and used the scholarship for additional flight instruction at the University of Oklahoma's Aviation Department.

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Several members of the Flying Castle Composite Squadron received awards during the squadron's annual

awards banquet.

The awards went to: 1st Lt. Paula Schlosser, outstanding aerospace instructor; Cadet Tech. Sgt. Eran Harrill, academic achievement award; Cadet Senior Airman Joseph Sheehan, top recruiter; Cadet 1st Lt. Danial Naim, distinguished cadet; Sgt. Gary Yee, most humorous senior; Lt. Col. Doug Hall, most supportive senior; Cadet Capt. Chad Burks, outstanding cadet commander; Cadet Master Sgt. Girma Moaning, cadet of the year; and 1st Lt. Debora Davis, senior of the year.

1st Lt. Debora Davis

TEXAS — Members of various Texas squadrons, as well as some members of the Texas Wing headquarters, graduated from squadron leadership school.

Seventeen members from the Brownsville, Corpus Christi and Victoria squadrons, along with members from the Texas Wing headquarters finished the school, which was held in Corpus Christi, Texas.

The course material was presented by: Capt. Chris Bujanos, Jr., Brownsville squadron commander; 2nd Lts. Juan Arredondo and Ariel Merrell; 1st Lts. Gloria Atchison and John Rios; Maj. Ivan Atchison and James West; and Lt. Col. Hary Shannon, wing personnel officer.

Maj. Edmundo Arizpe directed the program, with help from Maj. Ofelia Galvan and Frances Garza.

TEXAS — Several members of the Brownsville

Composite Squadron were recognized at a dinner attended by family and friends.

About 60 people gathered to present awards to the following: Dr. Wayne Wells, squadron aerospace education officer, senior member of the year; Cadet Tech. Sgt. Saul Ramirez, cadet of the year; and Airman 1st Class Justin Perry, rocketry badge.

The Brownsville color guard was commended for their many hours of practice and devotion.

Cadet members of the color guard were: Sgt. Eddie Lopez, Tech. Sgt. Saul Ramirez and Airmen 1st Class Oscar Rodriguez and Justin Perry.

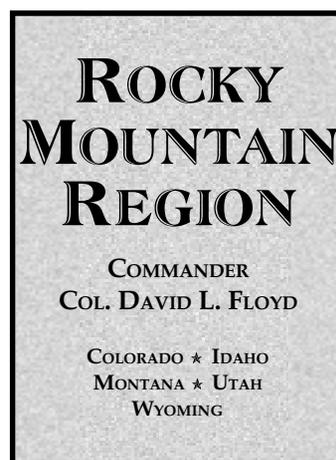
TEXAS — Cadet members of the Sugarland Composite Squadron observed the inspection of a horizontal stabilizer assembly on a commercial jet.

The opportunity to observe inspectors from the Federal Aviation Administration at work came after a discussion of the horizontal stabilizer's role in flight.

Investigators from the FAA have said they suspect a recent Alaska Airlines crash was due to a jam of the horizontal stabilizer. Inspectors are inspecting the stabilizer and surrounding parts on several aircraft in efforts to prevent more crashes.

The squadron members witnessed the inspection at Continental Airline's Hobby Airport maintenance facility.

Capt. Robert Wolin



COLORADO — The Rocky Mountain Cadet Squadron has recently been formed and is on the move in the Denver, Colo., area.

Prospective cadets and senior members have been

meeting at a Denver high school every Monday since mid September. The charter was officially processed in November, and a small group has worked many hours since then.

The new squadron's first celebration came in late January, when squadron members joined with family and friends at the J.P. Martinez Memorial Army Reserve Center in Montbello, Colo.

Capt. Peter Rousseau of the Mile High Cadet Squadron functioned as protocol officer and guided the group through the official part of the meeting. Col. William F. Hines, Colorado Wing commander, led the charter presentation and the installation of squadron commander Capt. Alan Pearce.

The keynote speaker was Brig. Gen. James C. Bobick, CAP national commander. He spoke on the positive impact CAP had on his life as a young cadet.

Pearce presented the squadron's first promotions. Cadets promoted were: Staff Sgt. Nina McDonald, squadron cadet commander; and Airmen Charles Tendell, Chane Murzyn, Glen Castneda; Barry Frye, Walter Hall, Kaela Curly, Stephan Ragland, Kyle McDonald, Adam Brooks and Tony Grissom.

Guests included Bobick and Hines, as well as: Col. Gary Tobey, Rocky Mountain Region commander; Lt. Col. John R. Buschmann, Colorado Wing vice commander; and Brad Huerto, deputy director from Representative Diana DeGette's office.

Also at the meeting were Capt. Robert Johnson, Colorado Wing aerospace director; Lt. Col. Gary Schultz, wing supply officer; Capt. Judy Yost, wing moral leadership officer; Patti Sampers, director of programs; Maj. Alex Toussaint, North Valley Composite Squadron commander; Maj. Tricia Toussaint, Group 1 emergency services officer; Capt. Gregory W. Howden, Mile High Cadet Squadron commander; and 1st Lt. Courtney Walsh, Valkyrie Cadet Squadron commander.

Rocky Mountain squadron senior members are Jean Poellinger, James Harrison, Horace Tolliver, Jill Spivey and Rudy Nartker.

Susan McDonald

COLORADO — Members of the Broomfield Composite Squadron gathered in February to celebrate the squadron's 35th anniversary.

1st Lt. James Bull and Cadets Master Sgt. Jason Keenan and 2nd Lt. Patrick Swenson wore vintage CAP uniforms.

Bull spoke about squadron history, after which a cake decorated with the squadron patch was served.

The squadron originated from a flight founded by Ken Costello in 1965.

1st Lt. James Bull

UTAH — The Utah Wing was the subject of a television news feature broadcast by a television station in Salt Lake City and aired the week of Christmas.

Chris Dunn, the weatherman for KUTV Channel 2, a CBS affiliate, visited the Utah Wing's headquarters with camera man Greg Richmond. Both were taken on a tour of the building, as well as an orientation flight over the Salt Lake City metropolitan area.

Capt. Larry Burch, commander of the Bountiful Senior Squadron, invited the crew to visit the wing. Burch is a weather forecaster for the National Weather Service and a mission pilot for the Utah Wing.

Dunn, in addition to being a weatherman, is also a private pilot, and his grandfather was a CAP member.

During the visit, Burch provided Dunn and Richmond with information on CAP search and rescue activities, aerospace education and cadet programs. Capt. Fred Martin, maintenance officer for the wing, helped show off the CAP corporate airplane.

Maj. Bob Anderson, Rocky Mountain Region U.S. Air Force liaison officer for the Utah Wing, explained the relationship between the U.S. Air Force and CAP. Col. Woody Walton, who joined CAP in 1941, reviewed the early history of CAP and the Utah Wing for the news team.

Several other members of the wing were on hand to answer the news team's questions.

Dunn and Richmond flew over the Great Salt Lake and Salt Lake City with Burch in one plane and shot footage of another plane flown by Maj. Gil Williams and Capt. Russ



Capt. Fred Martin pulls the Utah Wing's CAP corporate aircraft out of the hangar for a flight with members of a Salt Lake City television news crew.

Taylor, with Joe Doubek, senior member, in the back seat.

Utah Wing officials said that they were pleased with the news story, and that it gave the people in the viewing area an excellent overview of CAP and the role it plays in the community.

At the end of the segment, the station invited interested viewers to contact CAP headquarters.

Joanne Searcy

UTAH — Cadets and senior members of the Cedar Composite Squadron travelled to Nellis Air Force Base in Las Vegas.

The one-day visit included a tour of the famous Thunderbirds unit, their hangar and museum, and the base flight line and weapons school. The



Chris Dunn, weatherman for Salt Lake City's KUTV Channel 2, and cameraman, Greg Richmond, head for plane taking them on an orientation flight over the Great Salt Lake and Salt Lake City metropolitan area.

tour was hosted by U.S. Air Force Col. Danny Conroy, commandant of the weapons school and an F-16 Fighting Falcon pilot.

The tour started at the Thunderbirds' "home," where the touring members met Lt. Col. John "JV" Venable, the new Thunderbird commander.

The group moved into the Thunderbird auditorium where Venable spoke on the history of the Thunderbirds, and then

watched a 20 minute video of "America's Ambassadors in Blue."

At the Thunderbird museum, squadron members saw different memorabilia, including photographs of past T-Bird pilots, old flight jackets and helmets worn by former pilots, and newspaper clippings of past shows.

Inside the T-Bird hangar were two F-16 jets painted in their trademark red, white and blue. One of the jets had the engine out on display.

The Thunderbird portion of the tour ended outside the hangar on the flight line, where the F-16s were parked. Cadets and senior members watched the ground support team practice some of the precision drills used in their shows.

The tour's next stop was

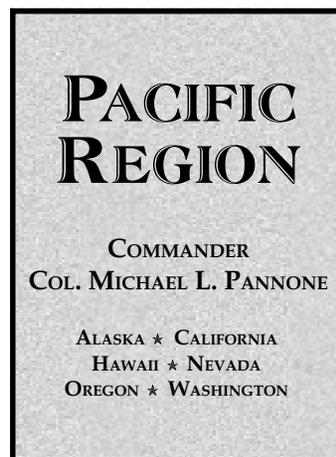
the base's flight line. On the line were several different types of aircraft, including B-1s, B-52s, C-130s, C-141s, A-10s, F-4Gs, F-16s, F-15s and other airplanes and helicopters. There were also two British Royal Air Force Tornado squadrons preparing to return to England.

At the weapons school combat crews from the Air Force, Navy, Marines and even foreign nations are trained in air-to-air and air-to-ground tactics, reconnaissance, electronic counter measures, and anti-aircraft suppression. The lessons are practiced over the Nevada desert in "Red Flag" exercises.

The trip concluded with a tour of Blake Morrison's aviation artwork inside the school. Morrison is a retired U.S. Air Force pilot and past editor of the U.S. Air Force Fighter Weapons Review Magazine. His paintings depict moments in aviation history, covering the world wars, Korea, Viet Nam, and Gulf War.

Many of America's highest ranking officers, even former President Bush, own Morrison paintings.

Capt. Michael Morrison



CALIFORNIA — Cadets and senior members of the Sacramento Composite Squadron participated in weekend search and rescue and survival field training exercises.

The exercises, held in California's Tahoe National Forest, followed several weeks of classroom instruction on emergency services and survival skills.

Air Force Capts. Rob Fauteux and Steve Schultz, and 2nd Lt. Delia Connery served as instructors.

The three officers taught classes on emergency services, search and rescue procedures and basic wilderness survival techniques.

Fauteux and Schultz, both Air Force pilots, shared knowledge they acquired from the Air Force's survival school at Fairchild Air Force Base in Washington.

Over the weekend, cadets were able to get hands-on practice with the knowledge they gained in class.

The other senior members who participated were Capt. Tom Pezzetti and Brian Stone.

Cadets who participated were: John Carlson, Mikel Carlson, Kristine Giacobelli, Aaron Hilliard, Michael Hinchee, Hunter Hoffman, David Ingram, James Ingram, Zackary Kielich, Kelley Minadeo, Kyle Pezzetti, Everett Stone, Adam Trimble, Ryan Wilson and Jon Wright.

Capt. Steven P. Schultz

CALIFORNIA — The Travis Air Force Base Composite Squadron hosted the cadet leadership conference for cadets in Northern California.

A total of 38 cadets and 13 instructors from Northern California came together in Fairfield for the weekend school.

During the weekend, cadets studied such topics as moral leadership, aerospace science, CAP history and military drill. Senior airmen, noncommissioned officers and officers attended classes on counseling, documentation, ethics in command and other leadership topics.

The senior staff at the leadership academy included: Lt. Col. Richard Bartlett, commandant; Lt. Col. Jeffrey Wong, executive officer; and 2nd Lt. Malise Scholefield, support staff.

The instructors were: Lt. Col. Kenneth Endrizzi; Majs. Brian Covi and Michael J. Kathriner; Capts. Dennis Primoli and James Szykowny; 1st Lts. Audrey and John DiGiantomasso; 2nd Lts. Edward Ferrell and Steve Martinez; and Tech. Sgt. Peter Cikalo.

The cadets who received honors at the leadership academy were: Senior Airman Manny Padilla, E.L. Carnahan Cadet Squadron, advanced skills flight honor cadet; Staff Sgt. Jessica Leonard, Travis

Air Force Base Composite Squadron, leadership skills flight honor cadet; Airman Adam Devlin, Travis Air Force Base Composite Squadron, intermediate skills flight honor cadet; Airman Edward Johnson, E.L. Carnahan Cadet Squadron, basic flight honor cadet.

A second cadet leadership academy is planned for later in the year.

1st Lt. Audrey DeGiantomasso

CALIFORNIA — Members of the Jon E. Kramer Composite Squadron stayed busy in January participating in several successful signal-source search missions.

The Palo Alto, Ca., squadron received several requests from the U. S. Air Force and state of California officials to locate and silence both aircraft and marine emergency beacons. The requests came when signals were picked up from emergency position-indicating radio beacons used on boats or emergency locator transmitters used on aircraft.

On Jan. 6, Capt. Joe Lawrence of the Jon E. Kramer squadron, along with four members of a Monterey squadron, were sent to Moss Landing Harbor to find and silence an EPIRB buried in a boat yard junk pile.

On Jan. 7, Lt. Col. George Center and Maj. John Aylesworth were sent to find an ELT that had been activated unintentionally in an airplane at San Jose International Airport.

On Jan. 8, Center, Lawrence, John Aylesworth and 1st Lt. Natalie Aylesworth searched around South San Jose for a signal. The signal ceased before the source was found.

On Jan. 12, 1st Lt. Richard Palm was sent to transport a state official, and then wait with Capt. Russ Ayres to fly a search for a San Francisco Police Department helicopter which crashed in Central Valley the night before. Three other CAP planes from Monterey, Concord and Merced were flying search grids for the helicopter before it was found. The helicopter did not have an activated ELT on board.

On Jan. 13, squadron members helped look for an ELT in Richmond, Ca.

Lawrence and fellow

squadron member Walter Meeks were on one of two ground teams working toward the ELT while pilots John Aylesworth and Maj. Larry Edwards flew across the bay to assist from the air.

The ELT was found in a pile of scrap metal. The surrounding metal distorted the signal the ELT sent out. That made pinpointing the transmitter difficult.

On Jan. 14, Lawrence and 2nd Lt. Jeremy Henry were sent to find an emergency beacon which was heard by the Palo Alto Federal Aviation Administration tower, but not by any search and rescue satellites.

The two squadron members discovered the signal was coming from the bay.

Eight squadron members stood by to launch an aircraft from the airport if needed.

After the search had been on for about an hour, the U. S. Air Force reported that a satellite picked up the signal five miles from the airport.

With the help of Palo Alto police, who got the searchers through locked gates at the Baylands Preserve, John Aylesworth, Lawrence and Henry found an EPIRB under a floating dock.

Reports indicate that 400 signals are processed every day in the U.S., but 99 percent of the signals turn out to be false alarms.

Capt. Alice Mansell

HAWAII — Several guests joined in as the squadrons of the Hawaii Wing came together at Hickam Air Force Base for the wing's 54th annual awards banquet.

Guests at the special

event included: Patsy Mink, Hawaii congresswoman; Brig. Gen. James C. Bobick, national commander; and Col. Mike Pannone, Pacific Region commander.

The Hickam Composite Squadron's color guard presented colors to open the banquet after a welcome by U.S. Marine Corps Col. Tom Brehm, master of ceremonies.

After the presentation of colors, awards were presented to many wing members.

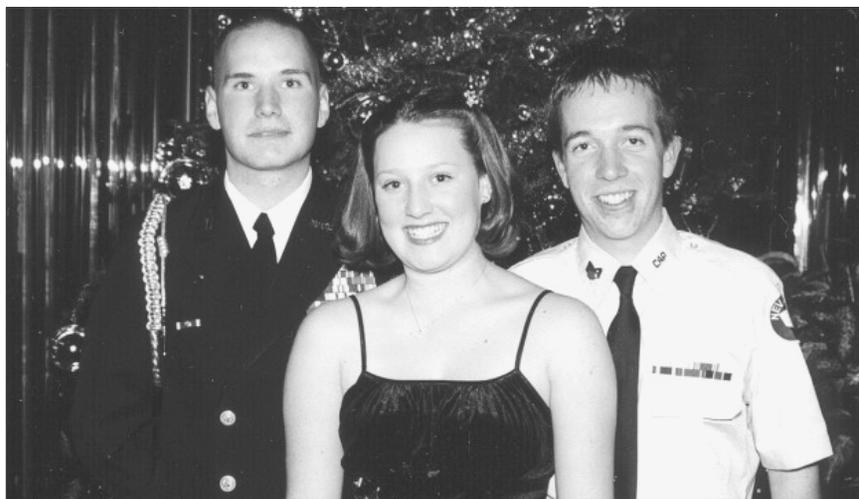
Bobick spoke on the new aerospace education program, which includes the use of new satellite tracking technology.

Finally, Mink closed with her thoughts on the Hawaii Wing and its importance to the local communities. She promised to support the wing in the future.

NEVADA — Several cadets from the Douglas County Composite Squadron received honors at a year-end awards banquet.

Parents and guests joined the squadron members at the awards banquet and dance that followed.

The cadets who received awards at the banquet were: Staff Sgt. Nicole Scudder, most improved cadet of 1999; Airman 1st Class Trevor Winter and Staff Sgt. Sean



Cadet award recipients Tom Langager, Nicole Scudder, and Sean Maxey of Nevada Wing's Douglas County Composite Squadron pose during a squadron awards banquet.

Thaler, cadets of the year; Staff Sgt. Sean Maxey, noncommissioned officer of the year; and 2nd Lt. Joseph L. Covington, cadet officer of the year.

Scudder is on her school's swim team and serves as the squadron's first element leader.

Winter is home-schooled and extremely active in the squadron. Though only a

squadron member for a few months, he has helped new cadets learn the basics of uniforms and drill.

Thaler is an honor student and in his school's band. He was the squadron's first cadet and currently serves as cadet first sergeant.

Maxey is a high school senior with plans to attend an aviation-oriented college after graduation. He works hard to

encourage teamwork among cadets.

Covington, squadron cadet commander, is also a high school senior and plans to join the U.S. Marine Corps after graduation. He was the squadron's first cadet officer and earned the Gen. Billy Mitchell Award in June 1999.

Gary B. Swift

WASHINGTON — Cadets and senior members of Washington Wing's Yakima Composite Squadron helped restore an aviation museum in Yakima, Wash.

Squadron members spent hours helping clean and build displays and catalogue antiques in the McAllister's Museum of Flight at the Yakima Airport.

As they helped, cadets gained a greater understanding of aviation and its impact on the Yakima Valley.

The Yakima squadron is coordinating with the flight museum to create a Yakima Composite Squadron display which will detail CAP's contributions to aviation in the Yakima Valley.

Cadet Lt. Col. Jamie Treat

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