BUST PRESENTATION—Senator John Stennis (D-Miss.) beams with pride as he is presented a life-size bronze bust of himself by the Mississippi Civil Air Patrol Wing. Also admiring the bust is CAP Lt. Col. Sam Gore, the sculptor. Colonel Gore commands the Mississippi Headquarters Squadron. At left is CAP Col. John Vozzo, Mississippi Wing commander. (Photo by MSgt. Russ Brown)

Wing Honors Senator Stennis; Presents Life-size Bronze Bust

MAXWELL AFB, Ala. — Civil Air Patrol's Mississippi Wing, named the best of the organization's 52 wings in 1974, honored Senator John Stennis recently by presenting him a life-sized bronze bust. The presentation took place recently in Room D-318 of the Rayburn House Office Building in Washington. The presentation was made by the Mississippi Wing Commander, CAP Col. John Vozzo.

Colonel Gore is listed in Who's Who in American Art, Outstanding Education of America and the Dictionary of International Biography. The bust of Senator Stennis will be on display, along with 40 paintings by Colonel Gore, in the House Administration Committee Suite April through August 1975.

The presentation was made in Washington coincidental with CAP's National Executive Committee meeting the Congressional Dinner and the meeting of CAP's Advisory Panel.

End Of Monthly CAP Newspaper

May will be the last time you will receive your monthly Civil Air Patrol NEWS. To save money, the National Executive Committee has directed that your newspaper will only be mailed the first day of the other month. Future issues will be published in July, September, November, January, March and May.

Jones' Remarks

WASHINGTON, D.C.—Civil Air Patrol officials hosted some 200 members of Congress and their representatives at a social hour and dinner in the Rayburn House Office Building recently.

The dinner was chaired by CAP Brig. Gen. William M. Patterson, chairman of the National Board, who read a letter of congratulations from the President. Another highlight of the program was a speech by Air Force Chief of Staff, Gen. David C. Jones. General Jones expressed appreciation to everyone in CAP and said, "We consider you an important part of the Air Force."

A Unit Citation was presented to the Cutler Cadet Squadron of Cutler Ridge, Fla., for being named the No. 1 Cadet Squadron of Distinction for 1974. The award was accepted by CAP Maj. Fred Graham, commander of the unit.

CAP's Mississippi Wing, commanded by CAP Col. John A. Vozzo, was awarded a citation for first place among the 52 wings in the National Commander's Evaluation during 1974.

Top 10 Cadet Squadrons Named

MAXWELL AFB, Ala. — Ten squadrons have been named Civil Air Patrol's 1974 'Squadrons of Distinction' for their accomplishments in the cadet program.

In making the announcement to the commanders of regions and wings, Brig. Gen. Leslie J. Westberg, USAP, national commander, commended the regions, wings and squadrons for achieving this high honor.

In a letter to each unit he said, "I commend each senior and cadet member of your unit for this singular achievement. Your superior efforts and hard work are clearly visible to other leaders throughout Civil Air Patrol."

The 'Top 10' are:

1. Cutler Cadet Squadron  
2. New Britain Cadet Squadron  
3. Alamo Composite Squadron  
4. Calvert H.S. Composite Squadron  
5. Andrews Composite, National Capital  
6. Birmingham Composite Squadron  
7. Island Grand Composite Squadron  
8. Oklahoma City Cadet Squadron  
9. Downers Grove Composite Squadron  
10. Bayshore Composite Squadron

CAP Members Record Saves During March

MAXWELL AFB, Ala. — Civil Air Patrol members from Idaho and Wyoming were given credit in early March for saving the lives of three persons as a result of their emergency services operations.

CAP pilots Tom McLaughin and Jim Hoffman from Idaho's Wing saved the life of a hospital patient in Bonner's Ferry, Idaho through the timely airlift of badly-needed human blood. The two flew from Coeur d'Alene, Idaho to Spokane, Wash., and returned in the early March.

Two crash victims reported that they had failed to return.

Flying at night, wing pilots homed-in on an emergency locator transmitter (ELT) signal and located the crash site. The CAP searchers were called into action when the families of the two crash victims were notified that they had failed to return.

The CAP plane flying over our area with some much needed furniture for the couple. What originally was planned to be a one time visit soon turned into a regular scheduled project. Lieutenant Perrry summed it up when she said, "It's not normally part of our program, just something nice to do."
Decatur Unit Sponsors Safety Seminar For 30

DECATUR, Ala. — More than 30 pilots attended a General Aviation safety seminar sponsored by the Decatur Senior Squadron here.

The seminar featured an informative program presented by Ralph Edwards, an Accident Prevention Specialist. His presentation centered on "Pre-flight Inspection and Planning" along with films and demonstrations pertaining to general aviation safety in flight.

A future meeting is planned to encompass local Flight Service Station services in a continuing effort to update and keep general aviation pilots in the area current with their flying practices and Federal Aviation Safety Seminar For 30

ANNVILLE, Pa. — "It's like a dream coming true," said CAP Lt. John Brabits of Pennsylvania's Group 30, as he explained his role in emergency services operations in Civil Air Patrol and Civil Defense.

Lieutenant Brabits, who is the CD coordinator for his unit as well as assistant director of the Dauphin County CD, recently received a successful system linking hospital and ambulance communications together.

Little has been made on a no selective broadcasting console installed as a part of the county's fire, police, and ambulance system at the Dauphin County Control Center. The system is that hospitals can connect and talk to each other. Lt. Brabits made it work as an intercom and these communications will go over the broadcast band.

From the Agnes storm in 1972 that Brabits learned of CAP's well planned communications network and immediately joined. He has since succeeded in getting CAP communications installed in the county's communications center in the court house.

The lieutenant's dream of being involved in emergency services has "truly become a reality."

In Memoriam

J. L. Pettis

MAXWELL AFB, Ala. — Congressman Jerry L. Pettis (Rep. Calif.) was a member and long time supporter of Civil Air Patrol died last month when his light aircraft crashed near the car in a heavy wooded area.

Pettis, a popular Republican, was the only person aboard the single-engine plane when it went down in rugged terrain in the area of Cherry Valley.

The 59-year-old congressman serving as a pilot, Captain Jordan took off from the Hartsville Airport and within 30 minutes had spotted the missing man's automobile.

He then directed a ground team to the location from the air and the man's body was located near the car in a heavy wooded area.

This was the first local mission in '75 for the Darlington County Composite Squadron and Captain Jordan's first find.

NATIONAL BOARD MEETING SITE — The symbol of St. Louis, Missouri, to the rest of the world has become the Gateway Arch — a 630-foot high stainless steel structure with the shape of an inverted catenary curve. Civil Air Patrol's 1975 National Board Meeting will be held in this mid-west city on October 2-5. The site of the meeting will be Stouffers Riverfront Towers.

The cylindrical tower which can be seen in the photo immediately behind the left side of the famous arch is a part of the Stouffers' facility. Information concerning results, program and other Hillies will follow in future editions of the Civil Air Patrol NEWS. (Photo courtesy of St. Louis Convention Bureau)

'Top 10' Cadet Squadrons Named

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The revisions were made on a no selective broadcasting console installed as a part of the county's fire, police and ambulance system at the Dauphin County Control Center. The system is that hospitals can connect and talk to each other. Each hospital has a remote unit in its emergency room.

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Pilot Scores First 'Find'

HARTSVILLE, S.C. — Civil Air Patrol pilot Capt. Carroll Jordan was recently called upon for assistance by local law enforcement personnel when adverse weather conditions here hampered their ground search efforts for a missing resident.

With a local mission number in his pocket, Captain Jordan took off from the Hartsville Airport and within 30 minutes had spotted the missing man's automobile.

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Spaatz Awards earned by the cadets in the unit, and the number of achievement contracts completed.

Commenting on this year's program, Lt. Col. Gale L. Haskins, USAF, director of the cadet program, said that there were 338 units that met the basic criteria. Of this number 186 were cadet squadrons and 212 were composite squadrons. In other words, 44 percent of the total cadet units and 23 percent of the total composite squadrons were considered.

The top two squadrons will be presented a plaque by National Headquarters at the National Board Meeting in St. Louis, Mo., in October. Each of the squadrons of distinction will receive the Unit Citation Award in recognition of their achievements.

In addition, the commander of the No. 1 CAP Squadron of Distinction will receive the F. Ward Reilly Leadership Award at the National Board Meeting. The award, in honor of the late CAP Brig. Gen. F. Ward Reilly, former Board Chairman, is presented annually to recognize the individual leadership efforts of the commander.

The New Britain Cadet Squadron and the Baysshore Composite Squadron are the only repeaters from last year's Top 10 Squadrons.

Wing Sweeps Region Awards

MAXWELL AFB, Ala. — The Louisiana Wing was presented both the 1974 Regional SAR and CD awards during the recent Southwest Regional Conference at Albuquerque, N. Mex., Col. Charles E. Messerli, USAF, vice commander of Headquarters CAP-USAF, made the presentation.

The awards were presented for excellent performances demonstrated in the annual SAR and CD evaluations and for capabilities displayed during training exercises and on actual SAR and CD missions during 1974.

We suggest you use any extra copies in promoting/advertising Civil Air Patrol by leaving the CAP NEWS where non-members will get an opportunity to read it. (Public Libraries, doctors offices, etc.)
I Dare You To Be Reasonable

by Chaplain (Col.) Joseph F. O'Brien, USAF

Everyone admires a hero. We are thrilled by the courage of a man who faces danger without flinching. We are impressed, too, by the man who refuses to be defeated by difficulty, disease, or disaster. We like the man who does not weep in the face of trouble, or run away from responsibility. We know that life is not all peaches and cream. We know that every life must weather its share of storm and stress; and so we respect those who are strong enough to oppose difficulty with strength, danger with courage, and death without fear.

The danger we must avoid in all of this is to be unreasonable or foolhardy, like flying through a storm rather than flying around the storm, or not flying at all; or like driving a long distance so the wife and children will not have to spend another day on the road when another day would perhaps mean no accident; or like getting out of bed with a fever or a virus infection and going to work when you know that every life must weather its share of storm and stress; and so we respect those who are strong enough to oppose difficulty with strength, danger with courage, and death without fear.

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A New Ball Game

by Brig. Gen. William M. Patterson, CAP, National Board Chairman

Some years back the movie makers of Hollywood decided to dramatize the advertising profession. Two rather memorable motion pictures resulted. In one the dashing, handsome Clark Gable played the role of the hard hitting advertising account executive. He and Sidney Greenstreet insured that “The Hucksters” was to be both a box office and an artistic success.

In the other movie with Gregory Peck in the title role, also dealt with the advertising world, and was titled “The Man in the Gray Flannel Suit”. It too told the story of Madison Avenue bucksters who make their living and sell their customer’s products by dreaming up such slogans as, “Ask the man who owns one”, “Don’t Squeeze the Charmin”, “You’re in Good Hands with All State”, “Who did we get? None other than the Number One Man in blue, Gen. David C. Jones, U.S. Air Force Chief of Staff.”

General Jones walked into the annual meeting of the CAP Advisory Panel in the Pentagon and started talking. Not about the Air Force, not about the Middle East Crisis, not about the DOD budget, but about you! Yes he spoke at length, with deep conviction and great understanding about your efforts and what they mean to both the Air Force and our country. Knowledgeable on all of our operations he understands our missions and appreciates the challenges we face.

He made it perfectly clear to all in that room that the Air Force intended to do everything possible to make the Air Force-CAP team a strong, viable force. One that needs understanding by both our people and the public. That it will be a strong force and capable of meeting any challenge.

By using the air force equipment we can no longer afford to rent aircraft, we can no longer afford to supply missions which are not absolutely essential to our national defense. According to current plans, the aircraft (including our five region T-2s) will be retired by July 1, 1975. Loss of these aircraft will obviously decrease the airlift support for our CAP programs and activities. My staff has been researching alternative airlift for the past year, but no real solution is visible at this time. All active major air commands which possess transport aircraft were told us they will be unable to fulfill our airlift requirements due to command directed missions and/or budgetary constraints. We will continue to seek relief at all command levels until all possibilities are completely exhausted. Our current objective is to secure enough airlift to support our national and selected region level programs. However, it is possible that airlift even for these important programs may not be available.

With these facts in mind, consider the following information when planning to attend future CAP activities:

- A distinct possibility exists that no military aircraft will be available.
- In this event, you will be required to provide your own transportation and from activities. Be financially prepared to defray your transportation costs.
- All travel on military aircraft will be limited to mission essential personnel. Generally, this means actual participants in approved activities.
- CAP Regulation 76-2 still defines approved CAP activities and CAP passengers with respect to military airlift travel. Travel Authorizations (TAs) will be closely monitored Air Force wide. Do not ask for military airlift unless you possess a TA prepared in accordance with CAPR 10-3 and signed by your region or wing LA.

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I admit that the picture I have painted for you looks bleak, but these are the facts we must face. We all need to use a high degree of flexibility when planning to attend future events. I would like to emphasize again that my staff will continue to pursue every possible source to obtain additional airlift support for coming CAP activities.

Chairman's Comments

by Brig. Gen. Leslie J. Westberg, USAF, National Commander

Today all of us are acutely aware that due to inflation our dollars have less buying power. Furthermore, the Air Force budget has been cut significantly. This leaves us with even fewer of these inflated dollars to accomplish the primary mission - national defense.

Additional sacrifices must be made to remain within our mandatory budget constraints. Just as you and I are doing with our own budget, the Air Force has been forced to make some tough choices. Programs which are not absolutely essential to our national defense posture have to be reduced or eliminated. Recorded savings can be used to buy needed weapons systems important to our national defense.

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Jones Gives CAP Pat On The Back

Jones was one of several military and congressional dignitaries at a dinner hosted by CAP during its annual "Report to Congress" activities.

Another speaker was Sen. John Stennis (D-Miss.) who was presented with a life-size bronze bust of himself by the CAP's Mississippi Wing.

The sculptor, CAP Lt. Col. Sam Gore, chairman of the Art Department at Mississippi College, is a member of the Mississippi Wing. The wing was named first in the nation among the 52 CAP wings for its 1974 achievements in search and rescue work, civil defense emergencies and aerospace education and training.

Jones and Stennis praised CAP for providing more than 80 percent of the inaud air searches and rescue hours flown in the states annually. Stennis said the organization lends moral support to the nation through its direct contact with the civilian community when performing rescue operations.

CAP's annual Report to Congress is required by the Act of Congress which incorporated the organization in 1946. The outfit was established in 1941 and it became an official auxiliary of the Air Force in 1948.

In addition to its emergency service work, CAP conducts a nationwide aerospace education program and a leadership training program for teenagers. National Headquarters is at Maxwell AFB, Ala. CAP is not a Federal agency but a civilian organization with more than 60,000 members.

SAR Tips

One pass across a search area is not enough. Try again when the sun angle has changed or change the direction of your search pattern.

VOR stations can help in establishing the boundaries of search areas.

Controllers Avert Disaster

HARTSVILLE, S.C. - Recent actions taken by Air Force radar controllers and a Civil Air Patrol pilot are probably responsible for avoiding a serious mid-air collision between aircraft and parachute jumpers.

CAP members from the Darlington County Squadron, including pilot 1st Lt. John Dixon, Capt. Herman Chatin and a passenger were returning from Columbia, S.C., where they had attended a wing staff meeting when they requested radar surveillance from Shaw AFB, S.C.

The crew was alerted to be on the lookout for jumpers in the area. As they began a turn to avoid the area, two parachutes opened at their altitude less than 500 feet off their left wing.

According to the crew, the approach radar not notified them of the immediate danger their reaction time would not have been quick enough to avoid the jumpers.

WINS At Carnival

ST. PAUL, Minn. - Members of Minnesota's all-girl Drill Team recently took second place in their category in the annual St. Paul Winter Carnival Midway parade. They received a $15.00 cash award for their efforts.

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

March 5, 1975

Dear General Patterson:

I welcome the opportunity of this Annual Civil Air Patrol Congressional Dinner to salute you and your colleagues in the Civil Air Patrol on your important role in our society.

I have long appreciated and admired your dedicated voluntary service to your fellow citizens. Your history embraces case after case of courageous action in time of need. The deep-rooted human concern of Civil Air Patrol members serves as a splendid example for all Americans to emulate.

I send my very best wishes to each of you and to the distinguished guests who attend your Congressional Dinner.

Sincerely,

Brigadier General William M. Patterson
Chairman, National Board
Civil Air Patrol
Maxwell Air Force Base, Alabama 36112

MER Joint Seminar Emphasizes Training

by 1stLt. Kenneth J. Cain, CAP

ANDREWS AFB, Md. - Training, that's an important word in any situation. If the situation becomes an emergency, training becomes a necessity.

Training plays a large part in the activities of the Civil Air Patrol. Recently that fact was highlighted during a joint Information-Emergency Services Seminar held on Andrews AFB. Middle East Region, hosted the event which was conducted by Air Force Lt. Col. Walter Straughan of the Region Liaison Office and Capt. Barbara Morris, CAP, Region Director of Information.

The training, given to some 60 CAP Information Officers and Emergency Mission Coordinator's, had several basic objectives. These included improved methods and effectiveness in keeping the general public informed and aware of CAP emergency operations. Other subject items included how to best encourage public information input to the CAP during such operations. Close cooperation between the Mission Coordinator, who is charged with the overall responsibility for the mission, and his information officer was emphasized.

The conclusion drawn at the seminar was that communication, use and dissemination of public information from emergency operations of the Civil Air Patrol is indispensable. In this light, the Mission Information Officer must be considered, and utilized by the Mission Coordinator, as a vital staff member.

The seminar included several simulated mission problems dealing with everything from physical obstacles to human emotions. Discussion groups were formed and problem areas examined. The agenda was highlighted by a number of guest speakers, including John Mahanna of the Defense Civil Preparedness Agency (DCPA). Mr. Mahanna spoke on the need and purpose of close co-operation of information activities between such organizations as the DCPA and CAP. Also featured as a guest speaker was Jerry Hannifiin, aviation editor for "TIME" magazine. Mr. Hannifin, a long time member of CAP, updated the seminar on proper press release procedures, and gave much insight to the problems experienced by editors and reporters in accepting and printing the news in emergency situations.

Capt. E. L. Alderfer, USAF, Andrews AFB information officer, explained how CAP fits into military aviation incidents and how CAP and the Air Force can work together in these situations.


The seminar ended with an informal evening dinner. Captain Morris expressed his appreciation to the group for their outstanding dedication and participation.
PHILADELPHIA, Pa.—With temperatures dipping down into the low ‘teens and several inches of snow on the ground, more than 300 CAP members trained at the Pennsylvania Wing’s two Winter Ranger Schools in early February.

According to instructor personnel, the weather was ideal on the Eastern Ranger School at Hawk Mountain which saw more than 200 CAP Personnel complete the training under the command of CAP Lt. Col. John McNabb.

Those attending were divided into six squadrons including one female, one senior, one advanced and three basic. The squadrons were deployed along the Appalachian Trail and the Pinnacle Side Trail.

Their field problems included winter survival techniques and a mountain rescue problem.

At the Western School at West Freedom, Pa., four squadrons completed training under the command of CAP Lt. Col. Sylvester Curto. The members were deployed along a narrow rocky ridge for their overnight field problem.

They encountered snow ar freezing rain which lent considerable realism to the primary field problem of winter survival techniques and a mountain rescue problem.

According to school officials, one of the highlights of the school was the visit by Air Force Brig. Gen. Leslie J. Westberg, national commander.

MEDICAL CHECK — Capt. Donald Klipstein (left), commander of Philadelphia Wing’s Paramedical Squadron 106 and Cadet Medic Ralph Jones (center) check a cadet’s eyes prior to departure for a field problem.

ALL LADIES — Female cadets returning to Hawk Mountain after an overnight field problem.
Units, Wings, Regions...

TOP REGION — CAP Col. Oscar K. Jolley, Southeast Region commander, (right) is congratulated by Brig. Gen. Leslie J. Westberg, USAF, national commander, for having the "Top Region" in the 1974 National Commander's Evaluation. Last year the Southeast Region was runner-up.

BEST IN NCE—Col. John A. Vozzo, CAP, Mississippi Wing commander (right), receives the Unit Citation streamer and citation for having his wing named the "Tops in CAP" during 1974 in the National Commander's Evaluation. Brig. Gen. Leslie J. Westberg, USAF, national commander, made the presentation. Colonel Vozzo's wing was runner-up during the 1973 NCE.

RUNNER-UP — CAP Col. Johnnie Boyd, Oklahoma Wing commander (right), receives congratulations and the Unit Citation streamer from Brig. Gen. Leslie J. Westberg, USAF, national commander, for bringing his wing in second during the 1974 National Commander's Evaluation. Last year Colonel Boyd's wing placed sixth place in the NCE.


BEST CADET UNIT — Maj. Fred P. Graham, Cutler (Florida) Cadet Squadron commander, (right), receives a Unit Citation streamer and congratulations from Brig. Gen. Leslie J. Westberg, USAF, national commander, for having the No. 1 CAP Cadet Squadron of Distinction during 1974. The major will also be honored during the National Board Meeting in St. Louis in October.


...Recognized For Efforts
ATCPA Makes Charts/Maps Available To CAP Members

WASHINGTON, D.C.—The Air Taxi and Commercial Pilot Association (ATCPA) is making nautical and topographical charts available to Civil Air Patrol units. According to Richard C. Bartel, ATCPA president, these items are "offered on a cost, plus postage, basis." CAP units can order these charts and maps on a 15% discount from the stated price. All orders must be sent to the squadron letterhead with the identifying unit number," said Mr. Bartel. Phone calls may only be accepted from unit commanders or unit operations officers. We can not accept orders from individual CAP members."

There are two different sets of maps available. The first set is the National Oceanographic Survey (NOS) Coastal nautical charts. These charts cover the continental United States (CONUS), the Great Lakes, and may require the cost can be from $1.75 to $2.20 (less the 15% CAP discount)." All orders are to be prepaid to ATCPA by check or money order. Any over payments must be prepaid by check or money order. Any over payments must be refunded with a return check payable to the sender. Units interested in this program should contact Mr. Lee Winter, 1182 St. George Drive, Annapolis Md. 21401. His phone number is 301-737-5771. Mr. Winter asks that all inquiries specify the approximate area of coverage. All orders may be charged on Bank Americard or Master Charge, including telephone orders. Mail all orders must be prepaid by check or money order. Any over payments will be refunded with a return check payable to the sender. In making this service exclusive to CAP units, Mr. Bartel said, "Our pilots have a vested interest in the readiness of CAP ground and air rescue units. Many of our members fly some of the most hazardous routes found in general aviation.

Capt. ‘Mac’ McGregor Is A ‘Special’ Member

WASHINGTON, D.C.—The Gen. Daniel C. James Cadet Squadron of the National Capital Wing boasts of having a very special senior citizen. He is 66-year-old Clifford "Mac" McGregor. Born in Port Huron, Mich., in 1908, McGregor, who is a captain in Civil Air Patrol, entered the U.S. Army in 1927 where he spent 27 years with the criminal investigation division. From 1954 to 1972 he periodically worked with WROP-TV in Washington as film editor and at Catholic University Reserve Officer Training Corps as supply officer. But with time on his hands and energy to give, he found it with Civil Air Patrol. He joined CAP in July 1972 at the age of 63, and became commander of the General James McGregor. Cadet Squadron, which consisted of one senior member and eight cadets. Since that time he has built the squadron rolls to 19 seniors and 38 cadets. He was promoted to captain in November 1974 and awarded the Meritorious Service Award for his outstanding service. Describing his new career, Captain McGregor said, "It’s like receiving a heart transplant. I’m back in action helping kids and recruiting new members.

New Yorker Gets Army Scholarship

BENGHAMTON, N.Y. — A member of the Valley Composite Squadron, Cadet Commander Capt. Edward P. Wade has been awarded a four-year U.S. Army ROTC scholarship by Cornell University. The scholarship is awarded to outstanding senior students who have achieved a meritorious record in academic studies’ extra curricular activities and college entrance exams as well as demonstrating leadership potential. Wade is also a National Honor Society student.

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HONORARY RECRUITER — Cadet WO Charles Doty (right), of Nevada’s Clark County Composite Squadron was recently named “Honorary Air Force Recruiter” for his work in assisting the Air Force Recruiting Office in Las Vegas, Nev. Making the presentation is Air Force SSgt. Ron Hershberger, recruiter for the Las Vegas area. (USAAP Photo)
IN APPRECIATION — CAP Lt. Joe Burt, (left), commander of the Grand Rapids (Minnesota) Composite Squadron, presents a "Public Service Citation" to Ed Whalen, director of the Blandin Foundation, in appreciation for their support towards the construction of a new squadron headquarters building. The squadron received $29,600 from the foundation.

Pacific Region Plans
Training Encampment

McCHORD AFB, Wash.—The first annual Pacific Region Emergency Services Encampment entitled "Operation Challenge" will be held in Washington State’s Olympic Mountains from June 20 thru June 28, 1975.

The first portion of the week will consist of basic instructions at Washington’s emergency services training facility near Shelton-Ralph, with the latter part of the week featuring mountain climbing in the Olympics.

Training will consist of shelter construction, fire craft, food procurement and preparation, navigation and rappelling with special emphasis placed on safety.

Objectives of the training is to understand the importance of survival, to accomplish by teamwork, build confidence and good moral character, promote proper care of the outdoor environment and to have fun while learning.

Enrollment is open to both male and female cadets with a quota of ten personnel from each wing of the Pacific Region.

Applications and additional information may be obtained from wing or unit commanders. Deadline for all applications is May 1, 1975.

Parker Cited For ‘Service’

MILWAUKEE, Wis. — CAP 2d Lt. David G. Parker was recently presented a CAP Certificate of Recognition for Outstanding Humanitarian Service for his quick thinking and concern for saving a human life.

Parker was a member of a land rescue team last year that participated in a search for an elderly man who had wandered away from a nursing home in Washington County, Wis.

After the unconscious man was located, Parker and his team members were dispatched to the scene where they administered oxygen, applied First Aid and transported the man to a nearby hospital.

Parker is a member of CAP’s Group Ten Land Rescue Team (Wisconsin Wing).

Calendar of Events

April 12
MER Conference
Charlotte, N.C.

May 17
GLR Conference
Milwaukee, Wisc.

May 17
Armed Forces Day
Nationwide

June
NEC Meeting
Maxwell AFB, Ala.

June 14-16
Air Cadet League of Canada Meeting
Nova Scotia, Canada

July 2-9
CAP National Staff College
Maxwell AFB, Ala.

July 9-12
SER Conference
Maxwell AFB, Ala.

July 14
IACE Military Ball
Orlando, Fla.

July 19
RMR Conference
New York, N.Y.

July 27-28
National SAR School
Wyoming

Aug. 2
NEC Meeting
Maxwell AFB, Ala.

Aug. 4
IACE Military Ball
Washington, D.C.

Aug. 16
P&CR Conference
Bonnello, Havana

Sep. 22-29
IACE Planning Conference
Brussels, Belgium

Oct. 2-5
National Board Meeting
St. Louis, Mo.

Oct. 18
NER Conference
Kiamesha Lake, N.Y.

Dec. 13
NEC Meeting
Maxwell AFB, Ala.

CAP Member Attends
SAC Bomb Competition

PLATTSBURGH, N.Y.—When personnel from the U.S. Air Force’s Strategic Air Command (SAC) gathered late last year to hold their annual Bombing and Navigation Competition at Barksdale AFB, La., Civil Air Patrol’s Capt. Frank S. Stanley was present to witness the action.

Captain Stanley is commander of the Adirondack Mountain Group and is Honorary Commander of the 380th Bomb Wing (SAC) headquartered at Plattsburgh AFB, N.Y.

As an Honorary Commander, he participates in various functions with the base and was afforded the opportunity to attend the "Bomb Comp." He worked hand-in-hand with base personnel in organizing and assisting support from the local community for the victorious wing effort.

He then flew to Barksdale on a KC-135 tanker aircraft and during the entire week at the competition he functioned as a vital vanced courses, expert courses, and a field medical course for individuals who have passed the basic course. In addition, a cadet staff training course and senior training course offering command and leadership training have been added to the curriculum.

Dates for the Pennsylvania school will be July 12–20. The Mississippi school will run from August 9–16.

Both schools are open to male and female students. Those interested in attending either school should complete the coupon below and forward it without delay. Full details will be furnished by return mail.

CAP National Ranger School

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For Service:

Maxwell AFB, Ala.—Expansion of the CAP ranger program into a nationwide activity will soon be a reality. The concept is to establish training sites similar to the Pennsylvania Wing’s Hawk Mountain facility in other areas of the country, thus affording more CAP members the opportunity for full type of training.

The overall goal of the CAP ranger program is to have a trained ground search and rescue capability to complement the flying SAR capability.

In addition to the Hawk Mountain School, a second site located near Jackson, Miss., will be activated this summer. Additional sites are being identified for subsequent years.

Major Fred Graham, CAP, commander of the Cutler Cadet Squadron in Miami, will be the commandant of the new school, which this summer will offer basic cadet and senior training courses in ground SAR training. Hawk Mountain will offer the same basic courses as well as advanced courses, expert courses, and a field medical course for individuals who have passed the basic course. In addition, a cadet staff training course and senior training course offering command and leadership training have been added to the curriculum.

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People In The News

Cadet Sgt. Greg Slaton was recently named as the Outstanding Cadet for 1974 in the Coweta Cadet Squadron (Georgia Wing). More than 100 cadets and senior members recently gathered for the sixteenth annual Wisconsin Wing Cadet Conference at the Milwaukee Area Technical College. The conference included seminars and staff classes. Lt. Col. D. C. James, NATO Wing Cadet Commander, recently held at Andrews AFB, Maryland. The workshop held at Andrews AFB, Maryland. The two day course included training in Natural Disaster Reporting, Search and Rescue reporting and photography.

Schenectady Composite Squadron's (New York Wing) Commander, Capt. Albert and senior members of the organization and its programs... Nine members of the Van Dyke Cadet Squadron 27 (Michigan Wing) were recently treated to simulated instrument flying by Drake-Santa Ana located at the Detroit City Airport. CAP members participating were: 2d Lt. H. Skip Vankirk, 1st Lt. E. V. Frey, Cadets James Barilka, Kevin Weins, Glen Didzio, Audrey Brown, Eric Fujii, Mike Galat and Tim Mazur...

Cadets and senior members of Group X (Wisconsin Wing) recently combined their efforts and assisted the Air Force Recruiter in Milwaukee in the mailing of more than 2,000 letters to area high school graduates... A former member of the Terre Haute Composite Squadron 307 (Indiana Wing) Capt. Rodney E. Hazen was recently graduated from Air Force pilot training at Williams AFB, Ariz. A recent assignment was to George AFB, Calif... where he will fly the Air Force's F-4 Phantom jet.

CAP Maj. Mary Gormly, commander of Schenectady Composite Squadron 17, (New York Wing) was recently named as the Honorary Commander for Hallandale High School. (Photo by CAP Lt. Barbara Rambo)

CINCINNATI, Ohio — Mark Swaney of Ohio's Anderson Composite Squadron 111, was recently awarded the Outstanding Cadet of the Year Award during the Wing's 1975 Cadet Conference at the University of Cincinnati. Swaney, a former cadet commander of Youngstown's Squadron 301, is a fifth year senior in Aerospace Engineering at the University of Cincinnati. He is a student and frequent co-pilot of former astronaut Neil Armstrong and has been working as a flight test engineer and aerodynamicist for Learjet Corp.

He holds private, instrument and commercial pilot ratings and has passed the written examination for flight instructor's rating.

Swaney was officially sworn into the Navy last summer and is scheduled to enter Naval Flight Officer's Training Class at Aviation Officers Candidate School, Pensacola Naval Air Station, Fla., in September.

INFORMATION

SEARCH FOR DATA — Cadet WO Stephanie McLaw, New Orleans Cadet Squadron and Cadet Sgt. Mike Henderson of the Cincinnati Cadet Squadron co-"hit the books" for answers during a series of leadership/management courses held jointly by the Air Force Junior ROTC and Civil Air Patrol in Louisiana. The courses were put together by Air Force SMSgt. Richard Smith, assistant Aerospace Education Instructor at Bonnabel High School and Byron Rambo of both the Bonnabel HS AFJROTC and the East Bank CAP Cadet Squadron. (Photo by CAP Lt. Barbara Rambo)

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Provencher Becomes AF Nurse

BURLINGTON, Vt. — Theresia Provencher, a member of Civil Air Patrol since 1966, recently was offi-
cially commissioned a second lieutenant in the Air
Force Reserve Corps. She will attend Nurse orienta-
tion training at Fort Sam Houston, Texas. Prior to
her assignment to Castle AFB, Calif., Air Force Maj. John
Mezzo, liaison officer to the Vermont wing, ad-
ministered the commissioning ceremony.

The former cadet attended four cadet summer encamp-
ments, 1967-1970, and was named Best Cadet of the
Year. Cadet Provencher was also named Best Cadet of
the Year. Also Cadets WO Brian Kelley, SSgt. Tim
Mazur, MSgt. John Meister and Senior WO Joe
Mace (foreground), and earned her FAA solo flight certificate that summer, and subsequently acquired
the 1971 Cadet Flying Encampment in Oklahoma where she earned her FAA Private Pilot Certificate.

She has also attended the Medical Services Orientation Course at Shepard Air Force Base and represented
her unit at the 1972 Civil Air Patrol National Convention in Philadelphia as a visitor to Belgium in the
International Air Cadet Exchange. Prior to joining the Air Force Reserve, she served as assistant to the
Burlington Cadet Squadron commander.

GETTING PINNED
Maj. Mezzo and Lt. Provencher

CAP Aircraft
Airlifts Patient
For Transplant

SMETHTON, Pa. — The first
airplane ride for Larry Grossman of Smethport could be the most
important one he will ever take.

Eighteen-year-old Grossman was airlifted in a Civil Air Patrol aircraft to Rochester, N.Y., for
a kidney transplant.

The high school senior suffered from a rare kidney disease and until that fateful day when
he received the transplant, he had traveled more than 10,000 miles commuting to the Strong
Memorial Hospital in Rochester for periodic kidney treatment and checkups.

Early this year his family was notified that they had a donor and they should take immediate
steps to get Larry to Rochester, preferably by air.

Larry's mother contacted Werner Spencer, one of the original members of the Larry Grossman Fund, who
called Capt. Peter G. Polito, commander of the New York State Squadron 507. An aircraft was
set up immediately and less than two hours after the successful operation, the plane was on its
way to Larry aboard.

The kidney transplant operation started just seven hours after the notification of the successful
operation.

Permission for the flight, which was piloted by SM Larry Shields, was obtained earlier from Col. A. A. Milan,
Pennsylvania Wing commander.

Cockpit Check — Cadets Joe Mace (foreground) and Steve Gauget of Nevada's Clark County Composite
Squadron, check out the cockpit of an Air Force CH-53 helicopter. The helicopter was used during a
devastating the course held in Las Vegas. The course covered techniques related to helicopter rescue including equipment orientation, casualty
extraction and transportation of casualties through the use of rappelling. (Photo by CAP Maj. Paul Mayer)

CAP Explained 'On Air'

UNIONTOWN, Pa.—Members of Pennsylvania's Group 1400 recently
appeared on KDKA-TV television show "On Air," a 30-minute weekly program of topics of community concern in and around Pittsburgh.

CAP Lt. Betty Jones, of Squadron 1405, acted as moderator for the show which covered CAP history, cadet and senior activities and
cadet ranger training.

Michiganane's Hold Encampment

STERLING HEIGHTS, Mich.—New cadet recruits recently participated in basic training exercises and a night compass reading course conducted by the Van Dyke Cadet Squadron 3-7 (Michigan Wing). They also earned radio operator cards during the weekend encampment.

The squadron ended the encampment, held at Ray Center, Mich., with a final course in compass work employing the radio communication units communicated during the training.


Also Cadets WO Brian Kelley, Sg t. Tim Mazur, Sgt. John Meister Jr., and WO Mike Sadowksi.
Military, Congressional Leaders...

Photos by MSgt. Russ Brown

...Gather At CAP Function
CAP's Participation Needed...

THEMES

Public Law 93-179 established the American Revolution Bicentennial Administration (ARBA). The ARBA developed three basic themes which will be supported during the Bicentennial commemoration. They are:

- Heritage '76—a nationwide summons to recall our heritage, to place it in its historical perspective, and to focus on the origins, values, and unfolding panorama of our Nation's history.

- Festival USA—a nationwide opportunity to share with fellow Americans and the people of the world the traditions, the culture, the hospitality, and the character of the United States and its people.

- Horizons '76—a nationwide challenge to every American, acting individually or collectively, to select and act upon goals to help make America the "more perfect union" and to improve the quality of future life.

TRY IT
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...For A Successful Bicentennial
**Train Will Roll During Celebration**

The American Freedom Train, a 425-ton steam locomotive, will power the red, white and blue American Freedom Train on its trek across the nation. This train is a part of the Bicentennial commemoration of the United States and tells why America's youth are joining fully in the commemoration. The Freedom Train will serve as a catalyst for local participation in the Bicentennial at each of the train's 79 stops.

The train will begin its journey on April 1 at Wilmington, Delaware. The display cars will be carrying articles representative of the nation's founding, its history, industry, sports, entertainment, explorations and law enforcement.

A major exhibit will be the Freedom Bell, a double-scale replica (excluding clapper) of the Liberty Bell in Independence Hall, Philadelphia. The 7½ feet tall, 7½ feet in diameter Freedom Bell weighs 16,830 pounds and is tuned for the musical note F, exactly one octave below the Liberty Bell. It is the American Legion's Bicentennial gift donated on behalf of America's children.

In recent ceremonies designating the Freedom Train as a national Bicentennial Project, Mr. John Warner, Administrator of the American Revolution Bicentennial Administration (ARBA), pointed out: "In an earlier era, the thousands of miles of steel rails which span our country from coast to coast bound us together as a nation with common purpose and a common goal—a growth of nationalism. Soon the Freedom Train will roll over those same rails again, this time bringing to communities across the land a different cargo—a treasury of our great documents on which we base the foundation of our nation rests."

**FREEDOM TRAIN—A 425-ton steam locomotive will power the red, white and blue American Freedom Train on its trek across the nation.**

**America's Youth To Be Active During Nation's Commemoration**

WASHINGTON, D.C.—Perhaps an expression by a 13-year-old high school senior in Connecticut best tells why America's youth are joining fully in the Bicentennial commemoration of the United States.

"The American Revolution didn't begin in Lexington and Concord. It didn't end in Yorktown. We need much more than a big party on the Fourth of July. It is a continuing program to maintain the spirit of a permanent revolution dedicated to human freedom."

To add to an improved future, the young people are by no means ignoring the past in their efforts to know and understand their culture and heritage. Their youth are deeply involved in projects and programs under all three national Bicentennial themes—Heritage, Festival and Horizons.

Young people are not only serving on Community Bicentennial Committees, but in many cases are the most active participants in forming plans and programs for community participation in the Bicentennial.

Leading national youth groups—like the Boy Scouts, the Girl Scouts, 4-H, Future Farmers of America—are deeply involved in broad Bicentennial programs. It's your job as CAP members to get Civil Air Patrol involved.

These activities run the gamut from clean-up campaigns to beautify and conserve the environment to archaeological projects to rediscover the heritage of communities.

One project, sponsored by the American Revolution Bicentennial Administration, is involving individuals and groups of youth in tapping the "Grass roots" history of the nation.

Called "Above Ground Archaeology," the Bicentennial project encourages the searching out of "lost" documents, photographs, letters, furniture, dress and other memorabilia from days gone by, or recapturing from memories the fullness and flavor of life in earlier times.

Creativity and energy are the resources of America's youth and they can apply these resources in many programs for the commemorations of the nation's 200th anniversary. Get Civil Air Patrol involved.

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**Early Start** — Civil Air Patrol Cadets Pam Rolston (left), and Charlotte Channing from Michigan’s Farmington Cadet Squadron get an early start on their city’s Bicentennial celebration. Here they put the finishing touches on their “newest cadet.” All fire hydrants within the city are being painted with the theme of the Spirit of ’76. Cadet Rolston was also Miss Michigan Wing CAP for 1974. (Photo by CAP Capt. William Mendoza)

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### Beautify For The Bicentennial

WASHINGTON D.C.—If you haven’t as yet decided what to give Uncle Sam on his birthday, why not make it a tree, a flower, a plant, a shrub? Just think, if all of his relatives chipped in by planting a living gift on the occasion of his Bicentennial, what a pleasant beginning it would be for his third century.

Mr. Warner, Administrator of the American Revolution Bicentennial Administration (ARBA), who has said the success of the Bicentennial will be judged by the number of participants, not spectators, suggests this is one way an individual or community can become involved in the commemoration of the nation’s 200th anniversary with lasting effect.

The ARBA is encouraging support for the “Green Survival for the Third Century” program of the American Association of Nurserymen (AAN) and has designated the project a national Bicentennial program.

Mr. Warner presented a certificate of recognition and a Bicentennial flag to Louis Hillenmeyer, President of the AAN, on December 3. In addition to focusing attention on the project, official recognition provides for the use of the national Bicentennial symbol in connection with the program’s activities.

The program is designed to encourage “individuals and groups to plant trees, shrubs, grass and other plants in a nationwide effort to help purify the air, stabilize the soil, clarify the water, beautify our surroundings and abate noise.”

The Association is working with State department of agriculture in the promotion of “Green Survival for the Third Century,” and States are currently using or considering the program.

For 28 years the Association has conducted an Annual Landscape Award Program and will give a special series of awards to those communities which have shown outstanding interest and success on community beautification during the nation’s Bicentennial.

Mr. Warner noted that many of the more than 2,000 communities around the country which have received national Bicentennial recognition to date, have included such beautification programs in their Bicentennial planning and expressed hope that many others will join.

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### Suggested Activities

**List of senior and cadet activities to consider in the observance (at unit level).**

- **Parades** (march in) color guards and drill teams.
- Support VFW and American Legion observances.
- Support National Park Service programs.
- **Help build floats for Bicentennial parades.**
- Volunteer to support local military installations (Army, USAF, Navy, Marine and Coast Guard) observances.
- **Local unit commander(s) (senior and cadets) should volunteer to serve on local city) planning boards.**
- **Wing Commanders should volunteer to serve on state Bicentennial Planning Boards.**
- Local units work with DCPA, Salvation Army and Red Cross in their observances.
- **CAP Chaplains should conduct special Bicentennial observances (in their unit and in their church).**
- **Borrow and use Bicentennial flags for unit open houses, awards ceremonies, etc.**
- **Unit color guards should carry the Bicentennial flag whenever they perform, if possible.**
- **CAP ground vehicles could carry Bicentennial “bumper stickers” thru Dec. 1976 on back center bumper.**
- **CAP aircraft could carry the Bicentennial seal (if available) on the right side of engine cowling.**
- **Local units should continue to participate in local airshows and other aerospace activities (meetings, conventions, etc.)**
- **Units can plant trees in honor of Bicentennial.**
- **Cadets should participate in Bicentennial observances and programs at their local schools (in uniform if possible).**
- **Collect signatures on a copy of the Declaration of Independence from as many people in your town as possible.**
- **Suggest that seniors and cadets can develop the habit of asking themselves, their friends and people they meet — "What have you done to honor our Bicentennial?"**
TO ALL MEMBERS OF CIVIL AIR PATROL

Soon, all of us will have an opportunity to be part of another important event in our great nation's history. The American Revolution Bicentennial Celebration. The observance of our Country's 200th birthday will help commemorate the ideals, traditions and beliefs that are the foundation of America and the strength of its future. We should all be interested and involved in our 200th anniversary as a nation.

This special four-page Civil Air Patrol Bicentennial Plan should be the starting point for your local observance. Please retain this plan for future reference and idea implementation. Future issues of the Civil Air Patrol NEWS will contain additional information and ideas for each CAP unit to evaluate and use.

During the next year and a half we would like to see everyone in CAP participate in the local and national bicentennial programs. Remember, it's your birthday too and time to "re-CAP-ture" the old spirit that made our nation what it is!

[Signatures]

WILLIAM M. PATTERSON
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Chairman, National Board

CAP Meeting Set For Philadelphia

In conjunction with America's Bicentennial celebrations in 1976, the Civil Air Patrol National Executive Committee has chosen Philadelphia as it's site for the 1976 National Board Meeting. The meeting will be held at the Philadelphia Sheraton Hotel on Sept. 16-19, 1976. Make your plans to attend and help CAP celebrate the Bicentennial.