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THIRD ANNUAL DINING-IN HONORS DR. MARRS, MAJOR FISHER.

All of the Middle East Region was well represented at our wing dining-in held the night of 24 February at the Andrews AFB Officers Officers Club. Col. Lyle Castle, CAP National Board Chairman attended and presented Honorary Membership in CAP to Dr. Theodore Marrs, USAF Deputy for Reserve and ROTC.

U.S. Air Force Major Bernard Fisher, holder of the Medal of Honor was invited to attend by the wing information officer and wing commander. He received a Certificate of Appreciation from Col. George P. Upright for his outstanding example of bravery and character to CAP cadets and the youth of America.

Dr. Marrs, a colonel in the USAF Reserve, commended CAP for its outstanding record during its first twenty-five years of service to the country, but urged further emphasis on the cadet and senior aerospace education programs.

Attendance was listed at 190 persons. The USAF Pipe Band and the Singing Sergeants under the direction of Captain Franklin Lockwood gave outstanding performances that will be long remembered. Other members of the Air Force Band provided background music that was most welcome, and the Air Force Honor Guard of the 1100th Air Base Wing performed with outstanding precision in opening and closing flag ceremonies.

Capt. Hal Craven, CAP, ass't. wing IO, and a former member of The AIRMAN Magazine, official USAF magazine, presented a "hot off-the-press" copy to Maj. Fisher. The March issue featured Maj. Fisher's exploit in winning the Medal of Honor and was signed by the entire staff of the magazine.

Arrangements for the Dining-In were made by Maj. Lee Eisenhart, USAF, Wing LO; MSgt. K.C. Powell, Lt. Col. Ruth Ferguson, the Wing Commander and the Wing IO. Lt. Col. Ada Mitchell aided Col. Ferguson in handling arrangements for MER participants.

MER COMMANDERS CONFERENCE HELD AT ANDREWS AFB.

A full program and intensive discussions of CAP activities in the MER featured the CO's conference held Saturday, 25 February.

Col. Stanhope Lineberry, CAP presided. He urged all wings in the region to redouble their efforts in all facets of CAP work and raise their standings in the national ratings.

Col. Lyle Castle, National Board Chairman was present for the morning session. He reported that CAP, overall, might purchase some 50 aircraft for various units. Types included Cessna 150, 172 and 182, plus Cherokee 140, 140-4, 180 and 235. NCW now has two new aircraft based at Hyde Field, Prince Georges County. They are the two-place Citabria Champion, and the two-place Cessna 150.

MER CONFERENCE, CONT'D.

Staff officers and escort officers are needed for duty during flying encampments this summer. Persons interested should see the wing commander for further information. Check with executive officer first.

All MER members are looking forward to the MER Conference to be held 7-9 April at Myrtle Beach, S.C. Delaware Wing will have a C-118, C-131 and C-54 to take NCW and East and West Virginia Wing personnel plus some of the Maryland Wing staff. Senator Thurman is scheduled as top speaker for the meeting. Approximately 188 tie-down spaces will be available at Crescent Beach Airport, S.C.

The Inter-Region Girls Exchange will take place with the North East Region. They need escorts and must have a host wing (Delaware). Project officers for this IRGE activity will be the Maryland Wing.

Communications: Single Sideband equipment will be utilized in future in all LO offices. All inquiries should be directed to the Wing Communications Officer.

PERSONNEL CHANGES

1LT. Jim Hays, an experienced pilot, engineer and former commander of the Andrews AFB CAP Sq. has moved to Wing Hq. as Deputy for Senior Training from his post as executive officer for the Anacostia Gp. He replaces Lt. Col. Cox, who moves into the office of the Deputy for Operations, where he will work with Capt. I."Fergie" Ferguson, newly appointed Director of Operations.

SUMMER ENCAMPMENT PLANNING CONFERENCE HELD

Wing Exec Lt. Col. Ruth Ferguson headed the NatCap delegation to Dover AFB recently to confer with officials there on the upcoming wing encampment. A large building has been set aside for wing use as a combined barracks-headquarters. A busy program of varied activities is scheduled for participants in the summer training. Staff members who went to Dover included Maj. L. Eisenhart, LO; Lt. Col. Robbie Robinson Dep/Personnel; CWO George Meredith, Ass't. Wg. IO; and MSgt. K.C. Powell, NCOIC, LO.

DISORIENTATION

"FAA Aviation News" reports that 'Every pilot should consider his training incomplete until he has learned to fly by instruments and has gained proficiency in instrument flight techniques." The quote is from a pamphlet put out recently by FAA's Office of Aviation Medicine. Titled "Disorientation," it also points out the value of trusting instruments.

A second booklet is called "IFR, VFR --Either Way Disorientatio Can Be Fatal." Gives medical info on pilot attitude errors. Both booklets are available without cost from the FAA Office of Aviation Medicine, AM-1, 800 Independence Ave., S.W., Washington, D.C., 20553.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Maj. John Kunsmiller, Director, Plans and Programs reports the following items for your consideration: For the month of April - 3-7, Cherry Blossom Festival; 4th, Wing Staff Meeting; 7-9, MER Conference; 11th, Cadet Advisory Council Meeting, Wg. Hq.; 18th, Gp. CO's Meeting, Wg. Hq.; 21st, St. George Day Celebration & Parade -Upper Marlboro.; Standard 1st Aid Course, Va. Gp., continuing.

For the month of May - 2nd, Wg. Staff Meeting; Gp. & Sq. CO's meeting at Wg. Hq. on 16th; 27-28, Wing SARCAP. Also planned is a wing cadet social "Wing-Ding" at Bolling AFB, a Cadet Advisory Council Meeting at Wg. Hq., and possible participation in Armed Forces Day activities. Contact Maj. Kunsmiller for further information.

GENERAL AVIATION GROWING RAPIDLY

Americans took to the air in 1965 in unprecedented numbers. Seventy percent of the FAA recorded takeoffs and landings were accounted for by General Aviation craft. General aviation fleet grew from 88,742 planes on record in '64 to 95,442.

Active pilots increased from 431,041 in 1964 to 479,770 in 1965. Airports reported to the FAA increased to 9,566 - public and private - in 1965, 76 more than in 1964 and 3,140 more than in 1960.

COMPLIANCE WITH CAP REGULATIONS, WING ORDERS REQUIRED

Disciplinary action will be taken regarding inadequate performance of duty by a member of the wing.

Announcement of such possible action to persons not complying with regulations and orders was announced by the wing commander in February. Demotions, suspension or separation from CAP may result.

Trouble spots exist in unit reporting procedures. All units are urged to submit their monthly reports on time. That includes the Information Report. Also check for proper time of reporting on Chaplain activity in squadrons and groups. All unit vehicle inspections must be completed for safety and insurance purposes.

ARMY SCIENTISTS WORKING ON NEW TYPE AVIATION FUEL

Brig. Gen. K.Bawalt, deputy chief of Army's research and development program reports Army scientists are studying emulsified fuel for aircraft that is less flammable than present mixtures. New fuel splashes over a smaller area, reducing accident fire hazards.

WING COMMANDER TO REPORT ON NEC MEET IN PUERTO RICO

Col. George Upright will give Wing officers a report of action taken by members of the CAP National Executive Committee during their recent business conference held in the Commonwealth. The colonel, accompanied by SM Mrs. Upright attended all sessions of the NEC. Discussion will take place 4 April at Wing Hq.

FALSE CHECK PASSER POSING AS USAF RECRUITER

Following message was received from Hq. CAP USAF: "All units are cautioned against a man who poses as a CMSgt. of the USAF Recruiting Service. Mode of operation is to attend local unit meetings, including CAP, as a recruiter and uses these contacts for writing hot checks. Uses the name H.J. (Harry Joe) Kleinhans (or) Kleinhaus. Real name is Howard Randells King III. He is white, 33 years old. Born in Texas, 6' 1" to 6' 2", weight 185 to 190, protruding upper teeth. Speaks fluent German. Has a tatoo on each arm. Last known to be driving stolen 1967 Datsun pickup. Operates from coast to coast. Last known location Kansas. Any leads should be reported to local FBI office. Little Rock FBI is primary." Note: Any matters pertaining to this or similar cases should be reported to the NCW LO first!

DRILL COMPETITION PLANNED

During the month of June NatCap Wg. is planning an invitational drill team competition. The location is tentatively set at Bolling AFB. Challenges will be issued to nearby wings to come and compete.

The wing drill team is still accepting applications from cadets for membership.

The girls drill team is also accepting new members. Any cadet interested in becoming a member of either team please contact Capt. Carlton Hill, Drill Team Director at 832-8115 in the evening.

NEW RULINGS FROM FAA FOR PILOTS

Pilots operating from small airports located within the control zones of larger airports will be permitted to use flight visibility as the basis for operations if there is no accredited weather observer at that field. The rule revising Part 91 of the Federal Aviation Regulations takes effect April 16. It allows pilots using satellite airports to determine the visibility at the field either from the cockpit while in flight or from the surface of the airport before takeoff. Wing Director of Operations requires all pilots to read the revision in full from the FAA publication!

NEW FIELD RATIONS

U.S. Air Force's 1st Air Commando Wing is testing a new type of field ration at England AFB, La. Newly developed meals consist of 12 different menus, each having 1,200 or more calories. They compare with "C" rations and IF-10 rations; currently furnished military personnel in field.

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