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COL. D. HAROLD BYRD
'Mr. Civil Air Patrol'



Col. Lyle Castle
National Board Chairman

Our National Officers Welcome You To The 1966 Southwest Region Conference Of The Civil Air Patrol



Col. Joe L. Mason, USAF
National Commander

Col. Sanford's Message

In January - an annual review of Southwest Region Headquarters was made by the inspectors from National Headquarters. When the results are received every effort will be made to evaluate them toward making improvements which will facilitate aiding the Wings within the Region.

It is my desire that Region Headquarters continually build up its capabilities, and in turn each group and squadron. This is a constant goal on which we all can set our sights.

One way we can accomplish this objective is to make more effort to work as a team and not go off in our respective corners and never peer out. Let's give up jealousies and put the effort spent on griping into the program, instead. Chances are that most of us who have a tendency to complain the loudest are the ones doing the least for the organization.

In a brighter light is the Southwest Region Conference slated for 1-3 April in Dallas. More about this appears in another part of the magazine. This event not only will be informative, fun and provide a chance to swap ideas, but it will give us a chance to see just where we are doing well--and where we are falling down. Many good ideas come from such a meeting and I sincerely encourage all who can to attend. National Headquarters' presentation, alone, will be worth coming for.

In closing I would like to congratulate Miles K. Brown, Director of Public Information for the Southwest Region, and his associates for the fine job performed in developing and publishing the Southwest Times. This publication can be of great service to the Region. And it will do a better job if we all contribute to it.

EDITORIAL

Some CAP members, past and present, say we are uncertain of our shared aims regarding our program. Both statements are dead wrong.

To say that we are confused is one way of evading the difficult task before us. We are not really in doubt about the more serious of our shared aims in the space age. We know what they are. We know that they are difficult. And we know that we have not achieved them.

Are examples needed?

We want peace and justice. We want a world that doesn't live under the fear of the Bomb; a world that acknowledges the rule of God; a world in which no nation can play bully and no nation need live in fear. How many CAP members would disagree with that purpose?

Is it easy? Have we come close to achieving it? Read your morning paper or watch the 10 p.m. news on television. We want freedom. We don't think man was born to have someone else's foot on his neck--or someone else's hand over his mouth. We want freedom at home and we want a world in which freedom is possible. Who would disagree with that as a national aim? Who would call it easy? Who would say we've achieved it?

We believe in the dignity and worth of the individual, and it has always been our unshakable purpose to protect and preserve that dignity within the ranks of CAP, both internal and external.

History has flung the CAP an exciting challenge by making us the first of all organizations in which members of every rank could display a measure of taste and responsibility, and we have responded by displaying bad taste on a massive scale, both internal and external. Let us be honest about it; we have a wealth of avenues we can utilize regarding surplus material and indirect Air Force leadership, and the know how to make the Civil Air Patrol an essential vehicle, an inspiration to the world and a monument for future generations--and we have not even come close to the mark.

The crisis of our organization is one that has burst upon us only in the past few years. I mean, of course, the steadily widening gap between a standard of living in side our organization that is the highest in the world and a standard of living outside them that is fast becoming a national disgrace.

In our youth as an organization, we had a profound sense of purpose, which we lost over the years of our rise to glory. The CAP mission that inspired every Commander from Gen. Spaatz to Col. Turner called upon us to serve as a testament to leadership, to spread by our example the good news of the CAP. We did not lose our youthful sense of mission because it was childish or wicked or because it was impossible in its demands upon us, but because it had eventually to be fulfilled in the course of time or be cast aside as a youthful extravagance. And it was in fact fulfilled nobly.

Can an organization such as the CAP, which has fulfilled the mission of its youth expect to find a second mission in this fast moving space age? And can our organization which has known the material success of ours shake loose from the clutch of self-indulgence? Once we were lean and hungry, an organization "on the make," and we generated a sense of mission almost instinctively in order to survive and move ahead. Now we are fat and complacent, an organization that "has it made," and we find it hard to rouse to the trumpet of sacrifice---even if anyone in authority were to blow it.

I hardly think an editorial of this nature will win friends or influence any mem-

bers for me personally, but the fact remains that there is so much to do and so little time to do it in. Let's re-capture the sense of mission our founding fathers had when they first organized the CAP eight days before Pearl Harbor.

It was my pleasure to speak to the Texas Wing Conference held in Austin, Texas 12 March 1966, at which time I recited to them a poem titled "To Whom It May Concern," (author unknown), and, following the speech, I had several requests to send copies. A suggestion was made for me to include the poem in this month's Southwest Times. I hope you will clip it out and use it when possible:

"To Whom It May Concern"

Author Unknown

I watched them tearing a building down,
A gang of men in a busy town,
With a yo-heave-ho and a lusty yell
They swing a beam and a side wall fell.
I asked the foreman, are these men skilled,
The men you would hire if you had to build?
He gave a laugh and said, "No indeed, why
Just common old labor is all I need."
I can easily wreck in a day or two
What it's taken builders years to do."
I thought to myself as I went my way,
Which of these roles have you tried to play?
Am I shaping my deeds to a well-made plan,
Patiently doing the best I can?
Am I a builder who works with care
Measuring life by the rule and the square,
Or am I a wrecker who walks the town,
Content with the labor of tearing down . . .

Texas Wing Speaks Out

Like the Red Cross and Civil Defense, CAP exists to provide help when help is needed. CAP is a service to the community and only when the community is made aware of the services CAP offers will these services be used.

The community will only know what CAP is and does if it is told . . . and it should be told by you or your representatives at civic meetings, fraternal meetings, PTA meetings, etc.

Does the Mayor in your town know that your unit's drill team is available to participate in local parades?

Does the Civil Defense Coordinator or the Red Cross in your area know that your unit has trained communicators, qualified first-aiders, drivers, pilots, etc., ready--capable--and willing to work with them during any emergency?

Does your city's public relations personnel know that smart-looking, uniformed CAP cadets are available to act as honor guards for visiting dignitaries?

Does your Air Force Recruiting Station know that your cadets are available to assist him when he needs them?

DO THE CIVIC LEADERS IN YOUR COMMUNITY KNOW YOU EXIST? They won't unless you tell them and offer them your unit's assistance in community affairs.

Speakers, films, posters, unit publications, should all be used as part of your Community Relations Program. Win the community's approval and respect and you've achieved one of the most important goals in the CAP information program.

Maj. John Brogan
Texas Wing I.O.

Texas CAP Calendar

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| 1-3 April | Southwest Regional Conference, Adolphus Hotel, Dallas. |
| 16 April | Wing Cadet Drill Competition, San Antonio, Texas. |
| 14 May | Area Conference, Odessa |
| 3-4-5 June | SARTEST, Odessa
(Alternate date - 6 weeks after primary date) |

SOUTHWEST TIMES



MILES K. BROWN

Editor

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'AN OCCASION TO REMEMBER' is the way Miles K. Brown, CAP (left), editor of the Southwest Times, describes his first encounter with 'Mr. CAP' himself, Col. D. Harold Byrd in the Colonel's office recently. The genial Dallas businessman and long-time flying enthusiast is warm, outgoing and friendly with all persons with which he comes in contact.

Brandes, Burnett Get Silver Oak Leaves

Maj. Harry E. Brandes and Maj. William W. Burnett, Southwest Region LO Officers, have received their much-deserved promotion to Lieutenant Colonel.

Maj. Brandes is our Regional Director of Operations and has done an outstanding job. He is the kind of officer who understands and cares for the CAP program and we trust we will be fortunate enough in keeping him in the Southwest Region for years to come.

Maj. Burnett is the Southwest Region LO, assigned to New Mexico along with other duties in neighboring states. We are enthusiastic about your promotion, Bill, and with the renewed spirit of cooperation in New Mexico, we know you can take them to the top (with their help of course).

The Southwest Times would like to say congratulations for a job well-done and to keep up the good work.

June Spiritual Meet

Glorieta, N. M. will be site of one of six spiritual life conferences, 4-8 June, sponsored by the Chief of Chaplains, USAF. The theme of this religious retreat for protestant officers, airmen and dependents will be "The People of God In The World Of Men."

Activities will include inspirational speakers, Bible study, buzz sessions, panel discussions, campfires, singing and Christian fellowship. The retreats are authorized per Par 33a (3) AFR 265-1. Advance registration of \$5 is required.

A Salute To CAP's Founder And Best Friend: Col. Byrd

The year was 1939 and a dedicated American had just completed a tour of Germany and Czechoslovakia. What he saw there greatly concerned him.

That man is someone very familiar to the veterans of Civil Air Patrol service and they rightfully know him as the "father" of CAP. His name: Col. D. Harold Byrd.

Not many people today know that fateful trip to Europe during the beginning of Hitler's sweep across the Continent had a lot to do with the forming of the great and powerful organization known today as the Civil Air Patrol.

For, upon his return to the United States, Col. Byrd flew directly to Washington, D. C., where behind closed doors he reported to the late Sen. Morris Sheppard, then chairman of the Military Affairs Committee. That meeting, which came just eight days before Germany invaded Czechoslovakia, was to start the chain of events which led to the founding of CAP.

Fittingly enough, the man who had the remarkable foresight to own one of the first airplanes in Texas was also preceptive enough to visualize what the dark clouds over Europe during the late 30s signified.

During those troubled days which seemed to spell gloom for all the world, Col. Byrd envisioned a civilian organization made up of financiers and service station attendants, of doctors and plumbers, of professors and students--all aviation enthusiasts and with a burning desire to serve their country.

The safety of America was threatened and it was Col. Byrd's sincere belief that civilian pilots pooling their talents, time and aircraft could do much to safeguard this country.

The indomitable Col. Byrd was not to see his dream of a band of flying vigilantes come true until it was almost too late. Just five short days before Pearl Harbor, he was among a small but alert group of men, in a smoke-filled room in the nation's capitol, charged with the responsibility of bringing to life the Civil Air Patrol.

It was in that same smoke-filled room that the purpose and mission of this great and powerful organization known as CAP was penned in these words:

"To employ voluntarily its resources of manpower and equipment in search and rescue . . . to fulfill its role of readiness to meet local and national emergencies . . . to motivate the youth of America to the highest ideals of leadership and public service . . . and to further this nation's air and space

supremacy through a systematic aerospace education and training program."

Following those dark days after Pearl Harbor, when tanker after tanker was torpedoed and turned into a fiery furnace after leaving Texas refineries bound for northern ports, Col. Byrd became the first commander of the Texas Wing. The Director of Defense, under President Roosevelt, appointed him.

The submarine menace was a real threat, as tanks, guns and ammunition intended for our Allies were often sent to the bottom of the ocean only a few hours after leaving American harbors. The subs often operated close to land, frequently attacking their victims from the inshore side.

Under Col. Byrd's command, the Civil Air Patrol established anti-submarine bases, and he personally assumed command of the base at Beaumont, Texas. The base itself was listed as a No. 1 target for the offshore shelling and enemy attack.

Col. Byrd and the Texas Wing got their share of the action, the records show. More than 26 million water miles were flown. A total of 72 enemy subs were sighted, with seven subs sunk, two without military assistance.

Following his tour of duty as Texas Wing Commander, from 1941 to 1948, he served as Southwest Region Commander from 1948 to 1953.

About this time, Gen. Carl Spaatz announced his retirement as Chief of Staff of the U.S. Air Force. He had only been in retirement three weeks when the persuasive powers of Col. Byrd had him back into service at the helm of CAP. Reluctant at first it was only after Col. Byrd's pleas that the CAP was in dire need of his capabilities that Gen. Spaatz accepted the position of chairman of the National Executive Board.

Col. Byrd served with him as vice chairman of the Board. When Gen. Spaatz retired in 1959, Col. Byrd then became chairman.

He retired as Chairman in April, 1960, at which time he was made honorary chairman of the Board and a lifetime member of the Civil Air Patrol. In January, 1961, he was appointed advisor to the chairman of the National Board and Executive Committee.

A high honor came his way July 9, 1962, when the Department of the Navy awarded him a citation expressing its appreciation and tribute for his connection with the Naval Air Station at Hensley Field in Dallas, and for his



"Mr. Civil Air Patrol" is still Colonel D. Harold Byrd of Dallas, Texas, even though he is now retired from active service. He's the grand old man of civil aviation -- and oil -- in Texas, is a leading foundina father of CAP.

contribution to the Polar Expedition of Admiral Richard E. Byrd.

The plaque reads as follows:

"Long-time friend of the Navy, and particularly of Naval aviation--Col. D. Harold Byrd was the moving force behind the pre-World War II effort which culminated in the establishment of Hensley Field as a Navy Air Station in the Dallas area. The bonds of friendship with the Navy go back to Col. Byrd's association with and support of Rear Admiral Richard E. Byrd in the latter's Naval polar expedition. In thus supporting his cousin's expedition, Col. Byrd was a contributor to later projects under Navy sponsorship in connection with Operation Deep Freeze. The Navy is proud to pay tribute to this patriotic American whose time and talents have always been willingly offered in support of the National Defense, often at great personal sacrifice.

(Signed) Fred Korth,
Secretary of Navy."

Among his many honors of recognition for his CAP service are a citation from the War Department for service in CAP during 1941-45; appointment in 1947 as a member of the Army Advisory Board, 4th Army Headquarters; a resolution passed by the Texas Legislature, commending the Texas Wing of CAP under Col. Byrd's direction for its part in the defense of the State during World War II; and still another citation reading, "For rendering meritorious service to the United States Air Force from Dec. 1941 to April, 1960."

Motivated by a strong sense of patriotism, Col. Byrd played a major part in the successful operation of the Texas Wing and the national program of CAP.

On July 1, 1946, he helped obtain passage of Public Law 476 during 79th Congress by which the Civil Air Patrol obtained its national charter. He also assisted in having the Civil Air Patrol designated as an auxiliary of the U.S. Air Force through the passage of Public Law 557 by the 80th Congress on May 20, 1949.

As chairman of the legislative committee of CAP, he took an active part in additional legislation for the benefit of the organization, including the Supply Bill passed in 1954, and the Compensation Bill passed in 1956.

Several attempts to obtain financial aid from the Texas Legislature have been led by Col. Byrd. While these, so far, have been unsuccessful, he has secured through these efforts a greater cooperation from the various state agencies in the performance of mutually beneficial defense matters.

The big-hearted Texan, along with Col. Earl L. Johnson, pioneered the program to establish the first CAP Cadet program.

Following the precept of Canada, Col. Byrd, spearheaded the International Air Cadet Exchange Program whereby outstanding CAP cadets from America could visit with cadets from other countries.

For many years, Col. Byrd assisted personally and financially in playing host to foreign cadets visiting Texas.

Characteristically a man of action, Col. Byrd has done more than dream and plan of introducing young people to aviation. Many students and graduates of various universities and colleges can attribute their opportunity for higher education to Col. Byrd's monetary and spiritual encouragement. During his participation in CAP, he sponsored many scholarship programs for cadets and senior members.

This distinguished gentleman, while now known as the grand old man of aviation, maintains a rugged business schedule which would stagger a much younger man.

Col. Byrd is one of the giants of aviation in this country and therefore has a rightful claim to a share of the chapter on aviation in our country's history.

"Mr. CAP" is also a fitting title for him because he is a founder of Civil Air Patrol.

The contributions of his time, talents and wealth to the cause of aviation in general, and to CAP in particular, may never be accurately measured.

The Southwest Times takes great pride in raising this salute to Col. D. Harold Byrd for his untiring efforts and devotion to the cause of CAP and for his services to God and his country.

The Southwest Region of CAP can take great pride in having this gentleman in our midst.



In his Admiral Byrd museum, the Colonel displays rock from mountains bearing his name in Antarctica. His famed cousin is pictured on wall

In early forties, Byrd wears original Civil Air Patrol uniform, which is now on a mannequin of himself in the Smithsonian Institute.



In the antarctic, he gets acquainted with natives: A seal and a penguin



P.S.: Happy Birthday, Col. Byrd.

Community Relations

No. 1 Effort of IO's

As noted in the last SOUTHWEST TIMES, we hope to make the rest of 1966 one of intensive activity in the area of Community Relations. No. 1 effort on the part of all Information Officers should be to contact and establish support with organizations normally found in every city, town and community. Following are a few whose friendly cooperation could be invaluable to Civil Air Patrol:

Religious groups with which CAP may cooperate to their mutual benefit.

Trade associations such as advertising associations.

Fraternal organizations.

Women's organizations.

Civic groups.

Service groups.

Veterans' and military associations.

The Information Officer should bear in mind that every individual in his city may belong to more than one organization or special-interest group, each one of which is a community audience.

As an example, consider the man who is married and has children, has served in the Air Force overseas during World War II, and owns and operates a business. The man may be a member of several organizations. As an air veteran, he is interested in Air Force and aviation news and might belong to the Air Force Association, the American Legion and Veterans of Foreign Wars. As a parent, he is concerned with school and youth problems and probably belongs to the P-TA. As a businessman, he might be a member of the Kiwanis and Lions Clubs. He also has religious and political affiliations which broaden his interests.

If you like being a CAP member, why don't you return the favor and sign up a new member?

REGION I.O.

Senior Members Really Hit Books

ELLINGTON, AFB, Tex.,- Civil Air Patrol senior members "hit the books" in record numbers last year as they embarked on an expanded Senior Member training program.

Statistics compiled by CAP's national Aerospace Education Office at CAP national headquarters revealed that nearly half of the total senior membership participated in the revised home study and testing program.

Some 14,900 seniors successfully completed examinations in study courses covering CAP's Search and Rescue, Civilian Defense and Communications mission operations. The total number of seniors participating in the training study and testing program in those areas in 1964 was 6,020.

Col. Joe L. Mason, USAF, CAP national commander, said CAP's objective in 1966 is to enroll all of the corporation's 33,000 senior members in the Senior Member training study program.

Spraggins Named Nat'l Safety Man

ELLINGTON, AFB, Tex.- A Texas safety consultant has been named national safety officer for the Civil Air Patrol, it was announced by Joe L. Mason, USAF, CAP national Commander.

James C. Spraggins of LaPorte, Texas, a lieutenant colonel in CAP, was appointed to the new post because of his vast experience in the field of industrial safety.

A rated pilot since 1938, Spraggins will direct the flying and ground safety programs involving more than 10,893 pilots, 4,878 aircraft and 4,500 vehicles throughout the 50 states, the District of Columbia and Puerto Rico.



COL. MAXWELL'S MESSAGE

The Southwest Region is to be commended for increasing its national standing, particularly in two important areas. I mentioned in the last issue of the Southwest Times that a journey of 1,000 miles begins with the first step and I am convinced that a giant step has been taken to insure the Southwest Region of having an even higher evaluation when the 1966 track record is reviewed. No chain is any stronger than its weakest link and let me urge each wing to do every thing they can to add strength to our Region and not weakness.

I look forward to seeing you at the Regional Conference, and if my services can be of interest or value to you, please let me know.

Col. Ernest B. Maxwell, USAF
Chief Liaison Officer
USAF-CAP, Southwest Region

CADET PROGRAM ENLARGED

ELLINGTON, AFB, Tex.-- Col. Joe L. Mason, USAF, National Commander of the Civil Air Patrol, has announced an expansion of the organization's cadet flying program for 1966. Three locations, Elmira, N.Y., Chester, S.C., and Lawton, Okla., have been selected for the program.

"The initial flight training program for American youth which provided flight instruction for 28 cadets last year at Elmira, N.Y. was so successful that we have increased the expenditure of Civil Air Patrol funds from \$20,000 to \$56,710 and increased the number of cadets, both boys and girls, to 124 this year," Colonel Mason said.

Designed to qualify the cadets for Federal Aviation Agency certification as powered aircraft and glider pilots, the Civil Air Patrol cadet flying program is expected to help alleviate the critical pilot shortage facing the nation's general aviation fleet in the next decade.

Colonel Mason said the program was initiated to overcome the three main deterrents keeping American youth from pursuing aviation careers: Lack of money to enter flight training; lack of contact with pilots and aircraft; and, lack of time due to heavy academic loads.



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Col. Chambers' Message

If you like being a CAP member, why don't you return the favor and sign up a new member?

The strength and power behind our great organization is an effective, sustained membership drive on every level. What greater achievement is there than bringing in a new member? You can never tell, if that member is a cadet he might be one of our future astronauts. Your introduction to aviation through the CAP program just might be the key that will unlock the universe to countless prospective members.

If the Civil Air Patrol is to take its rightful place in leadership today, it's time we returned the favor and signed up that new member. Abraham Lincoln once said, "Next to God's creating life, the greatest thing man can do is save a life." It is my belief the Civil Air Patrol will literally save the lives of leadership decay if we will take it on ourselves to tell the people about our program, both internally and externally.

Membership in number is not necessarily the answer to our problem, but the words for CAP members to live by are these: If you enjoy the program of Civil Air Patrol, return the favor and sign up a new member. You'll be glad you did.

Col. Claude L. Chambers
CAP, Dpty. Cmdr. SW/R

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Operation Sound-Off Now In Progress

Lt. Col. Boots Hinton, Communications Officer for the Southwest Region in cooperation with the Region Information Officer, Miles K. Brown, has announced

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2000 hrs.	30, March	Miles K. Brown Information Officer	IO Program
	13, April	Lt. Col. Harold S. Miles Regional Chaplain	Chaplain Section
	27, April	Col. Glen Stinnett CAP Region Material Off.	Material & Supply
	11, May	Lt. Col. Fred Adams Region Operation Off.	Safety & Operations
	25, May	Lt. Col. Maynard Dempsey Region Director of Cadet	Cadet Section

"Operation Sound-Off" is underway.

Civil Air Patrol has a radio net of more than 14,900 airborne fixed and mobile stations. The largest of its type in the world. This net is a backup for the nation's military and Civil Defense communications systems.

The Southwest Region alone has over 1,244 licensed radio stations with an investment in excess of \$300,000. About 65 per cent which are member-owned and operated and the balance owned by the CAP Cooperation.

It is Lt. Col. Hinton's plan to utilize this Region Net to the best interest of the entire Region program and you're invited to participate in "Operation Sound Off," on the dates below. Personnel responsible for the broadcast are also listed for your information. Make sure your unit Communication officer takes advantage of this outstanding CAP project.

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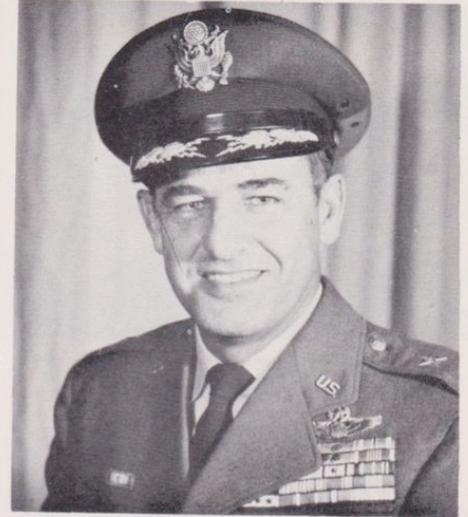
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Gen. McElroy Is Featured Speaker At Region Meet

The featured speaker of the Southwest Region Conference of Civil Air Patrol has an interest in flying that dates back at least 31 years, although he received his first military training in an infantry company.

Brig. Gen. Stephen D. McElroy, commander of Ground Electronics Engineering Installation Agency, Griffiss AFB, N.Y., trained with the Citizens' Military Training Corps at Fort Eustis, Va., in 1929. In 1933, he received a Bachelor of Science degree and a reserve commission as a 2nd Lieutenant in the Coast Artillery Corps from Virginia Polytechnic Institute. Following a year of postgraduate study, he was awarded a Master of Science degree in architectural Engineering in 1934.

He became actively interested in flying while in Texas after college and took his first solo flight at Waco, Texas, in 1935. In 1938, he enlisted in the Army Air Corps as an aviation cadet and, after completion of flying training at Randolph and Kelley Fields, Texas, he was commissioned a 2nd Lieutenant in the Air Corps Reserve. His regular commission came through in 1940.

He served a distinguished tour of duty during World War II when he was in England and Newfoundland as commander of the 40th Bomb Squadron (later the 4th Anti-submarine Squadron). Later he flew bombardment missions for the 5th Air Force in the South Pacific; served in the Caribbean Defense Command and was instrumental in re-equipping the Guatemalan Air Force with U.S. aircraft after World War II.

He served in various key positions throughout the world for the USAF. His present command came about June 10, 1964. GEEIA is the Air Force's single manager of the engineering, installation and on-site depot level maintenance of its ground Communications-Electronics systems and facilities.

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 Col. Joe L. Mason, USAF
 Chairman of the National Board -
 Col. Lyle W. Castle, CAP



Col. Sanford Listening And Learning At Meet

The Regional Conference is my barometer to the planning programing and probable achievements and accomplishments of our region in the months following this meeting.

How and what you have done over the past year is already a matter of record, thoroughly analyzed and digested by our electronic data processing machines. The results have been ground out of the machines and cranked into the Evaluation Program. So, the chief occupation for me during this gathering, will be to listen and to learn about what you have done.

I expect to hear much and learn a great deal more about the plans you have for advancing and accomplishing our mission objectives. While we at Region Headquarters feel we have a good grasp of the activity, the problems and the accomplishments of the CAP units throughout the Southwest Region, we recognize this meeting is invaluable for updating and keeping ourselves current.

I know from past experiences that the Southwest Region conference is always a storehouse of useful, valuable and positive information and a breeding ground for new and vigorous ideas and programs. This year, I am confident, will be no exception and, together with our Region staff, I look forward to a fruitful and productive meeting with you.

I am especially impressed with the emphasis this region has exerted over the past several months to put AIR back into Civil Air Patrol. The dominant theme of this conference is geared to this objective. I am greatly pleased by the enthusiasm, energy and effort which you are devoting to Civil Air Patrol and toward bringing this organization back to the basic purpose and mission for which it was founded 25 years ago.

I commend your effort and wish you great success in the year ahead.

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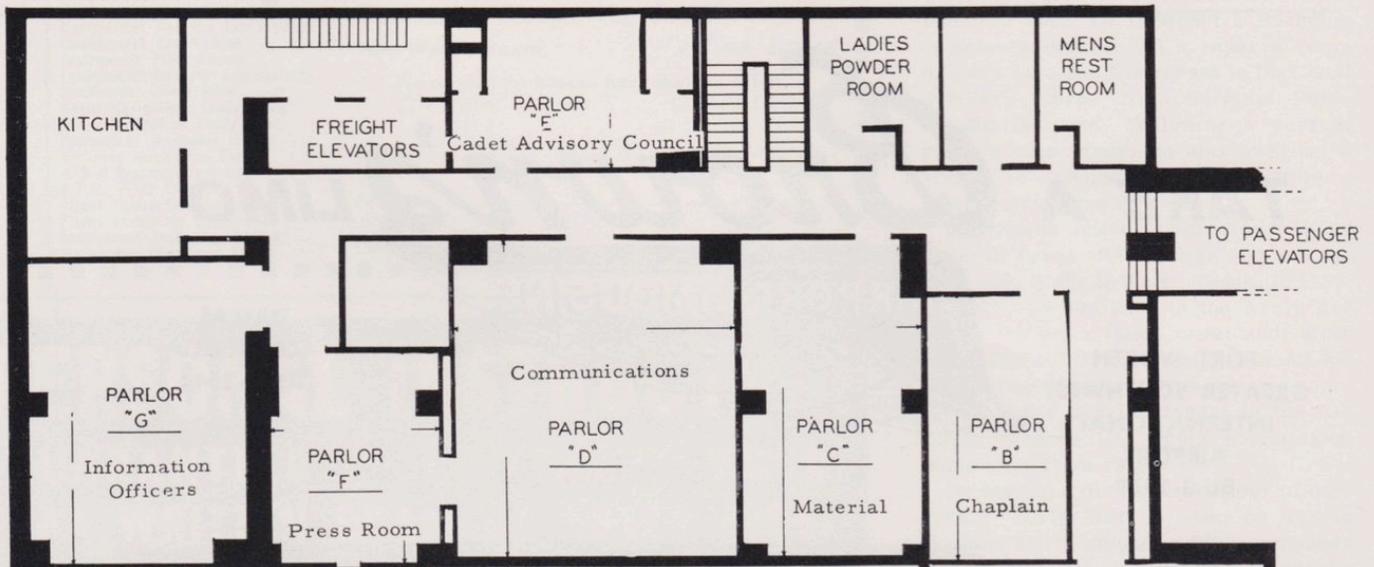
1700 Parlor and hospitality room opens for Social Hour, King's Club, Hotel Adolphus (Dutch Treat)

2100 Section leaders will arrange to meet with counterparts from National Headquarters and complete agendas for section meetings

SATURDAY, 2 APRIL, 1966

0900 GENERAL ASSEMBLY - Grand Ballroom
 Master of Ceremonies - Miles K. Brown, Project Officer and Southwest Region Information Officer
 Posting of the Colors - Southwest Region Cadets
 Pledge of Alligence - Southwest Region Cadets
 National Anthem - Kathy Brown, Southwest Region Sweetheart
 Invocation - (Lt. Col.) Harold S. Miles, CAP, Southwest Region Chaplain
 Welcome to Dallas - Mayor of Dallas, J. Erik Jonsson
 Introduction of Guests - Miles K. Brown, Proj. Officer and S. W. Region Information Officer.
 Remarks - (Col.) Bob J. Cavnar, USAFR
 Special Presentation - (Col.) Claude L. Chambers, CAP, Deputy Cmdr. Southwest Region
 Special Presentation - (Col.) Ernest B. Maxwell, USAF, Southwest Region Commander
 Remarks - (Col.) Walter M. Sanford, CAP, Southwest Region Commander
 PRESENTATION BY NATIONAL COMMANDER - (Col.) Joe L. Mason, USAF
 PRESENTATION BY NATIONAL CHAIRMAN - (Col.) Lyle Castle, CAP
 Film - "Wings of Youth"

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Material	Parlor C	(Lt. Col.) Glen Senette
Communications	Parlor D	(Lt. Col.) Boots Hinton
Cadet Advisory Council	Parlor E	(Lt. Col.) Maynard Dempsey
Official Press Room	Parlor F	()
Information Officers	Parlor G	Miles K. Brown
Commanders Meeting	French Rm	(Col.) Walter M. Sanford
Unit Commanders & Legal Officers	717	(Lt. Col.) Tommy Turner
Cadets & Aerospace Education	750	(Lt. Col.) Maynard Dempsey
Adm., Pers., & Finance	755	()

G THE 1966 SOUTHWEST REGION CONFERENCE OF CAP

SATURDAY, 2 APRIL, 1966 (Continued)

- 1130 Section Meetings - See Diagram Below For Meeting Rooms
- 1200 Meetings Dismissed For Lunch
- 1300 Section Meetings Resumed
- 1830 to 1930 Reception and Social Hour - Grand Ballroom
- 2000 BANQUET - Grand Ballroom
- Master of Ceremonies - (Col.) E. J. Reeves, CAP, Past Texas Wing Commander
 - Posting of the Colors - Southwest Region Cadets
 - National Anthem - Kathy Brown, Southwest Region Sweetheart
 - Invocation - (Lt. Col.) Harold S. Miles, CAP, Southwest Region Chaplain
 - Introduction of Guests - (Col.) E. J. Reeves, CAP
 - Remarks - (Col.) Walter M. Sanford, CAP Commander, Southwest Region
 - In Memoriam - (Col.) Claude L. Chambers, CAP, Deputy Cmdr, Southwest Region
 - Introduction of Speaker - (Col.) D. Harold Byrd, CAP, Past Chairman of the National Board and past member of the National Executive Committee
 - Speaker - Brig. Gen. Stephen D. McElroy, USAF
 - Benediction - (Lt. Col.) Harold S. Miles, CAP, Southwest Region Chaplain
- Dancing to Follow In Grand Ballroom
- Dress for Banquet: Military - Blue Uniform, white shirt and black bowtie
Civilian - Dark Business Suit or Evening Attire

SUNDAY, 3 APRIL, 1966

- 0815 Protestant Religious Services - French Room, Hotel Adolphus
(Lt. Col.) Harold S. Miles, CAP, Southwest Region Chaplain
- Bus Transportation to Roman Catholic Services (See Announcement on Bulletin Board)

"If you like being a CAP'er, return the favor and sign up a new member,"

Guide to Downtown Dallas

CHURCHES

- 1 CATHEDRAL OF THE SACRED HEART, 2215 Ross
- 5 FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH, Ervay and San Jacinto
- 26 FIRST CHURCH OF CHRIST, SCIENTIST, 1508 Cadiz
- 2 FIRST METHODIST CHURCH, 1928 Ross
- 21 FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, Harwood and Wood

THEATERS

- 14 CAPRI, MAJESTIC, AND TOWER THEATERS, Elm between Harwood and St. Paul
- 13 PALACE THEATER, 1625 Elm
- 27 MEMORIAL AUDITORIUM THEATER 717 S. Akard

HOTELS

- 33 ADDLPHUS, Commerce and Akard
- 32 BAKER, Commerce and Akard
- 46 JEFFERSON-DALLAS, 312 S. Houston
- 45 LAWRENCE, 302 S. Houston
- 3 MAYFAIR, Ross and St. Paul
- 10 SHERATON DALLAS, Southland Center

- 37 SOUTHLAND, 102 Murphy
- 23 STATLER HILTON, 1914 Commerce
- 15 WHITE PLAZA, Main and Harwood
- 38 WHITMORE, 1019 Commerce

MUNICIPAL, COUNTY AND FEDERAL BUILDINGS

- 16 CITY HALL, POLICE STATION, Commerce and Main, between Harwood and Pearl
- 42 COUNTY GOVERNMENT COMPLEX (Court House, Jail, Records Bldg., Criminal Courts), Elm and Main, between Houston and Record
- 22 DALLAS PUBLIC LIBRARY, Harwood and Commerce
- 39 FEDERAL OFFICE (OLD SANTA FE) BUILDING, 1114 Commerce
- 28 MEMORIAL AUDITORIUM, 717 S. Akard
- 8 POST OFFICE AND FEDERAL COURTHOUSE, St. Paul, Ervay and Bryan
- 44 TERMINAL ANNEX POST OFFICE, 207 S. Houston

TRANSPORTATION

- 31 CONTINENTAL BUS DEPOT (Union Bus Terminal), 1500 Jackson

- 40 GREYHOUND BUS DEPOT, Commerce and Lamar
- 48 UNION RAILROAD TERMINAL, 400 S. Houston

HISTORICAL AND GENERAL INTEREST

- 42 RESTORED JOHN NEELY BRYAN CABIN, OLD COURT HOUSE, Houston and Commerce
- 43 DEALLEY PLAZA, W. Side of Houston, between Commerce and Main
- 47 FERRIS PLAZA, Houston and Record
- 41 SITE DESIGNATED FOR JOHN F. KENNEDY PLAZA between Elm and Main, one block east of Houston
- 29 CONFEDERATE MONUMENT, PIONEER PARK, Masonic and DeSoto
- 12 DALLAS ATHLETIC CLUB, St. Paul, between Pacific and Elm
- 35 DALLAS CHAMBER OF COMMERCE, Akard and Pacific
- 7 DALLAS COLLEGE (Evening Division of SMU), 500 N. Akard
- 49 DALLAS MORNING NEWS (WFAA Radio-TV), Young and Houston

- 36 DALLAS TIMES HERALD (KRLD Radio-TV), Herald Square
- 4 DALLAS COTTON EXCHANGE, 608 N. St. Paul
- 30 FEDERAL RESERVE BANK, 400 S. Akard
- 34 FIRST NATIONAL BANK OBSERVATION DECK, Elm and Main, between Field and Akard
- 17 KLIF RADIO, Commerce and Central Expressway
- 19 MASONIC TEMPLE, 507 S. Harwood
- 11 MEDICAL ARTS HOSPITAL, St. Paul and Pacific
- 25 MERCHANDISE MART OF DALLAS, 500 S. Ervay
- 18 MUNICIPAL FARMERS MARKET, 1010 Pearl Expressway
- 50 SALVATION ARMY STATE HEADQUARTERS, 500 N. Ervay
- 20 SCOTTISH RITE TEMPLE, Harwood and Canton
- 9 SOUTHLAND TOWER OBSERVATION DECK, Bryan and Live Oak, between Pearl and Olive
- 6 Y.M.C.A., 605 N. Ervay
- 24 Y.W.C.A., 1709 Jackson



Memo To Cadets: OPERATION BLAST-OFF

TO: All Southwest Region Cadets
SUBJECT: Operation Blast-Off
FROM: Southwest Region Headquarters

Operation Blast-Off, is about to get under-way.

Last month's issue of the Southwest Times stated that more information would appear in this issue. The only information available at presstime is that arrangements are underway with Cape Kennedy officials to clear a cadet and cadette from each wing to be an eyewitness to space history. Recent developments have caused a temporary delay in announcing final arrangements for the trip. The editor was notified by Lt. Col. Dempsey that the program will definitely be announced as an official cadet program under the sponsorship of the Southwest Region Headquarters and will be made available to each of our wings. We urge you to watch for new developments of this outstanding program, a first for the Southwest Region and a first for any Region in the CAP program for a project of this scope.

Thoughts

A slack hand causes poverty, but the hand of the diligent makes rich.—PROVERBS 10:4.

The leading rule for a man of every calling is diligence; never put off until tomorrow what you can do today.—ABRAHAM LINCOLN.



CADET SECTION

Owing to questionable airlift problems that certain Regions are experiencing, those who were not previously committed to an Inter-Region Girls Exchange with another Region are reluctant to commit their Region to an exchange with the Southwest Region.

It is believed that even those who are already committed with other Regions may experience serious airlift problems later on in the year.

In the event we are successful in our efforts to arrange an exchange, this Headquarters will immediately notify all Wing Headquarters.

1966 Region Drill Team Competition

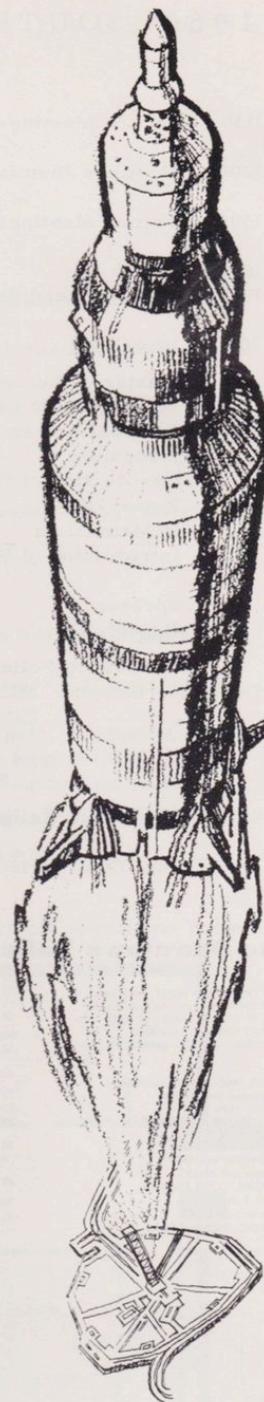
Due to the lack of interest this Headquarters has advised all Wing Commanders that the Southwest Region will not hold its annual Drill Team Competition this year.

Last January, this Headquarters mailed questionnaires to all Wing Headquarters requesting each Wing to advise this Headquarters whether or not their Wing would enter a team in the 1966 Southwest Region Drill Team Competition scheduled to be conducted in Dallas, Texas. Results of the response received from this questionnaire are set out below.

Will participate: Will not participate:
Arizona Oklahoma
Texas Arkansas

Our questionnaire mailed to the Louisiana Wing was not returned.

New Mexico stated they would enter



a team if this Headquarters would provide transportation which we were unable to arrange.

Under the circumstances we concluded that it would be advisable to cancel this activity for the year 1966 only.

It is thought that two factors have entered into and played an important part in the final decisions of Arkansas and Oklahoma wings:

1. Cancellation of National Drill Team Competition, and
2. Questionable Air Lift when needed.

NEXT ISSUE: American Airlines Stewardess College.

LT. COL. MAYNARD DEMPSEY, CAP
Director, Cadet Program

1966 Convention Issue

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Premonition of Death

Soldier Says He Died For American Freedom

BURLINGTON, N.C. (AP)—Parents of a soldier killed in Viet Nam Feb. 1 received a letter from him this week disclosing he had a premonition of death.

The letter was contained in a package containing Pfc. Hiram D. Strickland's personal effects.

The undated letter addressed to Mr. and Mrs. Donald A. Strickland of Rt. 2, Graham, said, "I'm writing this letter as my last one. You've probably already received word that I'm dead and that the government wishes to express its deepest regret. Believe me, I didn't want to die . . ."

The parents were notified the night of Feb. 2 in a telegram delivered by a taxi driver, that their 20-year-old son, member of an artillery battalion, had been killed by a gunshot wound in the head from hostile fire.

The parents said they were certain the letter, written in ink on a pad of notebook paper, was penned by their son.

The letter:

"I'm writing this letter as my last one. You've probably already received word that I'm dead and that the government wishes to express its deepest regret. Believe me, I didn't want to die, but I know it was part of my job. I want my country to live for billions and billions of years to come.

"I want it to stand as a light to all people oppressed, and guide them to the same freedom we know. If we can stand and fight for freedom, then I think we have done the job God set down for us. It's up to every American to fight for the

freedom we hold so dear. If we don't, the smells of free air could become dark and damp as in a prison cell.

"We won't be able to look at ourselves in a mirror, much less at our sons and daughters, because we know we have failed our God, country and our future generations.

"I can hold my head high because I fought, whether it be in heaven or hell. Besides, the saying goes 'One more G-I from Viet Nam, St. Peter, I've served my time in hell.'

"I fought for Sandy, Nell, Gale (his sisters), Mom and Dad. But when the twins and Sandy's kids get old enough, they'll probably have to fight, too. Tell them to go proudly and without fear of death, because it is worth keeping the land free.

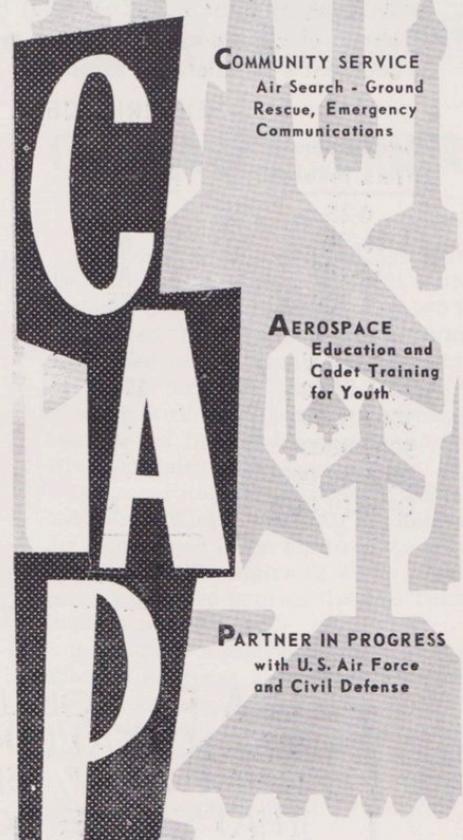
"I remember a story from Mr. Williams' (Thomas Williams, a teacher at Southern High School in Alamance County) English classes when I was a freshman that said 'The cowards die a thousand times, the brave die but once.'

"Don't mourn me, mother, for I'm happy I died fighting my country's enemies, and I will live forever in people's minds. I've done what I've always dreamed of. Don't mourn me, for I died a soldier of the United States of America.

"God bless you all and take care. I'll be seeing you in heaven.

"Your loving son and brother, Butch."

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I love, build, and repair radios. I plan to work on the nations defense radar systems if I possibly can.

Thank you for letting me take a few minutes of you time.

Sincerely

Bob Freitag

Lest We Forget

We wish to pay tribute to the lives given for the cause of Civil Air Patrol.

To the widows and mothers and to the orphans left fatherless the past year, we express our deepest sympathy.

Our prayer will always be "For God to grant us the serenity to accept the things we cannot change . . ." --that these men will always be remembered in our Hall of Fame of the Civil Air Patrol, the U. S. Air Force and humanity for which they gave their lives.

OPERATIONS and SAFETY

Of the 5,009 accidents analyzed by the Civil Aeronautics Board in 1964, 786 were due to *weather* and of this number 164 were fatal accidents.

Following is an analysis of these mishaps by 1) total hours of pilot experience, 2) by pilot ratings, 3) phase of operation, 4) hours in type aircraft, and 5) accident's proximity to airport.

EXPERIENCE

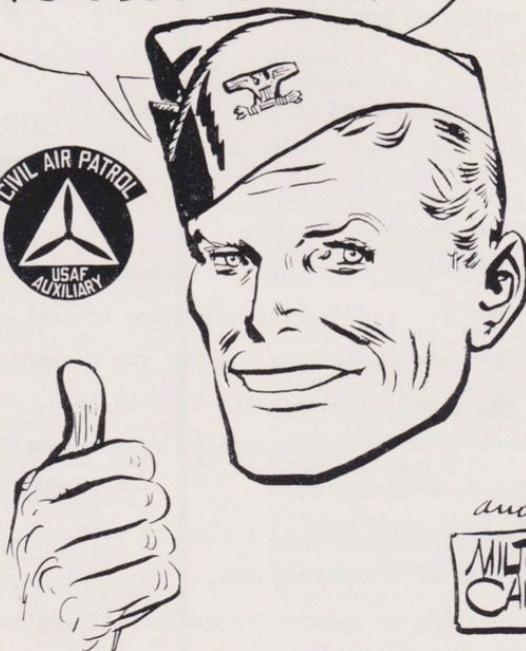
Total Hours of Pilots Involved	Accidents	Fatal Accidents
0-25	59	5
26-50	61	7
51-100	87	17
101-300	175	40
301-500	86	17
501-1000	71	18
1001-3000	125	25
3001-5000	35	9
5001-8000	27	9
8001-10,000	7	1
Over-10,000	8	4

Ratings of Pilots Involved	Accidents	Fatal Accidents
Student	182	23
Private	367	95
Commercial	130	22
A.T.R.	9	4
Coml/ATR/Instr	73	18
Other	7	2

Monthly Operations and Safety bulletins are prepared jointly by the Deputy Chief of Staff for Operations and the Director of Safety at National Headquarters. The purpose of the bulletin is to provide CAP pilots with information relating to safety and efficiency in flying operations.

Commanders should be sure that all personnel see these bulletins--circulate them before filing, post them on the unit bulletin boards, or file them on a clip board accessible to CAP pilots.

C.A.P. COULD ALSO MEAN "CALLING ALL PATRIOTS", BECAUSE THAT'S THE SORT OF DEDICATED PEOPLE WHO BELONG TO IT!



and
MILTON CANIFF

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CAP'er Saves USAF Over \$3,151,000

EGLIN AFB, Fla. - Five years ago a Civil Air Patrol member, employed as a civilian employee here, submitted a suggestion to the Incentive Awards Committee. The United States Air Force recently awarded the employee \$3,200 for saving the Air Force more than \$3,151,000 annually.

John O. York, a member of the Crestview, Fla., CAP Squadron, is a retired Air Force sergeant with five campaign stars to his credit for WWII and Korean service. Mr. York conceived the money-saving idea as a member of CAP. He flies his own plane during search and rescue operations and while working with the Red Cross on mercy missions.

His suggestion, to cover flight control surfaces on aircraft with fiberglass instead of cotton fabric which requires replacement every 18 months, has resulted in greater effectiveness and economy and has been selected for use on 13 different types of aircraft.

Air Force officials state that, in addition to the large recurring labor and material costs saved, many intangible benefits will be realized through the idea in reducing aircraft downtime and reduction of storage and administrative costs. The new method is now being considered by the U. S. Navy for use on its aircraft.



Arthur I. Martin
 Director of Aerospace Education
 USAF-CAP Liaison Officer
 Southwest Region

This Month's Profile

The Southwest Times proudly spotlights this month a valuable member of the Southwest Region of Civil Air Patrol.

He is Arthur I. Martin, Director of Aerospace Education, USAF-CAP Liaison Officer, Southwest Region, U.S. Naval Air Station in Dallas.

Mr. Martin has been active in the field of education for the past 33 years. His broad and varied background includes experience as consultant for the New York State Education Department; instructor in the USAF; science and hygiene teacher in an elementary school; instructor of industrial arts in the elementary and secondary schools; Director of Industrial Arts at Gorham (Maine) State Teachers College; member of the summer session staff at the University of Maine; member of the National Aviation Education Workshop staff at the University of Colorado, Miami University, and University of

Montana. He has his present with CAP since 1954.

He attended Harvard University, Rutgers University, and Fitchburg (Mass.) State Teachers College, earning B.S.E. and Ed. M. degrees. He is a member of Epsilon Pi Tau, National Aeronautics Association, Aircraft Owners and Pilots Association, Air Force Association, and National Aerospace Education Council. He has served on several national education committees and has been a member of the Ford Industrial Arts Awards Advisory Board. In 1956 and 1960 he traveled in Europe.

Mr. Martin is a student pilot, amateur photographer, professional magician, and journeyman wood patternmaker.

He is a talented individual and an important part of the Southwest Region.



CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

According to a recent release from the National Chaplain's office as to the National Chaplain standings for 1965 it was noted that the Southwest Region was listed in 4th place as compared to 6th place for 1964. This is indicative of much work on the part of many chaplains in the field and especially to the Wing Chaplains in the Region.

Our congratulations go to the Oklahoma and Texas Wings, and their Chaplains, for being listed in the top 10 in the Wing standings for the entire 52 Wings. Oklahoma was listed in place five and Texas in place seven.

It is quite encouraging to note this splendid progress and our only hope is that through continued effort on the part of all our Chaplains, that we might show more progress in 1966 than in 1965.

Ch., LT COL, HAROLD S. MILES
 Region Chaplain

Senior Members Training

One of the most important projects of the Civil Air Patrol is the development of its members.

The Southwest Region is pulling the wraps off a program directly aimed at the improvement of all Region members. The senior member training program provides individual opportunities for personal development and encourages members to achieve maximum growth and advancement.

CAP personnel advance not only in technical skills but also in personal development through the Civil Air Patrol Training Program. The destiny of our program lies in our ability to accelerate a training program both internally and externally which is second to none and one the entire region will be proud of.

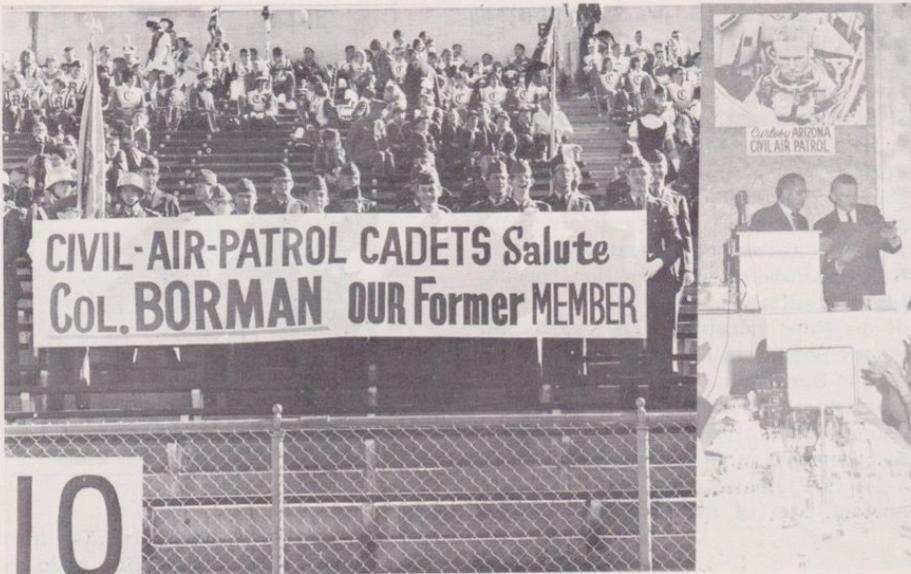
CAP Calendar

CAP CONFERENCES

Event	Date	Location	Activity	Date	Location
National Executive Committee Meeting	Mar 4-5	National Headquarters Ellington AFB, Texas	FAA/CAP Pilot Orientation Program	July 5-15	Will Rogers Field, Okla. City, Okla.
Southwest Region Conference	April 1-2	Dallas, Texas	Cadet Flying Encampment	July 17-Aug 13	Elmira, N.Y.
Middle East Region Conference	April 29-30	Washington Hilton, Washington, D.C.	Cadet Flying Encampment	July 17-Aug 13	Chester, S.C.
Pacific Region Conference	May 13-14	Dunes Hotel Las Vegas, Nev.	FAA/CAP Pilot Orientation Program	July 17-Aug 13	Lawton, Okla.
Rocky Mountain Region Conference	May 27-28	Unannounced	FAA/CAP Aircraft Airworthiness Orientation Program	July 18-29	Will Rogers Field, Okla. City, Okla.
Southeast Region Conference	June 24-25	Diplomat Hotel Hollywood, Fla.	IACE	July 18-29	Will Rogers Field, Okla. City, Okla.
North Central Region Conference	Sept 9-10	Minneapolis, Minn.	Jet Orientation Course	July 22-Aug 23	New York City, Washington, D.C.
Great Lakes Region Conference	Sept 23-24	Detroit, Mich.	FAA/CAP Aircraft Airworthiness Orientation Program	July 24-30	Perrin AFB, Texas
Northeast Region Conference	Oct 14-15	Stowe, Vt.	FAA/CAP Flight Instructor Orientation Program	Aug 1-12	Will Rogers Field, Okla. City, Okla.
			Aerospace Age Orientation Course	Aug 1-12	Will Rogers Field, Okla. City, Okla.
			FAA/CAP Flight Instructor Orientation Program	Aug 7-13	Maxwell AFB, Alabama
				Aug 15-26	Will Rogers Field, Okla. City, Okla.

CAP Activities

FAA/CAP Pilot Orientation Program June 20-July 1 Will Rogers Field, Okla. City, Okla.



MEET MARVIN CHAPMAN

New Wing Commander In Oklahoma

10 COL. FRANK BORMAN DAY in Tucson provided an opportunity for Tucson Squadron 504C to show its stuff with its color guard and drill team, and with a 25-foot banner (at left) shown before 10,000 persons at the University of Arizona stadium. At right, Col. Borman and Mayor Lew Davis of Tucson stand beneath a photo of the Colonel in his space capsule at a banquet held in honor of the Astronaut (Photos by Capt. Dorothy Miller).



A NICE EYEFUL make up the Capettes of the Stillwater Composite Squadron at Oklahoma State University. Left to right the girls are Nancy Price, Pat Kroger, Nanett E. Shaw, Evelyn T. Sanders, Kaye Scholen, Peggy Newton, Judy Ann McCorkle, Linda Schellack, Sara Minger, Betty Jean Miller, Linda Sue Liles, Carla Kitzmiller, Judy Just, Marsha Johnson, Gaynell Johnson, Jay Howe, Mrs. Velma Woodward (female escort), Ginger Hagan, Patsy Griffin. Holding the banner: (l. to r.) Clay Ganes, Diane Eyler and Sharon Davis. Not show, Jo Mitchel, senior Capette Officer and Linda Basset. Photo by A.G. Franks, Wing Photographer and Assistant Wing P.I.O.

Oklahoma Capettes Sharp Outfit

Twenty-four members of the Capettes drill team of Oklahoma State University, and three chaperons, S/M Charles Kennedy, drill instructor; Maj. Joseph Romero, Regular Air Force, ROTC Instructor at OSU and advisor; and Maj. Woodward, female coordinator. Also accompanying the group was 2/lt. A.G. Franks, Assistant Wing Public Information Officer and Wing Photographer.

The group left Tinker AFB, 4 Feb., aboard a C-119 aircraft from the 433rd Troop Carrier, bound for Wright-Patterson Air Museum at Dayton, Ohio. Weather at Tinker was 32 degrees, patches of snow. Arrival in Ohio, weather was cold, 15 degrees, and 14 inches of snow. Housing was at the visitors quarters, a 3-story dorm built and used

for visitors and transit air crews.

Saturday morning 5 Feb., the Capettes went to the base exchange, lunch at the cafeteria, then a short walk to the Air Museum. They heard a description of inside and what went on outside. Dinner was at the Officers Club. Probably a new twist: One member of the club having 26 guests. At a dance afterwards, to the music of the Karl Taylor dance band, to the surprise of the delighted Capettes, band leader Karl Taylor saluted the young ladies from Oklahoma, then played "Oklahoma." Sunday morning, the Capettes attended church services at the base chapels, and again received a salute from the chaplain. They left at noon by bus from the dorm to the flight line for the return trip.

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Col. Richard T. Dillon

NEW MEXICO WING

Col. Richard T. Dillon, CAP, has been appointed Wing Commander for the New Mexico Wing of Civil Air Patrol. The appointment was made recently by the National Board at a meeting at Ellington AFB.

Col. Dillon makes his home in Albuquerque at 5808 Pojoaque Road N.E. He is married and has four children. He was born and raised in Pocatello, Idaho and attended schools there and in Oregon. He attended the University of Oregon where he took both his M.S. and a Ph.D., in mathematical analysis. He has been employed by Sandia Corporation ever since his arrival in New Mexico eight years ago.

Col. Dillon has been in Civil Air Patrol eight years, starting out as a pilot in Albuquerque Senior Squadron 2. For a time he was Special Projects Officer on the Wing Staff, and also director of emergency services for the Wing. He returned to the Albuquerque Senior Squadron 2 where in October, 1963 he became its commanding officer. A post he held until his present appointment.

He has been a pilot since 1945 and holds single and multi-engine ratings, and single engine sea and an instrument rating.

In addition to flying, Col. Dillon's hobbies are photography, skiing, amateur radio, and postal chess. His military service was spent in the USAF as a gunnery instructor at Lowry AFB in Colorado.

The New Mexico Wing of Civil Air Patrol is being reorganized by the new Wing Commander into groups. Three Groups have already been formed, the Southeastern Group, the Southwestern Group, and a Northern Group. Each group will have a Commanding Officer in charge of the Group, who will report directly to Col. Dillon. Further changes along these lines are still being considered. Warrent Officer Austin Glover, CAP,

Southwest Times



A PLAQUE was presented Col. H.D. Thomas, CAP (left) by Col. Richard Dillon, CAP, New Mexico Wing Commander, in appreciation for Col. Thomas' years of service as preceding wing commander. The plaque was from Col. Joseph Mason, USAF, upon the occasion of Col. Thomas' retirement. cer of the Albuquerque Senior Squadron 2 to replace Col. Dillon.

This has been a banner month for the I.O. department. Fifteen monthly I.O. reports were received, the highest number yet. The reporting units were:

- Atrisco Cadet Squadron
- Four Corners Composite Squadron
- Roswell Composite Squadron
- Albuquerque Composite Squadron I
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LOUISIANA WING

On Sunday, 27 Feb., 1966, 75 members of the Louisiana Wing met in Baton Rouge, La., to discuss cadet activities.

The seminar was designed to explain fully the new cadet program to squadron commanders and instructors, and to discuss whatever problems and suggestions the squadrons had for a more effective program.

Lt. Col. Joseph Valenti, Wing Deputy for Cadets, conducted the first session of the program which was devoted to a question and answer period on all cadet activities. Some of the areas discussed were: Cadet recruiting, wing special activities, administration and senior recruiting for instructors.

After lunch, Major Richard Berkowicz, Wing Aerospace Education Officer, showed a film strip on the cadet program and made suggestions on how to implement the program most effectively.

Other Wing staff members who spoke were: Lt. Col. Wm. Cahill, Finance Officer, Maj. E. Saltzman, Communications Officer and Capt. K. Gaudet, Information Officer.

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CADET JAMES SANDERS is shown receiving one of the last Certificates of Proficiency issued in 1965 (31 Dec. 65). He is a very active member of the Alamo-gordo Composite Squadron, Alamo-gordo, N. M. The COP, signed by the Chief of Staff, United States Air Force, was the final step necessary for his completion of Phase II Training. The COP was presented by Major Laurence Cornett, left, Commander of the Alamo-gordo Squadron. Also in attendance at the ceremony was Major Leland Lanham, right, Deputy Commander for Cadets of the newly formed Southwest Group. Major Lanham pinned Cadet Sanders with his General Billy Mitchell Award, and young Sander's father pinned on his new 2/Lt. insignia. Cadet 2/Lt. Sanders was then given the Cadet Squadron duty assignment of Executive Officer by Cadet Captain Judy Oliver, the Deputy Commander of the Cadet Squadron.



CAP Cadet Gwen D. Sawyer, daughter of Mrs. Juanda De Witt of Albuquerque, and John B. Sawyer of Las Vegas, Nev., received the Gen. Carl A. Spaatz Achievement Award at a ceremony recently. The award was presented by Maj. Gen. John W. White, USAF, Commander of the Air Force Special Weapons Center at Kirtland AFB, Albuquerque, and is the highest award that can be earned by a CAP Cadet. Miss Sawyer is the eighth Cadet in the nation and the first young lady to be so honored. With the award goes an automatic promotion to the rank of CAP Cadet Colonel. Miss Sawyer is a 1963 graduate of Highland High School in Albuquerque, and is studying at the University of New Mexico.



RECENT RECIPIENT of the Amelia Earhart award and ribbon was Miss Charlene Douglass of the Los Alamos Cadet Squadron of CAP. Miss Douglass earned the award by passing CAP examinations and completing certain required achievements. The award, which automatically promotes her to rank of Cadet Captain, was presented by CAP Group Commander Harliegh Allen. It is Miss Douglass' hope this year to be the second female cadet in the country to reach the rank of full colonel. She has only two more examinations to pass. An Albuquerque cadet was the first girl to reach this top cadet rank. The Special Activities Selection Board in Albuquerque placed Miss Douglass third on the list of cadets eligible to attend one of two flying encampments this summer. One encampment will be in South Carolina for glider pilots and the other in Oklahoma City for powered aircraft pilots. Miss Douglass, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles H. Douglass, has been in CAP three years.



RECIPIENT of the Whelen Scholarship above is Janet Clarke of Scottsdale, Ariz. Currently attending Arizona State University, Tempe, she joined CAP in 1960 and has held positions of Cadet Flight Leader, Cadet Training Officer, and Cadet Adjutant. She is now serving as a senior member and Administrative Assistant to Phoenix Sq. 301's Deputy Commander of Cadets. Her father is a retired USAF Colonel and now an insurance agent. She is engaged to a member of USAF and plans to be married in July.



SCIENCE GRANT RECIPIENT of a CAP scholarship is James Belk of Irving, Texas, and presently attending Arlington State College, Arlington, Texas. Last November, he was one of only four recipients of the Gen. Spaatz award in the U.S. He joined CAP in 1961 and has held almost every cadet officer position in the squadron. He was Cadet of the Year in Texas in 1964, and is now chairman of the Texas Wing Cadet Advisory Council. His father is employed by Braniff International.



MRS. PEGGY L. NOLTENSMEYER (at controls) of Cedar Crest, N.M., recently became the first woman pilot in CAP in New Mexico to fly solo in the T-34 aircraft. She was checked out by Warrent Office Austin Glover, above, CAP, Commanding Officer of the Albuquerque Senior Squadron 2. Mrs. Noltensmeyer is a 2nd Lieut. in CAP and the wife of D.E. Noltensmeyer. She has been flying since 1952 and holds a private pilot's license. She has been a member of CAP for two years, is a native of Albuquerque and graduated from the Albuquerque High School. In 1943, she joined the WASP (Womans Auxiliary Service Pilots). As a member of WASP she completed her ground school, and had just begun her flight training when the WASP program was disbanded. Mrs. Noltensmeyer is the mother of four boys, one of whom is at the Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs.



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