

Puerto Rico Wing Historical Narrative 2013

Puerto Rico wing was awarded a Unit Citation for the performance of the wing from February 2012 to March 2013.

Personnel

The membership of Puerto Rico wing at the end of the fiscal year (Sept 30) was 751 cadets and 440 senior members. This is an increase of 70 members from September 30, 2012.

Finance

Puerto Rico Wing achieved a Low Financial Risk Assessment for the first time.

The Puerto Rico Wing Endowment was created.

Government and Industry Relations

\$45,642.24 in donations were obtained.

The support that The Interamerican University of Puerto Rico provided CAP during 2013 resulted in their selection as the winner of the 2014 Frank G. Brewer Memorial Aerospace Award

Cadet Programs

As of Sept 30, 2013 PR wing had 14 Eaker, 36 Earhart, 84 Mitchell and 244 Wright Brothers Award recipients.

The Cadet Orientation Flight hours increased from 211.4 in 2012 to 248.5 in 2013.

SER-PR-161 - Capt Saulo Solis-Molina Cadet Squadron was the SER Squadron of Distinction.

PR Wing held a RCLS with 25 participants.

40 members completed the Training Leaders of Cadets program.

58 cadets participated in the 2013 Summer Leadership Academy. The activity was offered at no cost.

Emergency Services

PR Wing obtained the first save in its history 03/13/13 Mission Number 13-M-0111a.

For the first time Puerto Rico Wing organized ICS 300 and 400 courses.

During the 2013 National Conference, PR Wing was presented with the Southeast Region Search and Rescue Mission Award

Operations

Puerto Rico Wing held a Mountain Flying Course.

Aircraft Management

During 2013 Puerto Rico wing had 3 aircraft.

Puerto Rico wing has 26 VFR Pilots, 15 Cadet Orientation Pilots and 7 Check Pilots. Puerto Rico averaged 192 flight hours and ranked 17 in the nation.

Aerospace Education

The 2013 wing conference keynote speaker was astronaut Lawrence DeLucas.

PR Wing was #1 in SER and #2 in the nation in AEX Completion.

The number of AEM increased to 20.

The first Introductory Flight Academy took place at the facilities of the Interamerican University in Isla Grande.

Safety

For its performance during 2013, PR Wing was selected for the Southeast Region Paul W. Turner Safety Award. The award was presented at the 2014 SER Conference.

Communications

A Communications School with the participation of Lt Col Katz, SER DC, took place in Aguadilla, PR.

Professional Development

PR Wing had 1 participant in the National Staff College.

PR held a RSC with 7 participants.

As of Sept 30, 2013, PR Wing had 390 Level 1, 209 Level 2, 141 Level 3, 86 Level 4 and 13 Level 5.

Transportation

Puerto Rico Wing had 14 vehicles in its inventory

Information Technology

Nine PR Wing teams registered for CyberPatriot.

Other Activities

The Puerto Rico Wing Conference was held at the Interamerican University in Bayamon.

Awards

Aerospace Education Officer of the Year
Jose Acosta
Frank G. Brewer Sr. CAP Memorial Aerospace Education Award Category I - Cadet
Carlos Arroyo
Frank G. Brewer Sr. CAP Meemorial Aerospace Education Award Category II - Senior Member
Jose Acosta
Frank G. Brewer Sr. CAP Memorial Aerospace Education Award Category IV - Lifetime Achievement
Luis Lughring
John V. (Jack) Sorenson Cadet Program Officer of the Year
Madeline Delgado
Cadet of the Year
Franceline Martinez

Cadet of the Year Phase I
Emanuel Velez
Cadet of the Year Phase II
Bryan Toro
Cadet of the Year Phase III
Jan Cartagena
Cadet of the Year Phase IV
Franceline Martinez
Drug Demand Reduction Member of the Year
Marie Ann Rivera
Safety Officer of the Year
Madeline Santiago
Senior Member of the Year
David Bahamundi
Norm Edwards Counter Drug Officer of the Year
Luis Aponte
Col Edwin Lewis Incident Staff member of the Year
Isabel Pogozeleski
Col Dion E. DeCamp Ground Team of the Year
Moca Cadet Squadron
Personnel Officer of the Year
Sanchez , Luis A
Administration Officer of the Year
Miguel A Laboy
Property Manager of the Year
Wigberto del Valle
Col Robert (Bud) Payton National Public Affairs Officer of the Year
Suzette Perez
Communicator of the Year
Ruben A Hernandez
AE Teacher of the Year
Eveneida Rodriguez
Col Lester Hopper Historian of the Year
Meredith Herrera
Squadron of the Year
William Biaggi
Finance Officer of the Year
Suzette Perez
Professional Dev Officer of the Year
Diaz , Lemuel

SER Award Winners

Air Force Sergeants Association (AFSA) Outstanding National Cadet NCO of the Year	C/SMSgt Jose G. Casillas, PR-103
Frank G. Brewer Sr. CAP Memorial Aerospace Education Award Category I - Cadet	C/2d Lt Carlos M. Arroyo, PR-051
Frank G. Brewer Sr. CAP Memorial Aerospace Education Award Category III (Non CAP Member)	Inter-American University of PR
Norm Edwards Counter Drug Officer of the Year	Capt Luis Aponte, PR-170
Character Development Instructor of the Year	Lt Col Zulma Matos, PR-051
Communicator of the Year	Lt Col Ruben A. Hernandez, PR-079
DDR Member of the Year, CAPR 39-3 & 52-22	Lt Col Marie Ann Rivera, PR-001
Finance Officer of the Year Director of Finance of the Year Wing Hq Officer only	Lt Col Elsa M. Soto, PR-151
George Texido Legislative Officer of the Year	Lt Col Gabriel Fernandez, PR-170
Region Safety Award - Paul W. Turner Safety Award Nomination CAPR 62-1, 8. a. & b.	Puerto Rico Wing

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CIVIL AIR PATROL
-USAF AUXILIARY-
Maxwell Air Force Base, Alabama 36112-5937**

**PERSONNEL ACTIONS)
NUMBER NHQ 92)**

5 September 2013

The Civil Air Patrol UNIT CITATION AWARD is awarded to the following units for outstanding achievements, exceptional service, and high degree of performance during the periods indicated below, effective 30 August 2013.

AUTHORITY: CAPR 39-3.

<u>UNIT</u>	<u>DATES</u>
Albuquerque Heights Comp Sq	15 Oct 10 – 31 Dec 11
Fresno Comp Sq 112	1 Oct 11 – 1 Jan 13
Hawaii Wing (Second Award)	1 Jan 10 – 31 Dec 12
North Carolina Wing (Eighth Award)	1 Jan 09 – 9 Jun 12
Puerto Rico Wing (Fifth Award)	1 Feb 12 – 31 Mar 13
Riverside Senior Sq 5	1 Apr 11 – 1 May 13

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SUSAN P. PARKER
Chief, Personnel & Member Actions

DISTRIBUTION:
1 - Ea Individual Concerned
1 - Ea CSAG Member
1 - Ea Wing Concerned
1 - Ea Region Concerned
1 - Ea CAP-USAF LR Concerned
1 - Ea Wing Administrator

CAP Financial Assessment

WFA: Keith Baker
 Wing: Puerto Rico
 Visit/Review Date: Week of 25 February 2013

	Assessment	Notes/Explanation
Internal Controls		
1 Excellent		
2 Successful	2	Conducts 6 internal financial reviews per year exceeding the quarterly requirement Needs to conduct closer review of expenditures during approval process
3 Marginal		
4 Unsatisfactory		
Finance Committee		
1 Excellent		
2 Successful	1	Meets monthly with well documented informative meetings
3 Marginal		
4 Unsatisfactory		
Command Involvement		
1 Excellent		
2 Successful	1	Very involved with finance operations
3 Marginal		
4 Unsatisfactory		
Director of Finance		
1 Excellent		
2 Successful	1	Very well versed in assigned duties and very dedicated to position
3 Marginal		
4 Unsatisfactory		
Wing Administrator		
1 Excellent		
2 Successful	1	Records finance transactions without error Maintains frequent contact with WFA to resolve issues quickly
3 Marginal		
4 Unsatisfactory		
Overall Rating	6	
	Low	

5 to 7 Low
 8 to 11 Successful
 12 to 14 High
 15 or higher Very High



Status PR Wing 2011 - 2013

Wing Assessment

- WFA – Low Financial Risk
- SA – From Marginal to Excellent
- Operations Evaluation – Excellent
 - SER Search and Rescue Mission Award

Safety

- Incidents: 4
 - 3 Body Injuries, 0 vehicles, 1 Aircraft

No Safety Incidents at the SLA

Personnel-Membership

30 Sept 2013: 1,198 (+70) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 440 Seniors • 751 Cadets • 7 Legislators 	30 Sept 2011: 1,056 (-27) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 337 Seniors • 712 Cadets • 7 Legislators
30 Sept 2012: 1,128 (+72) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 381 Seniors • 740 Cadets • 7 Legislators 	30 Sept 2010: 1,083 (-31) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 384 Seniors • 699 Cadets • 7 Legislators

Wing Organization

- Groups: 9
- Composite Squadrons: 4
- Senior Squadrons: 5
- Cadet Squadrons: 27
- Legislative Squadrons: 1

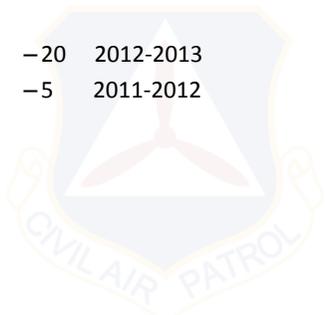
Total Squadrons: 37

Aerospace Education

- AEPSM: 26 FY 2012
- AEPSM: 28 FY 2013
- Crossfield Awards: 4 FY 2012
- Crossfield Awards: 2 FY 2013
- AE Workshops: 1

Aerospace Education Members

- 20 2012-2013
- 5 2011-2012



AEX Completion

- Number 1 in SER
- Number 2 in the nation
- Units completed the Program
 - 25 2012-2013
 - 9 2011-2012



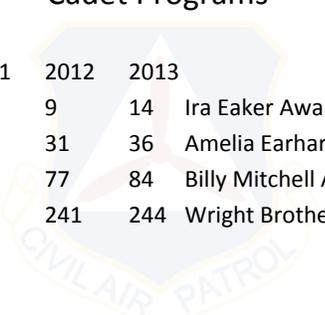
Introductory Flight Academy

- 9 participants
- Next IFA – East - May 2014
- Next IFA – West - June 2014
- 1st PR Wing Flight Academy
 - Scheduled for June 2014




Cadet Programs

2011	2012	2013	
5	9	14	Ira Eaker Award
25	31	36	Amelia Earhart Award
66	77	84	Billy Mitchell Award
210	241	244	Wright Brothers Award



Summer Leadership Academy

- 58 Cadets
- Activity provided at no cost
- Next: Summer 2014
- Funds for 2014, 2015, 2016

Region Cadet Leadership School

- 25 participants
- Requested 2014 RCSL
- Funds set aside for 2014



Cadet Programs

Training Leaders of Cadets

2011	2012	2013
30	37	40

Next TLC January 2014

CADETS

Date: 11 - 12 January 2014
 Location: Esc Superior Luis Muñoz Marín
 Añasco, PR
 Fee: \$10

Send Application (Forms 17 & 160) and fee to:
 2014 TLC
 Urb. La Concepcion
 104 calle. Altigracia
 Guayanilla, PR 00656

**Deadline to apply:
 28 Dec 2013**




ES Personnel

2011	2012	2013	
16	16	15	Ground Team Leaders
7	4	13	Mission Pilots
20	28	30	Observers
23	34	45	Scanners
3	5	7	Incident Commanders

ES Missions

- 13-M-0111a Missing Person

First Save in the history of PR Wing

Air Operations-Facilities

From condemned to operational



Air Operations Personnel

2012	2013	
11	26	VFR Pilots
7	15	Cadet Orientation Pilots
4	7	Check Pilots

Air Operations

	2011	2012	2013
National Average	183	177	172
PR Wing	204	195	192
Ranking	20	24	17

Cadet Orientation Flights

2011	2012	2013
136.8	211.4	248.5 hrs

Professional Development

	2011	2012	2013
• Level I:	339	337	390
• Level II:	192	205	209
• Level III:	124	127	141
• Level IV:	78	79	86
• Level V:	12	12	13

Region Staff College

- 7 participants
- 2014 RCS in Knoxville, Tennessee
- Next RCS in PR 2015

National Staff College

- 1 Participant in 2013
- Next NSC 18-24 May 2014

Finance

- PR Wing Endowment
- \$3,000 balance

Finance

- Legislative Funds: \$8,000
- Donations: FY11 \$4,970.25
FY12 \$7,004.71
FY13 \$45,642.24
- \$2,500 minimum balance in wing accounts

Finance

- Debt Sept 30, 2011 = \$16,140.47
- Net Worth Sept 30, 2011 = **-\$2,784.18***
- Debt Sept 30, 2012 = \$7,075.06
- Net Worth Sept 30, 2012 = \$7,269.51*
- Debt Sept 30, 2013 = \$3,627.60
- Net Worth Sept 30, 2013 = \$18,954.82*

*Not including WBS

Finance

- IFA 2014 - \$2,000
- SLA 2014 - \$4,000
- SLA 2015 - \$4,000
- SLA 2016 - \$4,000
- RCLS 2015 - \$2,000

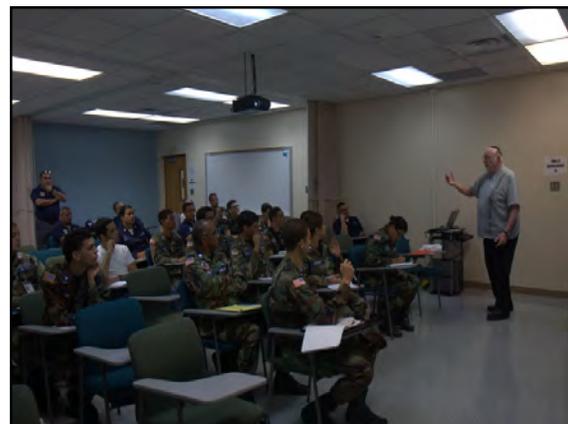
Logistics

From Logistics Freeze to "Excellent"

- Equipment accountability
 - New accountability procedures
 - Lost equipment due to criminal activity not member mismanagement
- Retirements
 - Equipment is retire as soon as repairs are not possible.
 - No backlog of obsolete equipment

Communications

- Nine new power supplies
- Participation in national nets
- Shipped repeater to St Thomas
- PRWG Communications School

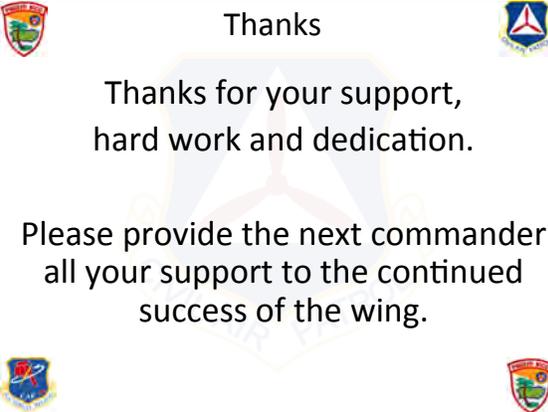


Information Technology

- Instituted system for processing new computers
- Creating IT infrastructures in Hoare Facilities
- Nine new computers

Other Activities

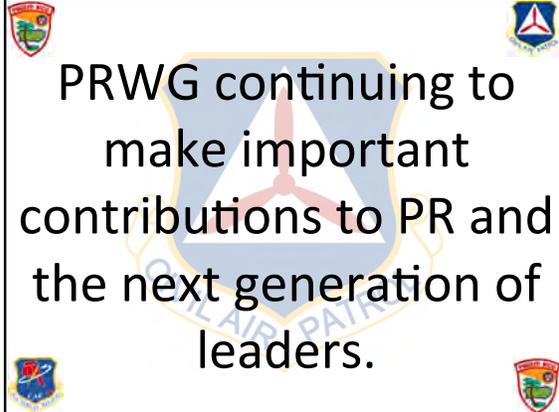
- Senior IG course
- Mountain Flying Training
- ICS 300 and 400
- AFRCC Basic Inland SAR Course (BISC)



Thanks

Thanks for your support,
hard work and dedication.

Please provide the next commander
all your support to the continued
success of the wing.



PRWG continuing to
make important
contributions to PR and
the next generation of
leaders.

Mission Search Results

Current Mission List - 1 Active Mission(s)

RED: Disapproved
 YELLOW: Pending
 ORANGE: Cancelled
 GREEN: Approved
 GRAY: Complete

[Refresh List](#)

Filter by Wing:

Line No	Agency Number/ Comment	REQ Number	Mission Number	Mission Date	Mission Wing	Mission Type	Air	Gnd	Approval Status
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Subject: CAP Mission Awards

Date: Monday, August 5, 2013 at 7:06:04 PM Atlantic Standard Time

From: Parker, Susie

To: Luis Cubano

Congratulations! Puerto Rico Wing has been selected for recognition as the Southeast Region winner of the **Search and Rescue Mission Award**. This award will be presented on **Saturday morning (17 August)** during the annual recognition ceremony. There will be a short awards ceremony practice on Friday afternoon at 5:30 p.m. in the Grand Ballroom. It shouldn't take long and will just give you a quick overview of what to expect on Saturday morning. See you in Denver!

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CAP's CRITICAL ROLE

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Commander's Dashboard of Performance Metrics for: **SR-RR-001 - PUERTO RICO WING** [View Unit Only](#)

To view the breakdown for each color, place your mouse over the legend bar under each color. To view what each metric corresponds to, place your mouse over the colored panel itself. To print this page, please make sure that your Internet Browser is set to Print Background Colors and Images. If you have trouble setting this for your browser, please put in a help desk request that includes your internet browser and version.

Membership

Current Overall: 1191
Membership totals reflect here do not include Life or Aerospace Education members or any Congressional, legislative or state legislative staff.

Current Cadets: 751

Current Seniors: 440

Compared to the time last year

Overall %	Cadets	Seniors
102.42 %	102.60 %	105.28 %

[View Commander Datas Assigned.](#)

Professional Development

Level 1: 200
Level 2: 209
Level 3: 141
Level 4: 86
Level 5: 13

[See a breakdown by rank.](#)

Cadet Achievements

703.3 %
[Legend](#)

Weight Benchers: 244
Michael: 84
Earhart: 36
Spaatz: 0

Cadet Information (For Selected Organization)

Training Leaders of Cadets	New Cadet Orientation Flights within 180 days of joining	New Cadet Completion within 8 weeks of joining
100.00 %	N/A	N/A

CAPR 52-16 Requirement Met: **14.44 %**
Strategic Plan Goal Met: **35.56 %**

[View Cadet Info Details.](#)

Operations

Aircraft Utilization (Based on All Aircraft in Wings)

86.51 %
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Mission Check Pilots per Aircraft

3.67
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Current FY Ranking: 26/52
Current FY to Date Avg Hours per Aircraft: 157/96
Last FY Avg Hours To Date: 177/73
Last FY Tot Hours To Date: 533.2

Mission Pilots per Aircraft

4.33
[Legend](#)

VFR Pilots per Aircraft

8.67
[Legend](#)

Inc. Comm. (Level 3, 4, 1): 6, 3, 1
Mission Pilots: 13
Mission Pilots: 13
Mission Scanners: 45
Ground Team Leaders: 15
Mission Chaplains: 0
Instructor Pilots: 7
VFR Pilots: 26
Check Pilots: 13
Cadet O-Ride Pilots: 5
Cadet O-Ride Pilots: 15

Inspector General

Open Assessments Rating: **No Input**

SUI Uploads (Last Two Uploaded): **0.00 %**
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Logistics

Vehicle Reports: **100.00 %**
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Powered Aircraft: 3
Glider Aircraft: 0
Vehicle: 14

ORMS - Reports of Survey

Awaiting Investigator Appointment: 0
Awaiting Investigator Document Upload: 3
Awaiting Wing Recommended Assessment: 0
Awaiting CAP-USAF SD Comments: 0
Awaiting Region Assessment: 0
Awaiting CAP-USAF LR Comments: 0
Awaiting NHQ Comments: 1
Awaiting CAP-USAF LR Comments: 0
In Dispute Resolution at NHQ: 0
Awaiting Appeal Process: 0
Awaiting CAP CC Appeal Approval: 0
Awaiting CAP USAF CC Appeal Approval: 0
Awaiting NHQ Completion: 0

Specialty Track Counts

Total: 35
Master: 33
Senior: 10
Technician: 35
None: 44

Yeager Counts

Current Year: 28
Total: 200

Current Year

Master: 1
Senior: 2
Technician: 4
None: 19

Current Year

Master: 33
Senior: 10
Technician: 35
None: 44

AEM/IEO Counts

AEM: 20
AEO: 60

On-time Annual Inventory by Unit

Aircraft - 40 / 44 Units
Vehicles - 40 / 44 Units
Comm Gear - 40 / 44 Units
Supplies & Equipment - 40 / 44 Units

Safety Monthly Current - 776 / 1181 (65.88 %)
Completed Intro to Safety - 1079 / 1181 (91.36 %)

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PUERTO RICO WING NEWS

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Puerto Rico Wing News

12 TIPS FOR HOLIDAY SAFETY

The holidays invite all sorts of fun activity, from lighting candles to hanging fresh greens and stringing lights. Here's how to keep your house and family safe from fire and injury.

As you're sprucing up your home this season, keep an eye out for these common holiday trip-ups, fire hazards, and other safety snafus.

1. Merry and Bright: Carefully inspect holiday light strings each year and discard any with frayed cords, cracked lamp holders, or loose connections. When replacing bulbs, unplug the light string and be sure to match voltage and wattage to the original bulb.

2. Lights Out: Always turn off holiday lights when you leave the house unattended or when going to bed.

3. Fresh Is Best: Try to purchase a freshly cut tree, as they are more resistant to ignition. Keep your Christmas tree watered and away from open candles.

4. Timing Is Everything: Use an outdoor timer certified by CSA International to switch lights on and off. Lights should be turned on after 7 p.m. to avoid the electricity rush hour.

5. Check for the Certification Mark: When purchasing light strings, extension cords, spotlights, electrical decorations, gas appliances, or carbon monoxide alarms, look for the certification mark of an accredited certification organization such as CSA International, UL, or ELT to ensure that the products comply with applicable standards for safety and performance.

6. One and Done: Never connect more

than one extension cord together; instead use a single cord that is long enough to reach the outlet without stretching, but not so long that it can get easily tangled.

7. The Great Outdoors: When hanging outdoor lights, keep electrical connectors off the ground and away from metal rain gutters. Use insulated tape or plastic clips instead of metal nails or tacks to hold them in place.

8. Climbing Up: Using a ladder when you put up lights? Choose the correct ladder for the job and double check for a certification mark to ensure your portable ladder complies with applicable standards.

9. Keep the Gas behind Glass: Do not use your gas fireplace if the glass panel is removed, cracked, or broken, and only allow a qualified service person to replace fireplace parts.

10. Sound the Alarm: Test your smoke alarms monthly to make sure they work, and be sure to install smoke and carbon monoxide (CO) alarms on every level of your home -- especially near sleeping areas.

11. Filter-Friendly Furnace: To help prevent CO hazards in your home, have a qualified heating contractor perform a yearly maintenance check of your furnace and venting system, and clean or replace your furnace filter frequently during the heating seasons.

12. Clean the Clutter: Do not store combustible materials such as gasoline, propane, paper, chemicals, paint, rags, and cleaning products near your gas furnace. Gasoline or propane cylinders should be stored outside the home.

Source: CSA International

RECRUITING DAY

By Lt Col Anabel Lugo, PAO

As part of "Puerto Rico Wing Recruiting Day" 8 cadets and 2 seniors oriented several families who visited the Municipal Shopping Center of Lajas Municipality. With 2 tables full of promotional items members talked about CAP benefits to local kids.



Group Picture

SQUADRON CLEANING BEACHES



Col Bartolo Ortiz Squadron participated in the annual east coast beach clean-up, sponsored by Scuba Dogs Society and the Municipality of Ceiba. Ceiba Mayor, Honorable Angelo Cruz, former member of the Civil Air Patrol thanked the team for volunteering and making the team effort. The event was safe and well organized. The garbage collection was successful. Among the materials that were collected included plastic and foam. This activity encourages all of us to clean and protect our environment.

Group Picture



**Cadets collecting
garbage**

MARCHING AGAIN DRUG ABUSE

We often hear people say that our youth is lost. Those who say this is because they do not know the cadets of the Civil Air Patrol, as they not only are not lost, but they are doing their part to win the fight against drug use. As the cadets who are pictured below, who

represented the cadets of Lt Col Agustin Diaz Squadron of Cataño (PR-092) that participated in a antidrug use walk.

Every time you hear that our young people are lost, remember the cadets of Civil Air Patrol, who are making a difference.



From left to right C/AIC Luis A. Vazquez, C/AB Gamalier A. Cruz, C/AB Tisha Martinez, C/AB Sarahy Cruz, C/AB Pablo H. Cruz and C/TSgt Jesus Padilla.

MAJOR MEDAL

By Lt Col Anabel Lugo, PAO

Lajas, PR- Members of the Lajas High School Cadet Squadron Ground Team received "the Major Medal" during Marcos "Turin Irizarry" message. Major Irizarry gave the medal to citizens when they represent Lajas Municipality at State or Nation Level. Members received the medal when the Unit earned "The Dion DeCamp Ground Team of the Year at South East Region Level.



INTERNATIONAL DAY OF COASTAL CLEAN UP

By Lt Col Anabel Lugo, PAO

Lajas, PR- San German Cadet and Lajas High School Cadet Squadron participated in the International Day of Coastal Cleanup in La Parguera, Lajas. Members worked with the Lajas Municipality collecting trash and recyclable items. This effort was in conjunction with others young organizations of Lajas Municipality to help to keep the planet clean.

Hundreds of bags were collected by volunteers in different colors bags to separate recyclable materials from trash.



Group Picture

TRAINING LEADERS OF CADETS

Group Picture



Cabo Rojo, PR- Training Leaders of Cadets is the premiere venue for Cadet Programs Officers to learn how to become better mentors of cadets and more effective managers of cadet squadrons. The 2-day course is a component

of the Cadet Programs Officer Specialty Track in the Senior Member Professional Development Program. Twenty five students from different groups participates in this training.

OBSTACLE COURSE TRAINING

Lajas, PR- Puerto Rico Wing Emergency Services and Lajas HS Cadet Squadron offered an obstacle course training. Cadets learned how to think creatively and resolve problems in various educational settings. Cadets completed team leadership problems and

participated in a leadership reaction obstacle course. These different situations helped them improve their problem-solving capabilities.

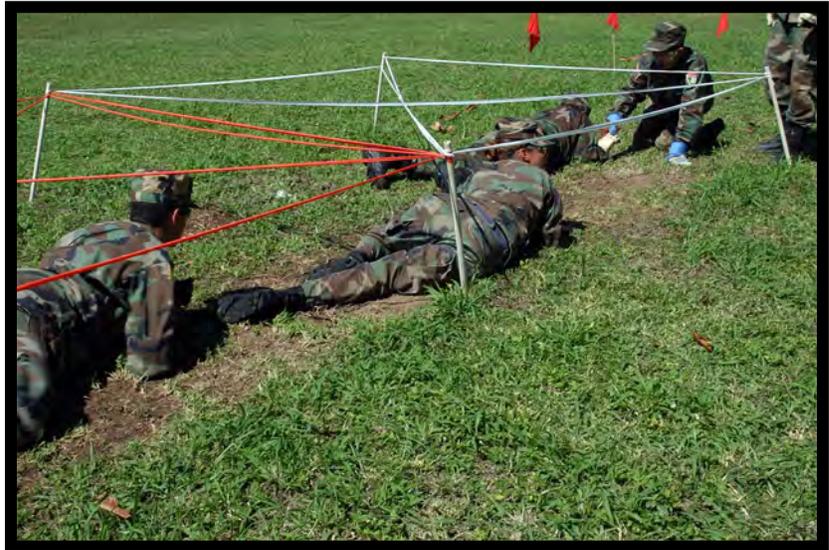


**Group Picture
first Obstacle
Course Training**



**Group
Picture
second
Obstacle
Course
Training**

**Cadets in the
low crawling
area**



**Decision making
area**

**Teamwork exercise
area**



COMMUNITY SERVICE ACTIVITY

Guayanilla, PR-Puerto Rico Wing Cadet Advisory Council (CAC) in an effort to help our community decided to collect garbage from “Playa Ventana” in Guayanilla. They collected a lot of recyclable material and a lot of garbage.

Cadets from different groups met in the beach to start collecting garbage and teach

people the importance of recycling and keeping our beaches clean.

This shows that if we cooperate and keep our island clean we can better enjoy the beauty of it.

**Cadets
collecting
garbage
from the
beach**



Puzzle

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Christmas	Presents	Santa Claus	Sleigh	Tree	Red
December	Star	Candy	Stockings		

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PR Wing Conference

December 7, 2013 Interamerican University, Bayamon Campus

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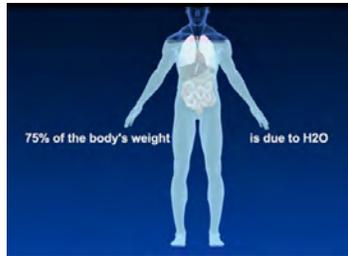
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The importance of hydration

Your body depends on water for survival. Did you know that water makes up more than half of your body



weight?

Every cell, tissue and organ in your body needs water to function correctly. For example, your body uses water to maintain its temperature, remove waste and lubricate joints. Water is essential for good health.

You lose water even faster when the weather is really hot, when you exercise, or if you have a fever. Vomiting and diarrhea can also lead to rapid fluid loss. If you don't replace the water you lose, you can become dehydrated.

Symptoms of dehydration include:

- Little or no urine, or urine that is darker than usual
- Dry mouth
- Sleepiness or fatigue
- Extreme thirst
- Headache
- Confusion
- Feeling dizzy or lightheaded
- No tears when crying

Don't wait until you notice symptoms of dehydration to act. It can be hard to recognize when you're dehydrated, especially as you age.

Actively prevent dehydration by drinking plenty of water.

Some beverages are better than others at preventing dehydration. Water is all you

need if you are planning to be active for only an hour or less.

If you plan to be exercising longer than an hour or so, or if you anticipate being out in the sun for more than a few hours, you may want to hydrate with some kind of sports drink. These replace not only fluid, but also minerals like sodium and potassium, which are lost through perspiration.

Alcoholic and caffeinated beverages, such as coffee, teas and colas, are not recommended for optimal hydration. These fluids tend to pull water from the body and promote dehydration.

Dehydration leads to muscle fatigue, cramping, and loss of coordination.

A dehydrated body is unable to cool itself, leading to heat exhaustion and possibly heat stroke.

It is important to drink more than thirst demands and to continue to drink throughout the day.

It is important to drink even before signs of thirst appear. Thirst is a signal that your body is already on the way to dehydration.

To prevent dehydration, you must drink before, during, and after physical activity.

It is important to understand that the human body has a basic need for hydration, specifically water consumption.



MEMORIAL DAY

**Las Piedras
Color Guard
delivering
wreaths**



**Las Piedras Color Guard
participating at the graduation
in the Specialized Arts
School in Humacao.**

**Las Piedras Cadet Squadron doing
community work, reforesting, organizing,
painting the ceremonial park
known as “La Cueva del Indio in Las
Piedras”.**



MEMORIAL DAY

Memorial Day is a day of remembering the men and women who died while serving in the United States Armed Forces. Many people visit cemeteries and memorials, particularly to honor those who have died in military service.

This year 30 cadets and 12 seniors participated in the official PR government activities. The group included participants from Las Piedras, Bayamon, Fajardo, Lt Col Normando Otero, Capt Saulo Solis Cadet Squadron and Group 7.



Group Picture

SEARCH AND RESCUE PRACTICE

Añasco, PR-Another important service Civil Air Patrol (CAP) performs is search and rescue (SAR) efforts. CAP SAR exercises provide realistic training for missions. CAP covers several emergency services areas. The principal categories include search and rescue missions, disaster relief, humanitarian services, and United States Air Force support.

This is why Emergency Services personnel train at least monthly. They want to be prepared when the state needs them.



Ground Team reached the incident area.

TRANSPORTATION OFFICERS MEETING

Hatillo, PR- At this meeting the duties and tasks of a transportation officer at the unit, group and wing level were discussed. The transportation regulations 77-1, 62-2, mishap report forms used in transportation such as CAPF 73, 70 and how to report the vehicles in e-services.



Group picture

KNOWING OUR PEOPLE PROGRAM

Mayaguez, PR- Puerto Rico Wing (PRW) Public Affairs Officer, Lt Col Marie Ann Rivera and Recruiting and Retention Officer, Lt Col Anabel Lugo participated in a radio show called Knowing Our People by WKJB radio station. They had the opportunity to promote Civil Air Patrol contributions to the community, especially for young people.



KNOWING OUR PEOPLE PROGRAM CONT'

From left to right-Lt Col Anabel Lugo, Recruiting and Retention and Lt Col Marie Ann Rivera, Public Affairs

GROUP 7 CHANGE-OF-COMMAND CEREMONY

Toa Baja, PR– The change of command symbolically transfers authority and responsibility from one commander to the next. Group 7 has the tradition of organizing a banquet for the Civil Air Patrol members and their family. This year they also celebrated the change of command.

Maj Samuel Rivera was the commander of Group 7 for the past four years achieving many successes for the organization. Lt Col Reynaldo Negron begins a new term as Group 7 Commander. "This new period will be the beginning of many more successes for the benefit of the cadets" says Lt Col Negron.



Group Picture



Maj Samuel Rivera, former commander, Lt Col Reynaldo Negrón and Lt Col Carlos Fernandez, PR Wing Vice Commander. Officers face one another and transfer responsibility of command by passing the guidon.

Lt Col Elba Cana, master of ceremony and Lt Col Ileana Ramirez, PRANG, guest speaker.



FINANCE WORKSHOP 2013

San Juan, PR– The Puerto Rico Wing Finance Workshop was made to promote and ensure the integrity of financial management practices and financial reporting. Students had the opportunity to clarify doubts and questions regarding several reporting requirements. Discuss how to fill correctly all new financial

forms and understand the importance of good procedures for administering, auditing, accounting, and reporting of CAP funds. They also review the new finance regulations. In this workshop 42 students of different units participated in this workshop.



Finance Workshop participants

LAJAS PARADE

By Lt Col Anabel Lugo

Lajas, PR–Lajas High School Cadet Squadron and San German Cadet Squadron participated together in Lajas Town Parade.

A team of colors and a flight marched right down Lajas Main Street during 130th town anniversary.

Lajas Major Marcos Irizarry expressed his gratitude during the opening speech explained that Lajas always count on CAP colors over the years in all official activities of the town.





Flight marching in the parade

Color Guard opening the parade



RAISING THE FLAGS FOR BASEBALL LEAGUE



Mayagüez, PR - Mayagüez has distinguished itself as the Sports Capital and host of multiple activities of an international character. Mayagüez Municipal Administration, in conjunction with the Office of Sports and Recreation and the Mayagüez Municipal Boys Baseball, Inc. held in this city the 2013 Caribbean Series.

The activity held at the Hermes Acevedo Little League Park hosted teams from Dominican Republic, Venezuela, Colombia and Aruba.

Civil Air Patrol cadets from Hormigueros and Lajas Cadet Squadron has the opportunity to participate in the initial ceremony. They raised the flag for each country.



C/CMSgt Carliana Cochran and C/MSgt Ivan Homs raising the Venezuela Flag.



C/CMSgt Ricardo Pagan raising the Puerto Rico Flag



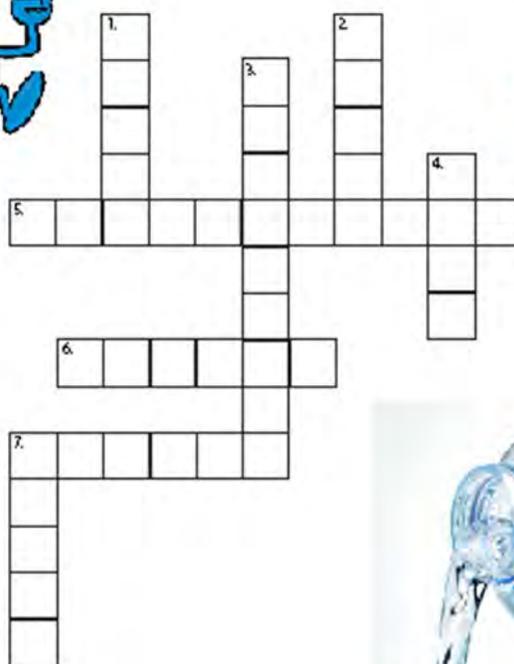
C/Amn Jose Pellot raising the Dominican Republic flag.



C/A1C Joshua Diaz raising the Mayaguez Municipality flag.

Puzzle

Hydration Crossword Puzzle



Across

5. Not getting enough water
6. Water exists in three states: gas, solid and ___
7. About 2% of the earth's water is ___

Down

1. Only 1% of the earth's water is ___
2. One way you lose water
3. Drinking enough water
4. This is about 60% water
7. A tasty way to get water

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CUL Training

August 24, 2013 PR 141 ANG

Wing Led Exercise

August 31, 2013

SAR/EX Training

September 1-14, 2013

Obstacle Course

October 12, 2013 Lajas Group 1, 2, 7

October 19, 2013 Lajas Group 4, 5, 8, 9

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RAINY WEATHER DRIVING TIPS



by Mr. Reed Berry

A rainy day can be refreshing. A walk in the rain can be romantic. Driving in the rain, however, can be quite dangerous so avoid it if you can. You may be a very safe driver, driving defensively and obeying all traffic laws but what about the drivers around you? If you have to drive on a rainy day, keep your trips to a minimum to reduce your chances of being involved in a collision. Before driving, check traffic reports to see if your route is affected by flooding, traffic collisions or road closures.

Here are some more helpful tips for rainy day driving:

SAFETY TIPS

- When driving on the freeway, drive in the center lanes as water tends to pool in the outside lanes.
- Turn on your headlights! It will help you see better on foggy or rainy days and it will

help other drivers see you!

- Increase your following distance and watch for brake lights ahead.
- Slow down – it takes longer to stop in wet weather. Plus the faster you drive, the greater the chances of hydroplaning!

- Drive slowly through any puddle of uncertain depth. That way if it's deeper than you thought, you can still back out!

Never drive through moving water if you can't see the ground through it – you could be swept right off the road!

MAINTENANCE TIPS

- Before it starts to rain, replace old or brittle wiper blades. Wiper blades are inexpensive and are very easy to change!
- Check the tread and inflation of your tires. Properly maintained tires provide the added traction you will need on wet roads and save gas. Consider carrying a portable car starter with you. That way, if your battery goes dead you can start your car from inside the vehicle rather than getting out of the car to do a conventional jump start with cables.

AEROSPACE EDUCATION WORKSHOP

Cadets building their rockets



By: SM Solsire Torres, PAO

Hormigueros, PR- Hormigueros Cadet Squadron has enrolled, for the second year in a row, for the Aerospace Education Excellence Award 2012-2013 provided by the AFA in conjunction with the Civil Air Patrol. The 2011-2012 Award was granted to us after completing all the

workshops needed. This award consists of 6 different workshops that we must complete along with 2 hours of Aerospace Educational Activity. We have completed 2 activities up to date by building the Goddard Rocket and the Lockheed SR-71 Blackbird and the 2 hours of Aerospace Education were completed by visiting the only exhibit certified by the NASA, Space: A Journey to Our Future. The Cadets have enjoyed these activities while learning and becoming more curious about aerospace education. We will continue with these workshops until completing them all and hopefully earning for second year in a row this Award. We have the encourage and enthusiasm to continue learning about our Space.



Checking items in Aerospace text book

EMERGENCY SERVICES TRAINING

Hormigueros, PR- Hormigueros Cadet Squadron hosted a Emergency Training Camp that took place in Hormigueros, PR. There they emphasized to the cadets how to survive in an open field through classes, rehearsals and practicing Emergency Ground-Air Signal, basic survival, recognizing poisonous plants and insects among other things. We had the support of the Lajas Cadet Squadron officials with knowledge and ex-

perience in Emergency Services. Specialized Service Volunteer Rescue Cabo Rojo (SERV CR) also supporting us. Capt Perez sponsored a "Meal Ready to Eat" (MRE) and Personal First Aid Kit to be better prepared for the open field. It was a unique experience which all members of the Civil Air Patrol in attendance were able to take advantage of and enjoy it to the fullest extent.



Cadets in a road march.



Cadets eating MRE



Shelter Class

COLOR GUARD AT CARNIVAL PRINCESS SHOW

St Thomas, VI-

Virgin Islands St. Thomas Composite Squadron PR 903 presented the colors at the Princess Show at the St. Thomas Carnival held every Spring.



From left to right C/A1C Gumbs, C/Amn Charley, C/A1C Roberts, C/SrA Defoe, and C/Amn Henderickson

ST THOMAS FUNDRAISING

Cadets at
Bake Sales



SAFETY MEETING IN LAS PIEDRAS



Las Piedras,PR- Mr. Perales, rescuer of the municipality of Las Piedras showed the cadets all equipment used in the event of a car accident and other dangerous situations. This as part of safety education that is offered to Civil Air Patrol (CAP) members.

WATER SURVIVAL TRAINING

By: Lt Col Marie Ann Rivera, PAO

Revised by Maj Raul Jimenez

Guaynabo, PR- Puerto Rico Wing Civil Air Patrol Senior Aircrew members reviewed the Overwater Operations. They received a practical demonstration of the use and procedures of the personal flotation device (PFD) used in CAP Overwater operations and demonstration of the procedures used to orientate all flight crewmembers on the location of aircraft EMERGENCY exits for each crew position, regardless of visibility or aircraft position (underwater, dark, inverted aircraft). Also they had a demonstration of emergency procedures, including the technique to use with a raft in the water.

The swimming skill was conducted wearing a military flight coverall uniform or the equivalent clothing, to demonstrate they can get into the raft wearing basically what they would be wearing when they are flying. Crew members swam and at the conclusion of the swim they successfully were able to show proper technique to board an inflated life raft in the deep end of the pool.

PR Wing members also had the opportunity to use the spare air tank so they can familiarize with the utilization of the equipment. The activity took place at the pool of San Ignacio de Loyola College located at Guaynabo City, Puerto Rico.

Special thanks to Maj Jimenez that designed, coordinated and facilitated the Water Survival.

WATER SURVIVAL TRAINING CONT'



Picture to the left– Swimming



Picture above-Lt Col Anabel Lugo using the spare air tank



Picture above-Lt Col Anabel Lugo and Lt Col Marie Ann Rivera in the raft.

Picture to the left– Participants at the swimming portion of the training.



HOW TO ESCAPE A FIRE TRAINING

By: Lt Col Marie ann Rivera, PAO

Añasco, PR- In the event of a fire, remember that **every second counts**, so you and your family must always be prepared. Escape plans help you get out of your home quickly. In less than 30 seconds, a small flame can get completely out of control and turn into a major fire. It only takes

minutes for a house to fill with thick black smoke and become engulfed in flames.

When a fire occurs, get out fast: you may only have seconds to escape safely. Take the safest exit route, but if you must escape through smoke, remember to crawl low, under the smoke and keep

your mouth covered. The smoke contains toxic gases, which can disorient you or, at worst, overcome you.

PR Wing Emergency Services Department offered a training to help cadets and seniors escape a fire without using their vision. It was a successful one.



Participants wearing mask so they can't see and practice how to escape a fire.

SUMMER FUN



Y Q S H E L L S Y Q E R H G
C N U S P I C N I C B B B V
R N W V D S T K B N A I B Q
B E A C H S U M M E R A Z S
M N D I V I N G D K L B A H
X Q O F T S W I M L J N O W
Q S T I U D S K T L D X A Y
T N Y J T U V C G C A T U A
Q O L K R A K I A J E J M K
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BALL
BEACH
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SURF
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VACATION
WATERSKI

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Introduction to Flight Academy

June 3-8, 213 Interamerican University Isla Grande

Finance Officer Workshop

June 15, 2013 Hoare CDT

Summer Leadership Academy

June 17-21, 2013 CROEM

TLC

July 20-21, 2013 Municipal Police Mayaguez

Region Staff College

July 24-28, 2013 CROEM

Region Cadet Leadership School

July 25-28, 2013 CROEM

Future Group CC Course

June 29, 2013 Interamerican University Isla Grande

Emergency Services

June 29, 2013 SAR EX

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10 SAFETY TIPS FOR EGG HUNTING

Easter is a time for goodies, great food, candy, little toys and indoor and outdoor activities. Keep your kids safe during Easter celebrations by following these 10 simple tips.

1. CANDY

To prevent choking and exposure to choking hazards, children under the age of 5 should not be given small candy. Be sure to give out age-appropriate candy and watch little ones at all times. Toys with small pieces are also choking hazards so be careful of any toys handed out to young children.

2. EGGS

Decorating eggs is one of the Easter traditions that is great fun for children. However, remember that eggs can be hazardous and quickly spoil if not refrigerated properly before and after you decorate them. Hard-boiled eggs left out for several hours as part of a hunt or centerpiece

should not be eaten.

3. CLEANLINESS

When preparing the eggs for the hunt, wash hands before and after working with raw eggs, as well as any utensils or dishes used. Do not use eggs that are cracked or broken.

4. SUNSCREEN

If you are going to be outside for long periods for an Easter egg hunt or other outdoor games, remember to apply sunscreen.

5. NUT ALLERGIES

Remember that some kids have nut allergies that are very serious. Check with parents before offering any chocolate bunnies or other candies that might contain nuts.

6. BOUNDARIES

Set up a boundary for an outdoor Easter egg hunt so kids are not wandering off or into places that aren't

safe or supervised.

7. NO RUNNING

Separate age groups so that the large kids are not running off for their eggs and knocking over smaller children or enforce a no running rule.

8. INDOOR SAFETY

For indoor egg hunts, do not hide eggs near outlets, hard to reach areas, near glass or other breakables or dangerous spots.

9. SUPERVISION

Designate only certain rooms of the house for indoor egg hunts so children aren't running around the house unsupervised.

BE SAFE AND ENJOY!!!



ARECIBO OBSERVATORY TOUR

**Las Piedras
Cadet Squadron
at Observatory
Facilities.**



Arecibo, PR- The Civil Air Patrol offers a variety of popular free activities to its members that involve hands-on aviation and space-related activities with cadets. Las Piedras Cadet Squadron went to the Arecibo Observatory; they travel from

the Florencia García High School at Las Piedras to the Arecibo Observatory. This activity promotes the aerospace education to over 3,000 cadets and Seniors across all Puerto Rico.



**Cadets receiving
orientation about
the Observatory.**

UH-60 BLACK HAWK HELICOPTER

Las Piedras Cadet Squadron participated on an Army ARN Hangar Facility Tour. As you know the number one reason for cadets to join the Civil Air Patrol is to fly. Flying a cadet regularly motivates them to achieve in the Cadet Program. It is because of the flying program that the Civil Air Patrol accomplished its goals in leadership, fitness, and character; values that the US Air Force has pro-

moted for decades.

Alpha Company 1-101 General Support Aviation Battalion (GSAB) Operations throughout the Public Affair Office (MAJ Paul Dahlen) supported our Cadet Squadron with this tour of the Sikorsky UH-60 Black Hawks helicopter.



Cadets inside the helicopter.



Cadets in the UH-60 Black Hawks helicopter



Group Picture

PUERTO RICO WING PUBLIC AFFAIRS WORKSHOP

By: Lt Col Marie Ann Rivera, PAO

(Aguadilla, PR) — The mission of the Civil Air Patrol Public Affairs (PA) program is to inform internal and external audiences of Civil Air Patrol's national importance, safeguard the image and assets of the corporation, and strengthen relations with key audiences and customers, which enables the organization to grow. That is why PA Director Lt Col Marie Ann Rivera organizes this workshop. It includes a seminar of Recruiting and Retention with MSgt Aramis Font, Recruiter of the Air National Guard and a basic photography class with a professional photographer Mr. Ernesto Velez.

The purpose of this is to provide Public Affairs Officers (PAO) quality and proficient training to insure they perform their duties and responsibilities in a skillful and professional manner as they promote Civil Air Patrol within their units and groups. PAO's tell our story to our members as well as the larger audience outside the organization. And this is why is important to take great pictures to create durable images and memories. It was an outstanding workshop in which PAO's had an opportunity to combine several techniques to obtain great pictures.



Participants practicing photography with different scenarios



PUERTO RICO WING PUBLIC AFFAIRS WORKSHOP CONT.



Group Picture

“LET’S CLEAN THIS UP” – EL COMBATE BEACH CLEANING ACTIVITY

By: 2Lt Angel Del Valle, PAO

Cabo Rojo, PR- Puerto Rico Civil Air Patrol, Cabo Rojo Cadet Squadron joined forces with the San Germán Cadet Squadron participated in a cleaning raid of the “El Combate” beach and “El Combate” village areas. The Cabo Rojo Cadet Squadron received the invitation directly from Cabo Rojo Municipality Mayor, Roberto Ramirez Kurtz, who has been unconditional in his support of our group letting us participate in every good activity the Municipal Government develops. A total of 26 cadets and 2 adults participated along with other non-profit organizations such as Specialized Services Volunteer Rescue of Cabo Rojo and “Voluntarios por la Patria”.

The Cadets worked very hard under the sun collecting waste all over the beach, the town’s park and other near areas, while “Voluntarios por la Patria” also did a great job painting the community center, the town square and the side walk leaving it looking like new. The municipal cleaning squad leaves the green areas beautiful by trimming the grass and trees all around.

Our experience and pride in voluntary service help our young members on developing their own bond with the community and the environment. The Cabo Rojo Cadet Squadron proudly congratulates every other member of every other group and thanks them for saying “Yes” in this mission.



Cadets
cleaning
the beach.



PUERTO RICO WING RANGER COMPETITION

By: Lt Col Eric Perez, PAO

(Fajardo, PR) — Moca High School Cadet Squadron Ground Team won the first place overall trophy after winning most of the evaluated skills at the Puerto Rico Wing Ranger competition. Various Ground Teams got together at Hipolito Robles Sports Facilities in Fajardo Puerto Rico to compete against each other in a simulated Search and Rescue scenario. During the competition, teams were evaluated on such areas as individual equipment, team equipment, search procedures, communications, physical fitness, navigation, rescue and evacuation, leadership, fire building, and other search and rescue related skills.

The primary purpose of the activity was providing teams the opportunity to practice and compete with other teams using their ground search and rescue skills. This competition also enhances individual and team work. The participants of the Moca Team were 1Lt Ramón Jafeth Molina, C/CMSgt Alan D. Méndez, C/TSgt Johnell Morales, C/SSgt Daniel J. Morales, C/SrA Christian Pérez, C/SrA Josué Acevedo and C/Amn Jann K. Vale. Also, C/CMSgt. Alan D. Méndez won the Iron Armor Cadet Competition Trophy. On this individual competition they were evaluated on uniform inspection, physical fitness, aerospace knowledge, leadership knowledge, drill and other related ranger skills. As Alan Méndez said, “We trained hard two weeks before the competition because we want to demonstrate the best of our knowledge and skills during the competition. It was a great experience”.



Ranger Competition 1st Place Moca HS Cadet Squadron
1Lt Ramón J. Molina, C/TSgt Johnell Morales, C/SSgt Daniel J. Morales, C/SrA Christian Pérez, C/CMSgt. Alan D. Méndez, C/Amn Jann K. Vale and C/SrA Josué Acevedo



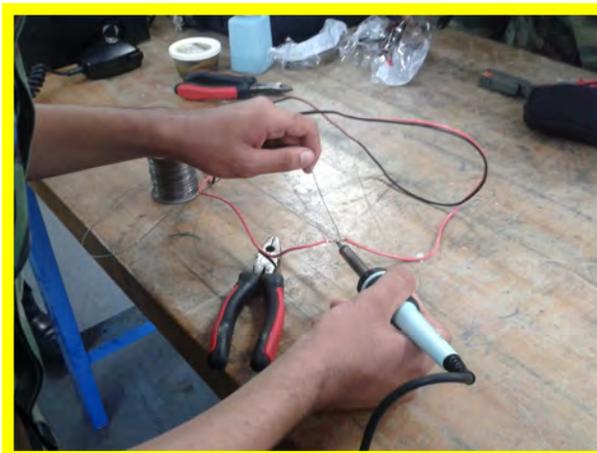
C/CMSgt. Alan D. Méndez
Iron Armor Cadet Competition Winner

PUERTO RICO WING COMMUNICATION WORKSHOP

Aguadilla, PR- For the first time in many years the Puerto Rico Wing Communications Program is finally coming back to live, since November 2012 many things have happened and the most recently included a Communications Workshop conducted in Aguadilla PR on April 17th, which not only was supported by our Wing, but was also hosted by the PR Air National Guard, 141st Air Control Squadron. Also as an additional resource the workshop had the participation of the South-East Region Director of Communications, Lt Col Joel Katz, who spent all week in PR and was part of the team of instructors during the workshop. A lot of emphasis was made in all the new changes within the communications program. But the workshop included also hands on in the fabrication of VHF and HF antennas, cable fabrication. Students learned how to solder connectors, net procedures and even basic electronics, some of the classes were taught by members of the 141st ACS. Many questions were answered by the staff and the students were very appreciative of everything that was discussed and taught. According to Lt Col Edgardo Torres, PRW DC this same course is being scheduled again for year 2013. "A block building approach was utilized for this training" he said, "we began teaching basic electronics, followed by communications general rules, NTIA, frequencies, antenna and cable construction, and finished with net procedures, so at the end everyone had learned how to setup a radio station, how to operate it, and how to trouble shoot it, all from beginning to the end." The Civil Air Patrol (CAP) communications system includes thousands of HF and VHF radios with trained operators across the United States and its territories. The focus of the CAP system is tactical communications, including air to ground, ground to air, ground team to ground team, and communication with mission base and other agencies. PR Wing depends of its communications network in order to perform our mission, and it seems that the PR Wing Communications Staff is making it happen, with the assistance of a few friends of course.



**Practice portion of the workshop.
Participants welding cables**





To the left Lt Col Katz demonstrate how to prepared the cable terminal. To the right 1Lt Aponte make a demonstration of welding cables.



C/TSgt Ivan Homs practicing



Group practicing radio communications with South East Region

COMMUNITY SERVICES IN ST THOMAS

St Thomas, VI— St. Thomas Composite Squadron, has been busy serving the Community. At the annual Jogger Jam, a race around St. Thomas, they helped control traffic areas to protect the runners. At Afternoon-on-the-Green, held at the University of the VI, showcasing local foods and other vendors, they parked cars. On

March 16, a fundraising Bake sale was held and was successful in raising much needed funds. During April they will present the Colors at several Carnival activities. The cadets are busy providing service to the community of St. Thomas. Well done to everyone who took part.

AGUADILLA AVIATION MUSEUM OPEN HOUSE

Aguadilla, PR— The Ramey Base Aviation Museum officially opens to the public. Civil Air Patrol (CAP) participated with an aircraft and a recruiting table.

Also participated in this activity other entities as: Coast Guard, Lions Club, Federal Express, Air National Guard, Interamerican University and others.

The activity had several aircraft

exhibition of different agencies. The sole mission of the museum is keeping the history of Ramey Air Force Base alive.

“Museum ribbon cutting”



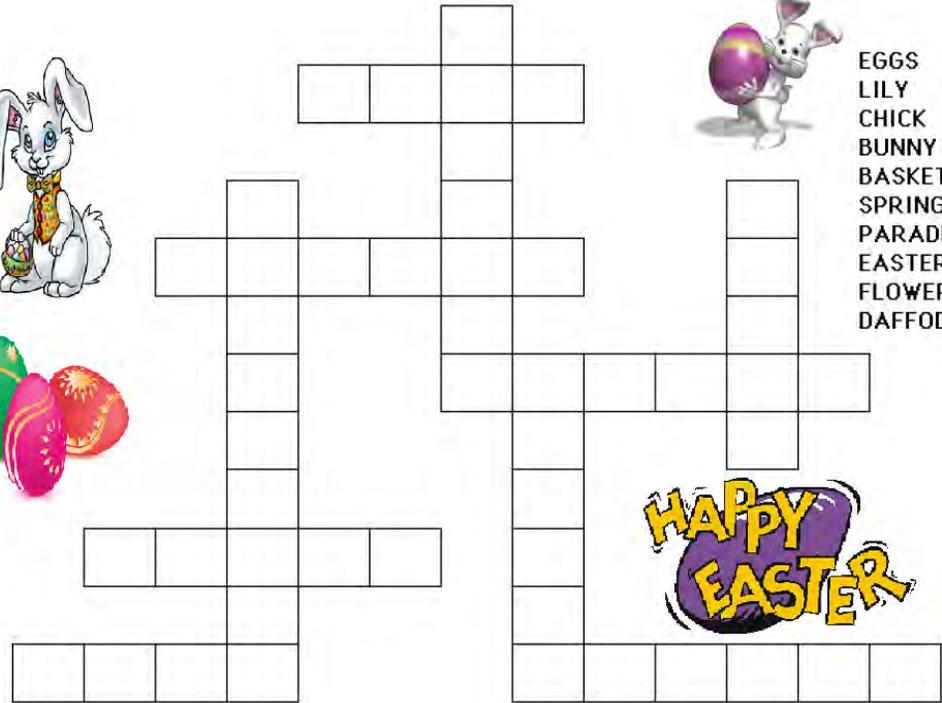
Some CAP members in front of the museum



Easter Crossword



EGGS
LILY
CHICK
BUNNY
BASKET
SPRING
PARADE
EASTER
FLOWERS
DAFFODILS



**HAPPY
EASTER**

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April 13-14, 2013 Hoare Facilities

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April 27, 2013 Safety (Senior and Cadet) and Group Commanders Meeting

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