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NATIONAL CAPITAL WING'S PRECISION DRILL TEAM will represent the USAF in the 99th Annual Memorial Day Program, Sharpsburg, Md., May 30, Col. Daniel E. Evans Jr., Wing Commander, has announced. He said the drill team will be provided in response to a request from Headquarters Command, USAF. The celebration at Sharpsburg marks the 99th anniversary of the Battle of Antietam, according to Lt. Col. William H. Rhodes, director of the cadet drill team. He said the cadets are looking forward to the event with high enthusiasm and are highly pleased at the honor accorded them by the Air Force. The team took first place trophy in several regional competitions including the 1965 contest at Bolling AFB.

BOLLING AFB WAS THE SITE OF ANOTHER CAP EVENT, the surprise dinner held in honor of Maj. George Upright who is trading his USAF uniform for a CAP uniform following more than two decades of Air Force service. His final duty assignment prior to retirement was as liaison officer for National Capital Wing, and he was presented a certificate of appreciation at the dinner for performing his duties in "a most outstanding manner." This certificate was presented by Col. Evans. Another, making Maj. Upright an honorary member of the Loyal Order of Bullthrowers was presented by Wing IO Capt. Harold "Hap" Harris and signed by scores of his fellow CAP associates, who, according to Capt. Harris, "were themselves accomplished practitioners of the art of throwing a bull from one end of a hangar-flying session to the other if not all the way over the hangar itself."

MEMBERS ARE URGED NOT TO FORGET THE MIDDLE EAST REGION CONFERENCE, scheduled for April 29-30*at the Washington-Hilton Hotel. Business meetings by day, social events in the evenings, well-known speakers, etcetera. Mainly it will be an opportunity for the various wings of the Middle-East Region to talk over ways to make Civil Air Patrol bigger, better, and more effective in its assigned public service roles. *(Sessions will continue through 1 May)

NEED FOR CHAPLAINS ACUTE IN WING. Several openings for chaplains exist now in National Capital Wing organizations. Anyone who can recruit one or more chaplains to assist in the cadet moral leadership program and other CAP activities will be providing an excellent service to local area youth.

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NEWS ITEMS FOR PUBLICATION IN "FLIGHT PATTERNS" should be sent to Wing Headquarters marked "Attention, Wing Information Officer" to assure expeditious handling. Remember, time is important, even to the editor of a monthly newsletter, because news quickly becomes history and loses its impact.

FLIGHT PATTERNS can use news about aeronautical ratings, first aid classes, award of cadet ribbons of Billy Mitchell level and higher, award of senior member certificates of proficiency or ECI diplomas, first solo flights by cadets or senior members, or enrollment of outstanding new senior members with notable pre-membership qualifications. Successful fund-raising or recruiting activities, outstanding or unusual public service actions, or honors attained by CAP members in their community---all these are newsworthy and all should be reported.

THE FIRST TWO ISSUES HAVE DEALT PRIMARILY WITH WING-LEVEL ACTIVITIES. We want to make future issues reflect the activities of the groups and squadrons, because we believe these units at the operating level have much to gain from interchange of information and ideas.

MAN'S PROGRESS ON EARTH HAS BEEN LARGELY BASED ON HIS GOD-GIVEN ABILITY TO COMMUNICATE. National Capital Wing's progress also depends on this ability to exchange knowledge, thoughts, and ideas. Let's do it...and watch our organizations grow.

Col. Stanhope Lineberry, CAP, Middle East Region Commander reminds all NatCap Wing unit commanders and information officers that monthly Information Reports should be in to Wing each month by the 10th. They will be checked out, listed on the Wing monthly report and forwarded to National Headquarters. This compilation of I O effort adds to our Wing standing in the national standings. No matter how much is accomplished in education, safety, flying and community service activities, it all comes to naught if our supporters, the USAF and the general public are unaware of our voluntary efforts.

25th ANNIVERSARY OF CAP will be celebrated in the November or December issue of THE AIRMAN, official magazine of the USAF. Article will be written by Capt. Hap Harris, NatCap Wing I O, in cooperation with CAP National Headquarters Information Office.