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Crown Circle winners, rocket scientists, NASA astronauts, motivational speakers — all part of Civil Air Patrol's spectacular National Congress on Aviation and Space Education 2000 in San Diego March 15-18. Check out the special photo feature in this issue.

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Texas Wing cadets work crowd control after F-16 crashes during demo flight

TEXAS — Seventeen cadets of Texas Wing's Sugarland Composite Squadron were on hand to assist when tragedy struck during an air show at Naval Air Station, Kingsville, near Kingsville, Texas.

The cadets were taking a break from their crowd-control duties during the second day of the "Wings Over South Texas 2000 Airshow" when an F-16 Fighting Falcon crashed north of the base, killing the pilot, U.S. Air Force Maj. Brison Phillips.

"The kids had been relieved for lunch, and the crash happened just before they were going to head back for crowd control. You could feel the hit," said Capt. Robert Wolin, squadron commander.

Immediately after the crash, Wolin and the cadets relieved base police from the crowd-control line so they



Sugarland Composite Squadron cadets work crowd control for the Wings Over South Texas Airshow at the Kingsville Naval Air Station. The cadets also assisted with emergency response efforts after an Air Force F-16 crashed during a flight demonstration on the second day.

could respond to the crash site and clear the way for emergency vehicles. They also helped the spectators depart the base when the show was ended ahead of schedule.

The pilot killed was from their community and had spoken with the cadets about fly-

ing F-16s just hours before the crash.

"The kids did a tremendous job responding to the crash. We talk about these things and how you respond, if it does happen, and they did it according to the plan," said Wolin.

AT A GLANCE

■ AK members help find musher

ALASKA — A missing dog musher and his 10 dogs were found alive and in fair condition after six days in Alaska's Caribou Hills on the Kenai Peninsula.

The man was competing in the annual Tustumena 200 Sled Dog Race when he became lost after making a wrong turn during a raging early morning blizzard.

Once the weather improved, Alaska Wing's Kenai Composite Squadron, along with the Alaska State Police and the Caribou Hills Cabin Hoppers Snow-Machine Club, began the search. The search was concentrated on the trails in the direction the musher was last seen traveling. He was finally located about 10 miles from that point.

The squadron flew approximately 12 hours in the rugged area, skirting frequent snow showers and 45-knot winds.

■ LA members locate crash site

LOUISIANA — A pilot and his passenger were quickly located alive after their single-engine aircraft crashed near the Isle of Capri Casino in Lake Charles, La.

The Cessna 150, which was en route to Lake Charles from Fort Worth, Texas, reported problems at about 8 p.m. and then dropped off radar about five miles north of the Lake Charles Regional Airport.

A Louisiana Wing aircrew that had been preparing to depart for a brush fire in the area overheard the transmission and immediately headed for the aircraft's last-known position. Just after it took off, the downed plane's emergency locator transmitter began transmitting, which allowed the aircrew to quickly narrow the search area down.

Shortly after that, ground team member 1st Lt. Robert Kingham effectively used direction-finding equipment to lock in on the crash site located on the bank of the Calcasieu River.

Other members involved were: Lt. Col. Rock Palermo, mission coordinator; Capt. Rick Owens, observer; and 1st Lt. James Blanchard, pilot.

■ Dubuque unit first to exercise

IOWA — The Dubuque Composite Squadron hosted the first exercise in the Iowa Wing for 2000.

Getting it straight!

In the February 2000 "At A Glance" section of the *Civil Air Patrol News*, a Cessna 172 on floats was referred to as a Beaver. It is not! It is a Cessna 172 — on floats. In addition, the aircraft was reported as being assigned to the Southeast Composite Squadron in Juneau, Alaska. It is not! It is assigned to the Baranof Composite Squadron in Sitka, Alaska.

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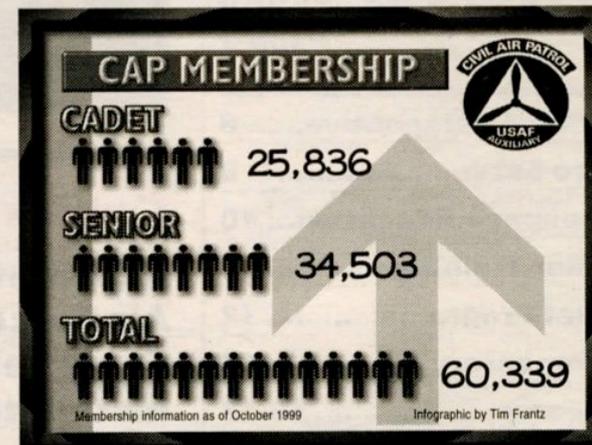
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More than 90 senior members and cadets took part in the exercise, which involved using a new SARBASE computer system developed by Maj. Mike Krenz. The system links the mission coordinator with air and ground operations, communications and administration, and identifies the status and availability of manpower and other assets throughout a mission.

The exercise involved dealing with tornado damage in Peosta, Iowa, and four ELT searches. A large contingent of senior members also received "land and hold short operation" and flight release officer training from Iowa Wing's chief of standardization and evaluation, Capt. George Cobley.



California units help search for former wing member

Maj. Alice Mansell
Public Affairs Officer
California Wing

CALIFORNIA — Members of the California Wing helped locate the crash site of a Cessna Skylane 182S Feb. 14.

Killed in the crash was a former wing senior member, William C. Davids Jr., and his wife, Janet. Davids had been a member of the wing's Long Beach Senior Squadron. Earlier this year he transferred his CAP membership to the Washington Wing.

Once notified by the Air Force Rescue Coordination Center and California Office of Emergency Services, mission coordinator Lt. Col. Frank Brown of Fresno, Calif., coordinated the launching of a wing aircraft with special emergency beacon direction-finding equipment. The aircraft was crewed by pilots Capt. Chuck Frank and John Lewis of the San Jose Senior Squadron.

The aircraft was airborne by 7:15 p.m. and flew toward the Sierra Foothills since the Air Force reported the satellites were picking up a signal somewhere between Columbia and Yosemite. As the aircrew approached the foothills about 24 miles west of Pine Mountain Lake, they heard a strong signal and then flew

straight toward it.

Meanwhile, Brown dispatched ground teams in three vehicles into the search area. Each team carried direction-finding equipment. The ground team members were: Maj. Gary Mitchell; Lt. Col. J.W. Powers; 1st Lt. Eugene Carlson; and Cadet 2nd Lt. Griffin Bartman (all members of the Fresno Composite Squadron); and Capt. Pat Harrington (California Wing); and 1st Lt. Adam Black (Central Valley Group 6).

By 9:30 p.m., the aircrew determined the exact location of the beacon and then landed to await the ground teams and a sheriff's deputy. By 11:45 p.m., the ground teams and a Mariposa County Sheriff's deputy had linked up with the once again airborne CAP aircraft and were being vectored to the site.

Aided by a full moon, the aircrew was able to help the ground teams navigate through the back roads and into the crash-site area by 1 a.m. The aircrew could clearly see that "something was out of place" on the side of a mountain slope where the emergency signal was the strongest. Members of the county's search and rescue team and wing ground teams used flashlights to look for the wreckage throughout the night.

At dawn on Feb. 15, a Mariposa County

Sheriff's volunteer, fixed-wing pilot Alan Haigh, spotted the wreckage about 100 yards from where the searchers spent the night. It was scattered over a 30- x 100-foot area.

"I want to extend the wing's appreciation for the outstanding performance by Captains Lewis and Frank in locating the electronic target and coordination with the ground team. I also want to thank the ground team for their

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all-night effort. A special thanks goes to the Mariposa County Sheriff's Office and their search and rescue coordinator, Sgt. Doug Binnewies, for their excellent cooperation," Brown stated.

AT A GLANCE

■ Historian in search of information

NEW JERSEY — The former Civil Air Patrol national historian, Lt. Col. Greg Weidenfeld, is gathering information for a historical research project and needs the help of the membership.

The project involves a study of CAP's distinctive markings and paint schemes of corporate and privately owned aircraft with CAP markings from the entire span of CAP's history.

The goal is to write a monograph or other such document, and the construction of models and dioramas that feature CAP aircraft from various historical eras. Data will also be used to continue the series of graphics and color renderings done by Lt. Col. Robert Rioux.

Weidenfeld is particularly interested in obtaining documents, copies of regulations and color photographs from the 1950, '60s and '70s. Some examples include the white and orange scheme used by the Texas Wing, the gray and orange scheme used by the New York Wing and the dragon flies flight formation colors used by the New Jersey Wing.

Submit materials via fax at (732) 493-1099 or mail to Lt. Col. Gregory F. Weidenfeld, 1402 Rustic Drive, Apt. 2, Ocean, NJ 07712-7427.

■ NV businesses lend a hand

NEVADA — The Twin Creeks Mine in Nevada donated a 1994 Ford Explorer to the Nevada Wing's

Humboldt County Composite Squadron.

Trent Temple, the mine's general manager, presented the vehicle's keys to Lt. Col. Leon Franklin, squadron commander. "Twin Creeks is involved in community activities, and supports the Humboldt squadron and its search and rescue and disaster relief missions," said Temple.

Franklin said the vehicle will be used for administrative and operational requirements.

Another local business, Dan's Auto Shine, also made a donation — restoring the vehicle to a near-new condition with a complete interior and exterior detailing service, and adding official Civil Air Patrol seals to the vehicle's doors.

Dan Dixon, company owner, said he was happy to provide the detailing service and emblems and was appreciative of the squadron's activities in the community.

CAP SAFETY STATS			
	Feb	2000*	1999*
Fatalities	0	0	2
Serious injury	0	0	9
Bodily injury	1	0	28
Vehicle mishaps	1	2	9
Aircraft incidents	4	8	18
Aircraft accidents	0	0	3

* Statistics based on calendar year

■ LaCrosse squadron receives \$500

WISCONSIN — CenturyTel's Midwestern Region presented a donation of \$500 to Wisconsin Wing's LaCrosse Composite Squadron.

Carp Heyer, the company's public relations manager, made the presentation to Capt. Frank Roldan, squadron commander.

According to Roldan, the money will be used to buy a new laptop computer, which will be used in conjunction with the unit's global positioning system equipment to provide detailed maps for ground teams. The computer will also be used for cadet and senior training, and educational and recruiting presentations.

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■ SWR to hold SAR school in June

SOUTHWEST REGION — The Southwest Region will conduct a ground search and rescue school June 11-18 at Camp Gruber, Okla., 60 miles southeast of Tulsa.

The school is open to cadets who have attended at least one encampment and senior members who have completed Level I and cadet protection.

For more information, contact Capt. James Campbell at (918) 341-1264 or Capt. Don Wyatt at wyattdj@silverback.gorilla.net.

Air Force assistant secretary visits with California members

CALIFORNIA — Approximately 100 Northern California cadets and senior members gathered at Moffett Federal Airfield near Sunnyvale, Calif., Feb. 12 to meet the Honorable Ruby Butler DeMesme, assistant secretary of the Air Force for manpower, Reserve affairs, installations and environment.

DeMesme's office includes responsibility for overseeing the Air Force Reserve, Air National Guard and Civil Air Patrol.

The assistant secretary had seen the Civil Air Patrol in action on other occasions and requested an opportunity to speak with wing members, especially the cadets.

DeMesme suggested members stay involved in the community, develop their potential and live up to the high standards required of individuals who wear the uniform of the U.S. Air Force. She stressed that, as citizens, members should strive to make a difference and con-

tinue to work together to complete the CAP mission. She issued a challenge to senior members to help build the future by supporting the cadets, and challenged the cadets to stay in school, get good grades and get involved in activities that help their communities such as CAP.

The assistant secretary also talked about the Air Force and how its missions have changed, and about recruiting and how the Air Force still needs the best and brightest to carry out its mission.

After her presentation, the assistant secretary took questions from the audience. In response to one about the Air Force-CAP relationship, the secretary explained to the group that discussions were ongoing in Washington, D.C., and she expects a new understanding and balance of influence between the Air Force and CAP to be the result.

DeMesme was asked many



Honorable Ruby Butler DeMesme, assistant secretary of the Air Force for manpower, Reserve affairs, installations and environment, talks with Cadet Suzanne Bulichi of California Wing's West Bay Composite Squadron during a recent visit to Northern California.

other questions about a number of topics that included questions about serving in the Air Force. She talked about the number of ways a person can serve in the Air Force — from ROTC to the Air Force Academy to enlisting.

After the question-and-answer session, the assistant secretary presented Cadet 2nd Lt. Michael Blackey with his Gen. Billy

Mitchell Award and commemorative medallions from the secretary of the Air Force to Cadet Airman 1st Class Ellie J. Constantine, commander of the Group 2 color guard, and Capt. Joseph E. Lawrence, Group 2 cadet programs officer.

Maj. Paul Groff, Group 2 commander, presented DeMesme with a plaque commemorating her visit to Northern California.

Kansas command change



Col. George Boyd, right, salutes Col. John J. Lehr, vice commander of the North Central Region, during the Kansas Wing change of command ceremony Feb. 19. Boyd assumed command of the wing after Col. Timothy Hansen, who served as commander for three years, stepped down. Boyd, a retired Air Force major and former Tuskegee airman (Class 45-G), is a World War II, Korea War and Viet Nam veteran. While on active duty with the U.S. Air Force, he served as a jet fighter radar intercept officer, and set the record for most flying hours in a one-month period — 58 hours, 28 minutes — as an F-94 Starfire combat radar observer. Hansen intends to get more involved with CAP's Blue Beret program.

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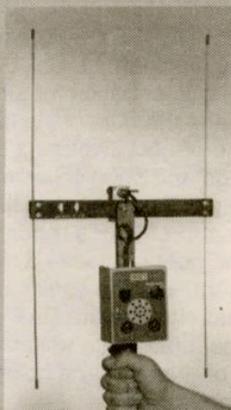
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■ Who's Who Among American High School Students

New CP partnership an 'outstanding opportunity'

NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS — Civil Air Patrol National Headquarters has partnered with the publishers of Who's Who Among American High School Students to provide an outstanding opportunity for CAP cadets.

"CAP cadets will receive a lot of value by participating in this program," said Ray Bean, director of CAP's Cadet Programs Directorate. "Cadets selected for inclusion will be eligible for additional college scholarships not available to other youth groups. Moreover, their selection will enhance their resumes and applications for college admission (as well as CAP national activities)."

The Cadet Programs Directorate will nominate annually all CAP cadet officers between the ages of 15 and 17 (as of Feb. 1) to be considered by Who's Who. CAP may modify this criteria after evaluating its success.

Because CAP National

Headquarters currently does not track a cadet's year in school or grade-point average, both of which are required by Who's Who, the nominations submitted will be followed up by a letter from Who's Who. This preliminary letter will clearly state their additional requirements that CAP cadets will need to be high school students with a grade-point average of "B" or better.

CAP's partnership with Who's Who is based upon the publisher's adherence to standards and ethics for its student-recognition programs, which are audited yearly by an independent public accounting firm. (Who's Who's standards and ethics statement is at www.honoring.com.) Following are some of the highlights:

◆ Information printed in the publication will only include the student's name, high school, home city and state, year in school, class

rank (if available), accomplishments and future plans. CAP cadets selected by Who's Who will be sent a Student Data Form requesting this information. This information will not be released unless authorized by the student.

◆ Criteria for students to be selected to Who's Who will be clearly defined and reflect high personal achievement.

◆ CAP will be able to recommend students to Who's Who without releasing confidential data.

◆ CAP will limit the information sent to Who's Who to only include the names and addresses of cadet officers between the ages of 15 - 17 as of Feb. 1 annually.

◆ A listing in Who's Who will not require purchase of any items or payments of any fees.

◆ Home addresses will not be published in the book or made public.

◆ Cadets are not required to participate.

◆ Cadet information will never be sold or released by Who's Who.

CAP will limit the information sent to Who's Who to include only the names and addresses of nominated cadet officers.

"We regret that we cannot pre-screen our cadet list for younger or older cadets in high school, nor can we pre-screen for a cadet's GPA," said Bean. "In the future, if a wing commander wishes to have a cadet officer considered for nomination who is outside of the targeted age range (and is in high school and meets the GPA requirement), they can send a note to the Cadet Programs Directorate no later than Feb. 1 annually to add the cadet to the list of nominees."

Cadets will receive an additional benefit as a result of this partnership. The Who's Who Educational Communications Scholarship Foundation provides a grant each year that will be awarded to one of the top-

scoring cadets in CAP's annual scholarship program. The grant recipient will also be eligible to have his or her picture included in the Who's Who publication under the special grants section.

Because the cadet information will be protected by Who's Who and never sold or released, and given the publishers' long-standing adherence to their standards and ethics of information, CAP Executive Director Col. Robert L. Brooks, in coordination with CAP National Commander Brig. Gen. James C. Bobick, has given his written approval for the release of the limited information noted earlier in accordance with the CAP National Executive Committee guidelines outlined in November 1996.

"There's no doubt, our nominated cadet officers, and at least one of our scholarship applicants, will come out the clear winners here," said Brooks.



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25 YEARS AGO IN THE CIVIL AIR PATROL NEWS

- ✕ **Mississippi Wing leaders honor John Stennis with a life-sized bronze bust for his support of Civil Air Patrol. The wing had recently been selected as the number-one wing in CAP for 1974.**
- ✕ **Idaho Wing members receives a 'save' for helping save the life of a hospital patient in critical condition. Wing pilots Tom McLaughlin and Jim Holman ferried badly needed blood from Spokane, Wash., to a hospital in Bonner's Ferry, Idaho.**
- ✕ **Wyoming Wing receives credit for a 'save' after aircrews locate the crash site of a light aircraft with two souls on board. The two were airlifted to safety shortly afterward.**
- ✕ **Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. David C. Jones, during a CAP-hosted dinner in Washington, D.C., for military and congressional dignitaries, stated that CAP should be thought of as more than an auxiliary of the Air Force. "Like the Air National Guard and Air Reserve, CAP performs a vital role in the total-force picture," the general said.**



Jones' Remarks Highlight Dinner

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

The dinner was chaired by CAP Brig. Gen. William M. Patterson, chairman of the National Board, who read a letter of congratulations from the President.

Another highlight of the program was a speech by Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. David C. Jones. General Jones expressed appreciation to everyone in CAP and said, "We consider you an important part of the Air Force."

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

The Southeast Region received a Unit Citation as the Best Region in the 1974 National Commander's Evaluation (NCE). The honor was accepted by CAP Col. Oscar R. Jolly, Commanding Officer.

CAP's Mississippi Wing, commanded by CAP Col. John A. Yonzo, was awarded a commendation for its outstanding performance.

Brig. Gen. Leslie J. Weathers, USAF, national commander, made the presentation. The Mississippi Wing rose from 4th to 1st in 1973 and was named in 1974.

The Oklahoma Wing received a commendation for its outstanding performance in the 1974 National Commander's Evaluation (NCE). CAP Col. Johnson Boyd, commander, received a Unit Citation in recognition of his achievement.

(See photos on page 7.)

General Patterson gave a brief review of the Annual Report to Congress and copies were presented to all attendees.

Congressman Les Boren, a Congressional donor, was CAP's Anniversary Panel, while members of the National Executive Organization met with members of the USAF Air Staff.

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FANNY PACK, GI ISSUE. OD. Nylon waterproof liner. 6"x10" Base, 9" high and tapers to 4"x6" top opening with flap cover. Web straps w/ buckle fastening device. Web carry handle on top flap. Two 20" lower straps to attach extra gear. Fastens between suspenders, pistol belt.
#CAP731AM (New) \$14.95 (Used) \$7.50

FANNY PACK. Same as above but made of 100% cotton duck #CAP731AMD \$6.50

GROUND TEAM LOGBOOK - The log pages include columns for date, mission number, grid number, training, SARCAP, REDCAP, DR, and columns for type of mission, saves and finds, plus other required information.

#PB-GTL \$9.95

SCANNER-OBSERVER LOGBOOK - The log pages include columns for date, a/c type, a/c tail number, mission number, grid number, pilots endorsement, flying time for scanner, observer training, SARCAP, REDCAP, CD, customs, and other columns for type of mission.

#PB-SOL \$9.95

AMMO POUCH 9MM M9, GI ISSUE. OG, Nylon cordura with snap flap and ALICE CLIP. 2.5"x6" Will hold a 5" pocket knife.

#CAP738AD (New) \$3.50 (Used) \$1.50

FIRST AID CASE GI ISSUE. OG, Empty, water resistant plastic case in a nylon belt pouch with ALICE CLIPS and "LIFT-O-DOT" flap closure. Can be used for personal items. 5.5"x4.5"x2.25".

#CAP738ABA \$8.50

WET WEATHER PONCHO GI ISSUE.

Rip-stop nylon. Multi-purpose rain garment with hood. Use as a ground cloth tent or sleeping bag cover when used with poncho liner. 83x66"



OD Color #CAP739AE
(New) \$23.95 (Used) \$9.50

Camo Color #CAP739AB
(New) \$27.95

PONCHO LINER, CAMO, GI ISSUE. Irregular, rip-stop nylon with polyester batting. Lightweight and washable. Use as a twin size blanket or tie into any GI poncho to form a sleeping bag. (Not intended to be worn with the poncho)

#CAP739AH (New) \$23.95 (Used) \$9.50

MUMMY SLEEPING BAG, OD, GI ISSUE. Intermediate weight. Temperature range 10 to 40°F. Water repellent. Snap fastener and zipper closure. 31x91" 7lbs 8oz



#CAP758AA (New) \$69.95
(Used Sanitized) \$36.95

SLEEPING BAG EXTREME COLD WEATHER, GI ISSUE. Same as #CAP758AA except -20° F. 10lb 8oz

#CAP758AB \$89.95

MODULAR SLEEP SYSTEM - GI ISSUE. Outer bag (O.D. Green) is designed to use in temperatures down to 30 degrees F. Inner bag (Black) is designed to use in temperatures from 30 degrees to -10 degrees. Place one bag inside the other and you have a modular sleep system that can be used in temperatures -10 degrees to -30 degrees when used with varying layers of the extended cold weather clothing system. Both mummy bags are made of ripstop nylon with adjustable hoods. Overall size 35" X 90". With compression stuff sack.

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PAD, SLEEPING BAG GI ISSUE OD. Dense polyurethane, closed cell foam ground mat with straps for rolling. 72x22x3.375" #CAP758PPA \$6.50

LINER, SLEEPING BAG, 100% Cotton.

Keeps inside of bag clean. #CAP758ALA \$4.25

COVER, SLEEPING BAG . GI ISSUE. Keeps outside bag clean. #CAP758CA (New) \$3.50

BELT, INDIVIDUAL

GI ISSUE, New style, OD. nylon adjustable with side release buckles.

Medium Size - Under 30" waist #CAP716AAA
(New) \$10.50

Large Size - Over 30" to 46" waist

#CAP716ABA (New) \$12.50

BELT, INDIVIDUAL

GI ISSUE. (Old Style) Nylon medium, adjustable with quick release buckles.

Medium Size - Under 30" waist

#CAP716AA (New) \$8.50 (Used) \$4.50

Large Size - Over 30" to 46" waist

#CAP716AB (New) \$12.95 (Used) \$5.50

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Fresh manufactured MILSPEC™ rations. six different entree selections consisting of Chicken & Rice, Beef Stew, Chili con Carne & Beans, Spaghetti & Meat Sauce, Red Beans & Rice, and Chicken Stew. Each meal consists of an Entree, Desert, Crackers & Jelly, Beverage, Hot Sauce and Accessory Pack of sugar, cream, gum and towelette. GOOD HOT or COLD. Keep handy for encampments, search missions, special activities (Hawk Mtn.), backpacking & emergency situations.



Individual Meat Meals (NO Selection)

#CAP585AED - \$5.95 each

Case Lots (2 of each entree listed)

#CAP585AEA - \$55.50 case

plus \$9.00 per case UPS shipping

Vegetarian Entree

Four different entree selections consisting of Potato Stew, Rice Pilaf, Pasta Primavera and Rice w/Beans packed in plastic trays (no mess kit required). Each meal consists of an Entree, Bread Slice, Granola Bar, Beverage, Accessory Packs.

Individual Vegetarian Meals (NO Selection)

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CAP destined to be stronger volunteer organization

Civil Air Patrol has enjoyed a long and valued history, one that steadfastly confirms the worth of CAP to every American. Each CAP member can take pride in our organizational service to our nation, states and communities.

Today, our members continue to make daily and weekly sacrifices of their time and talents to ensure that our many diverse missions are fulfilled. They do so because of an extreme sense of accomplishment collectively and personally. As your commander, your service to the CAP missions and your commitment to me continually amaze me as to the level of sustained professionalism that is demonstrated on a regular basis. You are the mainstay of our continuing history and our future!

I am pleased to reaffirm this month that the actions of our CAP Winter 2000 National Board have confirmed and paved the way for a bright future. We are destined to be a stronger and more viable civilian volunteer-service organization in this new millennium.

Such is the case because our national board has wisely posi-

tioned CAP for change that has been methodically prepared to guarantee the ultimate success and productivity of all CAP members in all three of our primary missions of aerospace education, cadet programs and emergency services.

This change also ensures that the U.S. Air Force is guaranteed success in the accomplishment of their non-combatant missions for which CAP has provided support throughout its history. For the first time in the history of CAP as the official Auxiliary of the US Air Force, all three CAP primary missions are documented and recognized as areas requiring Air Force support in our new US Air Force-CAP Cooperative Agreement. The cooperative agreement paves the way for a strong, cohesive and productive CAP future.

We must all agree that change is not easy regardless of its nature. It is human nature to be comfortable in set routines that are known, understood and used regularly. Yet, as you have so often heard, the only true constant is change.

CAP, as well as any other organization, must embrace well-planned and meaningful change in order to thrive. Especially today in our ever-quickening pace, we can no longer view our future by reviewing the past and projecting a similar pattern based on that past. Such practices only limit or stifle true potential.

Some changes are inevitable, but the vast majority are those changes that shape and determine the future. They come as a result of our own creative efforts, efforts that make sure the future is acceptable to all involved and that make sure the organization as a whole is successful rather than just some individuals. I believe we truly do have the capacity to

shape our own future — our own destiny.

Two significant changes were endorsed at our last national board meeting that will indeed shape our future: a new governing structure and specific CAP long-term objectives as a part of our

unchanged. Your region and wing commanders will continue to represent your interests on the national board.

What does not change is the fact that CAP is most productive in our communities throughout the nation. As our new structure evolves, the inherent design will provide no noticeable difference in the performance of our missions that have always been and will continue to work best at the squadron or local level.

The greatest noticeable changes will be in the approved long-term objectives.

The national board will become the keystone for implementation of our long-term objectives. These objectives will position our organization for a most-productive future.

Strategic or long-range plans are vital to the success and viability of every organization, especially volunteer organizations. CAP is no different. Even though we are all volunteers, we must embrace the fact that organizational success is only assured through the continuing use of good business practices.

Good business practices are a powerful communication as well as an implementation tool. For CAP, they will demonstrate to Congress, the U.S. Air Force, industry and, most importantly, the nation who we are, and what we can and will do. Long-range planning helps us to focus our efforts in order to ensure we are using all resources legally, wisely, productively and to the advantage of all.

Your Strategic and Tactical Evaluation and Planning Committee has done an outstanding job in capturing the needs of the future. They specifically addressed what CAP will face in the next 10 years. The essence of their nine long-



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Brig. Gen. James C. Bobick
CAP National Commander

strategic and tactical planning. The new governing structure serves two important functions:

- It brings together key partners (Congress, Air Force, industry, CAP) into the decision-making process; and
- It ensures CAP members have a voice in CAP policy.

An innovative concept for this governing board and one we believe critical to our future is direct participation by all members mentioned above. We are fortunate that we have many friends in Congress and with their support we have received significant federal dollars to assist us in the performance of our missions. The Air Force has diligently administered those federal dollars. Now both Congress and the Air Force will have direct representation in the establishment of a long-term, strong financial foundation and interested, involved industrial representatives will add continuity to the process. This partnering with industry will strengthen CAP as we enhance our contributions to society through industrial and educational ties, especially in the fields of aviation and space.

Equally important is that our CAP National Board structure is retained. Your voice in the way we conduct our daily business is

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Poisonings can affect anyone, including our pets

As I write this, it is National Poison Prevention Week. We have this annual reminder that there are a lot of potential dangers where we may least expect them.

What's a poison, you ask? It is anything that one may ingest, breathe or put on (or get on) one's skin which can cause illness, injury or even death. The word "poison" should evoke fear, because a poison is dangerous to life.

Of course, we need to avoid any poison, but sometimes we do not recognize one. For example, we may not recognize that a plant, a spoiled food or some everyday household product is poisonous. We may not know that medicines, herbs and vitamins may also be poisonous, if taken in larger doses than needed or prescribed, or by someone for whom they were not intended.

Each year, there are about a million poisonings with about 5,000 deaths. Children and the elderly are most at risk, but poisonings can affect anyone, including our pets.

Childhood poisoning, especially, remains a significant problem. Parental awareness, safety packaging and poison control centers have all helped reduce the numbers and effects, but there are still far too many.

Is your home safe from potential poisonings? Most poisonings are entirely preventable, if a few common precautions are taken. We need to "poison proof" our homes, workplaces and campsites. Here are some ways:

- ❖ Store products properly. If there are small children in the home, be sure to get all

household products "up and off the floor level," so they cannot be gotten into when crawling. Medicines, vitamins, herbs, etc., should be stored in cabinets that are locked or have safety latches on them. Remember, kids are curious!

- ❖ Don't confuse children by calling medicines "candy," and teach them never to take medicines unless you give it to them.

- ❖ Keep medicines in their original containers.

Dispose medicines no longer needed (flush 'em!); do not save old prescriptions.

- ❖ Buy products in child-proof containers and close them immediately after use. Keep all products and medicines in sight when using them; do not set them down when answering the phone or doorbell or doing something else.

- ❖ Leave original labels on all products, medicines, etc. If an accidental poisoning occurs, you will need to know exactly what was in the container.

- ❖ Read labels carefully; follow directions.
- ❖ Do not store products in containers that could be confused with food.
- ❖ Use aerosols with plenty of ventilation, and use appropriate masks if necessary.
- ❖ If you live in an older house, have it

checked for lead paint, and have your water checked, as well.

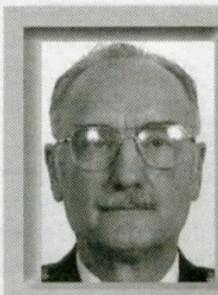
- ❖ Know what plants you have around the house, both inside and out, and which ones are potentially poisonous. When you are camping, learn what potentially poisonous plants are in the area.

- ❖ Keep ipecac syrup at home for use as an emergency treatment for poisoning, but always contact your poison control center first! Hence, you should keep the PCC's telephone number easily at hand, and have the container at hand when you call. And, if you do need to go to a hospital or emergency center, bring the container with you.

- ❖ Wash hands after using household products before preparing food.

So, now go check your laundry room, bathrooms, kitchen, bedrooms, garage, storage shed/bin — in effect, your whole house — for poison safety.

Remember, "an ounce of prevention is



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Col. (Dr.) James H. Erickson
Chief, CAP National Health
Program

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worth a pound of cure"! Semper vigilans!

Editor's note: Please remember that the intent of this column is to generate basic guidelines for good health. It is not intended to take the place of personal clinical advice or care by a physician. The doctor can be reached via e-mail at padredoc@juno.com or telephone at (815) 398-8094.

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range objectives is: We are likely to see leaps in technology and reliability, which will probably mean fewer search and rescue missions. Natural disaster occurrences will remain constant with hurricanes and earthquakes projected to be more intense. Youth will have more demands on their time and their future will be more challenged by technology

advancements. Adults will work smarter and also will demand more satisfaction from their volunteer time. Finally, as has been the inevitable fact, funds available to perform our missions will continue to be limited.

With this predicted future, how may we best employ our resources and talents? Each CAP mission for the future is addressed

in light of creating a larger, more efficient organization, better able to serve the needs of America, the Air Force and our communities, and provide a rewarding atmosphere for youth and adult service.

Without doubt, we are positioning for the future. The CAP "history" of the future is beginning, and I am looking forward to serving with you in a stronger, viable, more efficient CAP — one that is better able to serve our nation while providing a genu-

inely rewarding experience for our ever-growing membership. Remember, our success depends entirely on a dedicated and positive thinking group of individuals continually working together as a team — you! Without you, there is no CAP future. Let's all continue to embrace and live by our motto, "Semper vigilans" — always vigilant. Your vigilance and that of every member is needed to ensure our future — a future that is now brighter than ever.

Mars Polar Lander: Was it a step on road to success?

It was 5 a.m. local Martian Time — the first day on the surface for the Mars Polar Lander. On Earth it was Friday, Dec. 3, 1999, and scientists and citizens crowded together to hear the first transmissions from the Mars Polar Lander expected at 12:20 p.m. PST. These transmissions would contain critical information about the spacecraft's health, meteorological data and possibly compressed photo images.

No sound from Mars. The tension mounted as, day after day, scientists and fans focused on every possible window for Mars Polar Lander transmission. Like the heartbeat of someone who has died, the signal from Mars showed a flat line as the Tuesday window came to a close. With sinking hearts, scientists were forced to conclude that hope was dim for ever hearing from the polar lander and its Deep Space 2 probes.

This odyssey began on Jan. 3, 1999, on a gray day with a cloud ceiling scarcely a thousand feet above the ground at Cape Canaveral, Fla. Thousands of people stood waiting on the pier across from Cape Canaveral Air Station's Launch Complex 17B.

At 3:21 p.m. EST, the lander was on its way aboard a Delta II rocket. All heads turned upward for a glimpse before the rocket disappeared into the clouds, headed for an unexplored region near the South Pole of Mars. The grand finale came with the sonic boom and smoke billowing off the pad. After this dramatic send-off, who would have dreamed anything could go wrong?

The polar lander is part of NASA's Discovery Program with the motto, "Faster, better, cheaper." Discovery probes are new, "faster and better," reusing old technology, which would be cheaper than developing new technology. The instruments on board, other than the Mars Microphone, were not specifically designed for this mission.

The polar lander's main objectives were to examine the

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Graphic representation of the Mars Polar Lander on Mars.

climate, atmosphere and soil of Mars through samples and photos, as well as to transmit the sounds heard by way of the microphone. Now that the lander has disappeared, has the mission failed?

"Exploration is not only about success. It is about trying — because we learn so much as it is conducted," said Dr. Louis Friedman, executive director of the Planetary Society. "The great Antarctic explorer, (Sir Ernest Henry) Shackleton, failed in many of his endeavors to explore the continent — yet, read his story. He contributed greatly to the exploration of the continent and to the annals of exploration, despite not achieving objectives. He said, 'Men go out in the void spaces of the world for various reasons. Some are actuated simply by a love of adventure, some have a keen thirst for scientific knowledge, and others again are drawn away from the trodden path by the lure of little voices; the fascination of the unknown.' Our morale is good, there is a lot to do and we are part of the trying."

Many critics are saying that,

seeing as so many of our Discovery missions have failed, especially the ones to Mars, we should discontinue the Discovery Program. They believe we should spend more on fewer missions, but missions we know would work.

Air Force Col. William Pogue, a former Skylab astronaut, sees it differently. He explained, "The Poisson Distribution describes how low-probability events cluster. Losing a spacecraft is a low-probability event; the clustering of these two losses does not necessarily mean everything is going to heck in a hand-basket. It does not necessarily mean we have sudden degradation in the performance of the mission specialists."

Imagine you want a reliable car that can go where no other car can. You go to the dealership; they draw up a car designed just for you. The price is outrageous! You leave unhappy. Why doesn't any one else want the same car you want? This is very similar to the dilemma of government-funded deep-space missions. NASA functions on a very tight budget. Program managers must either

pay high costs to design, test and retest a probe to make sure there are no problems, or they must trust a technology to work the first time. They must balance potential high gain for low cost against more certain small gains for high cost.

What effect does the loss of the Mars Polar Lander have on the future of space exploration? Friedman said, "There will be changes. Some will call for slow-downs and pause, others will say let's do more because of all the unknowns. I hope for the latter; I fear the former."

Several investigations of the polar lander are underway. NASA administrator Daniel S. Goldin has instituted the Mars assessment team to review several recent successful and unsuccessful missions. There will also be an internal peer review of the lander failure at NASA's Jet Propulsion Laboratory at the California Institute of Technology and the results will be given to the Mars assessment team.

Pogue cautions, "Review meetings are necessary to learn the lessons that are appropriate, but if you indulge in too much self-flagellation, it is self-defeating. You need to go on. You can't sit there for six months, berating, wailing and gnashing your teeth."

On Dec. 3, 1999, millions of people from Planetfest and JPL and elsewhere around the world stood tensely waiting to hear from the Mars Polar Lander. Now time has run out. The Mars Polar Lander appears to be gone. Yet the mystery remains. The choice is ours: Will the loss of the Mars Polar Lander be a stumbling block leading to failure or a step on the road to success?

Editor's note: This article was written by Cadet Master Sgt. Annika Fitzpatrick of Arkansas Wing's Northwest Arkansas Composite Squadron. It had previously been submitted as an essay in the 1999 NASA Student Involvement Program Aeronautics and Space Science Journalism.

Core values like 'fixed stars' that guide our conduct

The concept of core values has permeated the military services. In addition, most businesses have articulated what they believe to be a framework for acceptable behavior and performance. So too has Civil Air Patrol.

CAP's set of core values are as follows: integrity, volunteer service, excellence and respect. These core values have been set forth as "fixed stars" to guide us in our conduct as we perform our vital public service. But more importantly, adhering to these core values (or the similar core values of your place of worship and workplace) will enrich your life and those you interact with on a daily basis.

The role of core values is very important in the military. The Department of Defense holds the annual Joint Services Conference on Professional Ethics to discuss the implications of ethics on the military services. Core values is always a featured topic, because of its focus on the articulation of ethical codes within the military. Academic papers are submitted for presentation to the conference by all of America's armed services, including the Coast Guard, as well as from other allied nations.

Core values establishes a common set of expectations of conduct for all members. The meaning and power of the values CAP has chosen are easily inferred by all who read them. These words effectively replace dozens of pages of directives and simply articulate what's right and what's wrong. They form a tool by which conduct is measured. They are the embodiment of how CAP members are expected to treat each other and the people they come in contact with — of man's expectations of fellow man.

You expect the people you do business with to be honest with you (integrity) or you don't do business with them. You expect them to go out of their way to meet your needs (volunteer service). You expect quality and reliability from their products

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(excellence). And, you expect them to recognize and appreciate the fact that you don't have to buy from them (respect) if they provide a poor level of service.

The application of core values into daily life is just as easily applied to personal relationships, dealings at school and time at play with other people.

Core values have very real implications. It is not a vague concept or a mantra to be repeated in hopes that someday they will catch on. Core values require a cultural commitment to decency, a personal commitment to treat others as you would like to be treated and an organizational commitment to deliver services of the quality you would expect to have for yourself. They require you do the best you can to embody their principles, even, as former Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. Ronald Fogleman said, "When no one else is watching."

Senior member activities

CAP's senior member activities for 2000 has a wide variety of training activities during the summer and fall of 2000. Some activities, like Squadron Leadership School and Corporate Learning Course, are held at wing level. Others, like National Staff College or the new National Inspector General College, are administered by CAP National Headquarters. Below, you'll find a brief description of many senior activities available this year, along with the dates of the national-level schools.

Squadron Leadership School: The SLS is a 16-hour wing-administered course designed to enhance a senior member's performance at the squadron level through the examination of squadron operations. To attend,

seniors must have completed Level I and be enrolled in a specialty track.

Corporate Learning Course: This is a 12- to 16-hour course exploring wing-level operations, and the wing's relationship to the squadron. To attend, seniors must have a Technician rating in a specialty track and have attended an SLS.

Region Staff College: RSC is a one-week residence program designed to prepare selected officers to execute duties and responsibilities associated with CAP command and staff assignments. The course's main focus is on leadership and management topics, and its application at the wing and region level. To attend, seniors must have completed Level III of the senior member training program and presently hold a command or staff assignment. Contact your wing for more information on the RSC to be held in your region.

Chaplain Service Region Staff College: This course is designed to provide chaplains and moral leadership officers with training necessary to make them more effective spiritual representatives in CAP. Contact your region chaplain, the CAP homepage, or Chaplain (Lt. Col.) Ken Colton at headquarters for more information on attendance requirements and course sites near you.

Unit Commanders Course: Presently in field tests in selected wings across the country, UCC is a wing-administered 16-hour course designed to give new and future squadron commanders with a basic understanding of command functions. The course presents an overview of squadron command issues as well as basic leadership and management orientation. Attending seniors must have

completed Squadron Leadership School. Though not mandatory, seniors should also complete ECI-13, CAP Senior Officer Course before attending.

National Inspector General College: The new IGC is a one-week national-level course (held biannually), and is being conducted this year at Kirtland Air Force Base, N.M., from June 13 – 18. It is designed to give CAP Inspectors General and investigating officers a comprehensive understanding of the inspector general system and associated operations. Contact Becky Lee, CAP Legal Assistant at 334-953-6019 for more information and attendance requirements.

National Staff College: NSC is the executive-level, one-week residence course for senior members who aspire to CAP's highest leadership positions. It is held annually at Maxwell Air Force Base, Ala., and designed to give field grade officers the types of developmental experiences required to manage complex programs.

The college also contains advanced studies in management, communications and leadership. Attendees must hold the grade of major or above, and have completed a Region Staff College (or equivalent). Commanders at all levels who meet the prerequisites are encouraged to apply. This year, NSC will be held at Maxwell Air Force Base in Montgomery, Ala., from Oct. 21-28.

More information on these courses, including application procedures and course prerequisites, can be obtained from the January 2000 edition of the *Civil Air Patrol News*, CAP's homepage at www.caphq.gov, CAP Regulation 50-17, CAP Senior member Training Program or by contacting your wing senior programs officer.

We hope you will take advantage of these outstanding programs. The small investment you make by attending will pay off large dividends by making you a more effective CAP member.

AOPA offers \$500 'Top-Pilot' scholarships for cadets

The Aircraft Owners and Pilots Association will fund eight AOPA Top Pilot scholarships for cadets attending Civil Air Patrol's four national powered flight and four national glider academies this summer.

Flight instructors at each academy will select the best student pilot in their program, and each "Top Pilot" will receive \$500 in additional training at a flight school back home.

The scholarships represent an increase in support for CAP by AOPA's 355,000 members representing the nation's general aviation pilots.

Excellent advisory council OI

The North Central Region Cadet Advisory Council has developed an excellent operating instruction in accordance with CAP Regulation 52-16, Chapter 3.

Anyone interested in a copy may contact the NCR director of Cadet Programs, Col. Burgess Rennels Jr. at Brennels@aol.com or the NCR CAC representative, Cadet 1st Lt. Col. Levi Heller at Seirra2@aol.com.

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Voucher system has begun

CAP National Headquarters is now including a Free Cadet Uniform voucher in every new cadets' membership card envelope.

Unfortunately, vouchers for cadets prior to 1 April or after 31 August cannot be provided.

CFIs needed for NFAs

CAP's national flight academies this summer may need both glider and powered certified flight instructors to assist in ground and air instruction.

Contact the following activity directors for details:

Lt. Col. Charlie Meason, NFA (Glider)-GA, (770) 482-5065; **Lt. Col. Doug Jones**, NFA (Glider)-OR, (503) 284-2478; **Lt. Col. Joe Pelletier**, NFA (Glider)-PA, (215) 368-1306; **1st Lt. John Wagner**, NFA (Glider)-UT, (801) 582-1917; **Lt. Col. Robin Vest**, NFA (Powered)-NY, (703) 476-4303; **Lt. Col. Montille Warren**, NFA (Powered)-TN, (901) 926-4100; **Col. Roland Butler**, NFA (Powered)-VA, (202) 584-0935; **Lt. Col. Marcia Cunningham**, NFA (Powered)-WI, (414) 383-2533.

National Cadet Special Activities

The National Cadet Special Activities primary notification letters have been sent. All others have been placed on a waiting list and will receive a letter indicating their status.

RCLS funds available

Cadet Programs has a maxi-

mum of \$500 for regions holding a cadet leadership school.

Region project officers may request the funds by writing to CAP National Headquarters (CAP/CPC). Include a syllabus of planned cadet leadership school instruction, along with course content and desired learning outcomes.

CyberWall

<http://www.geocities.com/ap12184>



"We have been making some major changes to the Shelbyville Composite Squadron Web site and we want everyone to know about it," said 1st Lt. Jeremy Reynolds, the squadron's deputy commander for cadets.

New pages include a recruiting page with CAP history, National links and information on cadet programs, and a new contacts page with squadron addresses and an online question form.

Check out the Mission Log on the Emergency Services page for photos of members in action!



<http://sites.netscape.net/catamount007>

Take a look at Vermont Wing's Catamount Composite Squadron through this website. You can see pictures of their latest activities, meet the squadron commander and staff, learn about the squadron's history or see into the squadron's future with their posted calendar. There are also several links to CAP and U.S. Air Force websites.

Webmaster Lt. Col. Martha Stuart

Falcon Composite Squadron



<http://welcome.to/INUG-FCS>

"Lots of squadron information, pictures and a record of the missions we've been on. Also includes great information for possible recruits, a calendar and a squadron roster. Come by and sign our guestbook!"

Webmaster Cadet 2nd Lt. Keith Harbeson

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King Cameron — naval aviator, friend immortal

Editor's note: This article was written by the author in August 1974 shortly after his friend, King Cameron, was officially declared killed in action. The author attended a memorial service for King in his hometown of McAllen, Texas. A portion of this article was read at that service.

In the time since that day in 1966, I have often flown over Phu Dien, that place where King was last seen. I could not have done otherwise and I may yet search for him again because he is, you know, my friend.

It was 10 years ago, almost to the day, that I first met King. We, with other eager young men, formed up in the bright summer sun on the concrete ramp of the School of Preflight at the Naval Air Station in Pensacola, Fla. Thousands of similar groups had been there before us — thousands would follow. You are aware of that when you stand in such a place! It is far more impressive that any specific group of khaki-clad men fresh from college or the academy — at that point yearning for, yet secretly unsure of their ability to win the gold wings of a naval aviator.

You have survived a rigorous selection process, but you are far from an accepted member of the elite ranks. You know about the ranks because of collected images of the continuum of naval aviation within the larger continuum of human existence. Somehow, you are to fit into images of the leather-helmeted men in their jaunty yellow biplanes, those who dragged their early seaplanes out of Pensacola Bay just over there, the men who flew their Hellcats and their Helldivers out of the bleak black-and-white records of World War II, and who flew their Corsairs and Panthers from the icy flight decks in Korean waters.

Perhaps you will be an astronaut like other naval aviators already bronzed in the museum across the street. For sure, you want to fly with the best, in the aircraft that now come with you, into naval aviation history — the Phantom, the Intruder, the Crusader, the Skyhawk. The Skyhawk — on that crisp Pensacola morning, King Cameron already knew he would fly the Skyhawk.

King was sure of himself in many ways. He knew what he was doing there, he knew where he would go, he knew where he came from. I think maybe it was his knowledge of where he came from that was his greatest source of strength. He was a man of Texas — from the earth, but loftier because of a Christian upbringing in a good, solid family that loved him. He deeply loved his family too — underneath a little layer of teasing, particularly for his sisters. Whatever the source of his strength, he was to prove many times after our first meeting that his was a great strength. He excelled on the obstacle course, in those long-distance runs through the sand, in military bearing, and, in time, as an outstanding flight student in our primary training at Saufley Field.

King and I were together here and there throughout our year and a half of flight training. We both qualified for basic jet training and went to Meridian, Miss. There, through the winter of 1964-'65, we both learned that maybe we really could live up to that dream of being jet pilots. There too, we

probably first came to realize, in the slow way that man really knows such things, that this place Vietnam was to be in our destinies.

We graduated from Meridian to our first air-to-air gunnery and carrier landings back in Pensacola. That Pensacola summer of 1965 was glorious — dawn flights, sand beaches, glittering waters, life at its fullest, and that satisfaction of gaining competence in a difficult endeavor. We were becoming one with our aircraft, becoming aviators. From that point in development, you never look with apathy at a formation of aircraft or a



Col. Gary H. Tobey, former commander of the Rocky Mountain Region, stands by King Cameron's grave in Arlington National Cemetery.

difficult aerial maneuver well performed. King and I grew together in this extraordinary transformation and as friends.

We then were assigned to advanced jet training in Kingsville, Texas — just a little way, it seemed, from King's home in McAllen. It was there I came to know the wonderful family that was King's strength. I visited a few times and was quickly at home, though miles and cultures away from my own family and origins in the rolling hills of upstate New York. In Texas, I was also introduced to Ellen, a girl that King had told me about so many times. She was the best of all worlds and I, of course, was honored to be the best man.

Our training, once seeming to stretch endlessly into the future, fast came to an end. We succeeded — the wings of gold were ours and our orders were in hand. All along I thought I was going to the East Coast to fly the A-6 Intruder. Both of us were ordered to report to Lemoore, Calif., for our introduction to the aircraft King always knew he would fly, the A-4 Skyhawk. Lemoore was a beehive.

By January 1966, the Vietnam War had gained momentum and every effort was made to train us quickly and well. There was no holding back. As usual, King was a leader. Through all the difficult and specialized training, he excelled. During our first attempts at night carrier landings, in bad weather conditions, he was solid. Others wavered. He did not. He would readily admit his fears or reservations but he performed well every time. When the call came for replacement pilots aboard the carriers already on station in the Gulf of Tonkin, he, being best prepared, was selected to go.

While in Lemoore, King and Ellen set up their home. Like the other home I had known back in Texas,

it was filled with love. It was easy to see theirs was a wonderful marriage. Since my newly assigned squadron was not to deploy to the Vietnam theatre until King's squadron returned in November, and Ellen wanted to spend some time with her family, I gladly became the live-in caretaker for the house. It was only natural.

King went to the Tonkin Gulf and we were concerned, but we knew he would serve honorably. He did. Like the man he was, he thought first of others. In a letter to me after his first few missions, he gave me the encouragement and support I had come to expect of him. All seemed well. Summer in the United States was beautiful, but it was different in the skies over North Vietnam.

On a day in July 1966, King was on a strike mission against a heavily defended coastal area of North Vietnam. His flight leader and he had made an attack or two in the area. King called on the radio that he was beginning another dive on a target. His leader could not be sure if King's aircraft was hit, but noticed it rolled slightly and continued in its dive. Just before the Skyhawk struck the ground, there was a glint of sunlight from the aircraft, or was it the ejection seat firing, or was it ... We do not know.

Now, years later, administrative reason says that King Cameron is presumed to be killed in action. For those who knew him, that is by no means the end. Like so many men who have strived valiantly on this earth, like other warriors who dared walk into the blaze of battle, by mortals never seen to return, King leaves many treasures — his love, his strength in facing adversity and fear, his sense of right. Though we may not have his mortal presence, he, like the God he believed in, is with us. In the great spectrum of time, we knew him but for a moment, but through this, we are with him forever.

... and I may yet search for him again because his is, you know, my friend.

**Col. Gary H. Tobey
Rocky Mountain Region Headquarters**

Postscript: In July 1999, Leona Cameron, King's mother, called me. (Yes, she at 84 and her husband Charles at 93 were fine). Through DNA testing, authorities had identified King's remains from North Vietnam. Could I attend the interment at Arlington National Cemetery? Unfortunately, I could not, but many of his friends, family and shipmates attended — 33 years after King was lost. Usually, for an interment so long after the loss, perhaps 15 persons attend. For King, 150 attended, including his flight leader and the captain of the USS Constellation, from which King flew.

In February 2000, I finally stood by my friend one more time — at Arlington. In her phone call, his mother had reminded me that King had first learned to fly in the Civil Air Patrol. I was then completing my four-year term as commander of the Rocky Mountain Region. Our great long kinship in flight had come full circle. I had not remembered his mention of the CAP long ago, but joining and serving somehow seemed just the right thing for me years later. Now I know why.

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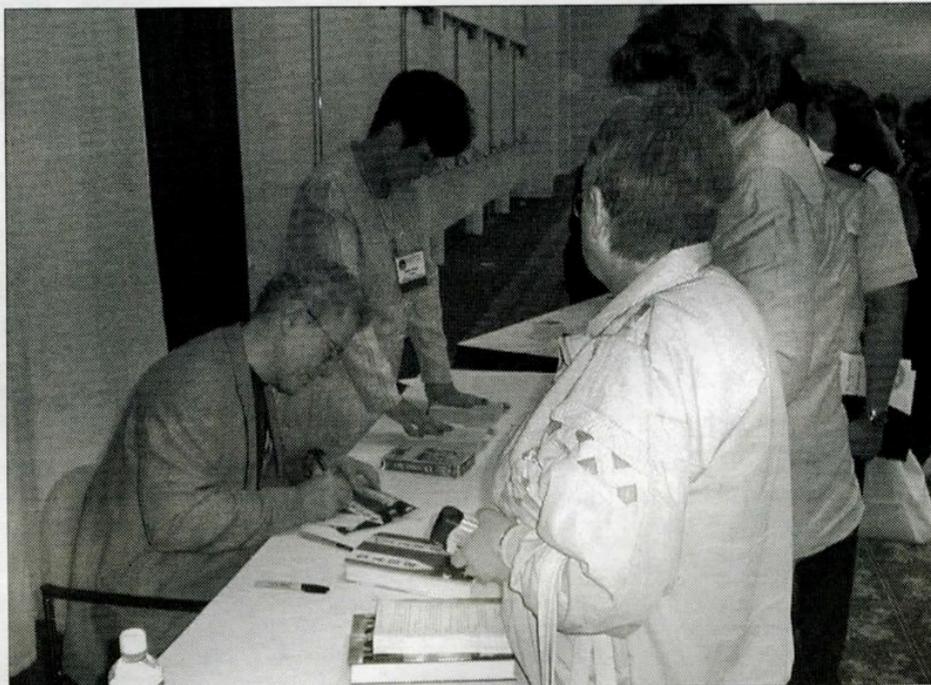
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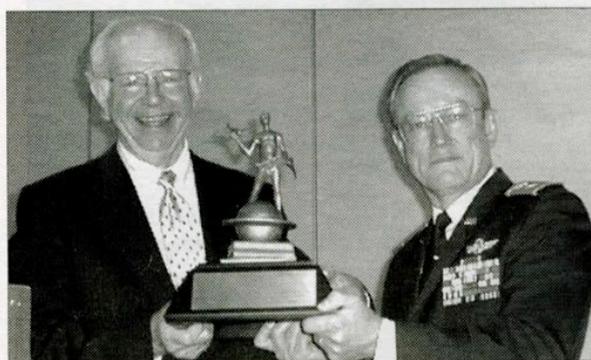
A CAP member proudly displays the organization's drug demand reduction emblem on the back of a T-shirt.



Dr. John Kline, keynote speaker at the Crown Circle banquet, talks with attendees in the exhibit hall..



NASA rocket scientist and bestselling author Homer Hickham signs autographs.



Russell Watson of Wichita, Kan., and CAP National Commander Brig. James C. Bobick proudly display the Brewer trophy awarded to Watson.



Attendees "network" in the exhibit hall.



NASA astronaut U.S. Army Lt. Col. Douglas Wheelock addresses the general assembly at NCASE 2000.

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SAN DIEGO — Like so many congresses before it, the Civil Air Patrol's National Congress on Aviation and Space Education 2000 demonstrated clearly that educators across America understand the value of aerospace education in their classrooms.

This year, more than 700 educators descended on the Town and Country Convention Center in San Diego to participate in what turned out to be one of CAP's most exciting and dynamic educational programs.

From rocket scientists and astronauts to Crown Circle winners, from an array of stimulating concurrent sessions to an exciting exhibit hall, this year's congress had it all and then some.

Opened by master of ceremonies Jack Barker, "Day One" began with NASA rocket scientist and bestselling author Homer Hickham addressing



Crown Circle winners (sitting) and Col. Douglas Wheelock; Dr. Thomas J. ... CAP National Commander Brig. J. ... of the Air Force Association.

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the audience. Hickham, the author of *The Rocket Boys*, captivated the audience with his stories about growing up in Coalwood, W.V., and overcoming all odds to live the "impossible dream" of one day becoming a rocket scientist.

Hickham's message to teachers was unwavering — his teachers played a vital role in helping him achieve his dream, and teachers today have to recognize they play just as vital a role in the lives of their students.

Also on the first day was the National Aeronautic Association's Frank G. Brewer Luncheon where Russell Watson of Wichita, Kan., was awarded the Brewer trophy for his significant contributions to aerospace education in the United States.

Day Two was highlighted by a stirring presentation by NASA astronaut U.S. Army Lt. Col. Douglas Wheelock.

Wheelock talked at length about his experiences as lead engineer for the joint U.S. space shuttle and Russian space station Mir mission. Wheelock became quite emotional when he too spoke about the important role teachers played in his life and how today's teachers must understand that they are viewed by their students in the very same way.

Later that night, attendees were treated to the Crown Circle Induction Ceremony and Banquet. Not only did they have the opportunity to hear Dr. John Kline speak, but also to meet one-on-one with this year's four Crown Circle winners. Kline, an educator, lecturer and motivational speaker, is the provost of Air University at Maxwell Air Force Base, Ala.

Not to be outdone, "Day Three" had its share of major headliners as well. Andy

Baumgartner, National Teacher of the Year for 1999, talked about his life as a teacher and the shock of being selected as teacher of the year. Professional aviation speaker, motivator and author Ron Machado entertained the audience with his clever wit and years of experience as an aviator, and emphasized the value of aviation education in America's schools.

Perhaps summing up best the value of NCASE 2000 was Katherine Eldredge, an aviation management student at Central Missouri State University in Warrensburg, Mo.

"All of it has been so very inspiring — especially getting to hear the astronaut, Doug Wheeler. My 14-year-old daughter, JoAnn, attended with me and, after listening to his presentation, said to me, 'I wonder if I could do something like that!'"



Crown Circle winner Dianne Martin addresses the general assembly.



The NCASE registration team takes a quick break.

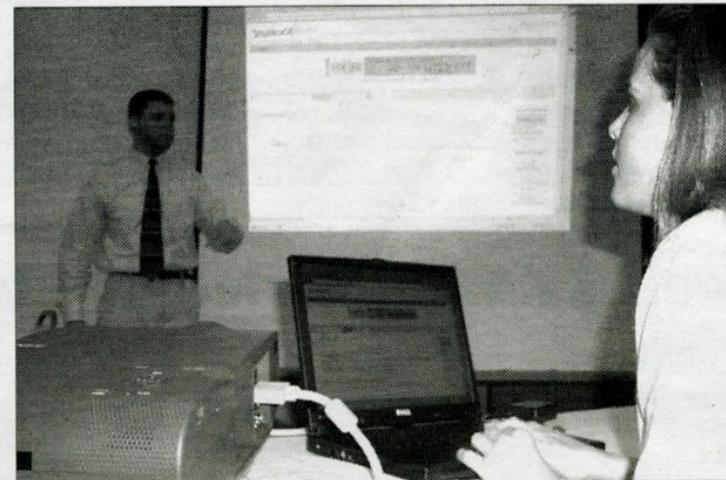


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Jimmy Chapman and Joy Darwin of CAP National Headquarters conducts a concurrent session.



their escorts, from left: Dr. Charles H. Story and Deborah Daniels; Sandy Armstrong and U.S. Army Lt. James J. Connolly and Barbara Connolly; and Dianne S. Martin and Dr. Elizabeth F. Martin. At the far left is James C. Bobick and far right is Mary Anne Thompson, a trustee for the Aerospace Education Foundation



Attendees look over the vast array of items in the exhibit hall.

Cohen, others stress importance of passing emergency supplemental bill

Jim Garamone
American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON (AFP) — “You have to pay the people, and you have to pay the light bill,” said Warren Hall, assistant deputy comptroller for programs and budget. “One payment you can defer — but it’s not a great idea — is you don’t have to perform training.”

That will be the training situation if Congress doesn’t pass the \$2 billion fiscal 2000 Emergency Supplemental Appropriation Bill before it goes on Easter recess April 17. The bill funds Kosovo operations for fiscal 2000, and the Army is the service needing the supplemental most.

In a letter to congressional leaders, Defense Secretary William S. Cohen said if bill pas-

sage is not assured, the Army would have to start canceling movements to the National Training Center at Fort Irwin, Calif., and other readiness-related training exercises.

Cohen said other actions the Army would have to take include reducing home station training and delaying procurement, promotions and bringing people into the service.

He said the Navy and Air Force face lesser, but still serious risks, he said. “Additionally, essential intelligence activities and defense agencies support would be degraded,” Cohen wrote.

The supplemental also covers the increase in the cost of fuel. Pentagon spokesman Ken Bacon said about \$1.56 billion will go to cover higher fuel costs in fiscal 1999, 2000 and 2001.

“The reason for this is the way the Defense Logistics Agency ‘sells’ oil to military users is at a fixed price for a year,” Bacon told reporters March 28. This allows the services to plan their costs for the year.

In fiscal 2000, the DLA is selling oil to the services at \$26.04 per barrel. The actual costs are about \$31 per barrel. The Defense Department budgeted just over \$4 billion for oil in fiscal 2000 and \$3.35 billion in fiscal 2001.

The supplemental would also cover some shortages in defense healthcare programs, especially in prescription drugs, Defense Department officials said. It also puts some money into base housing.

“Prudent managers will plan on the worst case,” Hall said.

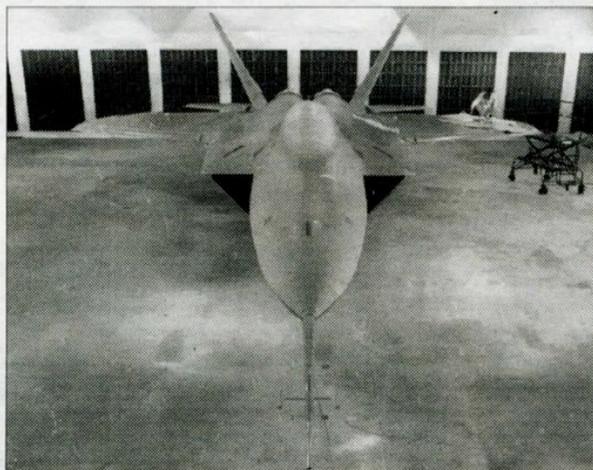
Boeing develops stealthy ‘topcoat’ for F-22

SEATTLE — Boeing has developed a new paint that will increase the F-22 Raptor’s stealthiness, thereby reducing vulnerability to infrared threats.

The paint, referred to as a “topcoat,” was applied to Raptor 02 at Edwards Air Force Base, Calif., March 23.

To meet F-22 requirements, Boeing developed the topcoat to protect the aircraft against threats that use a broad range of wavelengths. The new paint replaces conventional topcoats, performing all the required environmentally protective functions while reducing vulnerability to detection.

The new topcoat does not add to the F-22’s weight, and provides performance enhancement



Following application of the F-22 Raptor’s stealthy new “topcoat” of paint at Edwards Air Force Base, Calif., a worker reapplies U.S. Air Force markings on the aircraft. Boeing developed the new paint, which will reduce vulnerability to infrared threats.

craft by hand, however, robotic application is planned in the future. Raptor 04 will receive its new topcoat next. Each application is expected to take one to two days. (Courtesy of Air Combat Command News Service and Boeing Company)

at a very modest cost. It is applied in a two-tone camouflage design, patterned after the F-15 “Mod-Eagle” paint scheme.

Boeing began developing the new paint during the early stages of the F-22 program. Since that time, a small team in Seattle has worked to refine the paint and improve its application characteristics in the production environment.

F-22 teammate, Lockheed Martin, will paint the first few aircraft by hand, however, robotic application is planned in the future. Raptor 04 will receive its new topcoat next. Each application is expected to take one to two days. (Courtesy of Air Combat Command News Service and Boeing Company)

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C-130s fly relief operations

MANILA, Republic of the Philippines (AFP) — An Air Force C-130 flew a joint military-civilian team to the Mount Mayon Volcano area of the Albay province.

According to Thomas C. Hubbard, U.S. ambassador to the Philippines, the team, consisting of U.S. Marines and members of the National Defense Coordinating Council, will assess the ongoing relief operations for some 48,000 residents evacuated from their homes due to the continual eruption of the volcano.

The C-130 departed the former Clark Air Base at 1:30 p.m. March 1 to travel to the site approximately 215 miles south-east of Manila to pick-up the team.

Following the one-day trip, the team will consult with the Philippine military and civilian authorities and decide how the U.S. government, including the U.S. military forces currently in the Philippines for the Balikatan Exercises, might be of assistance to the citizens forced to evacuate the volcano danger zone.

The aircraft commander, Capt. Rick Murphy, is from the 1st Special Operations Squadron, Kadena Air Base, Japan. Murphy and his crew were here supporting the combined joint military exercise when they were requested to assist the U.S. Embassy in providing airlift for the assessment team. (Courtesy of PACAF News Service)

AF testing new anti-G suit

EDWARDS AIR FORCE BASE, Calif. (AFP) — The U.S. Air Force Test Pilot School here is testing a new concept in aircrew protection — a liquid-filled, full-body anti-gravity suit.

Testing of the Swiss “Libelle” anti-G suit is a collaborative effort by TPS, Air Combat Command’s Humans Systems Integration Division and the Air Expeditionary Force Battlelab at Mountain Home AFB, Idaho.

Using hydrostatic (liquid) force to regulate suit pressure could prove better than current pneumatic (compressed air) anti-G suits. The suit is based on a liquid concept that does not require mechanical regulating systems or on-board compressed air.



AF outlines usage of new 'updated' symbol

WASHINGTON (AFP) — Air Force officials released guidelines March 23 that outline appropriate uses for the new Air Force symbol.

The symbol, which is being tested by Air Force leaders, will be used in a variety of ways, including outreach communication and advertising, to promote recruiting, retention and general public awareness of the Air Force and its value to the nation.

The guidelines represent the latest step in the testing of a new program to tell the Air Force story to airmen already in service, to young people considering military service, and to people who influence retention and recruiting decisions. Several versions of the design and the guidelines are available to the military and public on the World Wide Web.

The new symbol, which was introduced in January, is an update of the classic Hap Arnold Army Air Corps wings,

which were re-introduced in 1994. Looking both like a bird of prey and a medal, the new symbol can now be used on "perishable" items such as stationery, presentation slides, hats, T-shirts and coins, officials said. The symbol should not be applied at this time to "nonperishable" uses such as aircraft, vehicles, buildings, and base entrance gates.

"This symbol is one part of an effort to more effectively tell the Air Force story and present a consistent Air Force image," said Brig. Gen. Ron Rand, Air Force director of public affairs. "Eventually, when someone sees this symbol, they should immediately identify it with the Air Force."

"We recognize that change causes turbulence, and if this symbol is eventually adopted formally, the long-term cultural change we envision will take years," said Rand. "Meanwhile, we'll continue to test it ... and we'll pay close attention to the feedback we get."

■ 25 Tornados, 600 Germans now assigned

AF, Germans activate training center

HOLLOMAN AIR FORCE BASE, N.M. (AFP) — The German Air Force Flying Training Center was officially activated here March 31.

Presiding over the ceremonies was Gen. Michael E. Ryan, U.S. Air Force chief of staff and Lt. Gen. Rolf H. Portz, German air force chief of staff.

The flying training center was established here in May 1996 as a tactical training center. At that time, there were about 325 German military people and 12 Tornado aircraft assigned.

At present, there are about 600 German military people and 25 Tornados here. Those numbers will continue to grow until the end of 2001 when there will be approximately 750 German military personnel, 125 civilian employees and 42 Tornados.

German aircrew training for the F-4F Phantom II and Tornado is now centralized here. German aircrew members come here from undergraduate pilot training at Sheppard Air Force Base, Texas, and Joint

Service Undergraduate Navigator Training at Pensacola Naval Air Station, Fla.

Fighter weapons instructor courses for both aircraft are also taught here, along with advanced tactics training for Tornado aircrews.

"It's a pleasure to be here today for the grand opening of this flying training center," Ryan said. "It's a superb facility and has important meaning for the United States and Germany. It's not just a symbol of the strong bonds between our air forces. It means better operability, the key to any combined effort. It means a better understanding of how our air forces will fight and win together in future conflicts, as we did just last year," Ryan continued.

As part of the ceremony, Portz presented Ryan the Knight Commander's Cross of the Order of Merit of the Federal Republic of Germany in honor of his support to the German military as both Allied Air Forces Central Europe (and U.S. Air Forces in Europe) commander and as the chief of staff.

Disaster relief in Mozambique



AIR FORCE BASE HOEDSPRUIT, South Africa (AFP) — A U.S. Air Force MH-53M "Pave Low IV" helicopter assigned to the 21st Special Operations Squadron, Royal Air Force Mildenhall, England, flies over flooded central Mozambique near the town of Chibuto as it refuels from an MC-130P "Combat Shadow" from the 67th Special Operations Squadron, also from Mildenhall. The Pave Lows are operating from Air Force Base Hoedspruit where they are deployed in support of Operation Atlas Response, a multi-national humanitarian relief mission helping displaced people in central and southern Mozambique that have been devastated by recent floods.

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WALTON COUNTY COMPOSITE SQUADRON
GEORGIA WING
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GEORGIA WING
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BISHOP AIRPORT SENIOR SQUADRON
MICHIGAN WING
1 JAN 99 - 31 DEC 99

RETIREMENTS

COL SELMA R. FARLEY	TX	28 JUN 55 - 1 JAN 00	45
LT COL WARREN L. DUNNING	OR	1 MAY 83 - 31 MAR 00	17
LT COL DONALD H. GUNTHER	AZ	28 FEB 61 - 30 JAN 00	39
LT COL EULAN D. SLAUGHTER	TX	28 FEB 75 - 28 FEB 00	25
MAJ CLAUDIA D. FARLEY	TX	28 MAY 68 - 1 JAN 00	32
MAJ DONALD J. FINGER	CT	1 OCT 79 - 28 FEB 86	
		1 JAN 89 - 30 MAR 00	17
MAJ RANDY W. PAULSON	GA	28 APR 72 - 18 JAN 00	28
MAJ FRANCIS T. TIGHE	OH	28 MAY 72 - 31 MAY 99	27
CAPT HERBERT R. FOEHRENBACH	FL	28 SEP 63 - 31 DEC 99	36
CAPT EDWIN C. GRAEBNER	OH	28 MAY 72 - 31 MAY 99	27
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CONNECTICUT — Senior members from several Connecticut Wing squadrons came together at wing headquarters for a corporate learning course.

The course, required for level three of the senior training program, was directed by Capt. Len and Sue Schindler.

The course was taught by Col. Karen Payne, Connecticut Wing commander; the Connecticut Wing Reserve assistance officer and liaison noncommissioned officer; and numerous current and former wing and region staff members, chosen because of their expertise in specific areas.

Fifteen students graduated from the course, including three squadron commanders, five Connecticut Wing staff members and one Northeast Region staff member.

The graduates were: Capt. Howard Aronson, Lucy Morris, Robert Gray, Robert Provost, James Ray, David Rosati, Matthew Valteau and Daniel Wrobel; 1st Lts. Judson Graves, Michael Pienkosz, John Siebert and Jack Shapiro; 2nd Lt. David Oestreicher; and John Brophy and Glenn Evans.

The graduation ceremony was attended by the graduates, teachers and directors, as well as Col. Lloyd Sturges, Northeast Region senior programs officer, and his Connecticut Wing counterpart, Maj. Andrew Marteka.

1st Lt. Michael T. Pienkosz Jr.

MAINE — Cadets from all over Maine came together as the Maine Wing held a winter survival school at the Bangor Maine Air National Guard Base.

Instructors for the three-day course were full-time instructors of the U.S. Navy's survival, evasion, resistance and escape school.

Members of these squadrons attended the course: Sundown, Cumberland County, Machias Valley, Bangor-Brewer, Augusta, Downeast Patrol and St. Croix Composite squadrons.

The outstanding flight honors went to Alpha Flight.

The cadets honored for outstanding achievement during the school were: 1st Lt. Jennifer Fitts, Cumberland County, and 1st Lt. Thomas Imlay, Sundown.

Cadet Staff Sgt.
Stephen Soule

MASSACHUSETTS — Six cadets from the Phoenix Bay Path Composite Squadron participated in a squadron fly day held at Westover U.S. Air Force Reserve Base in Chicopee, Mass.

Three of the cadets took their first orientation flight in a CAP Cessna 172 and all of the cadets were trained in various aspects of flight planning.

The cadets who participated in the training were: Tauren and Jaren Choinski, Matthew Kelly, Shane Schimker, Glenn Kenyon and Erik Larsen.

Cadets Kenyon, Larsen and Schimke took their first orientation flight during the day.

The pilots were 1st Lt. William Kirkpatrick and Lt. Col. Walter Forbrush.

Other senior members who

participated were: Lt. Col. Lester A. Dutka, squadron commander; Capt. Jerry Vinokur, emergency services instructor; and 1st Lts. Keith Davis and Charles Cross, ground instructors.

Lt. Col. Lester A. Dutka

NEW JERSEY — The Amelia Earhart Award was presented to a cadet from the Lone Eagle Composite Squadron during a ceremony held at the Morristown National Guard Armory.

Lt. Col. Donald Blumenfield, a New Jersey Wing Group commander, presented the Earhart award to Cadet Capt. Erin Crum.

Crum, who serves as the cadet commander for the Lone Eagle squadron, is a junior at Morris Catholic School in Denville, N. J.

Maj. Jerry Beaudry

NEW JERSEY — The Sussex Skylands Composite Squadron hosted a presentation on a period of the U.S. Space Program, complete with samples of meteorites and moon rocks from NASA.

Guest Irene Earley worked with eight of the squadron's cadets, telling them little known facts and stories about

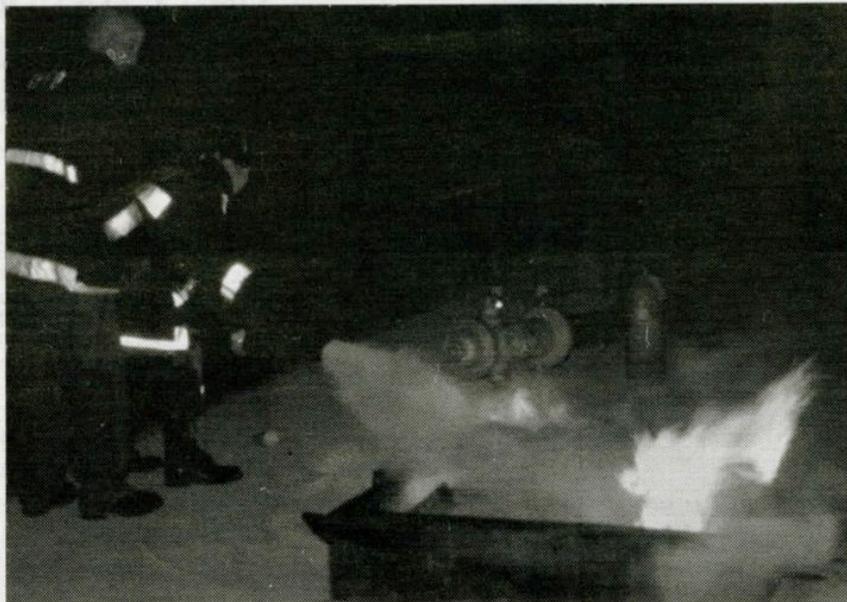
the National Aeronautics and Space Administration's early missions. She discussed the Mercury, Gemini and Apollo missions, and told them of stories from the astronauts that are not often seen in basic history books.

Cadets were also part of the program, as they were assigned research questions ahead of time and gave five minute presentations as part of the program.

Earley's son, Mark, is a squadron cadet. It was his interest in the space program which sparked Mrs. Earley's interest. After going with her son to NASA space camp, she applied for the NASA program to bring aerospace into the classroom. She was accepted, then trained in the presentation and security of a set of samples collected on the moon.

Mrs. Earley was issued a lockable metal attache, and she created her presentation around it. With help from her son, she has delivered the presentation to several area classrooms.

The cadets who participated in the program were: Staff Sgt. Joe Mufford, cadet commander; Tech. Sgt. Mike Scordato; and Airmen Amanda



A cadet with the New York Wing's Col. S. Francis Gabreski Squadron gets instructions on the use of a fire extinguisher from firefighter Brian Deedy of the North Patchogue, N.Y., Fire Department.

Coast to Coast

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NEW YORK — Members of the Col. S. Francis Gabreski Squadron visited the North Patchogue Fire Department for a fire safety seminar.

The seminar included classroom instruction on general fire safety and the proper use of fire extinguishers.

The cadets also went outside the class to the training facility, where instructor firefighter Brian Deedy demonstrated the proper use of an extinguisher on a live fire. Cadets were given the opportunity to use the extinguisher under Deedy's direction.

Cadets saw several firefighting demonstrations, toured the facility and learned about firefighting equipment.

Explorer Mike Kaan, emergency medical technician Gerry Roeloffs and probationary firefighter Chris Nickel assisted at the facility. Assistant Chief Richard Feren was the host.

Roeloffs, a former CAP cadet, joined the squadron as a senior member a week after the visit.

2nd Lt. Thomas C. Brady

NEW YORK — There was a change of command within the Schenectady Composite Squadron.

Capt. Steve Dempsey, who served as squadron commander for two years, turned over the position to Capt. Donald Brown at a squadron meeting.

Dempsey, who resides in Cobleskill, N.Y., has been a CAP member for nine years.

Brown has been a CAP member for two years, during which he served as squadron personnel officer and aerospace education officer. He is employed at Knolls Atomic Power Laboratory.

Frank Hackert

NEW YORK — More than 20 cadets and senior members from two squadrons participated in the Rockland Cadet Squadron's first emergency services bivouac of the season.

Participants from Rockland and the East Ramapo Cadet Squadron gathered at the Boy Scout's

Camp Bullowa for the weekend ground team training event. The event's main focus was navigation.

The Rockland squadron is commanded by Maj. Albert Bangs. The commander of the East Ramapo squadron is Capt. Lawrence Model.

The event's project officer was 1st Lt. James Burpo, and Jack Sabba served as cadet commander.

Capt. Albert Bangs

PENNSYLVANIA —

Family and guests joined members of the Northeast Philadelphia Composite Squadron at the squadron's annual awards banquet.

Banquet guests included Col. Fredric Weiss, Pennsylvania Wing commander, and Lt. Col. Eugene Egry, Pennsylvania Wing's Group 3 commander.

Weiss presented awards to several cadets, including the Amelia Earhart Award to Capt. Steven Blitman and Maj. Keith Miller; and the Gen. Billy Mitchell Award to 2nd Lt. Chris Ferrero.

Capt. Robert Suplee, squadron commander, presented most-improved cadet honors to Senior Airman Dianna King, and cadet of the year awards to Staff Sgts. Jason Kelly and David Ewing.

Representatives of the Air Force Sergeants Association presented the outstanding noncommissioned officer of the year award to Ewing.

Several members of the squadron were presented with community service ribbons during the banquet.

Members of the squadron completed a combined total of more than 3,600 hours of community service in 1999.

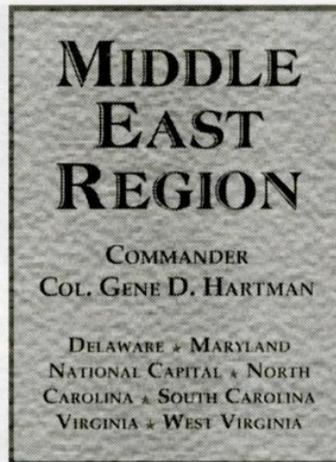
Cadet Capt. Steve Blitman

PENNSYLVANIA — Two Pennsylvania Wing senior members travelled to China to teach at a university in Shanghai.

Maj. Walter V. Powell and Capt. Nancy J. Powell went to China as part of a faculty exchange program which involves students and faculty from Shanghai International Studies University in China and Slippery Rock University in Pennsylvania.

The two will be teaching at the Shanghai university for the spring semester, which ends at the end of June.

Maj. Walter V. Powell



MARYLAND — High-resolution pictures of earth taken from orbiting satellites were part of a presentation on satellite imaging made by a NASA employee for members of the Howard Composite Squadron.

Steve Boyce, a 13-year employee of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration, spoke to the squadron members on satellite imaging in support of environmental studies.

Boyce showed some high-resolution images he collected during his time at NASA. The images come from different platforms and give scientists information on a variety of

subjects.

He showed the group 20 or more images that spanned about 10 years of observations. The presentation culminated with images of the Persian Gulf area taken during the Gulf War. Individual ordnance craters and oil fires showed up in detail on the images.

Boyce also described the characteristics of images from various platforms and instruments, including multispectral imaging systems and thematic mappers.

1st Lt. Robert E. Terry

MARYLAND — Members of the Maryland Wing honor guard have been preparing for the 2000 Middle East Region conference and other upcoming events.

The 24-member honor guard spent long hours practicing their close-order drill for the regional conference to be held in Williamsburg, Va. The team's dramatic unit also practiced skits which they will be putting on at area schools and civic functions as part of the team's drug demand reduction mission.

Maj. Johnetta Mayhew, honor guard project officer, directed the drill practice and helped the dramatic unit

rehearse.

The DDR skits are used to remind young people of the dangers of drug and alcohol abuse.

To help the members of the team understand the effects of drug and alcohol, the team took part in a class given by Maryland Army National Guard officer candidate Patricia Jones-Johnson, Maryland Army National Guard DDR representative. She visited the team during their practice and watched the team rehearse before beginning class.

After class, Jones-Johnson allowed the cadets and seniors to try walking and performing certain tasks while wearing special goggles designed to emulate the effects of drugs, alcohol and marijuana.

In addition to the visit from Jones-Johnson, Gen. James Jaeger, commander of the 1998 National Encampment East and the 2000 Maryland-Delaware-Nations Capital Encampment, also visited the team and encouraged them.

Capt. Don Haines

VIRGINIA — Twenty-six members of the Burke and Fredericksburg Composite squadrons toured the U. S.

CADETS TAKE FLIGHT



Cadets of Virginia Wing's Winchester Composite Squadron pose in front of the C-130 Hercules in which they made an orientation flight. The plane was flown by Maj. William Dorman Jr. and William Clark, and 1st Lt. Brandon Taksa of the West Virginia Air National Guard's 167th Airlift Wing. The flight departed from and landed at Martinsburg West Virginia Air National Guard Base.

Marine Corps base at Quantico, Va.

The tour covered three of the base's major attractions: Marine Helicopter Squadron One; the Quantico Fire, Crash and Rescue squadron; and the Marine Corps Museum's aircraft restoration facility.

Marine Helicopter Squadron One is best known for providing transportation for the president and vice president. During the tour, which was directed by Lt. Col. Frank Miner, the squadron's executive officer, cadets and senior members watched a video and presentation on the mission, and had the chance to view one of the VH-3D Sea King helicopters used to transport the president.

The Quantico Fire, Crash and Rescue Squadron, based on the airfield, demonstrated their abilities by staging a simulated helicopter crash. The facility is equipped with a mock-up of a typical fleet helicopter with propane burners, which are used to create a fully involved, high-heat fire. The fires were lit, the alarm sounded, and four fire vehicles responded, including a 5,000-gallon water tanker. The crew put out the fire, rescued the crew members and began CPR.

The final tour of the visit was of the aircraft restoration facility, where the members saw various restoration projects in progress, including World War I, World War II, and Vietnam-era aircraft.

Lt. Col. George Thomas and 1st Lt. Robert Stuber

VIRGINIA — Col. H. Click Smith, Virginia Wing commander, presented a retirement certificate to a member of the Newport News Composite Squadron during a ceremony held in Newport News, Va.

Capt. Robert G. Tadlock retired after more than 20 years of active CAP service. His certificate of retirement was presented by Smith and Lt. Col. Richard Caton, commander of Virginia Wing's Group 5.

Tadlock enlisted in the U.S. Air Force as an aircraft mechanic, and became a maintenance technician instructor. He transferred to the U.S. Army aviation program and retired as a chief warrant officer 3 aviation maintenance officer.

He served with CAP in

Texas, Illinois and Virginia. Prior to his retirement, he served as deputy commander for cadets and squadron communications officer.

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Several senior members of the Newport News Composite Squadron visited the U. S. Air Force Rescue Coordination Center at Langley Air Force Base, Va.

Eleven members who went on the tour were from the Newport News squadron, and they were accompanied by one senior member of the Aviation Academy Cadet Squadron and one senior member of the Xenia Cadet Squadron from Xenia, Ohio.

Capt. Julie Eubanks, a senior controller at AFRCC, gave the group a briefing on the facilities and how they operate.

The group was then taken on a tour of the facility and received a detailed briefing on actual searches which were being conducted by the controllers.

Controllers also explained how satellite equipment operates and how emergency locator transmitters are tracked.

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Change of command ceremonies were held as the Newport News Composite Squadron welcomed a new cadet commander.

Col. H. Click Smith, Virginia Wing commander, presided over the ceremony, at which Cadet Lt. Col. Andrew G. Cullipher turned over command to Cadet 2nd Lt. Daniel Tomaino.

As Smith transferred the command to Tomaino, he encouraged the new cadet commander to continue with the superb leadership example which Cullipher displayed in the previous 19 months.

Cullipher became cadet commander of the squadron in August 1998. He turned 21 in February and relinquished the position to become a senior member.

Because Cullipher completed the requirements for the Amelia Earhart and Ira Eaker Award, he was eligible for increased grade as a senior member.

After the change of command ceremony, Smith presented Cullipher with a promotion to the rank of first

lieutenant.

Maj. Robert I George

WEST VIRGINIA —

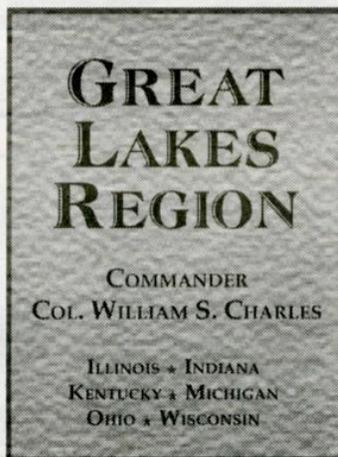
Two West Virginia senators were presented with certificates of membership and commissions by officials of the Wheeling Composite Squadron.

Col. Bernard E. Dalton, Wheeling squadron commander, presented the certificates and commissions to West Virginia state senators Andy McKenzie and Ed Bowman. The two were given the rank of major.

After the ceremony, Dalton took the two men on an orientation flight through the districts they represent.

When the flight was done, the senators told local media representatives that they were proud of their CAP membership. They also said that the assets of CAP can be a significant help to the senators and the people they serve during a crisis.

1st Lt. Amelia G. Brooks



ILLINOIS — The Clinton Scott Composite Squadron hosted a cadet advisory council-sponsored weekend airman's school.

On Saturday, cadets attended classes on subjects such as military customs and courtesies, aerospace education, and uniform standards.

Cadets toured Scott Air Force Base Security Force offices on Sunday.

The cadets who served on the school's staff were: Capt. Johl; 1st Lts. Michelle Aldridge, Nichalous Kimutis, Gary Hall and Jesse Weeks; Master Sgt. Justin Hudgins; Tech. Sgt. Jeremiah Miller; and Staff



Lt. Col. Fred Hershelman, left, Illinois Wing Group 9 commander, poses with Maj. Paul Rothe, Springfield Composite Squadron commander, and Michael Curtis, squadron safety officer, after the three received the Brig. Gen. Charles E. "Chuck" Yeager Award.

Sgt. Danny O'Sullivan.

The cadets who attended the school were: Airmen Kyle McIntyre, Chris Berry, Mike Gripp, Mark Griffen, Rick Mangrum and Metja Monroe; and Airman 1st Class James Thompson.

The school's honor cadets were Airmen Ashlee Warning and Alex Best.

Cadet Staff Sgt. Danny O'Sullivan

ILLINOIS — Three senior members of the Springfield Composite Squadron were presented with the Brig. Gen. Charles E. "Chuck" Yeager Aerospace Education Award by a retired U. S. Air Force general.

Maj. Gen. Harold G. Hoiesinger presented the Yeager awards to Lt. Col. Fred Hershelman, Group Nine

commander; Maj. Paul Rothe, Springfield squadron commander; and Maj. Michael Curtis, squadron safety officer.

The presentations were made during a regular squadron meeting.

Karen Woods

KENTUCKY — Several members of the Kentucky and North Carolina wings participated in the American Red Cross's Marathon Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation Certification Course in Elizabethtown, Ky.

The course was designed to teach people what to do in a medical emergency before medical help arrives. Participants received instructions on handling breathing emergencies, symptoms of a heart attack and administering CPR.

Cadets and senior



Cadet 2nd Lt. Jonathon Stouffer of Illinois Wing's Springfield Composite Squadron poses with Lt. Col. Fred Hershelman, Group 9 commander. Hershelman, also a retired member of the Illinois Air National Guard, presented Stouffer with the Gen. Billy Mitchell Award during a Springfield squadron meeting.

members practiced on life-sized mannequins in simulations of life-threatening emergencies.

Six members of the Golden Armor Composite Squadron participated in the course: Lt. Col. Don Bunnell; U.S. Air Force Reserve Staff Sgt. Matthew Burg; and cadets Justin Burg, Mike Mortiz, Phillip Padron and Cody Willett.

North Carolina Wing member Shelle Altieri also participated in the training.

Capt. Jayson Altieri

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FLORIDA — The West Broward Composite Squadron's color guard performed in a ship-naming ceremony for a luxury cruise liner.

Several representatives of the Florida Wing were also on hand as Renaissance Cruise Lines named their new luxury cruise ship the R4.

Attending the ceremony were: Col. Antonio Pineda, Florida Wing commander; Maj. Ed Wasserman, wing staff; Capt. Eileen Parker, wing staff and Renaissance Cruise Lines employee; 1st Lt. Eddie Villalba, West Broward squadron deputy commander for cadets; and Diane Reid, West Broward squadron public affairs officer.

The cadets on the color guard were: 2nd Lt. Scott Shaefer, honor guard commander; Master Sgts. Terry Reid, Sara Gebo, Alex Perez and Janet Silverman; Senior Airman Victor Berriel; and Airman Hercules Allen.

Diane Reid

FLORIDA — A cadet from the Marion County Composite Squadron made her first solo flight in a CAP Cessna.

Cadet Senior Master Sgt. Heather Day flew solo in a

Cessna 172 after completing 18 hours of flight instruction.

Capt. Ron Towater, a certified flight instructor II, was Day's instructor as she made her flight.

Towater, with help from Maj. Paul Sova, and Capts. Paul Blystone and Ron Arrowsmith, performed the traditional shirttail cutting ceremony.

FLORIDA — Members of the Pasco Cadet Squadron attended a Boy Scout banquet in Tampa, Fla.

The banquet's guest speaker was Capt. Scott O'Grady, a U.S. Air Force pilot who was shot down while flying over Bosnia.

O'Grady, a former CAP cadet, described his experiences being shot down, avoiding capture for over a week and being rescued by personnel from the U.S. Navy, Marines and Air Force.

CAP members who attended the event included: Lt. Col. Doug Andrews, East Pasco Flight commander; and 2nd Lt. Valerie Andrews, East Pasco Flight personnel officer; Maj. Mario Bartoletti, Pasco squadron commander; Roger Jackson, communications officer; 2nd Lt. Lili Bartoletti, public affairs officer; and Cadet Airman Brian Picardo.

2nd Lt. Lili Bartoletti

FLORIDA — Several awards were presented to members of the SRQ Composite Squadron at an awards

ceremony held at a Bradenton, Fla., school.

About 35 cadets received promotions and awards at a ceremony held at Haile Middle School. Two cadets received the Gen. Billy Mitchell Award.

Brig. Gen. Jerry G. Neff, retired U.S. Army officer, presented the Mitchell awards and helped with promotions.

Mitchell awards were presented to Andrew Emory and Jenifer Hart, and both were promoted to second lieutenant.

Other cadets who received awards included: Airman Ashley Spence, the Vic Chambers Memorial Award, which goes to the doolie of the year; Hart and Staff Sgt. Sean O'Key, the Col. Sidney Brockman Memorial Leadership Award.

The Chambers award was named after a former CAP member who helped get the squadron started. The Brockman award was named after the father of Maj. William F. Brockman, squadron commander. Sidney Brockton was a medical officer in World War II, and was taken prisoner in North Africa.

The guest speaker was Perry G. Snell Jr., the first cadet in Florida. He spoke on the beginning of the squadron and recounted some of his experiences during World War II.

Snell retired from CAP in 1995.

Other guests included: Lt. Col. Richard Valone, Florida

Wing vice commander; Maj. Steve Bell, Group 5 commander; and Dr. Ron Hirst, Haile Middle School principal.
1st Lt. Robert P. Bayless

FLORIDA — Several cadets and senior members of the Tallahassee Composite Squadron travelled to the aviation museum at Fort Rucker, Ala.

The group toured the base, despite inclement weather. The cadets and senior members saw several different types of military helicopters on the flightline. No helicopters were flying at the time, however, due to the weather conditions.

The tour group also saw several lines of heavy equipment, trucks and tanks.

The cadets who participated were: Airmen William Langley, Tommy Langley, Jonathon Finer, Andrew Burnham, Katie Pratt and John Nolan; Master Sgt. Chris Tolia; and Tech. Sgt. Robert Wright.

The cadets were accompanied by Capt. Kevin and Lt. Wendy Vislocky.

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Members of the Tallahassee Composite Squadron teamed up with members of the American Red Cross in a tornado disaster exercise.

The purpose of the exercise, according to Chris Floyd, the local American Red Cross director, was to test the Jefferson County Emergency

Response Team.

Several organizations participated in the drill, including local fire and police departments as well as the red cross and CAP. The exercise was evaluated by personnel from the state division of emergency management.

According to the exercise scenario, a large tornado touched down in the morning, traveled on the ground for more than 30 miles and hit more than 100 homes. The scenario was based on a tornado that hit a nearby state a few years ago.

Squadron members played the role of the victims and refugees of the tornado. The members represented the head of a household and were to report to a red cross shelter established at the Jefferson County High School. They were told to construct fictional families and behave as if a disaster had actually struck.

The members went into the shelter a few at a time, acting out such problems as mental illness, health problems, concern for lost family members, livestock and possessions, and hunger.

Members eventually returned to the county office which was designated as the mission base for lunch and a debriefing.

According to 1st Lt. DeWayne Carver, the exercise helped build a relationship and trust between the local American Red Cross personnel and the squadron, as well as gaining exposure for the squadron in the emergency services community.

The cadets who participated were: Tech. Sgt. Robert Wright; and Airmen Scott Sparkman, Brandon Murphy, Steven Beasley and William Langley. The senior members were Carver and Nick Contos.

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Several members of the Tallahassee Composite Squadron joined members of a local Navy Junior ROTC unit for an orienteering exercise.

1st Lt. Keith Howell, a CAP member who is also the coach of the Navy JROTC unit's award-winning orienteering team, conducted the exercise.

Ten cadets participated in the exercise, as well as 1st Lt. DeWayne Carver, squadron deputy commander for cadets. The exercise was held at the JROTC team's practice course at Eleanor Phipps Klapp Park



Florida's first CAP cadet, Perry Snell, Jr., surrounded by cadets from Florida Wing's SRQ Composite Squadron, poses during an awards ceremony at Haile Middle School in Bradenton, Fla.

in northeast Tallahassee, Fla.

Cadets who participated received field experience on navigating with topographical maps, and they came to better understand how different navigating in the woods is from navigating on paper in a classroom. Many of the cadets were still in the field when a thunderstorm came in and the event was ended a few minutes early.

The cadets conducted the exercise with full ground team gear on and operating in two man teams.

The cadets who participated were: Tech Sgt. Robert Wright, Senior Airman Ric Demontmollin, Airman Dylan James, Scott Sparkman, Kyle Mahoney, John Nolan, Brandon Murphy, Justin Rogers, Ryan Phillips and Jonathan Finer.

There were nine Navy JROTC cadets and five Boy Scouts.

Capt. Christie Mathison

GEORGIA — Thirty members of the Cobb Composite Squadron gathered in the Georgia woods for a search and rescue exercise.

The weekend exercise, held at Arrowhatchee Farms east of Covington, Ga., was the first the squadron has had since the ground team was formed.

During the exercise, cadets were trained on such topics as use of a compass and search patterns and

procedures. The instructors were: Maj. John McLaughlin, Cobb Composite Squadron's deputy commander of cadets; Maj. Ronald Straub, squadron communications officer; Maj. Michael Houston, squadron logistics officer; Martie Kelly, emergency services officer; and 1st Lt. Ben Wilkes, Group 1 safety officer.

The training was complemented by a compass course set up by cadet staff members Chief Master Sgt. Marcus McGrath, Sgt. Justin Sullivan and Airman 1st Class Christopher Brown. The ground team finished the day with a four-mile navigation hike.

Rockdale County Sheriff's Department Deputies Jay Repetto and Jason Payne, along with a working dog, joined the ground team in a practice search and rescue scenario. The team formed a search line and, after 45 minutes, the subject was located.

Two CAP aircraft, flown by mission pilots Capt. Joe Nicholson, Group 1 operations officer, and Al Schimmelman, Georgia Mountain Composite Squadron commander, worked with the ground teams.

The aircraft and ground team practiced communicating by radio and visual signals, and using search and rescue equipment. The two pilots were assisted by crew members Lts. Todd Whelan, Dani Soban and Annette Schimmelman, Georgia Wing's Group 1 public affairs officer.

Use of the land for the exercise was donated by Dudley Moore, an Atlanta-area businessman, and Richard Moore, his son.

The Cobb Composite Squadron has plans for two additional search and rescue exercises later in the year. Members hope to have four fully functional ground teams by the end of 2000.

2nd Lt. Annette Schimmelman

GEORGIA

— Cadets from the Powder Springs Cadet Squadron toured several of Florida's biggest aerospace and aviation sites during a trip to the "Sunshine State."

Cadets visited Patrick Air Force Base, Cape Canaveral Air Station, the National Aeronautics and Space Administration's Kennedy Space Center, and Florida Air Academy.

While at Patrick Air Force Base, cadets boarded a C-130 Hercules to learn about search and rescue procedures. The tour of the C-130 was cut short by an emergency landing of an incoming airplane. Cadets watched as the emergency vehicles were brought out and the personnel prepared for the landing. The plane landed without complications.

Before leaving the base, cadets toured the control tower to observe controllers and watch planes take off and land.

At Cape Canaveral, the cadets learned about aerospace history and saw modern and historical rockets, missiles and landing pads.

The tour group moved on to Kennedy Space Center, where they saw one of the space shuttles, and Florida Air Academy, an all-male military school where cadets learned about the daily routine of those in the school.

Cadets who attended the tour were: Airmen Rebecca Reese, Chris Reese, Matt Wells Jason Wells, Chris Grogan and Steven Telano; and Senior Airman Michael Bovington. The cadets were accompanied by Capt. Michael Wells, squadron commander, and Diane Reese.

Three cadets from the Peachtree Falcon Field Composite Squadron also participated. They were Airmen Ashley Matcheck, Steven Piasta and Aaron Thomas.

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Several cadets of the Powder Springs Cadet Squadron participated in the squadron's first cadet boot camp.

During weekend camp, cadets were taught military discipline and etiquette, leadership skills, drill, and physical training.

The following cadets attended the course and received the Curry Award: Airmen Rebecca Reese, Matt Wells, Chris Reese, Jason

Wells, Chris Grogan, Steven Telano, Crystal Keith, Brad Jordan, Jeffery Wells, James Hare, Walton Doyle, Alex Neville, Shawn Tripodi, David Head, Robbie Martin, Norman Hare, Jeff Waters, Charles Marbury, Jonathon Cromer and Christopher Kearny; Airman 1st Class Jonathon Cook; and Staff Sgt. Sean Bergstrom.

Senior members who participated included: Capt. Michael Wells, squadron commander; 2nd Lt. Mary Wells; and Diane Reese and Geri Grogan.

Cadet Airman Rebecca Reese

GEORGIA — Two cadets from the Walton County Composite Squadron received the Gen. Billy Mitchell Award.

Georgia State Rep. Len Walker presented the Mitchell award to 2nd Lt. Aaron Bignault, and Lt. Col. William Bacon presented the Mitchell award to 2nd Lt. Jason Stribling.

The presentation of the award marked the last official act of Bacon, who retired from CAP shortly after presenting the award.

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Several members of the Walton County Composite Squadron boarded a C-141 Globemaster III heading for Charleston, S. C., as part of an airlift exercise.

The flight made two stops in North Carolina, and all those on the tour had the chance to go into the cockpit between stops.

While in Charleston, cadets toured several vessels which included: the USS Clamagore, a diesel-powered submarine; the USS Laffey, a destroyer; the Ingham, a Coast Guard cutter; and the USS Yorktown, an aircraft carrier.

The group also toured Fort Sumter, where the first shots of the Civil War were fired.

Capt. Dolores Thrash

GEORGIA — A new commander has been named for Georgia Wing's Group One.

Lt. Col. James H. Parks, a member of CAP for eight years, assumed the position of Group One commander earlier this year. He replaced Lt. Col. Jim Belzer, who had the position for two years.

Belzer, who joined CAP in 1980, has taken over the position of Georgia Wing

director of cadet programs.

Parks was a member of the Cobb Composite Squadron previously, and is qualified as a mission pilot and operations officer at all levels, including wing level. He has served as a mission coordinator and mission pilot.

Parks said his objective as Group One commander will be a "unified structure with all the squadrons working together to support the three focus areas of CAP; cadet programs, aerospace education and emergency services."

He went on to explain that he was in the process of evaluating each unit to establish long-range plans for development.

Parks has already made several group staff appointments, which included: Lt. Col. Walt McKinney, deputy commander; Lt. Col. Alex Mills, chaplain; Capt. Joe Nickelson, operations officer; Lt. Ben Wilkes, safety officer; Capt. Kerwin Day, check pilot; and 2nd Lt. Annette Schimmelman, public affairs officer.

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A longtime CAP member with a distinguished record of service was named deputy commander for Georgia Wing's Group 1.

Lt. Col. James Parks, new Group 1 commander, appointed Lt. Col. Walt McKinney deputy commander for the group.

McKinney has been a CAP member since 1982. He has previously served in squadron, group and wing commander positions, and recently served as Georgia Wing assistant chief mission coordinator.

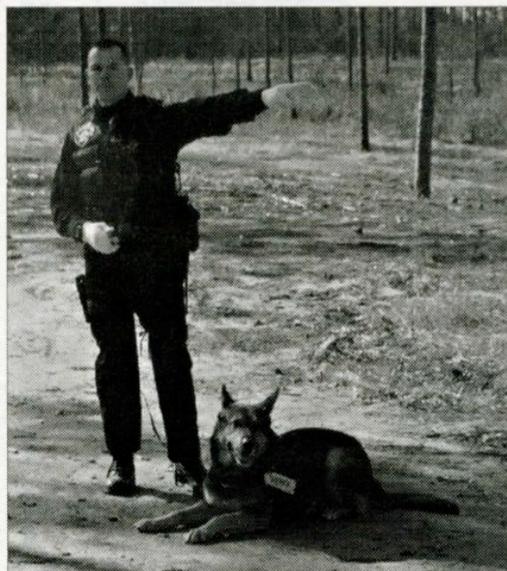
McKinney is qualified in all aspects of emergency services, including mission coordinator, and is counter drug aircrew qualified. He has also received the Gil Robb Wilson Award.

McKinney is employed as a resident engineer/construction manager with the southern Division Naval Facility Engineering Command based at Marietta Naval Air Station.

2nd Lt. Annette Schimmelman

TENNESSEE — The Hardin County Composite Squadron hosted the Mobile Team Challenge in Savannah, Tenn.

Lt. Col. Montille Warren, Hardin County Composite



Rockdale County, Ga., Sheriff's Department Deputy Jay Repetto and dog "Arys" help members of Georgia Wing's Cobb Composite Squadron during a search and rescue exercise.

Squadron commander, and Maj. Don James, Humphreys County Composite Squadron commander, attended the event.

U.S. Army Spc. Rebecca Tune, along with U.S. Air Force Staff Sgt. Beverly Hood and Senior Airman Tammy Herremans, all with National Guard units in the Memphis area, served as instructors.

The Mobile Team Challenge was designed to build teamwork within an organization by developing trust with other team members and stressing the importance of team communications.

The instructors present the various teams with problems, and the only way the problems can be resolved is through total teamwork. Problems given included the "A-Frame Walk," in which participants can only complete the course by supporting and trusting each other.

If either person lets go, neither could complete the walk.

One subject of the challenge was threats to teamwork, such as alcohol abuse.

The Hardin County squadron provided lunch for those attending the challenge.

Maj. Donald W. James and
2nd Lt. Sanders W. Hunt

NORTH CENTRAL REGION

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SOUTH DAKOTA — A representative of the Federal Aviation Administration was the guest speaker at a safety meeting hosted by the Rushmore Composite Squadron.

About 34 cadets and senior members gathered to listen to guest speaker Steve Hoogerheide, who recently took over an FAA position in Rapid City, S.D.

Hoogerheide described the various types of pilot licenses the FAA issues and

the criteria required for each type. He also discussed his background in aviation and the responsibilities of his job.

The session closed with Hoogerheide testing the cadets by asking them questions about flying at night.

Lt. Col. Mike Beason

MINNESOTA — Twenty-two cadets and senior members representing six squadrons and the Minnesota Wing attended a ground team training seminar at the headquarters of the St. Croix Composite Squadron.

The one-day seminar, organized by the Minnesota Wing, was planned to provide training for ground team members and leaders. Four instructors and 18 students participated.

The squadrons represented included: the St. Croix, North Hennepin, St. Paul, Anoka County and Viking Composite, and the Valley Cadet squadrons.

The subjects covered included: electronic search techniques, map reading, use of safety and survival equipment and techniques and first aid.

The four instructors were: Maj. Stan Kegel, Minnesota Wing emergency services training officer; Capt. Doug Killiam, Viking squadron deputy commander for cadets; Cadet Maj. Rachel Davis, former squadron cadet commander and graduate of the CAP National Ground Team School; and 2nd Lt. Marcel Derosier, North Hennepin squadron disaster preparedness officer.

1st Lt. Deborah Feil

MINNESOTA — A senior member from the St. Croix Composite Squadron was surprised by a signal from an emergency locator transmitter during a routine radio check the night of a squadron meeting.

When Maj. Bill Rutten



The red tail on this World War II fighter identifies the pilot as a member of the 99th Negro Fighter Unit and one of the Tuskegee Airmen.

turned on the squadron radios and heard the signal, he quickly contacted Minnesota Wing headquarters. Maj. Scott Sinks, wing duty officer, issued a mission number.

Using a direction finder and a hand-held ham radio that picked up the aviation band, the signal was tracked to a hangar at Lake Elmo Airport.

After 1st Lt. Bill Reiners found that the owner was out of town and had rented the space out to another person, the renter was tracked down. Eventually the hangar was entered, and the ELT was located in a Cessna 172. The batteries in the ELT had an expiration date of September 1998.

The ground crew members were: Rutten, incident commander and ground team leader; Capt. Lee Owings; 1st Lt. Deborah Feil; Reiners, ground team leader; Lt. Col. Roger Brogren; and cadets Nathan Bliss, Brett Kubat, Kevin Kroll, John Valinkas and James Lauria.

The aircrew members were Maj. Marvin Peterson and Capt. Paul Prior. Communications were handled by Capt. David Kenan.

1st Lt. Deborah Feil

MINNESOTA — Members of the Anoka County Composite Squadron got a lesson in the history of aviation and racism in America during a presentation by one of the surviving members of the famed Tuskegee Airmen.

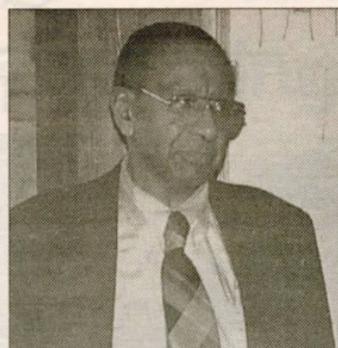
Ken Wofford, who joined the Tuskegee unit in 1944, told the group of the period before the war, when blacks were not allowed to fly planes.

Wofford explained that even blacks who were educated at the West Point Military Academy could not get into flying programs because of the War Department's segregation policy.

He said that an experiment designed to prove that blacks could not fly was

started at the Tuskegee Institute, a black college in Alabama.

After the right leaders were in place, the program proved that blacks could fly.



Former Tuskegee Airman
Ken Wofford

In 1944, Wofford, who had been told there were no vacancies when he volunteered to join the military, was processed into the unit at Tuskegee Airfield.

He became a member of the 99th Negro Unit, which was a fighter unit under the direction of Benjamin O. Davis, a black graduate of West Point who was also previously denied entry into the U.S. Army Air Corps.

According to Wofford, the black fighter unit earned a reputation for staying with the bombers no matter what and protecting the bombers rather than chasing kills to earn Ace status.

The success of the Tuskegee Airmen, and the loyalty they demonstrated, helped bring integration to the military and opened the doors for pilot training for those qualified, regardless of race.

Joyce Langdon

SOUTH WEST REGION

COMMANDER
COL. COLIN FAKE

ARIZONA * ARKANSAS
LOUISIANA * NEW MEXICO
OKLAHOMA * TEXAS

ARIZONA — Several cadets from the Prescott Composite Squadron received awards at the squadron's annual awards banquet.

At a meeting organized and directed by the cadets, U.S. Air Force Col. Richard Hopewell, commander of the Air Force ROTC unit at Embury-Riddle Aeronautical University

at Prescott, presented the awards.

The following cadets received awards: Capts. John Rhoades and Matthew Claridge, Amelia Earhart Award; 2nd Lt. Adam Hoffman, the Gen. Billy Mitchell Award; Henry Stanton, most improved cadet; and Staff Sgt. David Burkitt, noncommissioned officer of the year.

Rhoades, who is the cadet commander, also received cadet of the year honors.

Cadet promotions were presented to Burkitt, Jeff Cordes, Jason Guy, Errol Reed, Joshua Rodarte and Jared Willis.

Wayne R. Fiscus

ARIZONA — Cadets from the Glendale Composite Squadron collected more than 3,200 pounds of food for an area food bank.

When a local food bank expressed a need for nonperishable food items, 2nd Lt. Jerry Weiers, Glendale squadron senior member and project officer, challenged the cadets to collect their body weight in food. The 3,200 pounds of food was almost twice their weight.

The cadets gave the food to Bruce Haffner, a helicopter pilot for a local television station. He flew the station's news and traffic helicopter into the Glendale Municipal Airport, picked up the food and flew it to the food bank.

The cadets who participated were: Staff Sgt. Chrissy Weiers; Senior Airman Jay Lamb; Airman 1st Class Eric Lane; and Airmen Caitlyn McLelland, Amanda Parcieu, Raul Ramirez and Jason Weiers.

Capt. Kenneth Fox

NEW MEXICO — Members of the Thunderbird Composite Squadron joined forces with the National Atomic Museum for several events held at Kirtland Air Force Base near Albuquerque, N.M.

The squadron's color guard presented colors at a reception for Col. Polly Peyor, the new base commander, and Congresswoman Heather Wilson, and the opening of the National Atomic Museum's "Women in Aviation" exhibit.

Capt. Olivia Bourne, a Thunderbird squadron senior member, participated in a panel discussion during "Women in Aviation Day for

Girls." Bourne, an aspiring astronaut, also worked with Maj. Robbi Ross and Cadet Capt. Rebecca Lenberg at an information booth, where the trio worked to recruit new CAP members.

Members of the Thunderbird squadron also participated in a search and rescue exercise in Las Cruces, N.M. Lt. Col. Frank Buethes, squadron commander, served as mission coordinator trainee and other members worked in operations, emergency services, communications and on the flight line.

Capt. Dan Bourne took advantage of the gathering and held a ground team class.

Maj. Robbi Ross

ARIZONA — Several cadets from the Verde Valley Composite Squadron helped make a drug-demand reduction video.

The video was being produced by Arizona National Guard Specialists Joe Grant and Mike Tellez. Both are members of the Arizona National Guard Joint Counter Narcotics Task Force Drug Demand Reduction Unit based in Phoenix.

The cadets were then coached on how to act when the cameras were on. They then spoke - on the video - about various drugs and their effects on human physiology. They outlined some of the immediate and longterm effects of alcohol, cigarettes, marijuana, heroin, cocaine, methamphetamine, LSD and inhalants.

One of the specialists told the cadets of his personal experiences with drug use and the hurt it caused his family, as well as other consequences, such as lower performance in school.

Lt. Col. Mike Sue

TEXAS — 2nd Lt. Ariel Merrell, former deputy commander of cadets for the Brownsville Composite Squadron, is now the acting squadron commander.

Merrell, who has been with the CAP since 1993, served in the U.S. Army in Germany, Hungary and Macedonia.

Squadron members also worked at the unit's biggest fund-raising event of the year, an annual professional rodeo held in Los Fresnos. Squadron members collect money and park cars at the event, and

MARCHING TOWARD EXCELLENCE



Tucson Cadet Squadron cadets march during the Arizona Wing drill competition. Shown are: (from left) Staff Sgt. Christine Hansen, Master Sgt. Paul Sheehy, Airman 1st Class Lance Swentesky and Staff Sgt. Mario Vittorio. The team placed first in the competition.

then use the money to send cadets to encampments, and possibly to the wing color guard competition.

Capt. Neil Macdougall

TEXAS — Several cadets and senior members from four Texas Wing squadrons joined with members of the Pennsylvania Wing for a search and rescue exercise.

The exercise took place in Government Canyon State Park, west of San Antonio.

Maj. Jarad Wire arranged for the cadets to use the 700-acre facility. Wire also planned the exercise and acted as the ground-search coordinator for the simulated mission. Maj. Ray Callahan provided equipment and overnight accommodations, and 2nd Lt. Robert Melgosa, a former cadet, provided logistical support.

The Texas cadets who participated were: Robert Wilson, Caitin Cima, Dane Money, Aaron Sanchez, Bo Kennedy and Doug Nash. The cadet leaders of the team were Master Sgt. Jonathon Moore and Caitlin Bryant.

The Texas cadets were advised by senior members 2nd Lts. J.M. Bryant and Randy Money.

The Pennsylvania Wing members flew in on a C-130, along with two members of the Maryland Wing. Together they

made up two teams for the exercise.

The Pennsylvania Wing cadets who participated were: Matt Atwood, David Baker, Jonathon Blumenfield, Matthew Boclun, Brandon Cuning, Jeremy Falletta, Kevin Gall, Steven Gundy, Ian Hannah, Ken Hardy, Elizabeth Holmbach, Tyler Karg, Betsy Kealey, Tyler Ochs, Paul Price, Eric Tamburino, Philip Terhost and Logan Wolf.

The senior members who served as advisers to the Pennsylvania teams were: Maj. William Guth; Capt. Harry Hannah; 1st Lts. Robert Brady, Rich Courtright and Scott Fillar; and 2nd Lts. Chris Rose and David Wolf.

The teams competed in three timed events which included a lost-person search, grid search, and a search for an emergency locator transmitter.

The joint exercise was made possible because of the work of several people, primarily Maj. Brian Watson, the pilot of the C-130, Maj. Jeff Riley of the Pennsylvania Wing, and Wire.

2nd Lt. John M. Bryant

TEXAS — Seventeen members from Texas Wing squadrons came together to attend Squadron Leadership School at Corpus Christi Naval Air Station, Texas.

The members came from the Brownsville, Corpus Christi and Victoria Composite squadrons, as well as the Texas Wing headquarters.

The instructors were: Capt. Chris Bujanos Jr., Brownsville Composite Squadron commander; 2nd Lts. Juan Arredondo and Ariel Merrell; 1st Lts. Gloria Atchison and John Rios; Maj. James West and Ivan Atchison; and Lt. Col. Harry Shannon, Texas Wing personnel officer.

The program was directed by Maj. Edmundo

Arizpe, with help from Maj. Ofelia Galvan and Frances Garza. West and Rios made the room arrangements.

The school was held at Corpus Christi Naval Air Station.

Capt. Neil Macdougall

TEXAS — Four cadet members of the Thunderbird Composite Squadron received awards at a squadron awards ceremony.

At the ceremony, Col. Hal Parker, Texas Wing chief of staff, presented Amelia Earhart awards to three squadron cadets: Kyle Brenholm, Frederick Fields and Caitlin Cima.

Parker also presented the Gen. Billy Mitchell Award to Angelique Hopkins.

Sandra Huffstutler, the squadron commander's wife, was also honored at the ceremony. She was presented with a certificate of recognition for her work for the squadron.

Lt. Col. David Pickering, commander of the Texas Wing's Group 13, was present at the ceremony, as were several members of the Group 13 staff.

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An officer from the Thunderbird Composite Squadron conducted a course which covered a number of topics of importance for ground

team members and leaders.

1st Lt. Charles Brenholm covered topics such as chart tracking, proper use of direction-finding equipment, proper radio techniques, and how emergency locator transmitters operate.

Cadets and senior members from Thunderbird, Trinity Bay, Marauder and Sugarland Composite squadrons attended the course.

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A senior member of the Thunderbird Composite Squadron conducted a two-hour presentation at a monthly Federal Aviation Administration safety seminar held at West Houston Airport, Houston.

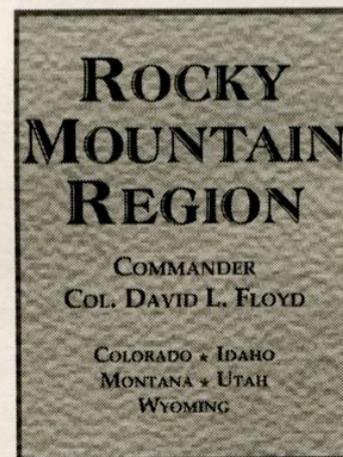
Capt. Michael Hopkins, with assistance from daughter Cadet Angelique Hopkins, presented on cold weather survival techniques.

Hopkins served in the Alaska National Guard and was involved with the CAP in Alaska, where he taught and attended several survival classes.

The safety seminar was co-hosted by the Thunderbird squadron and "The 99s", a women's aviation group founded by Amelia Earhart.

Squadron members who attended the group were: Lt. Cols. Tom Cuny and Fred Kossegi; Capt. Dave Busch; 1st Lts. Dave Huffstutler and Michael Hinchcliff; and Michael Mettler.

1st Lt. David E. Huffstutler



COLORADO — Several members of the Valkyrie Cadet Squadron received honors during an awards and promotions ceremony.

A special leadership lab was held before the awards ceremony. Capt. Tim Winslow

of the Colorado Army National Guard presented the lab.

Winslow is a helicopter pilot stationed at Buckley Air National Guard Base.

He told the cadets about leadership, using experiences from his 13-year career as both an enlistee and officer in the U.S. Army.

The guest for the awards ceremony was Col. Bill Hines, Colorado Wing commander.

Hines presented the Gen. Billy Mitchell Award to Cadet 2nd Lts. Michael McKenna, Jamison Walsh and Brian Werner.

1st Lt. Courtney Walsh

COLORADO — Three Broomfield Composite Squadron cadets received the Metropolitan Mayors and Commissioners Youth awards for their achievements and community involvement.

Cadets Airman 1st Class Crystal Vigil, Tech Sgt. Bernard Jones and 2nd Lt. Patrick Swenson received the awards from different Colorado municipal leadership bodies. All three are cadets and Explorers.

Vigil, who is in the 8th grade, received the award from the town of Thornton. She is active in figure skating, basketball, karate, roller hockey and swimming, as well as CAP search and rescue. She also serves as a volunteer for the Salvation Army emergency services program and helps with developmentally challenged children.

Vigil was previously honored as the 1999 Explorer of the year, and has placed

first and second in karate and figure skating competitions.

Jones received the award from the City of Northglen, Colo. He is a high school freshman and plays on his school's junior varsity basketball program.

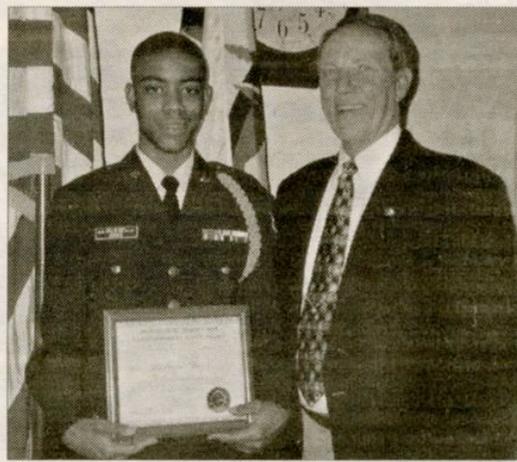
In addition to basketball, Jones runs track, serves as an altar server for his church, plays soccer and helps with the Salvation Army's emergency services.

Jones has previously been honored as a cadet of the quarter and cadet of the year.

Swenson received the award through the Jefferson County commissioners. He is a high school junior, Eagle Scout, member of the Order of the Arrow, and is active in CAP search and rescue. He is also a student pilot.

Swenson was honored as the Explorer of the year in 1999 and squadron cadet of the year in 1998.

The Metropolitan Mayors and Commissioners Youth Award was established to honor young people between the ages of 13 and 19 who have overcome adversity, disabilities or handicaps to better themselves through study, volunteerism, and helping others to better themselves.



Cadet Tech Sgt. Bernard Jones, left, poses with Northglen, Colo., Mayor Don Parsons.

All three award recipients said they hope to attend the U.S. Air Force Academy.

Lt. Col. Nancy Hollis



Cadet 2nd Lt. Patrick Swenson poses with Jefferson County, Colo., Commissioner Richard Shehan.

MONTANA — Several members of the Flathead Composite Squadron of Kalispell, Mont., were honored for their work at the squadron's annual awards banquet.

Family and friends joined squadron members at the banquet. Col. Bill Hewitt, a former Montana Wing commander, was also present.

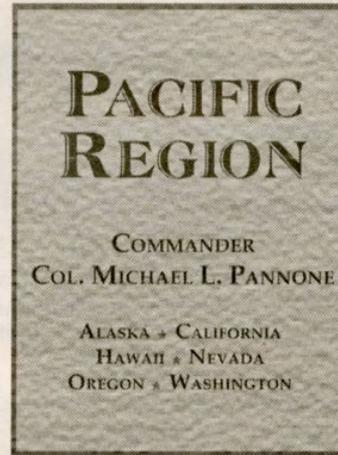
Awards were presented after dinner to the following members: Mary Neils-Fennessy, squadron aerospace education officer, 1999 senior member of the year; Gabriel Jenko, cadet commander, Amelia Earhart Award, presented by Hewitt; 1st Lt. Brandon J. Adams, cadet deputy commander, 1999 cadet of the year; and David Fennessy, flight commander, Gen. Billy Mitchell Award, presented by Hewitt, and 1999 most improved cadet.

Cadet promotions pre-

sented included: Jenko, captain; Fennessy, second lieutenant; and Kevin Kalvig and Andrew Reindl, airman first class.

Several squadron cadets and seniors also received two-year service ribbons.

Cadet 1st Lt. Brandon Adams



ALASKA — The commander of the Southeast Composite Squadron stepped down after more than three years in that position.

Capt. Tom Meisner was replaced by the squadron's former deputy commander, Capt. Boyce Bingham.

Bingham was a U.S. Army aviator for 25 years and is a certified flight instructor and inspector.

He works for the Federal Aviation Administration as an aviation safety inspector.

Bingham said the safety of his squadron will be his top priority, followed by modernization.

Capt. Jean Sztuk

CALIFORNIA — A change of command ceremony was held at the headquarters of the South Bay Senior Squadron.

During the ceremony, Maj. Phil Laisure, squadron commander for four years, was replaced by Maj. Howard Mellin.

Maj. Jim Crum, commander of California Wing's Group 7, presided over the ceremony.

Under Laisure, the squadron won Group 7 squadron-of-the-year honors for two consecutive years.

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A member of the South Bay Senior Squadron was honored for her enthusiasm.

Capt. June Johnson was presented with captain's bars, a certificate of completion for

Level II Technical Training, and her squadron's "Sparkplug Award" for enthusiasm and participation.

Maj. Howard Mellin, squadron commander, made the promotion, and Lt. Col. Pat Faunt, squadron training officer, presented the certificate.

1st Lt. Norm Zareski

CALIFORNIA — More than 110 people gathered at a banquet held by the Bakersfield Composite Squadron to celebrate CAP's anniversary.

The banquet's guest speaker was retired U.S. Air Force aviator Lt. Col. Dave Ferguson, director of flight operations for Lockheed Skunkworks.

Ferguson joined the Skunkworks team after retiring from the Air Force. The Skunkworks team is known for their development of top-secret, highly-specialized military aircraft.

At Lockheed, Ferguson served as a test pilot of the F-117 Nighthawk stealth fighter, chief test pilot on the F-22 Raptor program, and was the first man to fly the new fighter.

Ferguson told the crowd about his experiences as a test pilot and encouraged cadets to pursue careers in aviation.

2nd Lt. Malise Scholefield

CALIFORNIA — Several cadets and senior members of the Sacramento Composite Squadron participated in a search and rescue exercise in the Tahoe National Forest.

The exercise was the first two day SAR exercise in squadron history, and came after cadets attended several weeks of classes.

The classes, taught by Capt. Robert Fauteux and Steven Schultz, and 2nd Lt. Delia Connery, covered such subjects as emergency services, search and rescue procedures, and basic wilderness survival techniques.

Capt. Thomas Pezzetti and Brian Stone also participated in the exercise.

The cadets who participated were: John Carlson, Mikel Carlson, Kristine Giacovelli, Aaron Hilliard, Michael Hinchee, Hunter Hoffman, David Ingram, James Ingram, Zack Kielich, Kelley Minadeo, Kyle Pezzetti, Everett Stone, Ryan Wilson and Jon Wright.

Capt. Steven Schultz



Cadet Airman 1st Class Crystal Vigil of the Colorado Wing's Broomfield Composite Squadron receives an award from Thornton, Colo., Mayor Noel Busck.

CALIFORNIA — For the first time in seven years, there was a change of command for the John J. Montgomery Memorial Cadet Squadron.

Maj. James H. Sena, squadron commander since 1992, turned command over to Lt. Col. Jerry D. Horne in a ceremony presided over by Maj. Paul F. Groff, commander of California Wing's San Francisco Bay Group 2.

Horne became a cadet in 1969. In 1971, he received a U. S. Air Force ROTC scholarship and entered the Air Force as a second lieutenant in 1975.

He was selected for pilot training in 1978, and later became an RC-135 pilot. He also served as an assistant professor of physics at the U.S. Air Force Academy.

Horne transferred to Reserve status in 1992 and retired in 1999.

Horne said his initial goal is to maintain the quality of programs already in place, then to increase the number of participants in cadet activities.

1st Lt. Michael Montgomery Jr.

CALIFORNIA — The Tahoe Truckee Composite Squadron has active cadets again after 10 years without a cadet program.

Twenty-two of 25 new Tahoe Truckee squadron cadets were promoted a couple months after the program began.

Ceremony guests included: Don Beno, Sierra Mountain Middle School principal; Greg Smith, local Veterans of Foreign Wars commander; and Cmdr. Jim DeVane, U.S. Coast Guard.

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Cadets of California Wing's Tahoe Truckee Composite Squadron check out an F/A-18 Hornet Strike Fighter from U. S. Naval Air Station, LeMoore, Calif. Two pilots flew Hornets in and spoke to the cadets about naval aviation.

Thirteen Tahoe Truckee Composite Squadron cadets joined cadets from five western states for a week-long basic training course at Indian Springs Auxiliary Air Force Base., Nev.

Participating cadets were escorted by Capt. Tony DeSantis and 1st Lt. Ron Kato, Tahoe Truckee senior members who served as tactical officers during the course.

The cadets who participated were: R. J. Kato, David DeSantis, Cameron Bartolini, Kevin Emley, Scott Gilmore, Paul Keckley, Chris Little, Jeremy Moon, Scott Moore, Josh Reid, Brenton Schneider, Chris White and Nathan Whittemore.

Gilmer was the course's honor cadet and Moon was most improved cadet.

1st Lt. Ron Kato

NEVADA — Several Douglas County Composite Squadron senior members were honored at the

squadron's annual awards ceremony.

Squadron members, family and friends attended the ceremony. The guest speaker was Lt. Col. Dion DeCamp, Nevada Wing vice commander. Awards were presented by Capt. John Martin, Douglas County squadron commander.

Senior members who received awards were: 2nd Lt. Gary Swift, aerospace education officer, most improved officer of the year; 1st Lt. Roger Smith, search and rescue officer of the year; Capt. Louise Uttinger, observer of the year; Capt. Ard Heffernan, pilot of the year; Capt. Dennis Rosenberg and 1st Lt. Ellen Rosenberg, senior members of the year; and 2nd Lt. Keri Callison, commander's award, the year's highest

honor.

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A Douglas County Composite Squadron senior member was honored by Brig. Gen. James C. Bobick, CAP national commander, at the Nevada Wing's annual conference in Las Vegas.

Bobick presented a medal for superior performance to Capt. Dennis Rosenberg for his work with cadets and cadet programs.

1st Lt. Ellen Rosenberg

OREGON — Eight Salem Composite Squadron members toured McChord Air Force Base, Wash., to learn about U.S. Air Force cargo aircraft.

During the tour, six cadets and two senior members toured a C-17 Globemaster III and C-141 Starlifter, as well as

C-141 flight simulator facilities.

Cadets sat in the cockpit procedure training simulator, a stationary simulator used by pilots to practice procedures. They simulated engine start-up, then handled emergencies such as engine malfunctions and cockpit fires.

The group also toured the Museum of Flight at Boeing Field in Seattle. The museum has about 100 aircraft on display, including a VC-137 Stratoliner that was previously used as Air Force One.

2nd Lt. Paul Gilman
and 1st Lt. Betty Fennell

OREGON — Members of the Salem Composite Squadron viewed a restored B-25 Mitchell bomber and heard a World War II bombardier speak of his experiences as part of a famous bombing raid on Tokyo.

Wayne Cartwright, one of the plane's current pilots, spoke on the plane's history and hosted tours of the plane.

Bill Baskett, squadron chaplain, brought Jacob DeShazer, who was a B-25 bombardier, to the airport. DeShazer, now 86, participated in Gen. James Doolittle's bombing raid on Tokyo in 1942.

DeShazer told the group about being shot down over China and captured by the Japanese, who held him as a prisoner of war for more than three years.

DeShazer returned to Japan in 1948 as a missionary.

1st Lt. Betty Fennell

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