



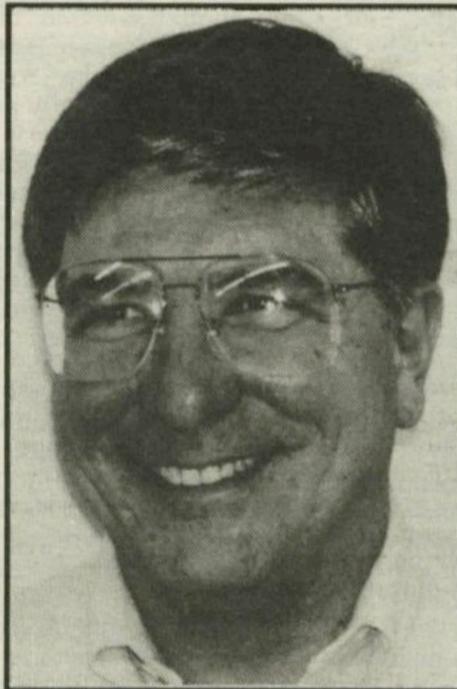
California crew dies in search plane crash

MAXWELL AFB, Ala. — Three California Wing members died Jan. 14 when their light plane crashed near Mt. Baldy, Calif., in the San Gabriel Mountains adding more tragedy to an attempt to find a plane and pilot missing for two weeks.

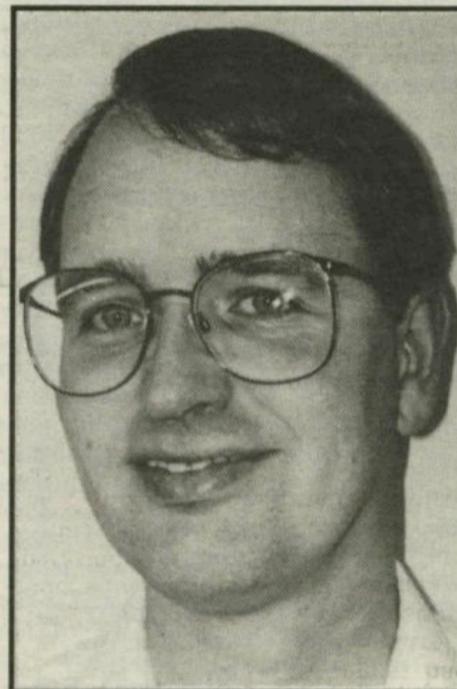
The deceased airmen were: pilot Capt. Robert A. Leman, 48, of San Jose, a frequent leader not only of search missions but of emergency flights to deliver organs for transplants as well as a computer software engineer and commercial pilot who had been a CAP volunteer for 12 years; 1st Lt. Brian Perkin, 39, a products planner for Novell Inc. and an eight-year CAP volunteer from Santa Clara; and 1st Lt. James C. Spadafore, 62, a retired regional manager for Farmers Insurance and a two-year CAP volunteer from San Jose. Leman and Spadafore were both married with children.

California Wing Commander Col. Angelo A. Porco, said it was the first time in 12 years that one of its search missions ended in a fatal crash. The colonel said that after searching for little more than an hour Saturday, Jan. 14, the plane plowed into a saddle at the 7,700-foot-level between Mt. Baldy and Pine Mountain at 11:36 a.m. That was the time, Porco said, that the Cessna 182 emergency locator transmitter began sending out a signal — without any prior warning of trouble from the aircraft.

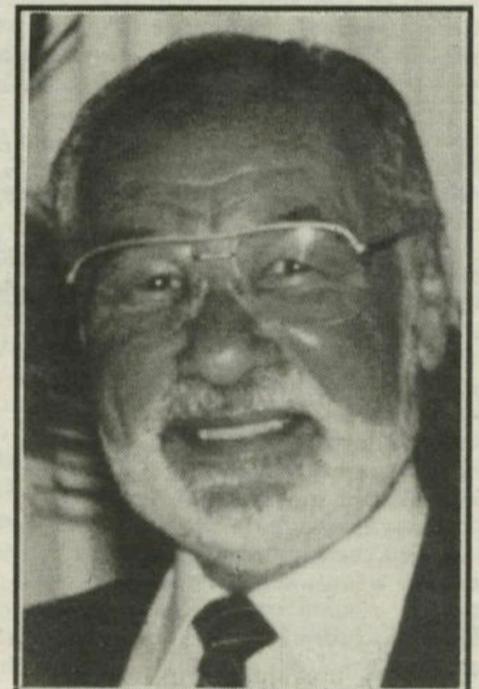
In the rugged terrain, and amid oc-



Capt. Robert A. Leman



1st Lt. Brian Perkin



1st Lt. James C. Spadafore

casional wind and rain storms, it took other air units and ground rescue teams all day and night to designate a half-mile search area, he said. Then, around 9 a.m. Sunday, a Los Angeles County sheriff's rescue helicopter spotted the wreckage.

Within 25 minutes, the sheriff's air rescue helicopter arrived on the scene, and paramedics using ropes climbed down to the plane. All the victims were still in the aircraft.

For the last 10 years Leman had been a frequent pilot for the Patrol's Live Organ Transportation System, under which organs used in transplant operations are flown throughout California in emergencies, according to Lt. Col. Sydney J. Wolfe, chief of the live transport program.

"Since the inception of the program in September, 1983, we've flown 388 missions, and Capt. Leman flew 40 of those, more than anyone else in the

California wing," Wolfe said. "On those 40 missions, he helped 390 people and helped save 14 lives."

Wolfe added, "All of these were very dedicated men. The squadron and their families have suffered a terrible loss. They have created quite a void in leaving us."

During the search, Leman, Perkin and Spadafore were operating out of Cable Airport in Upland. The airport
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Florida cadet unit renders honors to Pres. Clinton

CORAL SPRINGS, Fla. — The cadets of the Coral Springs Cadet Squadron of the Civil Air Patrol were selected as the honor guard to the president of the United States and the vice president on the occasion of the Summit of the Americas, in Miami, Fla., Dec. 11, 1994. Following a number of weeks of preparation and anticipation the award winning unit was prepared and flexible for whatever the event may bring.

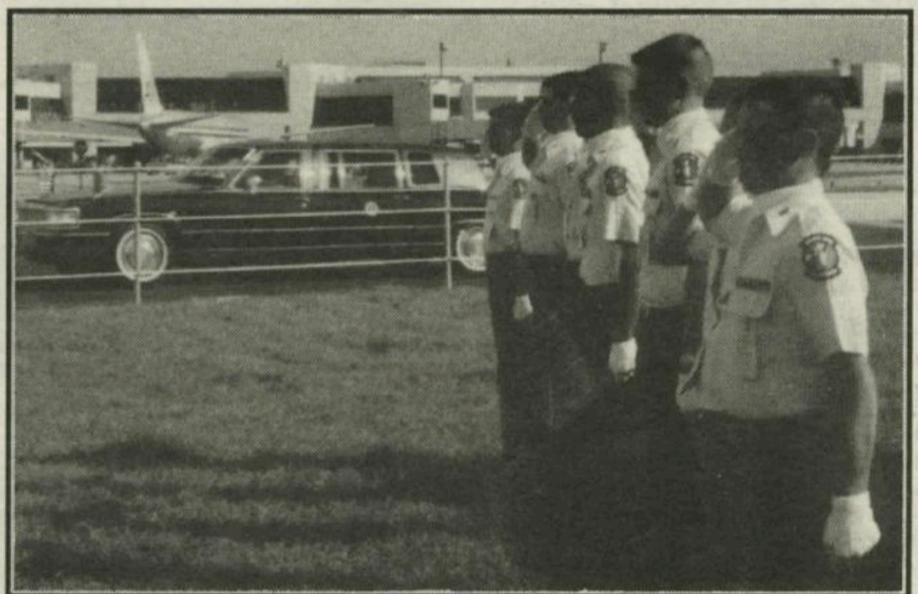
As President Clinton's motorcade arrived at Air Force One at the conclusion of the Summit of the Americas, an honor guard of cadets from the Coral Springs Cadet Squadron, Civil Air Patrol came sharply to attention presenting arms for the commander-in-chief and maintaining honor guard for the entire departure ceremony. After the final departure of Air Force One, they then repeated the entire process for

Vice President Gore and Air Force Two. The full day was witnessed by thousands of spectators and the national and local press corps.

The honor guard was featured on Channels 4 & 5 on "NBC's Nightly News" with Tom Brokaw and a segment on Channel 6 on the same night. They were also the subject of articles in the Miami Herald, the Fort Lauderdale Sun Sentinel, the local Coral Springs Forum and others.

Their selection as honor guard to the commander-in-chief was a fitting privilege for the cadets of Coral Springs Cadet Squadron capping off a year of unsurpassed excellence and experiences. Among the group's many accomplishments were: named Florida Wing Outstanding Cadet Squadron of the

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Coral Springs Cadet Squadron Honor Guard salutes as the president's limousine arrives at Air Force One.

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Crash victims

(Continued from Page 1) had served as the headquarters for the search for Terry Corkhill, 51, of Pomona, missing since flying a plane into the San Gabriels Dec. 31.

Storms kept searchers out of the skies for days. It was only on Friday and Saturday that weather conditions allowed a renewal of the search into four precise quadrants where Corkhill's plane was believed to be.

Crews of CAP volunteers—whose ranks number 4,000 in California—came from throughout the state to help.

Leman, Perkin and Spadafore left San Jose at 6:15 a.m. Saturday and arrived at Cable Airport about 8:45 a.m. The trio took off again to join the search at 10:30 a.m., Porco said, and reported normal operations as late as 11:13 a.m. But after that, nothing was heard from them.

When the locator transmitter began sending its signal, rescue units sent seven aircraft and 15 ground rescue teams into the area to look for the newly missing plane.

Though the sheriff's team found the bodies, stormy conditions descended once again Sunday afternoon and rescuers had to put off their retrieval. In addition, Corkhill and his plane had still not been located.

At a news conference held to discuss the crash, California Wing Chaplain (Lt. Col.) Les Wheeler said, "They have paid the full measure. Greater love have no men than these, who lay down their lives for another." (Compiled from local area press clippings)

Requiem for three selfless heroes

By Lt. Col. Sydney J. Wolfe
chief, CAP live organ transportation program

It started like any other weekend. A mission that had been on weather hold for two weeks had reopened out of Cable Airport, north of Ontario, Calif.

Capt. Robert Leman, commander, San Jose Squadron 80, had announced that he was going to the base on Saturday and Sunday and wanted to know who wanted to go with him.

First Lts. Brian M. Perkin and James C. Spadafore agreed to meet Captain Leman early Saturday morning to fly down to Cable. The three took off from San Jose's Reid-Hillview Airport in a Cessna 182 at about 6 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 14, and were at the base by 9 a.m.

They were briefed and got their grid assignments. They had received the usual briefing to report "Ops Normal" every 30 minutes and had been advised of the weather, which required instrument flight rules en route to the grid. The grids themselves, however, were clear.

At 10:30 a.m. they took off from the base and were in grid and had reported Operations Normal at 11:13. At 11:36 a.m. an aircraft in a nearby grid reported detecting an emergency locator transmitter.

After checking with the Air Force Rescue Coordination Center at Langley AFB, Va., and waiting for satellite passes to pick up hits from an ELT, the mission coordinator soon confirmed that an aircraft was missing.

We feared the worst but hoped for the best. The rest of the day was spent trying to locate the missing aircraft and by late afternoon a sheriff's

helicopter and CAP aircraft spotted it upside down and split in two near Mount Baldy in the San Gabriel Mountains.

Weather had closed in on that Saturday so the searchers were not able to get to the downed aircraft. The following day rescue personnel were able to repel down to the aircraft and confirm that there were no survivors.

When the bodies were recovered Wing Assistant Chaplain (Lt. Col.) Daniel M. Dyer and a squad of cadets formed two lines and rendered honors to the three men as they were removed from the helicopter. At the end of the line were the wife and children of the man these men were searching for.

The tragedy received wide coverage from the media and it became a statewide story.

Who were these men? Why did they do what they did? What happened to cause the crash? Why did it happen?

These and many other questions ran through the minds of their friends and comrades at Squadron 80 and throughout the wing, including myself. We have some of the answers but some we will never know.

Capt. Robert A. Leman was a friend of mine, as were the others. But I took particular pleasure in knowing Bob because I worked with him so much. I knew the family and his wife, Glenda, and had attended their wedding.

One of my duties in this wing is chief of the CAPLOT program (CAP live organ transportation). Robert was my most enthusiastic, active and dedicated pilot. He flew 40 out of 388 CAPLOT missions over the past 10 years.

He had a tremendous impact on the community in that he saved 14 lives and helped more than 390 people improve the quality of their lives having received transplants such

as eyes, bones, tissue, skin grafts and other transplants. He had one search and rescue finds with two lives saved.

We worked on many SAR and disaster relief missions. He even flew me to and helped conduct news conferences on a SAR mission that was heavily covered by the media. On this one SAR mission alone he flew well over 21 hours of the mission's two weeks duration.

The man simply loved to fly and he often said that "If I ever go down, I hope someone's out there looking for me." We never thought we'd actually have to do that.

First Lt. Brian Perkin was another man I knew well who loved to fly. He loved technology, computers and communications. Brian only flew one CAPLOT mission but that helped restore the eyesight of two people.

Additionally, he provided communications support, keeping track of pilots on a couple hundred CAPLOT missions. He flew in grid and participated as a ground team leader on numerous SAR and DRE missions.

He was the squadron's communications officer and spent many hours working on that aspect of his job, working with wing personnel on the paging and alerting system, as well as handling many other projects.

He was a product planner for Novelle Systems. Brian and his girlfriend, Kimberly Rogers, were devoted partners for 14 years. He was a Canadian citizen and is survived by his parents who live in Canada and Kimberly, a Bay Area resident.

First Lt. James C. Spadafore was a relative newcomer to Squadron 80 having joined CAP in 1992. But from the minute he joined, he was an active member as a pilot and observer.

In the two years since he joined he participated in all the SAR missions and I enjoyed working with him. Jim also flew one CAPLOT mission with Bob Leman and saved two lives.

Jim is survived by his former wife and their five children.

The entire wing was shocked and saddened by the loss of these three men but we are consoled and comforted in a small way by the legacy they left behind -- not only by the legacy of their families but also by the indelible mark that they left on the 14 lives they saved and the many people they helped.

Memorial services were held Jan. 21. The deputy commander of squadron 80, 1st Lt. Leslie Ingham, and her staff put together a memorable and touching tribute to all three men. Col Paul Bergman, national vice commander; Col Ernest C. Pearson, Pacific Region commander; Col Angelo A Porco, California Wing commander; Brig Gen. Warren Barry, former national commander; Mr. Laurence W. Buffalo, chief of law enforcement, California State Office of Emergency Services; and more than 550 people including the media attended the services. Both Marine Corps and Air Force color guards did the honors of presenting the flags to the family members. Lt Roger Glenn and his brass quintet provided instrumental music and Lt Col Gordon O'Dell sang the Air Force Hymn.

These men, their dedicated service and their legacy speak well for the men and women of the Civil Air Patrol and the motto "That others may live."

In lieu of flowers the families request donations in honor of the men be sent to: **San Jose Senior Squadron 80, 2490 Cunningham Drive, San Jose CA 95148-1003**

Cadets honor Pres. Clinton

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Year for the second consecutive year; produced a first-year, award winning Squadron Cadet Drill Team that finished as runners-up in the Florida Wing Competition; signed a Memorandum of Understanding with the City of Coral Springs which also provided a headquarters building for the squadron; and graduated their sixth cadet in as many years to enter a U.S. military academy.

"These cadets have excelled in service to their community and are a fine example of the leadership training offered by the cadet program," Capt.



Allan Rose, squadron public affairs officer, said. This event was a never-to-be-forgotten ex-

perience for Coral Springs Cadet Squadron's leaders of tomorrow, Rose added.



Left, honor guard members pose in front of Air Force One. From left, standing Cadets Leonardo Acosta, Bradley Geddie, Robbie Quinn, Alastair Belben and Squadron Commander Captain Linda J. Rose; front row, Cadets John Buckley, Christine Krupovich and Michael MacDougall. Above, Cadets John Buckley and Christine Krupovich are seen being interviewed in front of Air Force One. Standing behind are Cadets Bradley Geddie and Robbie Quinn.

Cadet aide program is off and running superbly!

By now, many of you are familiar with the "Cadet Aide to the National Commander" program. This revised initiative from the 1950s is off and running.

From my viewpoint, it has been a magnificent success. I share this program with you this month because each wing will be touched by this initiative.

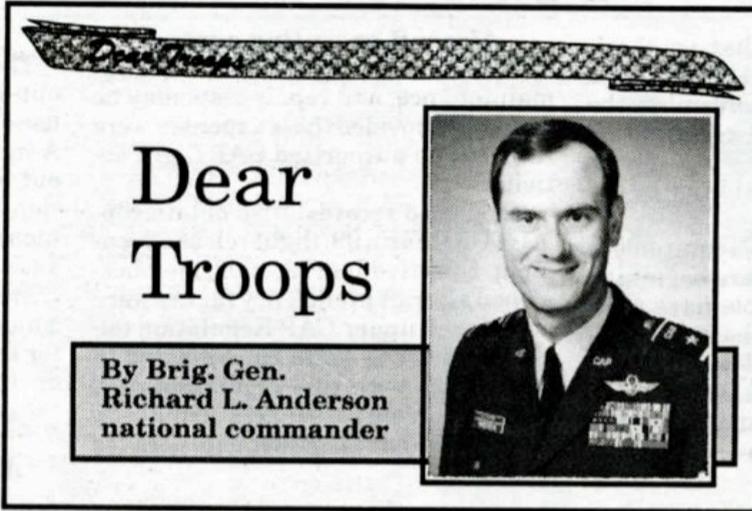
The cadet aide program permits host regions and wings to provide a temporary cadet aide to assist me at key events. From my arrival at the activity site until my departure, the cadet aide accompanies me at all times.

He or she has a unique vantage point from which to observe and participate in leadership processes at the highest levels of CAP.

This initiative provides me with a cadet perspective at key events. It also exposes our best and brightest cadets to unique leadership experiences and is a key element in their growth. The cadet aide program exists for our cadets...not for the national commander.

The program is simple to administer. When I accept an invitation to a region or wing activity, the host region or wing commander designates a cadet aide. The host commander forwards the name and brief biography of the cadet aide directly to me, and also provides the cadet aide with instructions previously issued by the special assistant to the national commander for protocol. After arrival at the activity location, the cadet aide is provided with the aide aiguillette (shoulder cord) and national commander's flag.

Selection criteria are broad and inclusive. The cadet must be 15 years old; possess the General Billy Mitchell



Award; be at least a cadet flight officer; meet the selection criteria for the national Cadet Officer School; and be well-versed in uniform wear, military customs and courtesies, and drill and ceremonies.

For one weekend of their cadet career, cadet aides represent the total cadet membership of CAP. Cadet aides accompany the national commander at all times, assist with schedules, determine special seating arrangements, and support the national commander with special projects.

The function of an aide is defined simply as a military officer acting as secretary and confidential assistant to a senior officer. In Civil Air Patrol, we entrust this responsibility to our cadets via the cadet aide program.

Has the program been successful since its inauguration at the August 1994 National Board Meeting in New Orleans, La.?

You bet it has! I couldn't be more pleased by the seven young men and women who have served as my cadet aides over the last six months.

Cadet aide No. 1 was C/Col Jason M.

Trew of the Louisiana Wing at the August 1994 National Board Meeting.

His credentials say it all: Spaatz Award, class president, National Honor Society, varsity letter in swimming, wing Cadet Advisory Council chair, wing Cadet of the Year, cadet solo scholarship, and participant in the People to People Youth Science Exchange to Russia. Wow! And the good news: Jason represents

the outstanding quality I've seen in my cadet aides around the USA.

Cadet aide No. 2 was C/Col Timothy J. Cheslock of the Pennsylvania Wing at the Northeast Region Conference in September 1994. Tim is a Spaatz Award recipient, former cadet commander of his unit, college sophomore pursuing his bachelor degree, and an outstanding American of considerable stature and bearing.

Cadet aide No. 3 was C/LTC Diana L. Mathews of the Missouri Wing at the Missouri Wing Conference in October 1994. A former chair of her wing CAC and cadet commander of her unit, she is pursuing her bachelor degree and hopes to earn her Spaatz Award. Diana represents what our cadet program is all about.

Cadet aide No. 4 was C/LTC Marti J. Brown of the Arkansas Wing at the Arkansas Wing Conference in November 1994. Like many others, Marti developed her leadership skills as her unit's cadet commander and as chair of her wing CAC. She also is working toward her Spaatz Award... I somehow think she'll make it.

Cadet aide No. 5 was C/LTC Robert M. Motz of the New Jersey Wing at the New Jersey Wing Conference in November 1994. His record tells the tale: high school class valedictorian, National Honor Society chapter president, pursuing his bachelor degree at Princeton University, wing and region Cadet of the Year, and a member of the No. 1 team at the National Cadet Competition. Rob is a success story!

Cadet aide No. 6 was C/LTC Kenneth A. Martin of the West Virginia Wing at the West Virginia Wing Conference in December 1994. Just glance at his record of achievement: pursuing his mechanical engineering degree, church activist, sixth in his high school class with a perfect grade point average, former unit cadet commander, former wing and region CAC chair, and currently region representative to the National CAC.

Cadet aide No. 7 was C/2Lt David A. Jones of the Alabama Wing at the National Cadet Competition at Maxwell AFB in December 1994. He is superb: cadet commander of his unit, member of his school's Young Scholars program, member of the National Honor Society, and a young man who aspires to a physics degree from Massachusetts Institute of Technology!

The cadet aide program provides our finest cadets with a grand opportunity to interface with Civil Air Patrol's senior leadership.

It is a great honor and opportunity for cadets to be selected for cadet aide duty, but it is the national commander who is the fortunate party. Why?

One simple reason: He is blessed with two dozen weekends each year with the finest youth in America... the cadets of the CAP! They are my heroes!



Civil Air Patrol News, with a circulation of more than 50,000 copies, is published monthly especially for people like Missouri Wing's Richards-Gebaur Composite Squadron Cadet Rob Decker and Senior Member Sherrie Runnels looking over Lockheed Super G Constellation and TransWorld Airlines memorabilia in the "SAVE A CONNIE" museum at the Downtown Airport in Kansas City, Mo. The Super G is one of two in the U.S. that are restored and housed at the airport. During the squadron's tour of the exhibit and museum they were treated to firsthand inspection of the Connie "Star of America," and a question and answer session led by the plane's captain and flight engineer. The group received additional information about commercial carriers and crew duties from Runnels, a former airline flight attendant. (CAP Photo by Capt. Gary Gregory, Richards-Gebaur Composite Squadron)



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Corporate counselor supplies tax information

By Tom Handley
corporate legal counsel

MAXWELL AFB, Ala. — Filing time for 1994 federal income tax returns is near. This article explains how Civil Air Patrol related expenses may be used on individual tax returns.

CAP is a federally chartered, non-profit corporation that, since 1947, has qualified as tax exempt under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code.

The following is a listing and discussion of normal Civil Air Patrol expenses members can deduct as a "charitable contribution" on the IRS Form 1040.

- * Dues and other financial donations to CAP;
- * The cost of CAP uniforms and insignia;
- * Unreimbursed overnight travel expenses away from home on a CAP activity, including hotel, motel and meal expenses.

Note:

The Tax Reform Act of 1986 provides that charitable contribution deductions will not be allowed (for CAP and other similar organizations) for travel expenses, including motel and hotel and meals, incurred in performance of services away from home, if there is a significant element of personal pleasure, recreation, or vacation included in the travel. When members incur overnight expenses for CAP, they should keep a record that clearly indicates it was all CAP business. This is particularly important for CAP conferences.

New "\$250 or more donation written receipt" requirement

The Revenue Reconciliation Act of

1993 in part specifies that no charitable deduction will be allowed for a contribution of \$250 or more unless the donor substantiates the contribution with a "contemporaneous written acknowledgment of the contribution by the donee organization."

This "written receipt" requirement is in effect for the tax years beginning Jan. 1, 1994. Many people have written or called regarding the applicability of this provision to CAP where members may take out-of-pocket expenses (in flying airplanes, attending conferences, etc.) as charitable deductions.

Civil Air Patrol tax information

- * Civil Air Patrol's aviation fuel tax exemption — 63830060-YF
 - * National Headquarters CAP federal tax identification (EIN) — 75-603-7853
 - * Region and wing federal tax identification (EIN) — 53-6016171
- Civil Air Patrol is federally tax exempt under 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code. Refer to IRS Cumulative Publication 78.**

We have queried IRS and expressed our view that the new "written receipt" requirement for contributions of \$250 or more should not apply to out-of-pocket expenses in CAP operations, but rather it should apply to direct "gifts" and donations of property and cash valued at \$250 or more.

IRS hasn't replied nor issued any clarifying regulation on this new law. We will advise you when we receive a definite ruling. Recommend you consult your tax advisor on this point.

Aircraft operating expenses

Unreimbursed out-of-pocket fuel, oil, maintenance, and repair costs may be deducted provided those expenses were incurred on authorized CAP flight activities.

Keep good records. Also obtain copies of CAP Form 99, flight release document. Effective Jan. 26, 1992, member-owned aircraft proficiency flights were authorized under CAP Regulation 60-1. They must be flight released and in compliance with this regulation, i.e., only authorized passengers in uniform, etc. But the out-of-pocket expenses for

these proficiency flights would be deductible.

Those identified out-of-pocket expenses are deductible provided the flight is authorized under CAP Regulation 60-1. Members may not deduct pro-rata charges such as depreciation and insurance costs. The expenses that are deductible have to be unreimbursed out-of-pocket type expenses.

IRS Revenue Ruling 58-279 specifically authorizes these CAP aircraft out-of-pocket expense deductions.

Vehicles

The same IRS revenue ruling covers out-of-pocket expenses incurred in the use of vehicles. The rules are the same. A member may deduct unreimbursed out-of-pocket expenses in the operation of vehicles on CAP activities. A member may not deduct indirect costs such as depreciation and insurance. Instead of the out-of-pocket expenses, a member may deduct 12 cents per mile for the use of privately owned vehicles on CAP activities, plus parking and tolls.

Audit problems and gray area deductions

From time to time, we receive calls from members who are being audited. The member's lack of records is one of the most frequent difficulties with an IRS audit.

Another difficulty is a lack of familiarity with CAP by an IRS auditor. The CAP corporate legal counsel may be able to help with the second problem and provide copies of appropriate revenue rulings.

Non-deductible items

Things clearly not deductible as charitable contributions to CAP include:

- * The value of personal services to CAP or other charitable organizations;
- * Damage to or loss of an aircraft or vehicle or other property used for CAP purposes; and
- * Medical expenses incurred on Civil Air Patrol activities. The damage and medical expenses, however, may be deducted on other parts of the IRS Form 1040 but not as a donation to CAP.

CAP Lieutenant excels on golf course; named 1994 LPGA Teacher of the Year

1st Lt. Larry A. Dunn
Massachusetts Wing

BEVERLY, Mass. — The LPGA (Ladies Professional Golf Association) Teaching and Clubs Professional (T&CP) Division announced the selection of Jane Frost as the 1994 LPGA Teacher of the Year Dec. 9, 1994.

Lieutenant Frost is a member of the Beverly Composite Squadron of the Massachusetts Wing. She is currently the squadron's finance officer. Lieutenant Frost joined Civil Air Patrol in August 1991 because of its relation to flying and her strong interest in being part of a professional organization dedicated to providing search and rescue services for the flying community.

Her first encounter with Civil Air Patrol was unfortunately not a pleasant one. She had an uncle who had crashed while flying in Alaska. It was the Alaska Wing Civil Air Patrol that located the crash site and her uncle's body.

Even though as a young girl she had her first flight in a J-3 Piper Cub, piloted by her uncle, and many other enjoyable flights, her uncle's accident

turned her away from her interest in flying until recently.

Now, Jane has her Private Pilots License and has time logged in a T-6 and P-51. She is also a qualified Communication Officer, Technician Class Licensed Amateur Radio Operator and Ground Team Member.

Jane is the director of instruction at the Middleton Golf Club in Middleton, Mass. In this role she has placed special emphasis on several groups during her teaching career including junior golfers, senior golfers, and visual and hearing impaired students.

She has served as instructor for high profile amateurs and professionals in New England and has conducted women-only golf schools and women's corporate golf clinics. Her LPGA leadership roles include serving as the Northeast Section secretary from 1983-1984, Northeast Section president from 1986-1989 and 1993.

Frost is currently serving as a T&CP area representative, which she has done since 1985. She also has served as host and teacher for NIKE Teaching Schools, host for Square Two Clubfitting Workshops, is a member of the Square Two

Advisory Board and was chairperson for the 1993 Golf for Women Magazine LPGA T&CP Championship.

New Yorker marks 50 years of service to CAP

New York Wing's Lt. Col. Johnnie Pantanelli, commander, North Castle Squadron, has completed 50 years of dedicated service to Civil Air Patrol.

In 1944 as a newly discharged woman Marine she joined the then-Westchester Squadron. Colonel Pantanelli has served continually since that time.

She has served as a unit commander for 40 years, first in the White Plains Squadron and then at the North Castle Squadron. Under her tutelage nearly 25 group cadets have received appointments to U.S. military academies.

Her decorations include the Medal of Valor, the Distinguished Service Medal, the Meritorious Service and numerous commendations, awards, ribbons and badges. She also holds the senior observer rating and ground team badge. She is also a senior communicator and is the primary net control station for the New York Wing radio net.

Membership drive '95 kicks off next month

The 1995 national membership campaign "Membership Drive '95" kicks off March 1.

The concept is the same as last year's campaign with exciting prizes and recognition for outstanding individual recruiters as well as competition at the unit level.

Wings are encouraged to appoint membership chairpersons now and to develop incentives of their own to challenge their members to support the national effort to rebuild CAP's membership in 1995.

For more information contact Mr. John Sistrunk, (334) 953-4260. Check your mail and this newspaper for details as they develop.

Leadership perspective: *Developing best new members*

In our continuing recruiting efforts for new members, we are always looking for the best folks available. However, the real message is: let's not recruit the "best" new members; let's recruit all qualified people, and be prepared to develop them!

There is no doubt recruiting the best people would save us all a lot of work, but how do you know who is best? How do you know who will be motivated a year from now?

How do you know the capabilities, motivations and intentions of someone you have just met? More importantly, what does that someone expect from Civil Air Patrol and what do you expect from them?

Recruiting only whom we initially perceive as the "best" members creates two potential problems: these "best" members may not be as good as we had hoped, and we are probably missing a lot of other qualified people who really want to be an integral part of a



Col. James C. Bobick
chief of staff

growing organization. Either way, effective recruiting leads to the need to also improve training, management and leadership programs, which is the heart of developing the best new members. The success of a future member can not be predicted at first glance or even after infrequent, casual discussions. It takes a continuing effort from everyone in a unit to develop new members. They have to be taught to develop new technical skills and how to manage individuals to improve team spirit, efforts and results.

Management ensures critical tasks are properly completed, but leadership skills promote independence and professionalism, thereby empowering teams to operate with less management oversight. All members, old and new, need continuing training. The aim of this training is to promote professionalism through increased technical skills, promote teamwork through camaraderie and motivation, and develop a strong, positive, proactive attitude to overcome obstacles. Strong teams don't give up on a task simply because it is difficult. They pull together and use all of their resources to overcome obstacles.

We have all heard that there is no such thing as a born leader. Leadership is learned over a long period of time from what we are taught by others, and what we learn on our own. Through practice, exercise, and learning from mistakes, leaders develop. Lord Slim, the British Army Chief of Staff shortly after World War II, described the difference between leadership and management like this:

"The leader and those who follow represent one of the oldest, most natural, and most effective of all human relationships. The manager and those managed are a later product with neither so romantic nor so inspiring a history. Leadership is of the spirit, compounded of personality and vision — its practice is an art. Management is of the mind, more a matter of accurate calculations, statistics, methods, time tables, and routine — its practice is a science. Managers are necessary; leaders are essential."

Who among us can accurately sort out the best managers and leaders after only a brief glance? How would any of us feel if we were denied the opportunities Civil Air Patrol provides and missed the chance to serve America while improving our capabilities? Our recruiting efforts need energizing from multiple sources, not just a select few, and we all need to be prepared to develop new members as we continue to bolster and support our current ones.

Since 1989, our total membership has fallen from 73,000 to just over 52,000 — nearly a 30 percent loss. We continue to lose the equivalent of a squadron every month and a large wing every year. During our 1994 recruiting drive, 423 squadrons did not recruit a single new member. We need to vigorously pursue giving all qualified people the opportunity to serve in CAP and provide the means to continuously develop them into productive, permanent members.

Challenge yourself and your unit to be a recruiting unit. Give all qualified citizens the chance to serve their community through CAP membership.

Crossroads to contrails

There is a story told about a member of British Parliament who appeared one day at the Gate of Heaven and demanded entry. "Sorry sir," said the Admitting Angel. "but sexism is a sin, and our records show you to be a Male Chauvinist Pig. There is no room for you here."

"Humph," said the Parliament member, "I suppose you got that nonsense from Maggie Thatcher! I see her over there, gloating at me." "More bad news, I'm afraid," said the Angel. "That's not Mrs. Thatcher. That's God."

What a diverse people we are here in this world we live in. We find that men are prejudiced against women; women prejudiced against men. Christians prejudiced against Jews; Jews prejudiced against Christians. White folks prejudiced against black folk; black folks prejudiced against white. One of the greatest challenges facing our society today is that of diversity. I sometimes wonder why in the world did God create so many weird people?

I am writing this article right after our day of celebrating Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., and looking forward to President's Day in February. All the diversity that God has created, surely God saw right from the very beginning all the problems by creating us male and female.

Like, for instance, the way women and men think. It has been proven that men generally base their self-esteem on achievement and are more competitive and aggressive than women. Women generally base their self-esteem on relationships, as they relate to other people on a more personal level. Women and men see the world from different eyes.

No wonder men and women don't understand each



Chaplain (Col.) David Van Horn
Chief of Chaplains

other. But this is just one kind of diversity.

We are different in many ways. Studies indicate that even the order of our birth can help determine our brand of weirdness. Studies show that oldest children in the family are more conservative than the youngest. The eldest is more prone to reflect the mores and attitudes of his or her parents. He or she can be more jealous and anxious as a result of being superseded in the family nest, and is often more dissatisfied with self because so much was expected as a child. Eldest children tend to choose math, engineering, physics, architecture and chemistry as careers. Younger children tend to lean toward careers practicing the creative arts such as writing.

Of the original 23 astronauts in the U.S. space program, 21 were first-born children. All of the original Mercury astronauts were first born; more than 50 percent of all US presidents and more than 60 percent of people listed in Who's Who in America are first-born children.

We are a wonderfully diverse group of people. Men, women, oldest child, youngest child, only child, short people, tall people, black people, white people, people who take pride in the ethnic heritage — Italians, Greeks, Hispanic ...

I am left-handed. I am always kidding others that I use the right side of my brain. Even the way we think may be determined by which side of the brain is dominant, at least that is what scientists tell us. Left-brain dominant people are more literal, more fact-oriented, more opinionated, more verbal, whereas right-brained people are more creative, more emotional, more visual. The left-brained person wants things to be factually sound; right brained people like good stories, humor, and are warm and accepting.

My feeling is that since God made us all this way, a certain amount of diversity is good! This would really be a dull dreary world if we all looked alike, talked the same and had the same perspective on life.

It is evident to me that God wanted richness in His world. God wanted a multitude of people. God wanted every person who came into the world to have his or her own unique place. Think of it, if that was God's

purpose, then there would have to be an enormous amount of diversity so that each of us could be a unique and precious individual.

This time between Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s holiday and President's Day, gives each of us the opportunity to affirm that God created us as diverse people. It was God's plan, not ours. God made us women and men, right-brained, left-brained, short and tall, oldest or youngest child in the family, rural and urban, brown and white and black and yellow, speaking different languages and coming from different backgrounds. The reason is for only God to know. I believe that if it is God's plan, it has to be good. It must be beautiful and it must be an occasion for celebration.

In the diversity throughout all of the Civil Air Patrol, we have learned and must continue to strive for unity and trust for each other. Every time I attend a National Board or wing conference, I note the large diversity among our membership. And I stand tall and proud that we are able to cut through that diversity, and function together as a well-oiled, well-trained organization, committed to serve our nation, our state, our community, to care about all people, no matter how "weird" some people may be.

During this time of the year, let us celebrate that diversity and pledge to respect one another as members of a larger family of God.

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Northeast Region outdistances strong field, captures seventh consecutive National Cadet Competition

MAXWELL AFB, Ala. — To the surprise of almost no one, perennial favorite, Northeast Region, successfully defended its crown and claimed its seventh consecutive National Cadet Competition championship here Dec. 28 and 29.

There's no catchy phrase such as "three-peat" to describe this feat, so a phrase by a fellow Northerner, actor/comedian Billy Crystal, will have to suffice. In short, Northeast Region's accomplishment is "simply marvelous."

New Jersey Wing, carrying the banner for Northeast Region, KOed the competition by capturing first place in five of the seven events conducted at this annual two-day event and again emerged as the best-of-the-best of Civil Air Patrol's cadet corps.

Northeast Region earned the U.S. Air Force Chief of Staff Trophy for winning top overall honors. Southwest Region, represented by Louisiana Wing, finished second place while Great Lakes Region, represented by Illinois Wing, placed third in the team competition.

Other CAP regions and respective wings competing included Southeast Region, Florida Wing; Middle East Re-



From left, National Commander Brig. Gen. Richard L. Anderson, Colonel Redfern, six-time repeat champions, Northeast Region represented by New Jersey Wing, and CAP-USAF Commander Air Force Col. Ronald T. Sampson

gion, Maryland Wing; North Central Region, Minnesota Wing; Pacific Region, California Wing; and Rocky Mountain Region, Colorado Wing.

Civil Air Patrol geographical regions are represented by a CAP wing from one of the region's states. The cadets participating in the national competition earned the right to attend the games through their success in a series of local, state and regional competitions.

Northeast Region garnered first place awards in the in-ranks inspection, panel quiz, written exam, mile run and volleyball. The team also placed second in innovative drill.

In the mile run, Northeast Region's Robert Motz and Southwest Region's Lisa Graves earned Fleet Foot awards for posting the fastest times, 4:42 and 5:57 respectively. Southwest Region's

Shawn Landry posted the highest score in the written exam, 48 out of 50.

Southwest Region's solid drill performance — first place in standard and innovative drill — averted a Northeast Region sweep and made this year's competition one of the closest since the streak began.

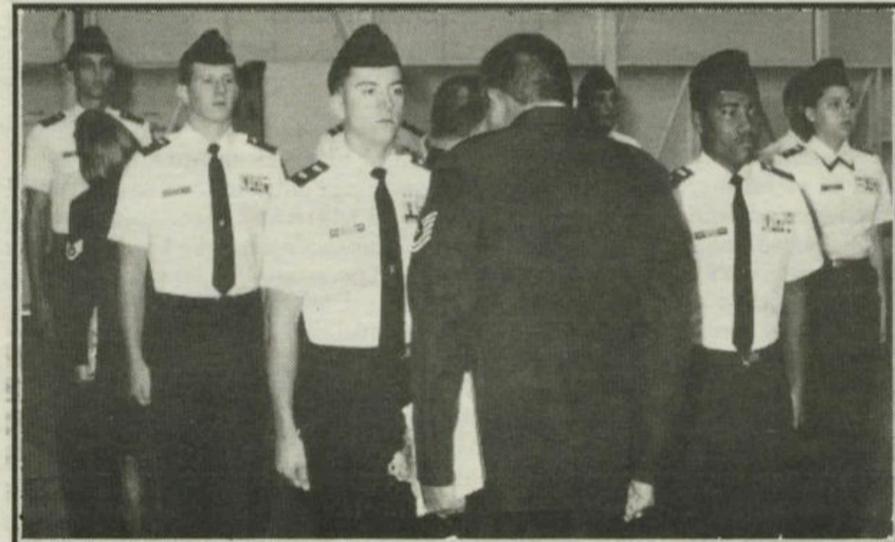
The only other honors Northeast Region did not win were outstanding team and out-

standing cadet awards. Those honors went to Rocky Mountain Region and Southwest Region's Jason Trew, respectively.

North Central Region's 1st Lt. David Jadwin of Minnesota Wing was named the competition's outstanding senior member.

One hundred twenty eight cadets, 16 per team, participated in the competition. Events were conducted in several Maxwell AFB facilities and a host of Maxwell organizations and individuals volunteered their time to help operate the event.

The 1994 cadet competition winning team members are: Vincent Barragan; Kevin Cavell; Jeffery DaGama; Mike Doniger; Jose Figueroa; Hans Kerekes; Michael Kryagin; Walead Latif; Jeff Lewis; Marge Madej; James Malwitz; Robert Motz; Skip Niszczak; Frances Telofski; Lawrence Tiankee; and Eric Washington. Region and wing representatives and escorts respectively were Col. Eric Schollmann; New Jersey Wing Commander Col. George Redfern; Capt. Harry Magazu; and Lt. Patricia Kerekes.



Below, Middle East Region's Maryland Wing performs its innovative drill routine.



Left, Judges put Southeast Region's representative Florida Wing through an in-ranks inspection. (CAP Photos by Air Force SrA. Shannon Marchani)

NATIONAL CONGRESS ON AVIATION AND SPACE EDUCATION

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Concurrent Sessions

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NCASE '95 — 28 years of outstanding performance

By Col. Paul J. Albano Sr.
National Administrator

One of the great pleasures and benefits of work and life is to be directly involved in mission related programs of great importance and exceptional quality. Each year such an event occurs for Civil Air Patrol, the Air Force, and education in America. With pride, we refer to it as the "Congress." By full title, it is the National Congress on Aviation and Space Education (NCASE).



Aerospace Education is one of three major mission elements in the Civil Air Patrol congressional charter. The essence and thrust of aerospace education in CAP is to know, understand, appreciate and then share the tremendous impact of air and space vehicles on our nation and world. Through the continuing congressional charter following World War II, Civil Air Patrol assumed the mantle of national leadership in aerospace education. This mission factor increases in importance daily.

The impact of aerospace is comprehensive and omnipresent to all life on this planet. If we are to be true to our corporate commitment, we must lead in this vital field. We are responsible for national leadership in aerospace education inside and outside Civil Air Patrol. The Congress is an event that demonstrates we are fulfilling that leadership role.

Twenty-eight years ago Civil Air Patrol assumed the leadership role and implemented the first NCASE. For the first 25 events CAP exercised primary leadership responsibilities for the NCASE with the Federal Aviation Administration and National Aeronautics and Space Administration serving as distinguished co-sponsors during that span. FAA and NASA alternated as primary leaders for NCASE '93 and '94, respectively.

CAP returns to the forefront and resumes leadership this year with the 28th NCASE, April 19-22, at the Town and Country Hotel and Convention Center in San Diego, Calif.

The program features national leaders in aerospace and education sharing their expertise with all in attendance. Concurrent and Crosstalk sessions provide opportunities for firsthand interface with master teachers demonstrating their instructional methods and techniques for implementing the lessons of aerospace.

On Thursday, April 20, the National Coalition for Aviation Education will unveil and present the inaugural Dr. Mervin K. Strickler Jr. Award. Thursday evening, the Congress will confer the prestigious Crown Circle Award during the annual banquet.

Aerospace legend, A. Scott Crossfield, will present the Teacher of the Year Award bearing his name on Friday. Also, the coveted Frank G. Brewer

Trophy will be awarded to Lt. Col. Raymond J. Johnson, CAP, at a National Aeronautics Association luncheon on Friday.

NCASE '95 registration and hotel reservation forms are included in this issue of the Civil Air Patrol News. Complete these and mail them as soon as possible. Air Force airlift — while it

cannot be promised — is being requested. Contact your wing liaison officer and indicate your interest in participating in the Congress and USAF airlift.

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tion (and we all should be) NCASE '95 is a tremendous opportunity for each and everyone of us. See you there!



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Unit 'pays rent' with Secret Service help

MOLINE, Ill. -- A visit by President Bill Clinton gave the Illinois Wing's Quad City Composite Squadron an opportunity to "pay their January rent" to the Airport Authority here.

Thanks to the Airport Authority a CAP Headquarters is located in a hangar renovated during 1994.

These rooms became a temporary home to the president's Secret Service agents and their aircraft took refuge on the airstrip right outside the back door.

Squadron members provided assistance for one week as a secret Service

pre-visit team arrived in a C-141 on the Friday prior to the president's visit Jan 13.

Spectators crowded around the fences surrounding the CAP building and airstrip for a glimpse of the official aircraft including two Marine helicopters. A similar scene developed a short distance across the airfield where Air Force One waited.

Fog delayed and altered some of the president's agenda, but the general public

was never aware of any challenge faced by local ground support.

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A. OPEN AIRWAY
If no pulse, **RESTORE BLOOD CIRCULATION**
Begin chest compressions—locate tip of breastbone (sternum tip—about 6-8" above the navel). Place heel of the hand closest to the head 1" above sternum tip and place second hand on top of first hand. Depress lower half of sternum straight down 1½ to 2"—15 compressions in 10 seconds, then 2 rescue breaths. Continue until help arrives.

B. RESTORE BREATHING
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People ... in the news

by Kitty Battistella
HQ CAP-USAF
public affairs

Southeast Region

Five cadets and senior members of **Florida Wing's Highlands County Composite Squadron** manned telephones during a fund-raising effort for public radio in the Tampa area. Civil Air Patrol participants included Cadets James Strickland and Fernando DeMaio, and Lt. Col. Virginia Cullity, Chap. (Lt. Col.) Harold Johnson, and Maj. Harriet Johnson.

While on a camping trip with friends, Cadet Oliver O'Quinn of **Elizabethon Composite Squadron, Tennessee Wing**, noticed a man laying at the bottom of a steep ravine. When the man did not respond to Cadet O'Quinn's calls, he and Jeff Laws descended to the man while Mike Anderson went for help. Upon reaching the man, Cadet O'Quinn, a former medic with Georgia Wing's Atlanta Composite Squadron's ground team, assessed the situation and treated the man for severe shock and mild hypothermia while awaiting help.

According to Cadet Public Affairs Officer Martin J. Skorisky, O'Quinn and his friends assisted park rangers, who arrived about an hour and a half later, in moving the man to a local hospital by Life Flight. The rangers credited Cadet O'Quinn's quick response with saving the man's life. O'Quinn credited the training he received in Civil Air Patrol for his ability to respond in this emergency.

Middle East Region

A save and find was credited by Air Force Rescue Coordination Center officials to **North Carolina Wing's 111th Search and Rescue Cadet Squadron** and North Carolina Army National Guard. In December, the unit responded to a call for assistance from McDowell County officials in searching for a missing woman. The 73-year-old woman had wandered away from a local retirement home near Marion, N.C.

After a preliminary evening and early morning search by McDowell County volunteer emergency workers was unsuccessful in locating the individual, 11 members of the **111th's** ground team joined in the search with a helicopter aircrew provided by North Carolina's National Guard. Within 45 minutes the aircrew had spotted the woman and directed the ground team to her location.

According to Senior Member

Orr, public affairs officer, she was found entangled in heavy brush about 300 yards down a hill from the rest home. She was suffering from hypothermia with a body temperature of 92 degrees. The Civil Air Patrol team moved her to a waiting ambulance for transport to a local hospital.

The **111th** ground team, led by 2nd Lt. Kenneth Able, was comprised of Lt. Col. Wade McClure, 1st Lts. David Holbrook and Paul Lane, Senior Member Scott Orr, and Cadets Kevin Long, Shawn Andrews, Jaime Eberly, Richard Sigfrit, Brett Graham, and Graham Lawing.

Two members of **Virginia Wing's Group 3** appeared on a local television talk show in Manassas, Va. Capt. Brad Docos of **Leesburg Composite Squadron** was joined by 1st Lt. Allen Jakes of **Prince William Composite Squadron** to tape a question and answer session about Civil Air Patrol for a segment to be aired on Scene 64, a cable television show in Manassas. According to Maj. Linda J. Utting, **Group 3** public affairs officer, this segment was aired three times a week in the evenings and on Saturday mornings for the entire month of October.

Virginia Wing's Group 3 staff continued a tradition established several years ago of adopting a local family for Christmas. Major Utting reports presents were wrapped for the family during the group's Christmas party to be delivered later with additional items for a Christmas dinner and other items to last through the holidays.

Charleston Cadet Squadron of West Virginia Wing, hosted a one-day first aid and cardiopulmonary resuscitation training seminar. The seminar was taught by Sean Meadors, an Emergency Medical Technician, in November at the unit's headquarters near Yeager Airport in Charleston, W.Va. Maj. Dianna Perdue reported cadet graduates included Cadets Jeremy Franklin, Brandon Shock, Everett Mitchell, Jami Blankenship, Jason Moore, Robert Casto, Mary Urbanski, and Chris Shaffer. In addition to Major Perdue, senior member graduates were Jason Perdue, Billie Burgess, and Debbie Barker.

Major Perdue also reported that **Charleston Cadet Squadron** members assisted with traffic control during the "Almost Heaven Marathon Race" in December. Runners ran throughout the Kanawha City area of Charleston, W.Va., starting at the Charleston Area



Briefing update

Col. Emmitt Williams, Missouri Wing commander, left, receives a briefing update on newly implemented administration techniques from Mission Coordinator Col. William Winkert, center, along with Ground Operations Coordinator Lt. Col. Tom Rockey during a Missouri Wing's Group 1 search and rescue training exercise at Butler Airport, Mo. (Civil Air Patrol)

Medical Center. The unit has participated in this community activity for the past six years. At a luncheon honoring race participants, cadets were recognized for their support and were presented T-shirts.

Northeast Region

Twenty-five members of **New York Wing's South Eastern Group** provided security and crowd control assistance at the War Birds Airshow in October at Dutchess County Airport. On display at this two-day event, according to **South Eastern Group** officials, were aircraft from the 30s, 40s, and 50s, biplanes, and a YAK complete with World War II markings of the Russian Air Force.

Attendees also saw a flyby of two B-17s and three P-51s flying in formation. The show ended with an Air Force F-15 demonstration.

Cadet Kai Yamamoto of **New York Wing's Westchester-Hudson Squadron, South Eastern Group**, was credited with saving the life of a 73-year-old man in September 1994 while working at his part-time job at a recreation center in Tarrytown, N.Y. Cadet Yamamoto, who received first aid training as a Civil Air Patrol cadet and went on to become a New York certified emergency medical technician, responded with airway and oxygen assistance and helped a registered nurse who responded to the emergency.

New York Wing South Eastern Group officials reported that in October Cadet Yamamoto was awarded a

First Degree Lifesaving Award by Westchester County Emergency Services Council, and has been recommended for a Civil Air Patrol Award and Certificate of Recognition for Lifesaving.

Fifteen **New York Wing South Eastern Group** members and two **New York City Group** members successfully completed a New York State Department of Environmental Conservation "Wildlands Search and Rescue" course. Forest Ranger Richard A. Schroeder, Bureau of Fire Protection and Forest Management, taught the course in October at Dutchess County Airport. These Civil Air Patrol members were certified as qualified by New York State to participate in ground search and rescue activities in undeveloped areas.

During **Pennsylvania Wing's Beaver County Composite Squadron's** annual Pizza and Awards party in December at the Army National Guard facility in Beaver Falls, Pa., 1st Lt. Stephanie F. Starr was chosen as the unit's 1994 Senior Member of the Year, and Cadet William D. Fisher was selected as 1994's Cadet of the Year.

According to 1st Lt. Daniel M. Edgar, **York Composite Squadron** members of **Pennsylvania Wing** celebrated Civil Air Patrol's 53rd anniversary with a banquet and awards ceremony. Active, retired, and supporters of the unit attended the festivities conducted in York, Pa. Key-note speaker was retired Army Brig. Gen. Mario Meola, a Viet-

nam and Desert Storm veteran, who, Lieutenant Edgar adds, directed his remarks toward the cadets, stressing integrity, loyalty, leadership, and the future of the nation's military.

During the banquet, 1st Lt. Thomas M. Baum presented Cadet Daniel Kurtz the Bart B. Baughman Award in recognition of his selection as the unit's Outstanding Cadet of the Year. Cadet Kurtz received his Eagle Scout Award last year and is currently the unit's cadet commander. 1st Lt. P. Douglas Dickey, squadron commander, took the opportunity during this activity to acknowledge the aviation achievements of Cadet Christopher Rodak, a former cadet commander of the unit, who is currently pursuing an instrument and commercial pilot rating.

Great Lakes Region

Maj. Darrell McMillan, **Golden Armor Composite Squadron, Kentucky Wing**, reports that Army Capt. Jayson A. Altieri, a member of **North Carolina Wing's Fayetteville Composite Squadron** is serving the **Kentucky Wing** unit as acting operations officer while attending the Army's Armor Officer Advance Course at Fort Knox. Captain Altieri, a Civil Air Patrol major, graduated from the Army school and will report to Howard Air Base in Panama in May.

Golden Armor Composite Squadron officials also report that Cadet Steven Melvin, cadet commander, received a three-year Air Force ROTC

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scholarship during ceremonies conducted at North Hardin High School. Cadet Melvin, a senior, was a 1994 *Who's Who Student*, and has applied for admittance to the Air Force Academy and Boston University.

Approximately 32 **Group II** members of **Kentucky Wing** celebrated Civil Air Patrol's 53rd anniversary with a traditional military dining-out in December at a restaurant in Fort Knox. Among the units represented at this activity were **Bardstown, Golden Armor, and Kentucky Air National Guard Composite Squadrons, and Elizabethtown Flight**. Parents and military members from the Fort Knox community also attended the event.

According to Maj. Chris Mayer, **Group II** commander, **Golden Armor Composite Squadron** sponsored the celebration. Cadet Steven Melvin served as Mr. Vice for the evening. Guest speaker, Army Sergeant First Class John T. Broom, a historian at the U.S. Armor Center at Fort Knox, spoke about leadership and its importance to the cadet program. The evening ended with the presentation of a Certificate of Appreciation to Sergeant Broom for his contributions to the evening's activities.

Rocky Mountain Region
Idaho Wing members of **Coeur D'Alene Composite Squadron** joined students from **Washington Wing** to attend Squadron Leadership School conducted at Fairchild AFB, Wash. Project Officer was Capt. Roger Kolvaki of the **Spokane Composite Squadron**. According to Maj. Gary Boyd, **Coeur D'Alene Composite Squadron**, students were taught a wide variety of subjects by instructors from both **Washington Wing** and **Idaho Wing**. **Idaho Wing** graduates included 1st Lts. Tammy Croghan and Jim Kelly, and Capt. Bill Lesley. Major Boyd also served as instructor for part of the course.

Eight cadets of the **Coeur d'Alene Composite Squadron** earned their model rocketry badges for participating in a six week program to become familiar with rocket aerodynamics.

Capt. Jeff Lustick provided the opportunity for cadets to study aerodynamics, build their own vehicles, and launch them on two different occasions. The class also encouraged parent participation and help of the parents during the launch sessions. Cadet Sarah Bowerman posted the top speed and altitude marks.

Five **Coeur d'Alene Composite Squadron** cadets and one senior completed the Utah Wing Class A encampment at Dugway Proving Grounds in Utah. After finding that the Idaho Wing would not be having an encampment this year, Capt. Jeff Lustick, deputy commander for cadets, scrambled and found airfare on a major carrier to allow the cadets to attend the Utah Wing encampment. Cadets Sarah Bowerman, Martin Beckett, Russ Langheid, Kim Thornton, Nate Gallahan and Captain Lustick were the attendees.

Members of **Montana Wing's Flathead Composite Squadron** were on hand to help greet and serve approximately 600 guests that attended Kalispell National Guard's Christmas banquet at the armory building in Kalispell, Mont., in December. According to 2nd Lt. Stuart D. Smith, public affairs officer, Cadet Maureen Rickard reported that a team of three cadets and two senior members assisted in this effort. They were: Cadet Rickard, and cadets David Tranburg and Jeremy Quick, and 1st Lt. Richard Pelton, squadron commander, and 1st Lt. Jan VanHoven.

Southwest Region
 Two missions to locate downed aircraft in Arizona in November brought both ground and air teams of **Arizona Wing's Deer Valley Composite Squadron** out in full force to search for survivors, according to Jan Mueller, public affairs officer.

On Nov. 16 a private single-engine aircraft was reported missing during stormy weather with three people aboard. On the first day, Mission Base was staffed by Cadets Kevin Jones, Bobby Robinson, and Ian Dinesen. The search extended into a second day when Cadets Gary Gratz, Brice Schmidt, and Joshua Wright staffed headquarters.

On the second day, the aircraft was located by an elk hunter, but there were no survivors. The second search on November 19 was conducted by a ground team in the Flagstaff area. Second Lt. Mike Robinson, and Cadets Jones, Robinson, and Daniel Cruz joined the ground search at Mt. Humphrey's Peak. Snow and inclement weather impeded progress, and the team returned to Phoenix with no success. The white aircraft had departed the Grand Canyon airport with two people on board.

Nearly 30 sorties were organized by **Arizona Wing** but the color of the aircraft and snow on the ground made it a

difficult search. Thanksgiving weekend saw Cadets Jones and Cruz return to the Flagstaff area to continue their search; unfortunately, without success. Officials cancelled the search mission.

Pacific Region

A series of large winter storms dropped record amounts of rain throughout California early in January causing rivers and reservoirs to overflow their banks. Water levels along the Russian River rose more than 30 feet higher than normal during the

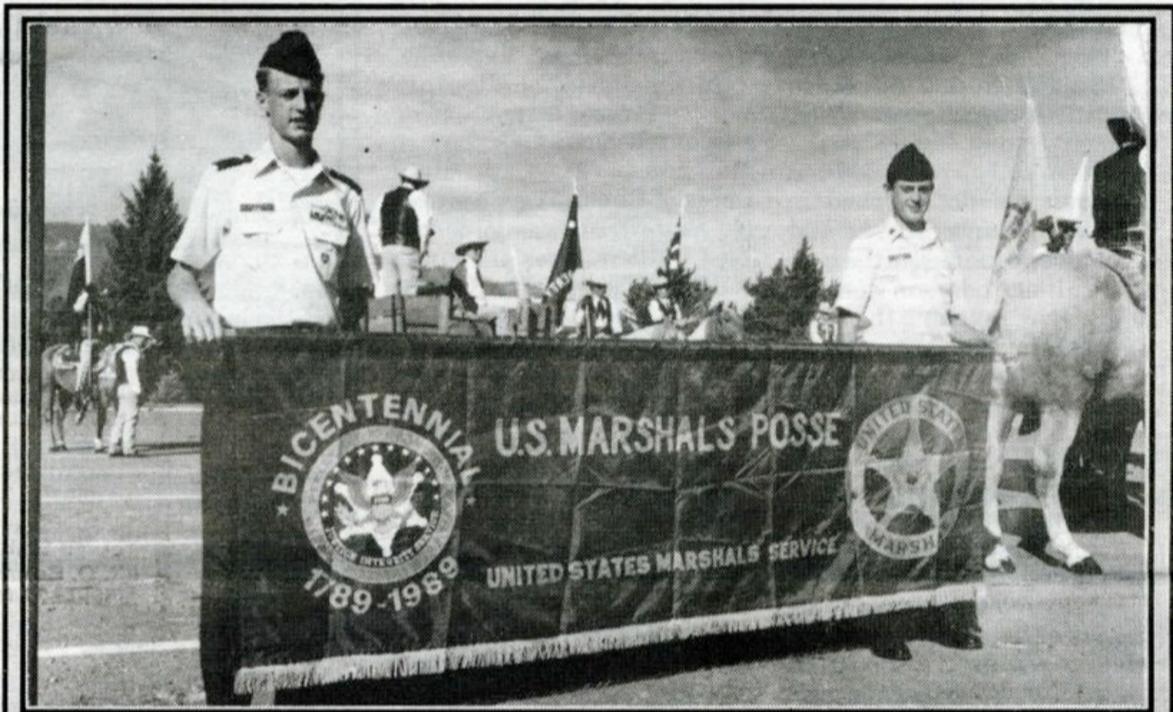
peak of the storm, flooding communities and forcing people out of their homes. The associated high winds blew down power land communication lines.

California Wing personnel responded statewide to a request from the Office Of Emergency Service and the Red Cross for disaster relief assistance with the floods. The **Marin Air Rescue Squadron 4** sent Lt. Joe Parker and Cadets Bill Selsky, Jed Mackey and Landon Quan in an advanced communication and logistics team.

Lieutenant Parker and his

team coordinated all incoming squadron personnel and set up a ham radio communication network that was essential to ground teams in the field. They also assisted in evacuation, assessing damage to the levees and buildings and helped set up and stock a relief center at the civic center in Sacramento and Sebastopol.

More than 50 CAP personnel from northern California were involved in providing disaster relief assistance to the hundreds of flood victims in the Sacramento and Russian River areas.



Tall in the saddle?
 Cadets Nick Crow (left), a sophomore at McQueen High School and Tony Straw (right), a freshman at Reed High School, looked tall even though they weren't in the saddle, leading the U.S. Marshals Posse in the 1994 Annual Nevada Day Parade. Both cadets are members of the Reno Composite Squadron, and 1st Lt. Crow was Cadet of the Year in 1991. (CAP Photo courtesy Senior Member Cynthia S. Ryan, Nevada Wing Public Affairs Officer)

Senior Awards

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William E. Dam, Maj., PACR	Jimmie M. Driscoll, Maj., SER	Eugene D. Reid, Maj., GLR
James D. Puglise, Maj., SER	George M. Husband, Maj., SER	Fred R. Swearingen, Lt. Col., SER
	James H. Norris, Lt. Col., SER	Keith T. Zeitler, Maj., GLR

Paul Garber Awards

Ross Batson, Capt., SWR	Alice A. Daror, Maj., SWR	William Turner Jr., Maj., SWR
Fred C. Battles, Lt. Col., MER	James D. Lamb, Capt., MER	Leonard W. Wright, Lt. Col., GLR
	James D. Puglise, Maj., SER	Sharon L. Wright, Lt. Col., GLR

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Walter E. Hill, Capt., SWR	Robert J. Keck, Capt., GLR	Jerrilyn K. Strube, Maj., SWR
Thomas C. Johnson, Capt., SER	Albert K. Mangrum, Capt., PACR	George S. Thomas, Capt., MER
	James D. Puglise, Maj., SER	Donald D. West, Maj., SER
	George F. Shutley, Capt., SER	Stephen M. White, Capt., SWR

Brig. Gen. Charles E. "Chuck" Yeager Aerospace Education Achievement Awards

Lt. Col. Earl A. Edgerly Jr. 17075	Capt. Robert J. Radel 01041	1st Lt. Scott P. McMullin 17056
Lt. Col. James R. McGrath 01119	Capt. Nadine A. Russell 47108	1st Lt. Marlin M. McKenney 40069
Lt. Col. Lester O. Prue Jr. 17001	Capt. Lyn A. Smeenk 40063	1st Lt. Nancy C. McKenney 40069
Maj. Jerry A. Burton 01098	Capt. Pearl M. Starcher 47108	1st Lt. James M. Minor 01093
Maj. Alexander S. B. Koomen 01098	Capt. Hiram C. Williamson 41170	1st Lt. Molly M. Moore 47108
Maj. Michael L. Lamontagne 17056	1st Lt. John K. Bryan 01098	1st Lt. Arthur L. Philbrick 17036
Maj. Richard O. Merrill 17038	1st Lt. John H. Christie 38006	1st Lt. Lacy B. Shaw 16031
Maj. Rick E. Olson 02001	1st Lt. Jim Connelly 17038	1st Lt. James M. Shipalowski 01119
Maj. William E. Starcher 47108	1st Lt. Barry K. Dean 17075	2nd Lt. Sean P. Albaugh 34197
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Capt. Kenneth G. Goldstein 17038	1st Lt. Donald W. Foley 01098	2nd Lt. Jean A. Borden 02056
Capt. Harris Hinckley 17058	1st Lt. David I. Grist 38034	2nd Lt. Ronald L. Coleman 01119
Capt. Anthony T. Kramer 01001	1st Lt. Christopher A. Hamner 01119	2nd Lt. Michael R. Conrad 01059
Capt. Robert J. Medlock 34044	1st Lt. James L. Harris 01119	2nd Lt. James B. Hartzog 02056
Capt. Robert A. Metcalfe 01005	1st Lt. John R. Heis 47060	2nd Lt. Charisse D. Lyle 01098
Capt. Harold A. Miner 17036	1st Lt. Robert E. Larrabee 01119	2nd Lt. Danny L. Mason 01098
Capt. Michael L. Pellerin 17056	1st Lt. James F. Linker 17036	
Capt. Marion H. Philpot 16031	1st Lt. Michael K. McGuire 01098	

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Cadet Awards

Earhart Awards

Clinton A. Smith	03095	Joseph R. Curry	26088
Christa L. Pravecek	04193	Joseph P. Neikirk	29058
Jo Andrew D. Cousins	07006	Shaun P. Stanton	30012
Devan C. Lindsay	08078	Isaac Block	30012
Eric S. Nye	08227	Phillip Z. Block	30012
Steven T. Burke	08237	Christina M. Barbato	31147
Andrew L. Cox	09043	Hayes J. Weidman	31253
Eric R. Adams	09065	Sharon R. Hiscott	31283
Patrick C.D. France	11061	Russell G. Gogan	34004
Emmett M. Ward	11219	Christopher W. Pundsack	35008
Adam D. Kinzinger	11240	John E. Osburn	36019
Holly A. Weller	11240	Rocky M. Parker	36105
Brian D. Rain	11286	Seth J. Lash	37265
Kenneth M. Howdyschell	15132	Diana V. Rivera	42007
Jason C. Humbles	16067	Mitchell E. Brown III	42334
Jason D. Nalley	17033	Rayna L. Rasmussen	42390
Oswald E. Carter	18011	Michael J. Street	43027
Jason A. Dworkin	20073	Shannen C. Haugeberg	49018
James P. Curry	26088	Paul A. Valentin	52160

Mitchell Awards

Jim E. Robbins	03099	Jason M. Inskeep	21042
Johnny M. Chandler	04421	Rachel Y. Zimmerman	21114
Jeremiah Newton	04465	Matthew B. Bratvold	21114
Christian M. Teague	04465	Benjamin L. Giessinger	21116
Christina M. Martino	04465	Alan R. Altis	23114
Royce M. Lippert	05143	J. Patrick Chevalier	23117
Ryan M. Lippert	05143	Robert W. King, Jr.	23117
Ruth A. Burrell	05139	Edward K. Knight	25060
Zachary A. Miller	05143	Miriam A. Riner	27031
Michael R. Messier	06027	Anthony M. Straw	27054
Robert L. Jones, Jr.	08033	Patrick Perry	28035
Dottie T. Fields	08033	Anthony DePaola	31147
James H. Lucas	08033	Alan M. Calhoun	31253
Andrew S. Bennett	08033	Kimberley M. Carman	31355
Michael D. Fox	08054	Jonathan A. Halstuch	31392
Alex Bruno	08159	Chad Pillai	31392
Kevin J. Fraser	08133	Chris L. Hayes	31392
Harold L. Bekemeyer	08378	Andrew J. Schoenmaker	31403
Michael P. Dahlgren	08054	George M. Walsh	34228
Aaric K. Pittman	09043	Nathaniel B. Stevens	34282
Michael A. Falk	09065	Carla J. Randazzo	35008
Katie E. May	11189	Cory W. Touchet	35115
Christopher Guzman	11189	Matthew L. McMahn	36007
Mary M. Kerrigan	11219	Josh A. Palotay	36042
Keith D. Wallace-Morford	11240	John R. Margeson	37026
Michael T. Messacar	11240	Rodney T. Streat	37048
Dawn L. Crop	11240	Jason R. Mohn	37060
Stacy L. Kelley	11240	Brandon M. Conner	37061
Jenna K. Van Zeyl	11317	Jonathan R. Moll	31249
Brett T. Kaczorowski	11317	Benjamin R. Resig	37288
Christina M. Drummond	11328	Daniel T. Healey	38034
Mary C. Cavanaugh	11328	William Reyes	42076
Kelly L. Waelde	12123	Tabitha L. Stump	42098
Jonathan D. Eisberg	12186	Nicholas A. Hernandez	42098
Grant D. Bassett	14029	Benjamin P. Adams	42388
Matthew L. Gardner	14066	Paul A.J. Talley	44023
Tim J. Pendarvis	14066	Steven T. Hood	45102
Charles J. Filbin	15132	Matthew J. Miller	48153
Scott D. Cadwallader	16017	Heide K. Wilson	51081
Luke E. Verlander	16063	Luis A. Irizarry	52068
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Dan R. Payette	21042	Travis P. Rhodes	99100
		Kristofer A. Abel	99119

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2nd Lt. Mark L. Myers	16031	Howard M. Kash	01093
2nd Lt. Susan K. Olson	02056	Robert H. Krumrine Jr.	01119
2nd Lt. James G. Raymond	17075	Charles R. MacCrone	01119
Stephen S. Brolsma	01119	Mark A. Millham	17058
Mary A. Davies	02056	Denver L. Russell	47108
Matthew D. Deering	17058	Richard L. Sharp	17058
Lynn B. Dehann	40063	William H. Small	17058
James A. Ferrell	01059	Ronald L. Tittle	01041
James M. Ironmonger	01093		

Cadet Council seeks idea for recruiting posters

The National Cadet Advisory Council is looking to create a new series of cadet recruiting posters for the cadet program. These posters should entice young people to join the Civil Air patrol by expressing the opportunities that can be found in our program. U.S. Savings Bonds and CAP Bookstore gift certificates will be issued for the winning posters. The CAP Cadet Program needs a new look. Help bring our program into the 21st century. Please send you ideas and designs (even if they are only in pre-production stages, we have artists that will bring your ideas to life) to the attention of Air Force Lt. Col. Doug Isaacson, National Headquarters CAP, 105 So. Hansell St., Maxwell AFB AL 36112-6332.



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- JUAREZ, Jerry O. Senior Member, California Wing, Feb. 5, 1994
- HOWE, Laura Mae, Maj., Minnesota Wing, April 16, 1994
- HOWE, Henry F., Lt. Col., Minnesota Wing, Sept. 28, 1994
- VOGT, Henry J., Maj., Maryland Wing, Oct. 2, 1994
- CLARK, Boswell J. Jr., Maj., Florida Wing, Nov. 18, 1994
- HAYES, Walter L., Lt. Col., Texas Wing, Nov. 28, 1994
- KUNKOWSKI, Mary L., Lt. Col., Middle East Region, Dec. 8, 1994
- ANDERSON, Gary K., Maj., Minnesota Wing, Dec. 14, 1994
- RIVERA, Joseph, Maj., New Jersey Wing, Dec. 16, 1994
- ROWLEY, Margaret A., Lt. Col., Northeast Region, Dec. 31, 1994
- PALMER, Howard E., Col., Connecticut Wing, January 1995
- SURBER, Lucille L., Capt., Minnesota Wing, Jan. 7, 1995
- COLVERT, Frank T., Maj., North Carolina Wing, Jan. 13, 1995
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Lt. Col. Ray Johnson to receive Frank G. Brewer Trophy

MAXWELL AFB, Ala. — A distinguished committee of 24 aviation and aerospace educators selected former Illinois Wing member Lt. Col. Raymond J. Johnson as the 1994 recipient of the National Aeronautic Association's Frank G. Brewer Trophy Dec. 15 in Washington, D.C.

The Brewer Trophy has been awarded annually since 1943 for significant contribution of enduring value in the fields of aviation and space education in the United States. It is widely considered the most prestigious award given for aviation and space education.

The citation accompanying the trophy reads:

"The Frank G. Brewer Trophy is awarded to Raymond J. Johnson for nearly a half-century of leadership and innovation in aviation and aerospace education at all levels, kindergarten through university. His efforts of pioneering leadership have been demonstrated at the local community level as well as state, regional, national, and international levels. His work involved stimulating volunteers in Civil Air Patrol's programs as well as educators at all grade levels and curricular areas. He is recognized as an author and administrator. One of his greatest contributions is to energize communities of interest in all facets of aviation and education and create an infra-

structure to assure that otherwise diverse groups cooperate to further aviation education."

The presentation will be made during a luncheon at the annual meeting of the Congress on Aviation and Space Education, which runs this year from April 19 to April 22 in San Diego, Calif.

Over a career spanning 47 years, Colonel Johnson has had a distinguished record of achievement in aviation education, both as a volunteer and in his working career. Throughout the 34 years prior to his retirement as Chief of the Chicago Office of the Illinois State Aeronautics Agency, Johnson remained steadfast in his belief that the future of aviation was largely dependent on energizing young people to get involved in aviation. This concern stimulated a continuous statewide effort to develop a broad range of aviation education services and activities that were made available to schools and interested youth groups. The successful development of the state committee/council concept Johnson spearheaded in Illinois was accepted as a model by several other states, as were other statewide programs Johnson created to meet nationally identified needs in aviation education. The net result of his efforts was a comprehensive offering



Lt. Col. Raymond Johnson

of aviation education programs and services.

Johnson's focused efforts to get young people involved in aviation continued with his active involvement in the Civil Air Patrol's Cadet Program. As a nationally recognized CAP leader, Johnson worked to expand the aviation experiences available to young cadets. He founded the nationally recognized Illinois Wing Cadet Flight Encampment, which has given over 1,300 cadets the opportunity to earn their solo wings.

Johnson, now residing in Prescott, Ariz., is justifiably proud of the Brewer Award. However, he's even prouder of work, he and fellow volunteers have done at the flight encampment. Despite an initial hesitancy, he sums up his nearly 30-year association by saying, "We're doing something for the kids and certainly the results have validated the efforts."

Remarking that many of the

former cadet attendees are Air Force pilots, airline pilots, FAA personnel, etc., Johnson said the encampment is a great volunteer activity.

"Most of the 45-person volunteer staff have been involved for 10 or more years. Many plan their vacations around the encampment. I costed it out once and estimated an approximate \$200,000 volunteer contribution. But you can't put a value on the volunteer talent we have participating in the encampment. For instance, the balloonists bring their own balloons — that's a considerable expense. ...," Johnson said.

Early in his career, Johnson recognized that his efforts to improve aviation education programs would be achieved through helping to strengthen the activities of those national organizations committed to the training of teachers, thus reaching a large number of students. This philosophy governed his many years of volunteer service as a member of committees, boards, and as an officer of several of these associations, such as the National Aviation Council, the National Aerospace Education Association, the National Council for Aerospace Education, the American Society for Aerospace Education, the National Aeronautic Association, and the National Association of

State Aviation Officials.

He has organized significant research studies designed to provide new information and techniques for use in the development of aviation education and youth activities. Johnson has been a consultant and editor for aviation education publishing projects, including the 14 volume "Illustrated Encyclopedia of Aviation and Space" for schools and libraries. He was associate editor of the widely distributed "Introduction to Aerospace Education," and has had many articles published in professional journals and trade periodicals.

Although officially retired for almost three years, Johnson continues to have an active volunteer role in aviation education. He serves on many committees and works as a consultant on a number of aviation education projects.

The National Aeronautic Association is the National Aero Club of the United States and the nation's oldest aviation organization. NAA's primary mission is the advancement of the art, sport, and science of aviation and space flight by fostering opportunities to participate fully in aviation activities and by promoting public understanding of the importance of aviation and space flight to the United States.

Thunderbirds set to fly at 42 show sites this year

The Air Force Thunderbirds Aerial Demonstration Team will fly at 42 different show sites next year, according to the Department of Defense. The Thunderbirds will appear at the following locations:

April

1 — Eglin AFB, Fla.
2 — Patrick AFB, Fla.
8 — Luke AFB, Ariz.
9 — Vandenberg AFB, Calif.
22-23 — Loveland, Colo.
29-30 — McGhee Tyson ANGB, Tenn.

May

6-7 — Ft. Lauderdale, Fla.
13 — Randolph AFB, Texas
14 — Reese AFB, Texas
20-21 — Andrews AFB, Md.
27-28 — Columbia, Mo.
31 — USAF Academy, Colo.

June

3 — Holloman AFB, N.M.
4 — Durango, Colo.
10-11 — Hanscom AFB, Mass.
14 — Whiteman AFB, Mo.
17-18 — Hamilton, Canada
24-25 — Davenport, Iowa

July

2-4 — Battle Creek, Mich.
8 — Grand Forks AFB, N.D.
9 — Ellsworth AFB, S.D.
15-16 — Springfield, Ill.
22-23 — NAS Brunswick, Maine

August

26 — Cheyenne, Wyo.
29-30 — Scott AFB, Ill.
5-6 — Chicago
19-20 — Bozeman, Mont.
26-27 — Frederick, Md.

September

3-4 — Offutt AFB, Neb.

9-10 — Toledo, Ohio
16-17 — Roswell, N.M.
23-24 — Liberal, Kan.
30 — Salinas, Calif.

October

1 — Salinas, Calif.
7 — Langley AFB, Va.
8 — Charleston AFB, S.C.
14-15 — March AFB, Calif.
21-22 — El Paso, Texas
25 — Keesler AFB, Miss.
28-29 — NAS New Orleans, La.

November

4-5 — Daytona Beach, Fla.

11-12 — Homestead AFB, Fla.

The Thunderbirds generate Air Force awareness before millions of people annually. Now is the time to coordinate with show sponsors for DEP enlistment ceremonies, school visits, and media opportunities.

Company offers up-to-date airshow information

RENO, Nev. — A Glenside, Pa., company, ASTRADYNE, Inc., has introduced a national hotline for airshow information.

From any touch tone phone in the world a caller can select a state and a date and hear about all the major and regional airshows, fly-ins, aerobatic competitions, balloon festivals, and other aviation events scheduled. The information provided includes the dates, city, airport name and a phone number for follow-up contacts.

There is also a specialty schedule option where the caller can select any one of 99 top airshow teams or performers and hear their airshow schedule for the entire year. The list includes the Thunderbirds, Blue Angels, Julie Clark, the French Connection Team America, Eagle aerobatic team, the Snowbirds, etc.

The information on the hotline is updated daily and is compiled and verified from nearly 40 independent sources.

Other features of the hotline include: a rolling eight-week schedule for airshows updated weekly and free search services for callers looking for a particular airshow. All messages are

professionally recorded and voice prompted. A state-of-the-art computer system can handle 8,000 calls simultaneously. The hotline also features a premium billing system for billing in 6 second increments instead of charging in 1 minute increments. Repeat callers can speed dial through instructions. Charges are \$1.99/min. with the average call costing less than \$3.98 and repeat calls costing less than \$3, company representatives said.

The hotline was created by Allen H. Smith III, the president of Astradyne, CAP member and also a Navy A-6 pilot and Warbird aerobatic and airshow pilot. According to Lieutenant Smith (Attilla), the hotline was developed "to give the general public the greatest possible rapid access to the largest database ever of accurate and inexpensive information about airshows and other aviation events."

Smith adds that the line has gone through extensive testing and development since July 1994 and is fully operational with all available 1995 data already on-line at 1-(900) 287-1000. For further information contact ASTRADYNE at 215-887-NAVY.

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