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CONVENTION MAKES CHANGES

By LTC Rolf Mitchell, CAP

The 1975 Civil Air Patrol National Board Meeting and Convention was held at Stouffers Riverfront Towers in the Gateway City of St. Louis, Missouri on 3 - 4 October 1975. Some 1500 CAP personnel attended the meetings and seminars, ten of whom were from National Capital Wing. In addition, on Saturday, chartered busses transported groups of members to Scott AFB, Ill. for conducted tours of the Aerospace Rescue and Recovery Center to become familiar with its facilities and meet its personnel.

Mornings were devoted to open meetings of the National Board during which agenda items were discussed and voted upon. During afternoons, the National Board met in closed session while, simultaneously, functional group seminars were being conducted.

During the opening session, it was announced that the National Board had voted to change the Civil Air Patrol Constitution to redesignate the title of National Board Chairman to National Commander and that of Vice Chairman to National Vice Commander. The Commander, HQ-CAP-USAF would retain that title but relinquish the title of National Commander CAP. However, he retains his membership on the National Executive Committee and the National Board. The new Commander, HQ CAP-USAF Brig Gen Carl S. Miller was also introduced during this session and made brief remarks.

During breaks in the sessions, the Wing Commander and Deputy Commander had an opportunity to talk with General Miller and found him to be a very congenial and forthright individual. We all look forward to meeting him when he makes his orientation visit to the National Capital Wing.

Of particular interest to local members was a resolution adopted unanimously to reinstate enlisted ranks for senior members. As soon as personnel regulations can be changed, this resolution will be implemented.

The convention was capped by a gala banquet Saturday evening. The main speaker for the evening was Newt Hielscher, nationally known humorist who kept his audience of 1500 persons in uproarious laughter throughout.

1975 CAP

National Convention

St. Louis, Mo.



Photo by LTC John Gill, USAF

For the second consecutive year, National Capital Wing had the honor to represent Civil Air Patrol at the Air Force Associations annual convention in Washington, D.C. Fifteen members of the wing manned a display depicting the cadet program. Under the management of Major Larry Olson, DOC, wing staff, cadets from Andrews and Potomac Squadrons served in five man shifts of eight hours each, answering questions and dispensing literature. In addition to displays, the booth also presented the film "The Young Ambassadors!" Highlighting the project for the cadets was a visit by General David C. Jones, Chief of Staff, USAF. Gen Jones talked to the cadets while an Air Force photographer took pictures of his visit. Everyone involved with this year's show agreed that next year's will be bigger and better with plans already in the works. NatCap is proud to be designated CAP representative for this important function.

FLY-IN VISIT

Six cadets and three seniors of East Capital Cadet Squadron participated in a "Fly-In" at Orange Co. Airport, Orange, Va. The event was sponsored by the N I A Flying Club. During the day the cadets performed various chores. Major Montrose Waters, Cmdr. and Major William Taylor, Comm. Off. both acted as judges for the competition. Lt. Teddie Hayes, Sdn. Activities Off., took part in the competition flying his own airplane. At the end of the competition, the cadets were taken for airplane rides.

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**SERVICE WITH PRIDE IN
 NATIONAL CAPITAL WING**

COMMANDERS CORNER

We are moving along in spite of some people that don't care one way or the other. The Wing is presently number 10 in the nation. We have just a few more months to go and it now depends on the squadron commanders to do the job. All of you know what must be done from the letter I sent to the squadron commanders and from the recent commanders call.

The way I see it, there are six or seven squadrons carrying the load in this wing. There are about twelve members carrying the load on wing staff. This won't do if were to be on top. I don't like being on the bottom so it is up to us who are carrying the load to get the rest to carry their share with us or get them out of the program. The senior enlisted grades are going to be restored to the program and this may solve some of the problems.

If ~~every~~ everyone and I mean everyone and the squadron commanders will pull their share of the load, I know that this wing can be on top and no one can ever break us up.

Again, I say to the seniors and cadets that aren't doing their share-it's going to catch up with you so you better start working and do it now.

I want to thank those who have worked so hard to get the wing into the top ten. Lets all of us keep it there and remember we are "SERVICE WITH PRIDE TEAM OF NATIONAL CAPITAL WING!"

Just one more thing that will help our wing and that is strong prayer with God who is our supreme commander. The combination of people who care and with the help of our Lord, our wing will not falter but it must be this two way combination.

Charles X. Suraci, Col. CAP

D I D Y O U K N O W ?

The first Civil Air Patrol Cadet Squadron in the nation was in the Minnesota Wing. It was organized in October 1942 by 39 students at the Minneapolis High School. To-day, approximately 40 percent of Civil Air Patrol members are teenagers known as cadets.

SPECIAL NOTICE

Middle East Region will hold an IO/ES school at Bolling AFB Jan. 30, 31 and Feb. 1. and a mission coordinators school at Andrews AFB the same weekend. Details will be published by the region Director of Senior Training. If your interested, check with the wing.

NAVY DAY ACTIVITY



The U.S. Naval School, Explosive Ordnance Disposal, at Indianhead, Md. celebrated Navy Day in honor of the 200th birthday of the U.S. Navy, on Oct. 11. Attached to the school is the 3429th Technical Training Squadron, USAF. At the request of the squadron commander, Lt. Col. Milford L. Dickens, National Capital Wing was honored to represent the Air Force during the all day community gala. The Wing display consisted of the NatCap pictorial panels flanked by Potomac Sqdn. Communications Van and Fairfax Sqdn. RandR Van. Fifteen cadets and four seniors passed out approximately 400 pieces of literature and talked to many people. The day was not all work as the cadets got to see Navy divers, sonar and Navy parachutists. Col. Dickens visited the display and thanked everyone for participating. He explained that the school is the only one of its kind in the world.

PROMOTIONS

The following personnel were promoted during the months June, July, August and Sept.

Richard W. Long-Major
Eli E. Gaylor-2Lt.
Mary A. Whitcomb-1 Lt.
James M. Williams-Captain
Howard V. Sharp-Captain
Edith M. Mitchel-1Lt.
Robert H. Christie-Major
Laura A. Keeney-Major
Mary J. Smith-Captain
Roger K. Shively-Captain
Arlycema J. Perry-Captain
Richard D. Thiele-1Lt.
James W. Reed-1Lt.
Robert L. Mitton-1Lt.
William D. Pemberton-Captain
David J. Chapman-Captain
John H. Campbell-Captain
Edward G. Kelley-Lt. Col.
Eugene R. Bliss-2Lt.

CONGRATULATIONS TO YOU

The Wing got lucky recently. MSGT. Dick Young was granted a one year extension to his tour of duty with our liasson office. This will extend him until June 1977. We understand that this is unusual and we don't know how he managed it but we sure are glad he did.



*****NOTICE-ALL SENIORS*****

National Capital Wing will hold its annual Dining Out January 15, 1976, at Bolling AFB Officers Club. According to Project Officer LTC Al Morris, tickets will be \$11.50 per person and can be obtained through him. This years affair will be slightly different in that there will be no speaker. There will be music and dancing after dinner. Dress will be mess dress or Class A with bow tie for men and formal for ladies. Plan on being there.

PHOTO EXCURSION

This years annual report to Congress will be especially interesting to members of Nat Cap because the front and back covers will feature cadets from our wing. On October 31 Sgt. Russ Brown, CAP-USAF photographer took the photographs at the Jefferson Memorial. The project was under the direction of the wing information office which selected six cadets to participate under the senior supervision of Lt. Ken Cain, Grissom Sqdn. IO. The cadets represented Bolling Cadet Sqdn., Fairfax Composite Sqdn., and Grissom Cadet Squadron. The wing IO appreciates the prompt response on the part of all participants with only three days notice.

HELP WANTED

WING STAFF POSITIONS--The following staff positions are vacant at wing headquarters. Senior members wishing to apply must contact the wing commander for an interview.

Assistant Wing Inspectors(2)
Flying Safety Officer
Aerospace Education Officer
Legal Officer
Cadet Program Development Officer
Cadet Activities Officer
Plans and Programs Officer
Civil Defense Coordinator
Standardization/Evaluation Officer
Medical Officer

WING AWARD

During the Commanders Call held recently in Richmond, National Capital Wing was honored by the presentation of a plaque for its contribution to the March of Dimes campaign against birth defects. Several NatCap squadrons participated in a walk for donations for the March of Dimes Foundation. Colonel Charles Suraci, Wing Commander, accepted the plaque from Colonel Jon Hill, Middle East Region Commander, who presented it on behalf of the March of Dimes.

SETTING OUR COURSE

America is a geographic location, a political system, an ideal, a dream. But most of all, it is people. We, the people, are America. We choose how our natural resources will be employed, how our land will be developed. We determine how well we will be governed. We select the goals that shape the ideal. We dream the dream—cling to the vision of a nation under God. We, the people, are America realized for better or worse.

The bicentennial celebration provides an unparalleled opportunity to pause in the headlong rush of history for critical reflection and re-assessment of our activities and our intentions. It gives us reason to know and test our heritage—to draw understanding from the successes and failures of the past. It provides incentive to measure how responsibly we are functioning in the present—to re-define, if need be, contemporary goals and priorities. It encourages us to shape a dream of responsible freedoms for tomorrow—a legacy of hope for generations to come. We, the people shape America's tomorrow by today's concern and commitment.

This year's celebration provides an exceptional opportunity to recall and evaluate together the wide-ranging and unique contribution which our institutions and ideals have made American life and culture. It encourages us to seek new and appropriate ways to bring the teachings of the past to bear on the direction and quality of our national life.

We, the people are free. There appears to be an unfortunate and growing confusion between freedom and license. We need to explore with one another the privileges, opportunities and limits of freedom. What does it really mean to be a nation of free persons? To affirm that freedom is God given is to affirm the significance of our humanity.

Freedom encourages the creation of peak experiences that help us to grow in both the cognitive and effective domains. It enables us to see that out of our experience with wholeness and humanity comes growth in and acceptance for the humanity of others. Freedom encourages us to be more perceptive of our selfhood and the selfhood of others.

It encourages us to see and seek opportunities for mutual support, growth, encouragement and service. It establishes the worth, dignity and importance of every human being. We are free to serve.

With freedom then, comes responsibility. It is our task and privilege to be a symbol. Our involvement in community life must reflect our questionable loyalty and devotion to God and country and must witness the highest standards of our faith.

From our freedom flows another responsibility: to help fulfill the promise of America. For many of her citizens, the American dream is yet to be fully realized. As long as there is injustice, prejudice, ignorance, hunger, poverty, there must be active and continued involvement in behalf of our distressed brothers and sisters. As long as freedom is denied any individual or group, there must be persons concerned to keep alive America's potential as a humanizing agent and servant people within the world community. We are free and responsible. We can help to fulfill the promise of America. During the bicentennial year, we must not just look into a rearview mirror. We should celebrate our history. We must listen to the voices that speak from behind us. But, we must also accept individual and corporate responsibility to be witnesses of our faiths and active shapers of tomorrow's history. We, the people, are free to serve, responsible, fulfilling the dream.

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NOTICE TO ALL SQUADRONS

As part of the wing's bicentennial activity we will participate in the George Washington Birthday Parade in Feb. and the Cherry Blossom Parade, April 10, 1976 in D.C. Both are firm dates and all squadrons are expected to participate. WO Ted Boomer will be project officer and you will be notified of preparatory plans. Start working on drill now, don't wait until the last.

EMPHASIS ON SAFETY

by William E. Hobson

The Wing Safety Program is one activity which requires participation by all members. It covers all activities, from unit meetings to SAR missions.

Despite its integral position, the Safety Program is not emphasized in the Cadet Achievement programs of study. Implementation is usually on a hap-hazard basis.

Exactly what is a "Safety Program"? It is a never ending attempt to teach all members to work, play, live and perform CAP activities without injury or accident. It is an attempt to teach members that "good enough" is NOT "good enough".

By nature, Civil Air Patrol is aviation oriented. Extremely qualified mechanics work on the aircraft. Qualified pilots fly these aircraft. Yet, accidents do happen. Why? The statistics indicate that an aircraft is a mechanical assembly and is subject to stress and strain that causes parts to fail. Statistics also show that the pilot is subject to stress and strain and also may be subject to fail, usually in judgement. This is kindly referred to as pilot error although there are far more descriptive terms.

Vehicles are also subject to stress and strain and failure. Most of the vehicles used in CAP activities are excess from various sources. They are as complex as an aircraft, but lack the rules, regulations and directives which would provide the preventive mechanics so often neglected. Maintenance is put off until failure occurs which is always at the wrong time.

Each squadron and flight should make every effort to appoint Safety Officers. Contrary to opinion, this position is as important as any that can be made. Unit Commanders are urged to review CAPR 62-1 as soon as possible and take positive actions.

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FLOOD REDCAP

After five days of unremitting rain, the National Capital area was visited by the remnants of Hurricane Eloise. By Friday, Sept. 26 the ground had reached saturation point and 'Eloises' last gasp caused wide spread flooding and damage, particularly in the Arlandria section of Alex. Va. The Alex. chapter ARC had activated a shelter in Mount Vernon School for up to 400 people and alerted NatCap to stand by. Wing ES Officer appointed Major Fred Hess, Cmdr. Fairfax Sqdn., mission coordinator. At 3 P.M. the Red Cross requested damage assessment be provided and Major Hess activated four Rescue and Recovery teams from three squadrons. After briefing by the Red Cross officials the teams were dispatched to various parts of Alexandria where they performed an eyeball inspection of damage and estimates of possible future damage when the Potomac River crested that evening. After debriefing, Major Hess reported their findings to Mrs. Ruth Marler, ARC shelter manager, who praised the units for their work. Twenty nine NatCap personnel were committed with four corporate vehicles. Participating squadrons were Andrews, Fairfax, Grissom and three members of Wing staff. The mission was suspended at 9 P.M. pending further developments. Major Hess was very pleased with the quick response and good performance of everyone.

FAIRFAX BIRTHDAY

Fairfax Composite Squadron celebrated its fourth anniversary Oct. 29, with a party and open house. Included in the 125 people in attendance were Col. and Mrs. Schroeder, Merlo, Col. Suraci, Wing Cmdr., LTC Mitchel and Mrs. Mitchel, LTC Gill, Wing LO, LTC Morris, Cmdr. Grissom Sqdn. Major Barbara Morris, Region Dir Senior Training and M/Sgt. Dick Young. After brief opening remarks, Major Fred Hess, Sqdn. Cmdr. presented fourteen Red Service Ribbons Col. Suraci presented the Mitchell Award to Cadet Joseph Hamilton, Col. Schroeder presented Earhart Awards to C/Cpt. Roseanne Prestipino and C/Cpt. Karen Manos and LTC A. Meyer, Wing Dir. emergency services presented 22 multi-media first aid cards. Following a showing of the "Young Ambassadors" and the judging of a model contest everyone enjoyed the birthday cake and refreshments prepared by the cadets. It was a fun night and we wish Fairfax many happy returns of the day.

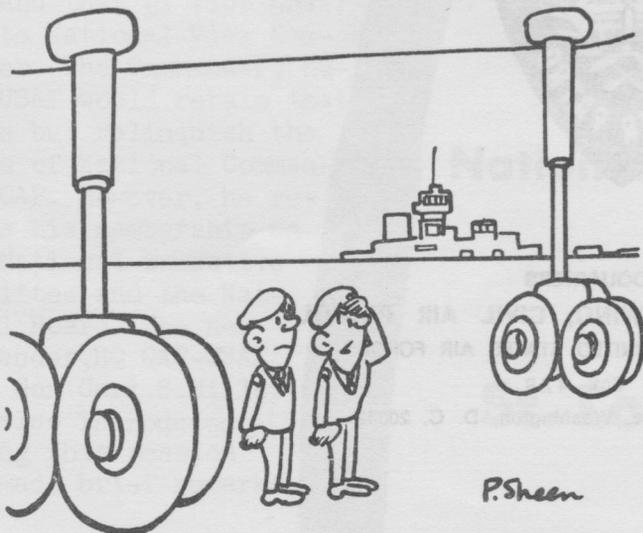
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Meets monthly- Be there and contribute your say in cadet matters. Its designed for your benefit.....

SARCAP REPORT

SCHOOL ASSISTS I O

The wing held its annual SARCAP Nov.1 at Manassas Airport. Major Fred Hess,mission coordinator reports that 109 cadets and seniors participated.Even though the wing only has one corporate aircraft the efforts of its members produced six airplanes including the O1. Thirteen vehicles were utilized including many private vehicles.Seven ground teams were in attendance and provided thirteen sorties. Communications included a base station at the mission trailer and two relay stations. Potomac communications van was stationed atop Bull Run Mountain and Wheaton Silver Springs communications van was stationed at Bull Run Battlefield. The efforts of the day produced both the target and ELT being located as well as upgrading of mission personnel. Fairfax Composite Sdn. provided a field first aid station and a field commissary. Eleven of our twelve squadrons participated and much thanks is due the Fairfax group for all the work that was put into setting up the base and closing it down. The pilot reservist class program was well recieved and resulted in addit ional cadet training. Our sincerest thanks to the reserve officers who gave of their time to teach. Major Hess feels that the day was a productive effort for all. The weather was good and we rated an excellent in safety, the first prerequisite for a good mission. Kudos go to Lt. Hayes who was safety officer for the fine job he did. Thanks goes to the pilots who rented airplanes and to those who perform the backbreaking physical labor involved in a mission.As always,we learned things not to do and things that could be done better. Thats why we have SARCAPS.



I can't see a Birddog Mac.Can you?

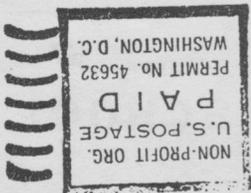
National Capital Wing and particularly the wing I O wishes to thank Mr. Phillip Gray, graphic arts instructor, and the students of the graphic arts department of Garfield High School,Woodbridge,Va. for their contribution to the publishing of the "WINGTIPS!" Mr.Gray provides the work at cost of materials only and the students do the actual printing of the paper.The I O has no budget with which to operate and it is only because of assistance such as this that we can publish. Mr.Gray has informed me that he will provide the same services for any squadron who has difficulty with the printing of a unit publication. Information can be obtained by contacting the wing I O.

SQDN. CMDRS. SCHOOL

National Capital Wing Headquarters was the scene of another Middle East Region first Oct 31 and Nov 1. In keeping with the new emphasis on senior training, the first Squadron Commanders School was held with thirty commanders in attendance representing twenty seven squadrons throughout the region. Four NatCap squadron commanders were among the group representing James Sdn. Bolling Sqdn.,Col umbia Sqdn. and East Capital Sqdn. Under the direction of Major Barbara Morris,MER/DCS senior programs and instructors LTC Walt Straughan,Col.Jon Hill, Major Jim Keller, LTC Al Morris, Bill Reynolds, the curriculum stressed the points of thinking,communicating and credibility as commanders.

At the conclusion of the course, Col.Hill and project officer Col. Chuck Suraci presented certificates to the group. Logistics support was adequately supplied by the Nat-Cap LO office in arranging VOQ,dining facilities and overall information on the base. LTC Gill and Sgt. Young are to be commended for all their work. Bolling Cadet Squadron provided assistance to our guests by carrying bags, escorting and being generally usefull. Major Morris cited the outstanding job done by C/1 Sgt Brooks of Bolling. She also commented on the students attentivness and lively input during discussion periods. National Capital is proud to have,once again,been selected to host this meeting for the region. Were told there are more in the offing and we welcome the opportunity.

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