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SENDING A BOY TO DO A MAN'S JOB isn't folly if the boy is a member of the National Capital Wing drill team. The team members provided ample evidence on Memorial Day as they performed with active duty military units at the Antietam Battlefield. The cadets on the team and the senior members who trained them should be proud of the fact that the United States Air Force selected them as its representatives instead of sending an active duty Air Force drill team. This seems to indicate that some top-level Air Force people recognized our team as the marching equal of active duty military drill teams of the other services. The editor recalls that members of the Air Force Honor Guard led the applause last year when our team went through its routine at last year's Middle East Region drill competition at Bolling, and again when the trophy was accepted.

TOO LATE FOR PREVIOUS ISSUE OF FLIGHT PATTERNS was clarification of what happened following a helicopter crash at Hyde Field. When the crash occurred, 1st Lt. George R. Andrews ran out of the Oxon Hill Squadron trailer-headquarters, arriving at the crash scene at the same time as two others, and found the pilot strapped in his seat in the burning helicopter. One man unfastened the seat belt while Lt. Andrews and the other man pulled him free. Other CAP members did the right things at the right times, including getting the required fire extinguishers on the scene, calling ambulance and fire department, and providing first aid. Later Capt. Paul R. Oliver, Waldorf Squadron, provided a guard party to protect the wreckage for inspection by FAA investigators. Participants in the action included, in addition to Lt. Andrews, WO Bruce Jacobs, TSgt Richard Freemire, AIC Jonathan Knowles, Cadet Marshall Hinshaw, and others.

THE GENERAL FOULLOIS CADET SQUADRON, which like the Waldorf and Oxon Hill Squadrons are units of Lt. Col. Walter Walser's Anacostia Group, has been carrying out a number of special events to provide a broader view of aerospace for cadet members. According to 1st Lt. Lowell Overly, commander of the squadron, much of this activity is being initiated and implemented by WO Lorrains Perron who serves as adjutant and coordinator for cadettes on a regular basis and is presently pinch-hitting for the squadron IO who is attending a Russian Language course and temporarily unable to devote his efforts fully to the IO program.

SOME OF WO PERRON'S RECENT SPECIAL EVENTS INCLUDE a visit by cadets and senior members to the residence of General Foullois, who spoke to the cadets about aviation, dedication to American ideals, and his association with the Wright brothers; a cadet tour of the National Wax Museum's American history and aviation history exhibits; and obtaining as guest lecturer for the squadron's aerospace education program Dr. Paul Garber, head curator for the National Air Museum, chief aerospace historian for the Smithsonian Institution, and pioneer airmail pilot. Other special activities are being planned, Lt. Overly reports.

WE LOST A FRIEND and an outstanding fellow-member of CAP with the recent passing of our Wing Medical Officer, Lt. Col. Aris Carpousis. We will miss him.

WE EXTEND OUR SYMPATHY to Cadet Donald Blanchard of the General Foulcois Cadet Squadron on the loss of his father, General William H. Blanchard. General Blanchard died as he lived, in the service of his country and in the cause of freedom.

CIVIL AIR PATROL will mark its 25th anniversary of service to the Nation in December. Wing Information personnel are laying the groundwork for marking the occasion, assisted by Capt. Ellen Langston of Massachusetts Wing. Capt. Langston, a former WAF and present member of the Army Nurse Corps, is a senior observer in CAP with more than 1,000 flying hours logged. She is now in training at Walter Reed for duty in Viet Nam. Capt. Langston is seeking information on the CAP experiences of old-timers---those with more than 20 years of CAP service, not necessarily consecutive. If you are in this category, please write to Capt. Ellen Langston, Box 291, Walter Reed Army Hospital, Washington, D.C.

HOW FAR CAN A CADET GO IN AEROSPACE? The opportunities appear to be limitless. One former cadet, Neil Armstrong, has orbited the earth in a space capsule and is among those looking forward to a flight to the moon. He is still a member of CAP, having recently accepted an honorary membership in honor of his achievements and his past cadet membership. Maybe some cadet now assigned to a National Capital Wing squadron will chalk up even greater achievements in space. A good first step on a stairway to the stars is the private pilot's written examination. It's a must for those who want to participate in the glider or powered aircraft training program.

GOOD LUCK to Honorary Member (of CAP and NCW) Arthur Godfrey on his forthcoming attempt to set a new around-the-world speed record.

NEXT ISSUE OF CAP TIMES should list the former CAP cadets in this year's Air Force Academy graduating class. Throughout the Academy's history about 10 percent of the graduates have been ex-CAP members.

WELCOME ABOARD to our new liaison officer, Maj. Lee D. Eisenhart, recently of Viet Nam, and reserve officers Col. Olin H. Borum and Lt. Col. Leonard L. Whitehead. As announced in a previous edition of FLIGHT PATTERNS, former liaison officer Maj. George P. Upright, USAF Ret., will remain with the wing as a CAP member. He will serve as Deputy Wing Commander.

THE INFORMATION PROGRAM AWARD CEREMONY, honoring Lt. Col. Charles X. Suraci Jr., commander, and 1st Lt. Marie Tursini, information officer, Wheaton-Silver Spring Squadron, was held May 28 at Andrews AFB. The squadron ranked fifth in a field of more than 2,000 CAP squadrons in the 1965 information program derby. The CAP National Commander, Col. Joe Mason, was represented at the ceremony by Col. John J. Caulfield, Secretary of the Air Force Office of Information, who pointed out that success in public information requires the support and understanding of the commander, "therefore it is altogether fitting that this award be presented jointly to Col. Suraci and Lt. Tursini."