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Meritorious Service Award ribbon is pinned on Lt. Col. Nathan L. Baum, (left) by Deputy Wing Commander Lt. Col. Bill Madsen. Baum was cited by CAP National Commander, Col. Joe N. Mason, for outstanding leadership as Commander of Group I. He won special commendation for the outstanding cadet training, communications and air and search rescue operations.

FULL FLIGHT SCHOLARSHIP ANNOUNCED BY GROUP COMMANDERS

Group Commanders as a committee will conduct a wing-wide campaign among senior members to raise scholarship funds for CAP cadets to use in flight training.

Group Commanders will make up the CAP Flight Scholarship Board with each Group represented. Lt. Col. Baum of Group I was named chairman of the Board.

This Board will conduct a fund raising campaign in the month of February and establish the rules that applicants will be chosen by. The Board will also administer the funds and monitor the fund raising progress.



Major Harriett Starkey

A quota of \$5.00 from each senior member in each unit has been established. Contributions are voluntary and a member may contribute any amount he desires.

One of the first such scholarships is named in honor of Harriett Starkey, former Wing Executive Officer who was active in nearly every phase of CAP activities during her fifteen years of membership in the organization.

THE COMMANDER'S CORNER

Colonel Arthur F. Putz
Commander, Colo. Wing



LOCAL UNIT ADDRESS NEEDED ON CAP PUBLICITY

RADIO-TV-FILM

INCREASED PRODUCTION OF CAP television film spots this year has resulted in increased exposure on television stations throughout the country. While this exposure is welcomed, it has created a problem. In many areas of the country, television stations are being besieged with telephone requests for the address or phone number of the nearest CAP unit. In most cases, the television stations do not know the name, address, or phone number of the CAP unit in their community. As a result, many persons who are interested in joining CAP in some capacity are discouraged from the start. It also puts an undue burden on the stations.

Most film spots have included a general statement to "contact your nearest Civil Air Patrol unit." To correct this situation, a closing audio and/or visual tag will be included at the end of all future film spots of a direct recruiting nature. This tag will direct viewers to write for information to the Civil Air Patrol National Headquarters at Ellington Air Force Base, Texas. This will not, however, preclude CAP units from using their own local tags. In this way, the interested person receives general information on CAP and is directed to the nearest CAP UNIT. More important, the local CAP unit remains the prime motivating factor in selling the program to the individual.

Again in recent weeks, CAP members have rendered valuable public service in air rescue operations. Our pilots and all who participated in these flights are to be commended. Once more, however, experience underlines the importance of one vital fundamental --

FILE A FLIGHT PLAN

The tragic deaths of Dr. Randolph Lovelace and his party following their crash on Independence Pass served to re-emphasize this simple fact. Had a flight plan been filed, it is very likely the wreck would have been discovered 24 hours earlier. Evidence at the scene showed the pilot, Milton Brown, survived the crash for a time, walking around and covering the bodies of the others. Found a day sooner, he might have lived.

Similar situations have occurred within the past two years. On a flight last year from Colorado Springs to Leadville, a pilot who crashed crawled a quarter-mile and started to build a lean-to, but was dead when found.

All of the efforts of this great organization are justified when a single life is saved, but the results can be multiplied and pilots will do themselves the greatest favor by following the one simple rule-- FILE A FLIGHT PLAN.

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UNIT FINANCE REPORTS DUE IN JANUARY

Wing Finance Officer Lt. Col. John Starkey has issued a reminder to all unit commanders that their 1965 financial reports are due this month. All transactions must be posted from the unit checkbook to Financial report form 173 and the summary form on the back of form 173 must be in balance.

THREE RESCUE MISSIONS IN DECEMBER

Three aircraft were downed or reported downed in Colorado during December, resulting in three CAP search missions. One was later discovered to have been a false alarm. A helicopter pilot found another while a CAP pilot discovered the third.

The first search was started when August Halminiak of Council Bluffs, Iowa, was reported missing on a flight from Rock Springs, Wyoming to Denver. According to Capt. Cliff Gau of the Wing Information Office, it was later discovered that Halminiak had landed safely in Denver and simply neglected to close out his flight plan.

A day later, December 12, a twin engine Beech Traveler on a flight from Aspen to Albuquerque, New Mexico crashed on Independence Pass. Aboard was Dr. W. Randolph Lovelace II, the chief medical officer for the U.S. space program; his wife Mary and the pilot Milton Brown.

The search was made more difficult because no flight plan had been filed.

The wreckage of the Beech Traveler was discovered four days later, and although there was evidence that possibly all three had survived the crash, they were all dead when search parties arrived.

On December 15, a Flying Tigers Air Cargo Constellation carrying 41,600 pounds of toys

on a nonstop flight from Los Angeles to Chicago crashed on the west slope of 14,371-foot Blanco Peak. The wreckage was sighted the next day by CAP pilot Clyde Helms. Rescue parties reported that all three crew members had died in the crash.

WHAT HAPPENED TO JOHN JANKAS

Whatever happened to John Jankas?

Jankas was the former Civil Air Patrol lieutenant who became the one-millionth enlistee in the United States Air Force a year ago and who was honored by the Mayor of Chicago and USAF's Deputy Chief of Staff for Personnel, Lt. Gen. William S. Stone. Today, after basic Air Force training and learning the business of missile mechanics, he is assigned to the 455th Strategic Missile Wing at Minot AFB, N. D. and busier than ever. In addition to his job moving Minuteman guidance packages and warheads to the 150 missile sites of the vast Minot complex, he continues to log more flying hours off-duty and is adding to his college credit log with after-hours psychology course at Minot State College.

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DEADLINE

Deadline for news and pictures for the February issue of the Chandelle is Jan. 21

PERSONNEL CHANGES

The following personnel changes became effective last month. 1/Lt. Ronald Koprowski was assigned as commander of the Westminster Sqdn.; Maj. Carl L. Burley and Louise P. Burley were assigned to Wing Headquarters; Lt. Col. Tom R. Kitley was transferred from Wing to Group VI; Major Mickey E. Fouts was assigned as advisor for OPS activities on Wing Staff; Fraser Richards was assigned as Assistant Information Officer on Wing Staff and Capt. John Mayhoffer was assigned as Asst. Dep. for Maintenance on Wing Staff.

The following Unit changes were also confirmed: the name of the Golden Squadron was changed to East Jeffco Composite Squadron; the Yuma Squadron was designated as an Emergency Services Squadron; and the new Broomfield Cadet Squadron was activated under the command of S/M Arnold Reader.

MANY CAP CADETS ON AF ROSTERS

A recent survey of Air Force personnel reveals that nearly three per cent of all airmen were former Civil Air Patrol cadets and many had attained a certificate of proficiency before entering the Air Force.

OHIO ATTORNEY NATL. BOARD CHAIRMAN

Col. Lyle W. Castle, CAP, of Cincinnati, Ohio, has been elected to the post of Chairman of the Civil Air Patrol National Board it was announced by Col. Joe L. Mason, USAF, CAP, national commander.

A distinguished attorney-at-law, Colonel Castle was elected as principle Corporate Officer of the 86,000 member Civil Air Patrol by members of the National Board comprised of CAP's eight region commanders and 52 wing commanders. He replaces Col. Paul W. Turner, CAP, a Nashville, Tennessee, insurance executive who has held that office for the past three years.

The 14-year veteran of CAP service was born in Beach, N. D. in 1922. His family later moved to Rock Falls, Illinois, where he attended school and lived until his enlistment in the Army Air Corps in 1940.

After attending service schools at Scott AFB, Illinois and Savannah, Georgia, he was assigned to Nichols Field in the Philippines, arriving there just two weeks before the attack on Pearl Harbor. Initially assigned to the 17th Bomb Squadron, he later became a communications specialist at General Douglas MacArthur's headquarters in Manila and when Corregidor fell to the Japanese spent more than three years as a prisoner of war in Japan.

He was decorated for war-time service with the Purple Heart and the Presidential Unit Citation with two clusters.

Following his return to the

United States in 1945 he joined the Civil Aeronautics Administration in Rock Falls and was later assigned to Evansville, Indiana, and finally to Cincinnati, Ohio.

Colonel Castle completed undergraduate work at Chase College of Commerce and later earned his law degree from the Chase College of Law. He became assistant city prosecutor in 1955, serving in that position for over three years.

He is a member of the Cincinnati Bar Association, the Ohio Bar Association and Plaintiff Lawyers Association of Cincinnati.

As the new CAP National Board Chairman, Colonel Castle will serve as a member of the Board, appoint CAP region commanders and nominate members for positions on National committees.

AURORA SQDN. CELEBRATES ANNIVERSARY

The Aurora Composite Squadron commanded by Capt. R. M. Neil was one of the most active units in the state in celebrating CAP's 24th anniversary.

Chairmaned by Chaplain (Capt.) Frank L. Swain, the Aurora Squadron publicized the CAP story to the entire city of Aurora and much of the Denver area.

Mayor Norma O. Walker issued an official proclamation naming a "Civil Patrol Week" in Aurora, which appeared in local papers along with the "CAP 24th Anniversary" story.

Aurora radio station KOSI carried 24 CAP announcements while radio station KHOW carried 12 such spots. Station KHOW also carried a 15-minute CAP interview on the show "Runway Ramblings," keyed to aviation types. Chaplain Swain also appeared as a guest on the Wayward Barker Show on station KOA.

LETTERS

Lt. Abe Ohr
Civil Air Patrol

Dear Lt. Ohr:

Kiwanis - Air Force Kids' Day has always been a community-oriented joint project to honor and recognize "Youth - Our Greatest Natural Resource." It is impossible for an event of this type to be truly a community project unless the community shares in it one way or another.

Your unselfish sharing of yourself, your talents and your time, certainly were instrumental in making "OUR" Kids' Day the biggest and grandest in the entire United States.

It gives me true satisfaction in expressing to you the heartfelt gratitude of the Air Force at Lowry and all the Kiwanians in the area for your complete cooperation in helping to make Kids' Day the tremendous day it truly was. Thanks for sharing with all of us in a job "Well Done."

Appreciatively,

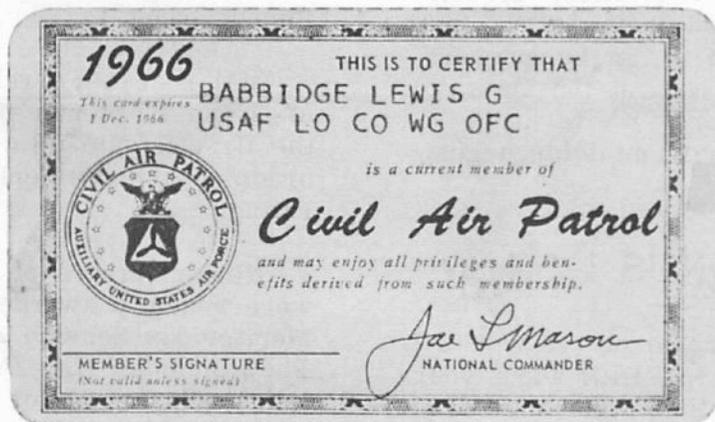
Burton K. Wheatlake
General Chairman
Kids' Day



CADET FOUNTAIN WINS WINGS

CAP Cadet Jerry Fountain, son of Capt. and Mrs. Clarence M. Fountain of Evergreen, receives the silver wings of a private pilot from Group II Commander Lawrence Marshall. Fountain, who earned his COP at 16 years of age won the Penn Flight Scholarship

awarded by the Colorado Wing as a result of a contribution from Mrs. Robert R. Penn of Dallas, Texas who asked that the money be used for this purpose in memory of her son who was killed in an airplane crash and for whom the Colorado CAP conducted an extensive search.



Automation has hit again as the CAP Identification cards for 1966 are being issued without a photo or other positive means of identification, and without the familiar old peel-off decal. There has been considerable comment pro and con. According to officers at National Headquarters the new ID card is easier to process through the IBM tabulations.

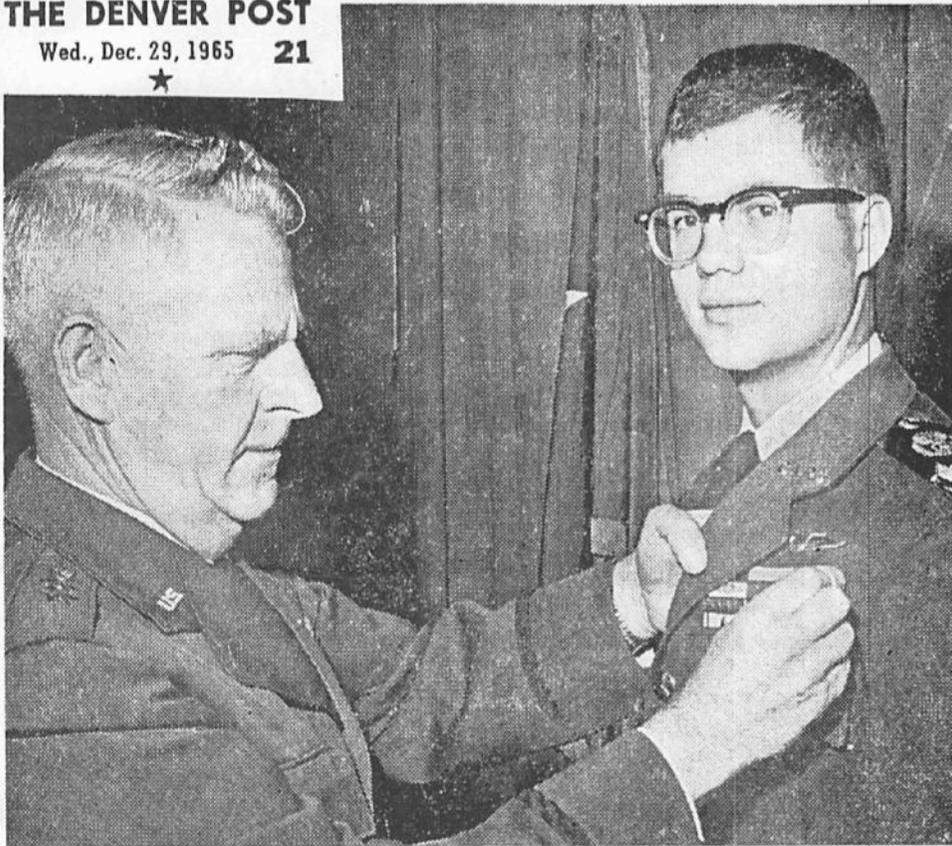
GROUP I HOLDS 24TH ANNIV. DANCE

Group I Cadet Council celebrated 24th Anniversary of CAP by sponsoring a dance last month at Contrails Club on Lowry AFB featuring United States Air Force Academy band the "Falconairs."

Sixty-two cadet couples attended the dance along with the following senior members: GROUP I, Lt. Col. Baum and Major Ferrell, R. M. A. SQUADRON: Mr. and Mrs. Theodore Wilson, LITTLETON SQUADRON: Lt. Richard Rooney Commander,



Mrs. Belva Criswell, Mrs. and Mr. Al Fields, ENGLEWOOD SQUADRON: Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Winter Commander, AURORA SQUADRON: Captain Mike Neil Commander, Mrs. Roberta Lenahan, Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Platt, Mr. and Mrs. Stephens, Mr. and Mrs. Logan Gray, and Janice Collins and escort, LOWRY SQUADRON: Al Meader and Richard Oaks along with Mr. and Mrs. Walt Kramer of Denver Emergency Services Sqdn.



CADET KISH GETS SPAATZ AWARD

Cadet Dan P. Kish, 20 of the Arvada Sqdrn. received CAP's highest award, the General Carl Spaatz Achievement Ribbon. The award was made in a special ceremony Dec. 29 by Maj. General Joe C. Moffitt, Adjutant General of Colorado. The award also moved Cadet Lt. Col. Kish up to Cadet Colonel.

Kish's accomplishment may be judged by the fact that he is only the sixth cadet in the nation to receive this award and the first in the Rocky Mountain Region.

The award includes a \$1,000 annual scholarship in aeronautical engineering to the college or university of the winner's choice.

The Spaatz award caps a distinguished career for Kish who has previously won 10 CAP ribbons, completed every phase offered by the

CAP and won many additional honors. In addition, the young Westminster High School graduate (class of '63), has completed two years at the University of Colorado where he won the ROTC ribbon.

Cadet Kish is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles D. Kish of 4652 Alcott Street. He is now in the USAF Institute of Foreign Languages, West Coast, at the Presidio of Monterey where he is studying oriental languages.

NO GNUS ! ! !

If there is no NEWS in the CHANDELLE about your organization, your unit, your section or your activities ... it's the fault of the editor!!! He's no mind reader. We assume that you did do something. If you don't read about it in the CHANDELLE ... IT'S BECAUSE YOU DIDN'T SEND IT IN !

PERSONNEL NOTES FROM TAYLOR SQDN.

Three cadets from the Booker T. Taylor Squadron of Grand Junction received Certificates of Proficiency during a television program dedicated to the 24th anniversary of the Civil Air Patrol.

The Cadets, Dorothy Banas, Larry Willers and Bill Williams, Jr., received their awards from Lt. Col. Marion Bowman (ret.) and Lt. Col. Rex Howell (ret.) during a 15-minute program over Station KREX TV.

PERSONNEL NOTES FROM GROUP I

N. Bernard Godlove, Flight Instructor with United Air Lines; Robert Growling, a Martin Co. electrical engineer and Mrs. Eleanor Arhatic an Air Force civilian employee have recently joined Group I.

Major Jean Ferrell, also of Group I recently became the first female pilot in Colorado to achieve Senior Pilot rating.

Nine members of Group I were recently awarded the Meritorious Service Award. They include: Lt. Col. Nathan Baum, Major Jean Ferrell, Major William Bacon, Lt. Chris Chaney, Capt. Dave Fuller, Lt. Frank Jensen of Group Staff; Lt. Richard Rooney, Command Littleton Squadron, and Capt. Richard Romer of the Littleton Squadron.