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FAA Poster Project

By Maj. John May

On August 4, 2012 after arriving at Gastonia Municipal Airport, the CAP incident commander for DNC, Maj John May provided the first poster to cadets in attendance for their orientation flights. Cadets Alan Carter, Billy Mullis, Miguel Pichardo, Stephen Moore, and Alyssa Stokes presented Gastonia flight instructor, Jill Cagle, the first of several hundred posters provided by the United States Air Force to be distributed by CAP over a period of three weeks to all public use airports within 75 miles of the Charlotte site for the Democratic National Convention in September. The poster was immediately displayed in a prominent place at the FBO to make local pilots aware of the TFR's that will be in effect over and near Charlotte during the DNC Convention.



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The North Carolina Wing



NC Wing Commander, Col. David E. Crawford

For a complete biographical summary, please go to:

[Col. Crawford's Biography](#)

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CAP Making Area Pilots Aware of “No-Fly Zone” During Democratic National Convention in Charlotte

By: Maj. Don Penven, Mission PIO

August 14, 2012

Raleigh, NC – The North Carolina Wing is assisting the Continental U.S. North American Aerospace Defense Command Region in ensuring area pilots are aware a Temporary Flight Restriction (TFR) is being established by the Federal Aviation Administration for the upcoming Democratic National Convention in Charlotte Sept. 3-6.

"This outreach is a great way to inform the General Aviation community about the FAA's upcoming temporary flight restricted area in place for the Democratic National Convention," said Maj. John May, NC Wing mission incident commander. "The Civil Air Patrol is able to greatly enhance the effectiveness of the outreach program at a relatively minimal cost. With a greater awareness of the TFR, we hope to see fewer TFR violations."

Posters designed to alert pilots about the upcoming TFR are being delivered by CAP to all public airports within a 75-mile radius of Charlotte. "The posters are a reminder that a TFR is a 'No-Fly Zone' and when it goes into effect, there will be serious consequences for violators," said May.

Approximately 55 North Carolina and South Carolina airports exist inside the 75-mile circle, and the North Carolina Wing is delivering the posters to each location as part of regularly scheduled training exercises.

"CAP adds tremendous credibility when we show up at an airport in a CAP uniform to deliver the posters and to explain TFR procedures to airport personnel and pilots," May said.

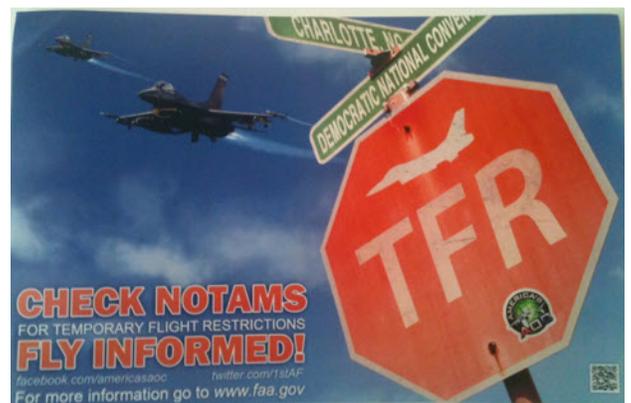
The deliveries began Aug 3. Among the first airports visited was Gastonia Municipal Airport near the South Carolina border, where May was greeted by a contingent of CAP cadets on hand for orientation flights in a CAP airplane. The cadets presented the posters to airport flight instructor Jill Cagle.

"This assignment is a departure from our usual Air Force missions of searching for missing aircraft or people and our emergency response activities during natural disasters," North Carolina Wing Commander Col. David Crawford said, adding, "the North Carolina Wing is glad to assist with this very important mission. We want to ensure all pilots in the area are aware the TFR is being established."

CAP has performed this mission with great success in the past and that is why the Air Force has requested CAP's support to get the word out about TFRs for both the Democratic and Republican National Conventions again this year.



Capt. Brett Benson delivers poster to the FBO at Columbia Metro Airport, Columbia, SC. Photo by Capt. Cory Johnson



Poster Photo by: Maj. John May

Seniors and Cadets from Shelby Participate in HAM Radio Class.

Story and Photos by 2nd Lt. Tony Bradley, PAO

The Shelby Squadron would like to thank the Cleveland County Amateur Radio Club for teaching the 6 week HAM class and for assisting with the final testing. The Shelby Squadron looks forward to working with other community groups and clubs to help further the education of its members.

Congratulations to Major Bly, 2nd Lt. Bradley, SM Keever, C/TSGT, Bradley , and C/SSGT Willis for receiving their technician amateur radio license.



Shelby Unit Amateur Radio Class taught by Cleveland Co. Amateur Radio Club

Hurricane Irene - One Year Anniversary

The North Carolina Department of Public Safety has just released a one-year anniversary summary for Hurricane Irene's impact here: [NC Emergency Management](#) with some very good information and statistics.

Yes. It has been one year since Hurricane Irene came ashore in North Carolina.

For the work that Civil Air Patrol performed here in North Carolina responding to the hurricane, all members deserve to Stand Tall!

Just a few of NC Wing CAP's own statistics:

Total Personnel: ~100 I do not have the exact number, but consider -- NC Wing personnel served all over North Carolina; in the NCEM warehouse at Badin (Albemarle), and Tarboro; at the SEOC (State Emergency Operations Center); at the Wing Headquarters in Burlington; at several locations in Hyde County, and Beaufort County. And, all of the aircrews that flew a number of sorties, to be summarized below.

Total DR-related Flights: 33; Total Flight Hours: 66.8' Total Cases of Water Distributed: 4,536; Total individual MRE's Distributed: 23,616 or slightly less than 2000 cases Total Bags of Ice Distributed: 4,800

Total Number of Tarps: 2,485 (Points of Distribution totals do not include what was distributed during the operation in Hyde County, which are not available.) NC Wing vehicles traveled many thousands of miles transporting personnel and equipment/supplies to and from various locations around the state. This includes delivering supplies from the NCEM Badin and Tarboro warehouses.

In the included link to the NCDPS article/summary on Irene, squadrons should take note that there are still opportunities for units who want to help in the continuing hurricane recovery as a unit project, can contact the listed faith-based groups and offer assistance. These types of projects offer excellent community service opportunities for both seniors and cadets and can pay dividends later in personal satisfaction, and both recruitment and retention efforts. [NC Wing CAP DR Page -](#)

Donald A Beckett, Lt Col, CAP, Disaster Relief Officer, MER-NC-001

Historically Speaking

Phil Saleet, Lt. Col., CAP, Wing Historian

This month due to leaving for the National Board and wanting to get this article in I am using a reprint from Civil Air Patrol News January 1987, News from the Top by Col John T. Massengale, USAF, Executive Director

As we begin a new year, it seems appropriate to review our achievements and set our sights on the future. In all activities, 1986 was an outstanding year for CAP.

In the area of emergency services, CAP sustained a high degree of productivity as measured by mission hours flown and lives saved. The total number of lives that CAP rescue teams helped to save has already been recorded as the organizations second highest ever. It is possible, once the final official tallies are added, CAP may have set a new record for saves even beyond 1983's 154 record. As of Dec. 17, CAP teams had been credited with 134 saves.

Our support of the U S. Customs drug interdiction effort, first initiated in Florida, has filled a need that permits the Customs Service to concentrate more of an effort in geographical areas. This CAP performance has resulted in extending CAP support to California and Arizona.

In the areas of civil preparedness and Department of Defense support, CAP conducted its own Exercise "Friendship" in parallel with the Joint Chiefs of Staff Exercise "Present Arms" and also participated in other DOD exercises of crucial importance. CAP performance earned high praise and will result in continued participation in future JCS, North American Aerospace Defense Command, Alaskan Air Command, Strategic Air Command, and National Communications System exercises.

Moving into the supply area, we continued to reap the benefits of the 1984 CAP Supply Bill amendment. Air Force funds were used to substantially upgrade our emergency services resources and to purchase uniforms for cadets. We expect this support to continue into the coming year.

In the area of cadet special activities, the Air Force Computer Orientation program was conducted as a new way to present information on current use of computers and to train cadets in the development of their own CAP-related computer programs. This initial course for 31 cadets was an overwhelming success.

A new CAP cadet aerospace education textbook was introduced in 1986. The new text, which was designed to make it more suitable for the 13 to 15 year old, was well received in the field. Our external aerospace education effort, in cooperation with colleges, universities, and school systems, supported over 200 graduate – level workshops in 40 states with approximately 5,000 educators in attendance.

Aerospace education for the future includes more emphasis on the internal program, on continuing to tell the aerospace power story to the education community and on a continual assessment of aerospace education needs. In addition to the National Staff College and national cadet activities, several more resounding successes for the year were the 1986 National Board meeting in St. Louis, the National Congress on Aviation and Space Education in New Orleans, and the second National Search and Rescue Competition at Whiteman AFB, MO.

In summary, CAP produced excellent results during its 45th year of service to the nation. I offer my thanks to each of you for the hard work and dedication that made 1986 a banner year. With everyone pulling together, we can make CAP even more exciting, dynamic, and productive in 1987.

I hope you have enjoyed this trip to the past. Until next month, SEMPER VIGILANS.

Shelby Squadron Summer Banquet a Huge Success

Every month with a 5th Tuesday has always been a special evening for the squadron, but with an increase in membership and community awareness the squadron changed things up and little in July. From its success, we can tell this was just the beginning.

Our summer banquet, which doubles as a potluck for our members, drew a crowd just shy of 100. The attendees ranged from CAP members, their families, business owners, local and even state dignitaries.

The evening began with our Color Guard posting the colors while our National Anthem played. Our guests were welcomed and dinner was served. The evening took off with our main event, speeches from our recent Toastmasters youth leadership class cadets. The cadets were then presented with their certificates of completion for the class and did an incredible job.

With such a jam packed evening things kept moving forward; our Cadet Promotions were up next, where 3 of our cadets received their first stripe and one became a Senior Airman. Congratulations to C/SrA Rodarte, C/Am Binion, C/Am Moore, and C/Am Upton. At that point the line to the left got even longer with 10 Cadets receiving their Model Rocketry badges; Congratulations to C/Am Moore, C/TSGT Johnson, C/Am Edlund, C/A1C Edlund, C/TSGT Bradley, C/TSGT Easter, C/SrA Rodarte, C/Am Upton, C/SSGT Willis, and C/Amb Weaver. These cadets worked very hard and we are very proud of each of them.

Most of the community events our cadets participate in are made possible by the local businesses that allow us to come into their establishments free of charge and show their customers or attendees just what the Civil Air Patrol can do. Many are sporting events and fairs. These businesses usually provide food and water to our cadets free of charge just to thank them for coming out. The squadron felt these and other businesses that have supported the Cadets in one way or another should be recognized. Four businesses were presented with plaques, thanking them for their efforts to help the cadets:

Forest City Owls Baseball, for inviting the squadron to setup during each home game and allowing our Color Guard the privilege to post our Nations Colors every week.

Good Old Days Racing Series, for giving the Squadron free poster and banner space at multiple points on the field, allowing our Color Guard to be named the official Color Guard of the Races, and giving the squadron free mic time to talk about what our squadron does for the community.

Toastmasters International Cleveland County Communicators, for selflessly spending 8 weeks of their time to teach the Youth Leadership class to our Cadets, absolutely free.

The final plaque was given to a wonderful lady and local seamstress named Liz Narron, who has for the past year generously donated her time to sew on every cadet's patches for free.

A certificate of appreciation was also awarded to Ms. Shannon Edlund for donating her time and skills to make our Color Guard Ascots.

With the festivities winding down there was one more name to call; Captain Kirkland Johnson, who just days before had received his form 5 qualification, was brought up on stage and his wings were pinned by his Wife Holly and Son C/TSGT Johnson. Congratulations, Captain.

With that the evening was brought to a close with the retiring of our colors and a standing ovation to our color guard for an impeccable display of commitment and detail.

Our quarterly banquets are open to all CAP Members and their families, not just those from Shelby. The Squadron would like to invite each and every reader to please attend our October Fall Banquet where our guest speaker will be former Chief Master Sergeant of the Air Force, Gerald R. Murray. Please email info@capshelby.com <<mailto:info@capshelby.com>> for more information.

2nd Lt. Tony Bradley, PAO

Photos are on the following page...



Shelby Squadron Banquet

Aerospace Education And Rocket Day

Where—Group # 1

Location—Shelby North Carolina

Host Squadron- Shelby Composite Squadron NC-050.

The date is-Friday September 28th & Sat. Sept 29th 2012

**James P. Williams Lt Col CAP
Asst. Director of Aerospace**

There will be camping on the airport grounds Friday night for those who want to camp over night.

Friday night, there will be Rocket building, and classes on the rocket book Testing and instruction i all phases will also be available for those Cadets that want it. Those Cadets that complete the Saturn phase will receive their rocket badges and patches

Bring your Rockets or if you don't have one. We will have the Kits available for \$5.00 each for the Alpha single stage and \$ 8.00 for the two stage and we will help you build it. Engines and everything else to build and launch your rocket is free.It will be a fun and learning weekend All Civil Air Patrol Cadets,Senior Members and parents are welcome to attend these activities

Dinner will be served Friday night, Breakfast Sat Morning, and Lunch Sat. for a small fee (\$5.00) Contact Major Thomas K. Bly (thomasbly3@gmail.com) Of the host Squadron or Lt Col Robert H Bauer (vonbauer@att.net) Group one commander.

AEOs and Commanders of all five squadrons (NC-019, NC-050,NC-024,NC-124,NC-153)in group # 1 should support and start planning to attend this event with their CADETS. The Host Squadron has put in a lot of time and effort to make this event available to the Cadets of Group # 1 and other sqdns.

Instead of the long drive to Wing HQ for AE day Wing has come to you.

Squadron Leadership School Coming to Sampson Co.

If you have heard rumor about a Squadron Leadership School being held in Group 5...it is definitely not rumor. The Dates are September 22 and 23, 2012. If you are interested in attending, please fill out a CAPF 17 and forward it to me as soon as possible. It does not matter what unit you are with...if I do not receive a completed CAPF 17 from each participant, you will not be permitted to attend. We will be conducting the SLS at the Sampson Community College in Clinton, NC and we have room for about 35-40 participants. More information will be going out to participants the week prior to the event including a schedule of events and specific directions. I ask that in an effort to support our "Going Green" initiative, that everyone bring a laptop for my team to download the appropriate course materials for your use and future reference. In addition, if any Senior Member is interested in assisting in facilitating the course for professional development requirements, please contact me as soon as possible to determine possible openings. I look forward to hearing from many of you over the coming weeks.

Captain Walter H. Rodriguez, CAP,

Commander, Clinton-Sampson CAP,

MER NC-173

Group 5 SLS Course Director

CAP member receives scholarship for flying

By Captain Clint Parker, Asheville Unit PAO

The Asheville Squadron's Captain Rheta Perkins has recently been awarded a \$1,500 scholarship from the Western North Carolina Pilot's Association to be used in her pursuit of a private pilot's license. Rheta's flying endeavors started back when she joined the US Air Force after high school. After that she started a career in the aviation industry and volunteers with the Civil Air Patrol (CAP), a nationwide congressionally chartered, all volunteer organization that conducts Search and Rescue and Homeland Security missions, cadet programs and aerospace education.

Perkins is a valued member of her squadron in Asheville where she is flight crew mission observer and also trains additional aircrew members. She has attended and taught at CAP National Emergency Services Advanced Mission Aircrew School, where she was a distinguished graduate and attended CAP Middle East Region Search And Rescue (SAR) College.

Rheta has been awarded the CAP Find Ribbon for a non distress Emergency Location Transmitter find, the CAP Disaster Relief Ribbon for a Presidential declared disaster after Hurricane Katrina, and she is part of the aircrew which received Outstanding Performance Recognition by the US Air Force at North Carolina.

"I am so thankful to the Western North Carolina Pilot's Association for giving me the opportunity to pursue my aviation dream," said Perkins about receiving the scholarship. The WNC Pilot's Association usually awards one scholarship per year, but this year they awarded two.



Capt. Perkins checks aircraft tire pressure.

Winston-Salem ELT Mission

Wednesday afternoon I was flying on a training flight with Capt. Matt Phillips around Hickory. Atlanta Center had an ELT. We were right near it so we got the location. It was not an AFRCC mission so we returned to INT and I called AFRCC. They gave us this mission on the spot with me as IC. In the end we spent 24 or 25 hours straight and it involved 1 night air sortie, 1 night UDF team, 3 ground sorties, two at night, and the help of Alexander County Sheriff Deputies and the Alexander County Emergency Management Director to locate and silence the ELT. It was at what I call the "hidden valley ranch", very remote and it turned out the owner was not happy he was found.

I guess the moral of the story is if you don't want to be found, don't have an ELT going off on your property. The night air sortie confirmed the original location within yards, both taken in G1000 birds with Beckers and it was the location of the barn. Yet it was very hard to isolate on the ground. It was in a locked barn in remote hills.

Thanks go to 21 proud CAP members and I won't list them all here. Hickory UDF team, Burlington GT, Asheville GT, Iredell County UDF/GT, N727CP aircrew out of Concord and Lt. Col. Butch Phillips from Asheville who helped as GBD.

Lt. Col. Bill Hawke

Mission IC

Air Force Rescue Coordination Center Inland Search and Rescue Training Management Course held in Burlington, NC

Members of the North Carolina and Virginia Civil Air Patrol Wings were joined by members of the US Army FORSCOM Personnel Recovery, a member of the US Army and one member of the US Marine Corps MARSOC Personnel Recovery/SERE Branch to learn steps involved in the planning and execution of a Search and Rescue Mission.

The Basic Inland Search and Rescue Course was presented by Mr. Dan Conley and Lt. Col. Julie Eubanks of the Air Force Rescue Coordination Center (AFRCC) at the North Carolina Civil Air Patrol Wing Headquarters in Burlington, NC.

Participants spent the first day of the two day exercise in a classroom setting reviewing information on incident command, delegation of authority, roles and responsibilities, involving the media, interacting with the family members affected by an incident, and the many team members involved in the process. The attendees enjoyed the vibrant and enthusiastic way that Mr. Conley and Lt. Col. Eubanks presented the material; allowing for integration of participant questions and experiential information while keeping the course on track.

On day two of the training participant's knowledge and skills were tested in a table top exercise in which five teams were established and given a scenario to work through in stages. Each group selected an incident commander and a public information officer while the remaining team members covered the rest of the positions as needed. Lt. Col Andy Wiggs, Chief of Staff for the NC Wing, and 2nd Lt. Terri Richards, Public Affairs Officer for the Raleigh-Wake Composite Squadron, were asked to fill positions other than the Public Information Officer in order to allow others to experience what it was like to handle the media during a mission. Conley and Eubanks made the mock press conference an enjoyable, low pressure environment by playing up the multiple character roles of reporters each group encountered.

It was difficult for participants to keep a straight face as Eubanks' country girl, Barbie Dahl of the Women Gone Wild Organization, used her feminine wiles to try and redirect Capt. Jason Bailey of the Burlington Composite Squadron toward her agenda. Capt. Bailey was initially caught off guard but moved forward and deflected her attempts quite well, adding a bit of his own humor to the situation.

As the mock mission progressed participants were expected to ask for specific information and know how to apply it to the situation, adapting as it unfolded before them. When the table top exercise was complete participants departed with a much stronger understanding of how to run a mission from beginning to end.

Photos and Article by 2nd Lt. Terri Richards, NC-048 PAO



C/2nd Lt. Aleasha North and 1st Lt. Bill Ogorek participate in the Table Top Exercise



1st Lt. Perry North of the Burlington Composite Squadron talks with Dan Conley of the AFRCC

Carolina WingTips

Lt. Nichols Passes FAA Checkride

Using her own words, "Today in aviation", Lt. Kathy Nicholas made aviation history of her own passing her FAA Private Pilot Checkride in a Cessna 152 at Grand Strand Airport, North Myrtle Beach. Kathy worked hard and studied diligently to be ready for her checkride. With several cancellations due to weather this past week, she was more than ready for today's good weather to go take the checkride.

Congratulations, Kathy, on a job very well done.

David Manzel, Capt., CAP

Stan/Eval, MER-NC-170

Winston-Salem Air Show

I want to personally thank all of the CAP volunteers who made with Winston-Salem Air Show a safe and successful event. Nearly 100 CAP personnel from across the Wing served from Friday afternoon through Sunday evening providing flight line security and logistical support. The quality and professionalism of CAP was affirmed when the FAA reported that the flight line security was the best of any Winston-Salem Air Show.

Semper Vigilans!

Eric Orgain, Maj, CAP

Shelby Unit Hosting VHF Net

The Shelby Composite Squadron will begin a VHF net this *Tuesday* night 4 Sept 2012! The net will meet every Tuesday night at *1930* local time and will have various members of the Shelby Composite Squadron operating as the net control operator.

The net will operate on R20, the Hibritten repeater, which on some radios may be listed as the Mt. Mitchell Repeater. For those of you in range of this repeater please take advantage of this opportunity and support this net on air.

Tony Bradley, 2nd Lt., CAP | /Public Affairs Officer / Information Technology Officer/

New NC Wing Legislative Officer

I am pleased to announce that Major Shelley Chalmers has been appointed as Commander of the NC State Legislative Squadron and as Government Relations Advisor. She is replacing Lt Col Paul Meade who has taken on the major task of serving as the Director of the Middle East Region Staff College. I would like to thank Lt Col Meade for his leadership in this position, in particular his efforts working through the legislative challenges that faced NC CAP over the last several years.

DAVID E CRAWFORD, Colonel, CAP

Commander, North Carolina Wing

Pilgrimage to Birthplace of Aviation by Local Civil Air Patrol Squadron

Greenville, NC – A van load of cadet and senior members from the Pitt-Greenville Composite Squadron of the Civil Air Patrol performed a pilgrimage to the birthplace of manned powered flight at Kill Devil Hills this past Saturday. They visited the monument, toured the facilities, and retraced the path of those first steps into the air at the Wright Brother’s National Memorial.

On the way, they visited the site of one of Civil Air Patrol’s World War II Coastal Patrol Bases. Coastal Patrol Base 16, at the present Dare County Airport in Manteo, was the temporary home of CAP volunteers from across the state who volunteered to take their civilian aircraft, some loaded with improvised ordnance, to patrol the coastal waters off the state looking for enemy u-boats as well as vessels in distress. They visited a museum in the airport’s terminal building set aside to pay tribute to those efforts.

The Civil Air Patrol performs three congressionally assigned key missions: emergency services, which includes search and rescue (by air and ground) as well as disaster relief operations; aerospace education for youth and the general public; and cadet programs for youth ages 12 to 20 which develops and fosters leadership, aviation, and emergency service skills.

The program differs from other organizations geared towards youth; the focus on aerospace and emergency services sets it apart. Teens are given the opportunity to not only gain skills that will help them through life, but they also get the chance to apply those skills now. From learning how to fly and performing search and rescue to network computer defense and robotics, teens can develop their skills by actively performing the activities.

Cadets and adult Senior Members have the opportunity to participate in a wide variety of pursuits; the Cadet program contributes to the development of teens with a structured syllabus and an organization based upon United States Air Force ranks and grades, while the older members serve as instructors, supervisors, and operators. All members wear Air Force authorized uniforms while performing their duties.

David Nelson, Capt, CAP, Commander, Pitt-Greenville Composite Squadron, Civil Air Patrol

Aaron Fair, 2d Lt, CAP, Public Affairs Officer, Pitt-Greenville Composite Squadron, Civil Air Patrol





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Save the Date

Shelby Squadron's

Fall Banquet

Tuesday October 30th at 1800

Attendees are asked to bring a covered dish

Further Details to be released in September

With Special Guest Speaker

Former Chief Master
Sergeant of the Air Force
Gerald R. Murray



Aerospace Education And Rocket Day

Where—Group # 4

Location—Sugar Valley Airport

The host Squadron is Winston Salem Composite Sqdn

The date is-Friday Sept 14th. & Sat. Sept.15th 2012

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James P. Williams Lt Col CAP

Asst. Director of Aerospace Education

North Carolina Wing

National AE & ES Awards

I am very pleased to announce that NCWG received the 2012 MER mission awards for Disaster Relief and Aerospace Education. I am proud to have accepted these awards on behalf of the wing during the awards ceremony this morning at the National Board meeting in Baltimore.

These awards are the direct result of the extraordinary efforts of members from across the wing, performing in these mission areas. Special thanks to Major Chris Bailey and Major Paul Twiddy for their service as the wing leaders in the SAR/DR and AE programs.

David E. Crawford, Col, CAP

Commander, North Carolina Wing



Approaching Storm at RWI. Photo by Capt.Rheta Perkins
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Two Brunswick County Composite Squadron Members Receive A Very Special Honor

First Lt. Kathy Nicholas and 2nd Lt. Dick Hart, both pilots in MER-NC-170, were honored recently by the widow of James C. Harrington, Mission Director of the Luna Module and Apollo XII.

About a year ago, Lt. Hart, who never had met Jim Harrington, even though they attended the same church, became aware of Jim's background. During a conversation, Lt. Hart asked Jim if he would talk to the Brunswick County Squadron members about his experiences in the space program. Jim agreed to do this. Lt. Hart contacted Lt. Nicholas, Aerospace Education Officer for the squadron, and plans were made to schedule the presentation.

Unfortunately, Jim's health was not the best and the presentation had to be postponed twice. Jim passed away on 23 June 2012. At Jim's wake, his wife mentioned to Lt. Hart that Jim had left something for him and Lt. Nicholas.

Recently, Lts. Nicholas and Hart paid a visit to Jim's widow, Lorraine. Mrs. Harrington spent a considerable amount of time showing them all of Jim's awards and talking about his career. Jim truly was a gifted person. It was especially meaningful that Jim thought enough of the Civil Air Patrol to honor two of its members with renditions of the Apollo XII Mission Patch in recognition of their support of our nation's space endeavors. Lorraine Harrington seemed very pleased to be able to present the Apollo XII Mission Patches to Lts. Nicholas and Hart, on behalf of her late husband.

William J, Sullivan, 1st Lt., CAP

Public Affairs Officer

MER-NC-170



Left to right, Second Lt. Dick Hart, Lorraine Harrington and 1st Lt. Kathy Nicholas.

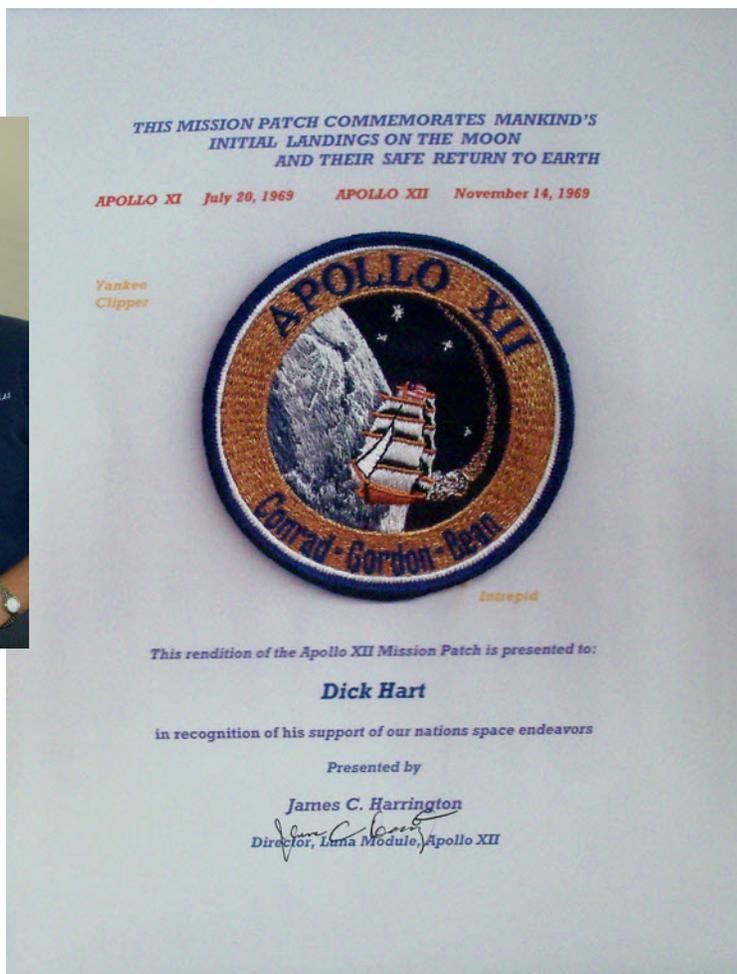


Photo by Kathy Hart

Promotions and Awards for August ... Compiled by 1st Lt. Carey Cox

The NC Wing is honored to announce member promotions, awards and noteworthy service for the month of August. Congratulations to all listed members for their achievements and accomplishments.

PROMOTIONS			
Name	Promoted To	Unit	Promotion Date
Adams, Erica L	C/TSgt	NC-048	07 Aug 2012
Alvarez, Gabriel	C/SSgt	NC-048	28 Aug 2012
Alvarez, Sebastian	C/SSgt	NC-048	28 Aug 2012
Aray-Freites, Jeanmary A	C/SMSgt	NC-007	01 Aug 2012
Bailey, Robert J	Maj	NC-002	12 Aug 2012
Binion, Shelton J	C/Amn	NC-050	31 Jul 2012
Bissell, Dennis R	Capt	NC-022	01 Aug 2012
Bouffard, Nathan J H	C/SMSgt	NC-082	20 Aug 2012
Bradley, Kelli B	C/TSgt	NC-050	22 Aug 2012
Brawn, Alexander C	C/CMSgt	NC-022	21 Aug 2012
Brelinsky, Pierce W	C/A1C	NC-143	28 Aug 2012
Cannon, John Z	C/SMSgt	NC-082	09 Aug 2012
Carnes, Paul A	2d Lt	NC-800	03 Aug 2012
Church, Morgan V	C/Amn	NC-153	23 Aug 2012
Connor, Patrick S	C/SSgt	NC-143	07 Aug 2012
Cordes, Matthew A	C/SMSgt	NC-007	01 Aug 2012
Davis, Nathan R	C/SrA	NC-169	16 Aug 2012
DeGarmo, Melissa L	2d Lt	NC-007	12 Aug 2012
Diehl, Alaina L	C/TSgt	NC-801	16 Aug 2012
Endres, Alexandria	C/A1C	NC-169	16 Aug 2012
Erb, Daniel J	C/TSgt	NC-145	03 Aug 2012
Fleming, Zachary T	C/SMSgt	NC-162	23 Aug 2012
Floyd, Joseph M	C/Amn	NC-145	20 Aug 2012
Gaddy, Justin D	C/CMSgt	NC-022	08 Aug 2012
Gordon, Christa H	C/A1C	NC-048	28 Aug 2012
Gordon, Graceon B	C/A1C	NC-048	28 Aug 2012
Ham, Hazen D	C/SSgt	NC-150	07 Aug 2012
Harwell, John A	C/Amn	NC-124	21 Aug 2012
Hess, Micahlynn D	C/SMSgt	NC-057	09 Aug 2012
Hill, John D	2d Lt	NC-126	15 Aug 2012
Holmes, Kody M	C/A1C	NC-022	21 Aug 2012
Hubbard, Austin J	C/Amn	NC-031	28 Aug 2012
Hutchens, Zack L	C/SSgt	NC-082	16 Aug 2012
Ingle, Benjimen B	C/MSgt	NC-107	09 Aug 2012
Ingle, Brick T	C/MSgt	NC-048	07 Aug 2012
Johnson, Ralph R	1st Lt	NC-169	21 Aug 2012
Kania, Hannah K	C/Amn	NC-124	07 Aug 2012
Kay, Barbara R	Capt	NC-023	09 Aug 2012
Kearney, Michael C	1st Lt	NC-022	31 Jul 2012
Kearns, Brendan C	C/2dLt	NC-801	14 Aug 2012
Keeter, Chad A	C/Amn	NC-169	09 Aug 2012
Kober, Amilyn M	C/SSgt	NC-048	07 Aug 2012
Kober, Marc F	C/TSgt	NC-048	28 Aug 2012
Larson, Nathan B	C/SrA	NC-048	14 Aug 2012
Laspada, Christopher Aaron	2d Lt	NC-171	24 Aug 2012
Lilly, John R	C/SrA	NC-107	09 Aug 2012
Lindly, Justin R	C/TSgt	NC-162	23 Aug 2012
Lowry, Matthew J	C/2dLt	NC-162	09 Aug 2012
Martin, Ryan D	2d Lt	NC-137	13 Aug 2012
Martin, Sierra A	C/CMSgt	NC-048	31 Jul 2012
McElrath, Liam R	C/TSgt	NC-805	14 Aug 2012
Moore, J'mani N	C/Amn	NC-050	31 Jul 2012
Nichols, Shane M	C/SrA	NC-145	21 Aug 2012
O'Connell, Coy M	C/CMSgt	NC-145	21 Aug 2012
Pantlin, Nicholas A	C/Amn	NC-048	28 Aug 2012
Parker, Taylor T	C/CMSgt	NC-019	09 Aug 2012
Perez, Daritza	C/A1C	NC-007	08 Aug 2012
Petersen, Madison	C/Amn	NC-111	23 Aug 2012
Phillips, Caleb A	C/Amn	NC-048	07 Aug 2012
Phillips, Merlin V	Lt Col	NC-019	21 Aug 2012
Pleasant, Amie M	Capt	NC-022	31 Jul 2012
Ritsema, Kade P	C/SrA	NC-022	07 Aug 2012

Rodarte, Marcus K	C/SrA	NC-050	31 Jul 2012
Romanoski, Nick	C/MSgt	NC-048	07 Aug 2012
Scott, Langston K	C/Amn	NC-048	27 Aug 2012
Sellers, Jonathan M	C/Amn	NC-022	28 Aug 2012
Shepherd, Eliot L	C/A1C	NC-022	21 Aug 2012
Stiver, Joshua F	C/Amn	NC-160	01 Aug 2012
Stone, Nicholas C	C/SrA	NC-048	14 Aug 2012
Sutton, William T	C/TSgt	NC-031	18 Aug 2012
Tallant, Sandra L	2d Lt	NC-173	01 Aug 2012
Thakker, Parth C	C/SSgt	NC-111	15 Aug 2012
Thompson, Micah	C/Amn	NC-169	16 Aug 2012
Tirbani, Jason S	C/TSgt	NC-082	09 Aug 2012
Upton, Samuel J	C/Amn	NC-050	31 Jul 2012
Vestal, Tobias I	C/Amn	NC-048	28 Aug 2012
Waters, Joshua D	C/Capt	NC-801	16 Aug 2012
Whitman, Zachary T	C/A1C	NC-023	20 Aug 2012
Williams, Nicholas A	C/MSgt	NC-145	27 Aug 2012
Zobel, Kathryn L	C/Capt	NC-048	28 Aug 2012

AWARDS

Name	Grade	Award	Unit	Award Date
Alvarez, Gabriel	C/SSgt	Wright Brothers	NC-048	28 Aug 2012
Alvarez, Sebastian	C/SSgt	Wright Brothers	NC-048	28 Aug 2012
Banks, Aubrey M	Maj	MBRRBN	NC-082	23 Aug 2012
Bauer, Justin D	SM	MBRRBN	NC-005	06 Aug 2012
Bauer, Justin D	SM	YEAGER	NC-005	09 Aug 2012
Bloemsmma, Stephen A	SM	MBRRBN	NC-019	02 Aug 2012
Coggins, Jason M	2d Lt	YEAGER	NC-048	18 Aug 2012
Connor, Patrick S	C/SSgt	Wright Brothers	NC-143	07 Aug 2012
Cook, Edward D	Capt	DAVIS	NC-801	20 Aug 2012
Ham, Hazen D	C/SSgt	Wright Brothers	NC-150	07 Aug 2012
Hess, William C	Capt	LOENING	NC-057	07 Aug 2012
Hicks, Ronnie L	1st Lt	DAVIS	NC-170	07 Aug 2012
Hutchens, Zack L	C/SSgt	Wright Brothers	NC-082	16 Aug 2012
Johnson, Kirkland L	Capt	YEAGER	NC-050	31 Jul 2012
Kearney, Michael C	1st Lt	MBRRBN	NC-022	31 Jul 2012
Kearney, Michael C	1st Lt	YEAGER	NC-022	02 Aug 2012
Kearns, Brendan C	C/2dLt	Billy Mitchell	NC-801	14 Aug 2012
Kober, Amilyn M	C/SSgt	Wright Brothers	NC-048	07 Aug 2012
Lowry, Matthew J	C/2dLt	Billy Mitchell	NC-162	09 Aug 2012
Lyerly, Ricky D	Capt	DAVIS	NC-107	17 Aug 2012
Nicholas, Kathleen M	1st Lt	DAVIS	NC-170	08 Aug 2012
Pratt, Jamal G	SM	MBRRBN	NC-121	15 Aug 2012
Rex, Leslie A	2d Lt	YEAGER	NC-022	07 Aug 2012
Smith, Brandon P	SM	YEAGER	NC-162	26 Aug 2012
Thakker, Parth C	C/SSgt	Wright Brothers	NC-111	15 Aug 2012
Viventi, Dion J	Maj	GARBER	NC-048	02 Aug 2012
Waters, Joshua D	C/Capt	Amelia Earhart	NC-801	16 Aug 2012
Woods, Joel C	SM	DAVIS	NC-022	02 Aug 2012
Woods, Joel C	SM	MBRRBN	NC-022	31 Jul 2012
Woods, Joel C	SM	YEAGER	NC-022	02 Aug 2012
Zobel, Kathryn L	C/Capt	Amelia Earhart	NC-048	28 Aug 2012

Inspector General Training Courses

Completion of this course is required in order to serve your group as an inspector on a SUI team. Please note the new date for the course in the Group 5 area. Applications (CAPF 17) for the 15 Sep IGBC must be received NLT 4 Sep. See the attached announcement for details.

We have scheduled 5 Inspector General Basic Courses (IGBC), one in each group between Feb. & Sep 2012. The final course for 2012 will be on 15 September in the Group 5 area in the conference room at Fayetteville Regional Airport (FAY). This course is open to all senior members. Completion of this course satisfies one of the requirements to become a highly qualified inspector. Normally the IGBC requires 12 or more hours to complete in the classroom. We have reduced it to 8 hours by eliminating the Investigating Officers (IO) module which is not required to conduct inspections and by providing you with some home study materials to prepare you for the classroom instruction. If you wish to become an IO you may enroll in the IGBC online course (modules 1 & 2). Note that there may be a long waiting period to obtain a slot in the on-line course.

Most of our groups are in urgent need of trained qualified inspectors and team chiefs for their inspection teams. Please register for the course as soon as possible in order to give the instruction team adequate time to order your materials from CAP NHQ and in order for you to receive your home study material with sufficient time remaining to prepare for the classroom portion. We have 18 seats remaining for the 15 September course. Please submit your application NLT 2400 hours on Tuesday 4 Sep. Complete the attached CAPF 17 (blocks 1 thru 21 must be completed), attach it to an email and send it (typed in Word format) to jdonahue2@nc.rr.com with a copy to your unit commander. Signatures are not required. Do not send the CAPF 60 but ensure that you have an updated paper copy, completed both front and back and carried in your pocket while attending the training.

John F. Donahue, Lt Col, CAP

Assistant IG, MER-NC-001

New Spaatz Cadet From South Charlotte Cadet Squadron

South Charlotte Cadet Squadron is proud to announce our Spaatz Cadet. South Charlotte is only nine years old and this is our first Cadet Spaatz. C/Col Sierra Lawson is North Carolina's next Spaatz.

C/Col Lawson is attending Ohio State University and is a past Commander of the South Charlotte Cadet Squadron. We are extremely proud of C/Col Lawson's accomplishments.

Please join MER-NC800 in congratulating C/Col Sierra Lawson.

Paul W Twiddy, Maj, CAP

Squadron Commander, MER-NC-800

Aircrew Training Offered at Rocky Mount-Wilson Airport

Rocky Mount-Wilson Regional Airport – The Aircrew Training School was the brainchild of Lt. Col. Wally Courtney and Capt. Rheta Perkins, both members of the Asheville Composite Squadron; and it became very apparent to those attending that these two had spent a great many hours preparing the course material. The curriculum was set up to include one full day of classroom preparation and another day of in-flight, hands-on familiarization for mission observers and scanners.

The training facility for the weekend is home base for the Tar River Composite Squadron.

Maj. Chris Bailey, the mission incident commander (IC), said, “Five CAP aircraft were originally committed to the training program, three of which were able to make it to the mission base.” Continuing, Bailey stated that typical summertime weather in North Carolina resulted in widely scattered thunderstorms and rain showers.

“This school was the first of its kind offered by the NC Wing in quite some time. Generally, observer and scanner courses are offered by our individual units on a more local basis, but some of our smaller squadrons lacked the resources needed to provide more frequent aircrew classes on a regular basis,” Bailey said.

Assisting with mission base functions were the following: Maj. Peter Bohler, Air Operations Branch Director; Maj. Robert Mason, Mission Safety Officer; 1st Lt. Kenneth Currie, Mission Staff Assistant.

NC Wing Commander, Col. David E. Crawford, noted that over time, our mission demands have grown to include more activities now including Homeland Security and Counter Drug assignments. “The wing conducts several Search and Rescue Exercises (SAREXs) every year, but we view the flight crew school as an opportunity to offer basic training for new observers and scanners as well as refresher training for members already qualified for these tasks,” Crawford said.

Bailey said, “Including mission base staff and students, we had a total of 24 members attending. Lt. Col. Courtney and Capt. Perkins spent all day Saturday providing the classroom topics for those attending, many of whom were seeking their initial qualifying credits. The plan was to spend Saturday fulfilling classroom familiarization and preparation, and then flight activities would be conducted on Sunday. But weather was an even a greater factor on day two.”

First thing Sunday morning local weather services reported wide-spread shower activity and a tornado warning for the area just 50 miles north of the Rocky Mount-Wilson Airport. Cold front passage had brought along severe thunderstorm warnings for much of eastern North Carolina, so flight activities were replaced by advanced indoor course material for observer and scanner trainees that included tabletop exercises using the NC Dept. of Transportation grid maps.

Lt. Col. Courtney stated that those attending were able to have many tasks signed off on their Specialty Qualification Training Requirements (SQTR).

Bailey added, “We have extended the Air Crew School Training mission thru the beginning of September to allow for those members that attended the school to complete their flight training. We plan to utilize the local squadron mission pilots to help us complete the training flights for these members.

Bailey expressed his thanks to Lt. Col Roy Asbell, commander of the Tar River unit and his staff for hosting the training school.

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Those signed into the mission included:

Bailey, Chris, Maj
Barkley, Linwood, Lt. Col.
Bohler, Peter, Maj
Burggraf, Paul, 2nd Lt.
Clark, Julian, 2nd Lt.
Courtney, Wally, Lt. Col
Currie, Kenneth, 1st Lt.
Faircloth, Frankie. SM
Freeman, Thomas, SM
Herring. Cliff, 2nd Lt.
Hill, John, SM
Kearney, Mike, 1st Lt.
Leggett Connie, 2nd Lt.

Mack, Dennis, Capt
Martin, Ryan, 2nd Lt.
Mason, Robert, Maj
Meranda, Andrew, 1st Lt.
Overman, Patricia, 2nd Lt.
Overman, Tony, Capt
Perkins, Rheta, Capt
Smith, James, 2nd Lt.
Tsang, Lipton, 1st Lt.
Vargas, Guillermo, SM
Walker, James, Capt
Wolfe. George, Capt



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Instructor, Lt. Col. Wally Courtney



Instructor Capt. Rheta