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## Featured This Month: WREATHS ACROSS AMERICA

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Merry Christmas  
and Happy Holidays  
2009

Photo Courtesy of Fred & Gayle Sams, Lake Lure, NC

As of midnight tonight, no CAP stations are authorized to use the old wideband channels to be reprogrammed this weekend. There is a list of aircraft and their radio status on the NCWG web site, under Communications -> Technical Info.



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**Comm Notice To All**

As of of midnight 31 December 2009, no CAP stations are authorized to use the old wideband channels for ANY reason. Please use the new narrowband channels for all CAP activities.

Most of our repeaters are transitioned, but 3 of them are offline. These are the Fayetteville, Pisgah, and Concord repeaters. Do NOT use these repeaters until they have been brought back online. When they are brought back online, they will use the narrowband frequencies.

In addition, a few aircraft are set to be reprogrammed this weekend. There is a list of aircraft and their radio statuses on the NCWG web site, under Communications -> Technical Info. Some of that data, such as the location of an aircraft, is just a note for commo staff. This is not the official location information about the aircraft, and in some cases it's wrong. The programming information is correct, however.

Please send any comments or questions directly to me or your group commo staff.

KERTIS HENDERSON, Capt, CAP

# Wreaths Across America: Salisbury National Cemetery

Salisbury, NC- The soft distant pealing of the cemetery bells, precisely at noon, cut through the cold blustery air and a hushed silence descended on the assembled crowd. The group was gathered at the Salisbury National Cemetery in Salisbury North Carolina to participate in the Wreaths Across America (WAA) program held on Saturday December 12, 2009. Maj. James Williams, NCWG Deputy Director of Public Affairs was the WAA location coordinator and Capt Paul Twiddy, NCWG Director of Aerospace Education, served as his assistant for the ceremony.

The group of forty-five consisted of fifteen cadets and eight senior members of the North Carolina Wing Civil Air Patrol, distinguished guests and several veterans and their families, who were there to pay their respects to those who had served in the United States military and had gone before us and those who, in the words of President Lincoln, had given their last full measure of devotion to their country.

After the group had recited the Pledge of Allegiance, Maj. Williams called for a moment of silence to remember the fallen, the prisoners of war, those missing in action and all those who have served and are serving in the armed services of the United States of America. The color guard was then called on to post the colors. The cadets, in solemn silence, marched the flags of the USA and North Carolina followed by the flags of each of the services, and one each for the Merchant Marines and the Prisoners of War/Missing in Action. The colors were posted at the All Wars Monument located near the flagpole, which displays the plaques of each of the five services: Army, Navy, Marine Corps, Air Force and Coast Guard.

Lt Col Richard Harkness, NCWG Group 2 Operations Officer, made the opening remarks in which he quoted President Reagan who once said, "Freedom is never more than one generation away from extinction". Lt Col Harkness added that ceremonies such as this one, reminds us that we are one nation with one flag and gives us the opportunity to remember the great sacrifices made by our heroes. He added, "We are all proud to be Americans that live in a free society made up of many people, many races, from all walks of life. The freedoms we enjoy today have not come without a price".

The formal wreath laying ceremony followed, with seven cadets and two retired service men participating. Cadet Shaneyfelt laid the wreath for the Army, Cadet Shuler laid the wreath for the Navy and Cadet Larson laid one for the Marines. Cadet Jaekuas accompanied by Capt Willie L. Wright (NC-137) laid the wreath for the Air Force. Coast Guard Aux. Capt Carter accompanied Cadet Siske as they laid the wreath for the Coast Guard and Cadet Morietz laid the wreath for the Merchant Marines. Finally, Cadet Casmer laid the wreath to honor the 93,852 men and women from all branches of the services whose last known status was either Prisoner of War or Missing in Action. The Color Guard and all past and present service men and women presented arms after each wreath was laid.

In her remarks to the group, Ms. Jean Reaves, Constituent Services Representative and Veterans' Liaison for US Senator Kay R. Hagan said, "Remember, Honor, Teach-Remember the fallen, Honor those who serve, Teach our children the value of freedom". She also challenged the audience to look at the young cadets of the Civil Air Patrol who had taken the time to remember and honor the American heroes some of whom served their country long before the cadets were born. She added that this ceremony helped the cadets learn leadership, organization, the merits of working as a unit and above all the value of freedom.

USAF Brigadier General (retd.) Gary H. Wilfong reflected that the cold today reminded him of the conditions endured by the soldiers in the fox holes during past wars. He encouraged all assembled to engage a veteran in conversation and learn about some of their achievements and what they had sacrificed to allow us to enjoy our freedoms today. He recounted a poignant story of his own father who had received the Bronze Star during World War II.

C/Capt Thomas expressed some thoughts on behalf of the cadets. He said, "Every gravestone marker at this national cemetery represents a cause or an ideal held dear by the person who is buried there". He added that ceremonies such as this one help us to appreciate the sacrifices of the brave fallen heroes for whom those ideals were worth so much more than their own lives.

The ceremony concluded with the playing of a recording of taps and the Color Guard retrieving the colors.

After the ceremony, Rowan County Veteran's advocate and recipient of the Bronze Star in Vietnam, Mr. Rodney G. Cress expressed gratitude for the work the Civil Air Patrol does to help promote awareness in the community. Ceremonies that honor the men and women in the services help his efforts to bring them the recognition and respect that they justly deserve.

Maj. Con D'Cruz  
Deputy Director, Public Affairs  
NC Wing

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Brig. Gen. Gary Wilfong:USAF (Ret.) addresses the group assembled for the WAA ceremony



LtCol. Richard Harkness, Group 2 Operations Officer makes the opening remarks



Color Guard Retrieving Colors at the end of the WAA ceremony

# Wreaths Across America: State Capitol, Raleigh, NC

**Raleigh, NC** – It is a humbling experience to stand before our State Capitol at 12:00 noon on this day as the Raleigh-Wake Color Guard marches up the walkway, passing by the assembled crowd and a team of cadets standing rigid along the path. This was my fourth year for attending the Wreaths Across America ceremony, and each year I am filled with pride and am honored to be a part of this most patriotic event.

Those who had been chosen to place the Christmas wreaths stood at attention. They represented our future—today’s children—and our past by veterans who served our Nation, ensuring that the present generation would enjoy and prosper in a free society.

Cadets Kyle Zobel and Stephen Coogan stood at the top of the steps leading to the North Carolina Veteran’s Memorial where plaques denoted our military services: Army, Navy, Air Force, Coast Guard, and Marines. We were assembled to honor those who served, some making the ultimate sacrifice. We would also honor the Merchant Marine and those who never returned to our cherished land.

“Color Guard—present the colors.” Distant church bells and the clip-clopping of polished shoes as they progressed up the walk broke the silence. A hush settled over the crowd, some who turn out year after year and the idle curious who just happened to be passing by.

We bowed our heads as the cadets called for a minute of silence. Then in turn, Cadets Zobel and Coogan delivered their prepared speeches. At that very moment, at hundreds of locations across America, the words of Ronald Reagan, our 40<sup>th</sup> President were spoken, “Freedom is never more than one generation away from extinction. We didn't pass it to our children in the bloodstream. It must be fought for, protected, and handed on for them to do the same, or one day we will spend our sunset years telling our children and our children's children what it was once like in the United States where men were free.”

WWII veteran John Coley spoke briefly, giving thanks for the opportunity to serve his country. Coley landed on Omaha Beach just six hours after the D-Day Landings had begun.

When asked the question, "Are there any veterans present here today, please raise your hands." Nearly one third of those attending responded.

One by one the wreaths were placed at the monument, each presenter being escorted by a CAP cadet. Standing beside the hedges, operating the controls on the public address system, Lt. Col. Al Therriault was glowing with pride as “his” cadets performed flawlessly.

With all of the wreaths in position, U.S. Air Force Tech/Sgt. Carl Schleger stood ready with his trumpet tucked smartly at his side.

“Present Arms!”

T/Sgt Schleger raised the trumpet—TAPS. Several among those standing straight and tall could be seen brushing away tear.

“Order Arms.”

The ceremony had ended and as the crowd began to drift away, one has to feel a sense purpose, a sense of pride for having been present for this solemn, patriotic ceremony. As we all returned to our homes, many of us would be bringing forth the memory of Lee Greenwood’s creation, one which ranks a close second to the Star Spangled Banner for this writer, “I'm proud to be an American where at least I know I'm free, And, I won't forget the men who died who gave that right to me.”

God Bless The USA!

Donald S. Penven, Capt, CAP  
Director of Public Affairs  
North Carolina Wing





Presenters: L-R: James Wagner, Robbie Hardison, John Coley, Marvin Marshall, Rick Lashmit



Sons of American Revolution: L-R: Glenn Sappie, Dan Hoping, Edward Phillips



Raleigh-Wake Color Guard: L-R: Katie Zobel, Michael Sowell, Sam Frenner, Ian Woolsey



Color Guard—Post The Colors



L-R: 1st Lt. Ben Scheuers, Lt Col Al Therriault



Cub Pack 374: L-R: Dillon Smith, Matthew Bendixson, Alex Buschow, Matthew Buschow



Children of The Sons of The American Revolution:

L-R Audrey Ditmore, Georgia Ditmore, Alex Ditmore

Photos by Capt. Don Penven



Wreath Presenters Stand Ready

# Wreaths Across America: Roanoke Rapids, Halifax Co.

**Roanoke Rapids** - The Halifax Composite Squadron held its first Wreaths Across America Ceremony at Cedarwood Cemetary in Roanoke Rapids, NC. Starting precisely at noon under solemn skies, Capt. Butch Clopton master of cermonies, opened with his welcome saying, "Wreaths Across America honors those who not only protect Americans and their way of life, but free others around the world.."

Following the invocation by Rev. Bob Bowser, CPO U.S. Navy, and the posting of the colors by the Halifax Resolve Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution, a song, "It has Always been the Solider," was sung by Calvary Baptist Church. Pastor Casey Short gave credit to our soldiers for freedom of the press, speech, and assembly.

A guest speaker, Col. Charles Morrison, U.S. Army, spoke on remembering veterans and the importance of honoring those who made the ultimate sacrifice. U.S. Navy Logistics Specialist Third Class Joy Edwards read a poem "A Soldiers Night Before Christmas", the poem comes from Santa's point of view on the sacrifices soldiers have made. In the end Santa weeps. Wreath laying commenced by the Cadets for each branch of service, including the Coast Guard and POW/MIA's.

Closing remarks were followed by a minute of silence, then Taps, played by Cadet Airman Russell Evans. The benediction was given by Lt. Charles Harris, CAP, retired U.S. Air Force Master Sergeant.

2nd Lt. Suzanne Evans, PAO  
Halifax Composite Sq. NC-169



Pictured from left to right: Cadet Airman Rodderick Mallory, Cadet Airman Russell Evans, and Cadet Basic Triston Arwood.



Pictured from left to right: Cadet Basic Richard Evans, Cadet Airman Doss Dalhem, Cadet Staff Sgt. Chris Martin, Cadet Staff Sgt. Melanie Evans, Cadet Staff Sgt. Austin Warren, and Cadet Airman First Class James Evans.



# Wreaths Across America: New Bern National Cemetery

**New Bern, NC** - On a cold and overcast midday, members of Coastal Patrol Base 21, Beaufort, NC, conducted their fourth Wreaths Across America ceremony to "Honor, Teach and Remember" those who have gone before, and those who are still going all over the world in defense of this nation.

Although the crowd was small, the ceremony was conducted with dignity, and those attending were proud to have been there. Among the guests were members of the Patriot Guard, families of the deceased at the cemetery, VFW members from Havelock and News Ch 14's Smytha Rao. Our bugler was Cpl. Winterstein from the 2dMAW Band, MCAS Cherry Point.

All five of the branches of the armed forces were represented as well as Merchant Marines and POWs.

News Channel 14 did an excellent video coverage that appeared on the evening news and was seen by many. Our thanks to them.

Major Linda Eldredge, PAO, CAP  
Coastal Patrol Base 21  
Beaufort, NC



Photos By Maj. Linda Eldredge



# Wreaths Across America: Winston Salem

On Saturday December 12, 2009 The Winston-Salem Composite Squadron of the Civil Air Patrol (NC082) conducted a ceremony honoring all our men and women who lost their lives serving our nation. This service had to be moved on very short notice from the Viet Nam Memorial on I85 between Thomasville and Lexington. We received short notice that North Carolina was shutting the memorial down for repairs and cleaning for the rest of December. The service was moved to the Lawrence Joel Memorial Coliseum in Winston-Salem where, even on short notice, things worked out very smoothly.

The color guard was made up of cadets C/SSgt Mohler, C/CMSgt Pressley, C/SrA Rees and C/A1C Shoffner. The Wreath presenters were cadets C/CMSgt Johnson, Cadet Commander C/Cap Woods, C/2dLt Sanders, C/2dLt Gourley, C/Amn Wimbish and C/Amn Raner and senior member Captain Rick Schoffner. Captain Schoffner presented the wreath dedicated to those missing in action and Prisoners of war (MIA/POW).

Major Ron Cheek was in charge of the ceremony. He opened it with a moment of silence respecting those being honored. The color guard presented the flags as the National Anthem was played. Then one by one wreaths were presented by cadets honoring their branch of service with senior Captain Rick Schoffner presenting the MIA/POW wreath last. The two buglers then played echoing Taps followed by the bagpipe player playing Amazing Grace. An advantage here is that the Wreaths could be moved inside, out of the weather after the ceremony. They will remain on display there through the end of the year. Three were placed on either side of the Christmas tree in front of the memorial and the MIA/POW wreath placed in front of the tree. C/Captain Woods left a basketball game in which he was actively playing on one of the teams. He left early in the second half to be a part of this presentation, because he felt that this was more important. Happy to report that his team did win the game.

TV channels 2 and 14 covered this service as well the Thomasville newspaper. This service is held at 12:00 noon EST at all locations, no matter where they are located nationwide. We are expecting a much larger crowd to be at the service next year as the location will be settled and will be well advertised next year. The sudden unexpected switch of locations hurt the attendance this year. We should be grateful for the sacrifice these heroes have made with their lives for it is what has kept our freedom in tact. **MAKE NO MISTAKE ABOUT IT, FREEDOM IS NOT FREE.** Those brave men and women whom we are honoring here today paid it for dearly.

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Winston-Salem Composite Squadron



## Middle East Region News

When you pull up your New 2010 calendar please mark:

Middle East Region Conference 16-18 April 2010

It will be held at a new hotel in the Richmond area.  
Watch for additional information on hotel and  
conference registration coming soon.

There will be seminars for everyone. All Wing staff members and squadron members are encouraged to attend.

HAPPY NEW YEAR!!

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### Bloodborne Pathogen Training at Winston Salem

At the December 3<sup>rd</sup> p.m. meeting SM Michael Drummond NC082's Medical Officer taught a Bloodborne Pathogen class. It was held at the Winston-Salem Fire Department Headquarters located at the South Ramp of Smith Reynolds Airport. We had to have a larger meeting space due to an excellent turnout of 22 Cadets and 17 Senior Members.

This is a required course for all Emergency Services personnel whether they are Air Crew or Ground Crew. It was emphasized that you must treat all injured persons as possible carriers of some blood borne disease for your own personal safety. He showed the special kit that is to be used if possible for maximum protection. It is easy to become complacent when dealing with this type of problem. However, it can be deadly to the rescuing party if mishandled.

Hopefully everyone there was sufficiently impressed by the course of the dangers involved in dealing with this type emergency. A plane crash will almost always be in this category and should be treated in the proper manner. This course is mainly for the safety of the rescuers as it is for those being rescued. These diseases play no favorites and we are all susceptible to contracting them if we do not take the proper precautions. Unfortunately the result can be death itself so the importance of this training cannot be underestimated.

All squadrons should consider having this training for their members before it becomes too late for someone. Again the Civil Air Patrol rule is Safety, Safety, and Safety and it cannot be stressed too much. SM Drummond did an excellent job of presenting the material to the class preparing us to do our job the best possible.

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SM Michael Drummond



# There's No Place for Drunk Driving During the Holiday Season

Author: Attorney Elizabeth M. Allen

With the Holidays come family gatherings, office parties, socializing with friends and Year End football game get-togethers. These are occasions we look forward to all year. But there can be a dark side to the holiday cheer: drunk driving and the injuries and deaths that result.

Every December we see a spike in highway fatalities in the United States during the Christmas and New Year Holiday periods. In 2005, there were 193 deaths involving at least one impaired driver during the three day New Year weekend. Another 160 people died over the three day Christmas weekend in 2006. These grim figures do not reflect the other horrific consequences of such accidents: a child's loss of a parent, a wife's loss of her wage earning husband, and the severe injuries and lost income innocent passengers may suffer.

It's up to each and every one of us to do our part to prevent these tragedies. Remember, everyone has a role to play in keeping drunk drivers off the road.

**The driver.** No one is more responsible for preventing drunk driving than you, the driver. No excuses! If you drink, you can't drive.

- Line up a sober driver to take you home if you anticipate drinking alcohol during an evening out.
- Call a cab or set up a ride with a program such as Safe Rides or Sober Rides, which provide free rides home to intoxicated citizens.
- Watch what you drink and eat. Never drink too much too quickly. Put soft drinks or coffee into your mix of beverages. Don't drink on an empty stomach.

Make sure you eat food at the same time you're drinking.

- Stay overnight in a nearby hotel or motel, if you're going to attend a Christmas party and you know you want to have more than one or two drinks during the evening. That way you can walk to your hotel room after the party's over.

**The host.** Most of us enjoy hosting holiday parties for friends and family. However, with the decision to serve alcoholic beverages comes the responsibility to make certain our guests don't leave the party so impaired that they are unable to drive safely.

- Serve a variety of food, coffee, and non-alcoholic beverages.
- Keep an eye on your guests as you circulate during the party. If you observe someone take more than one or two alcoholic drinks or you see someone who shows signs of intoxication, be pro-active. Determine whether the person expects to drive himself home. If so, intervene and ensure that a sober driver takes him.
- Provide a list of phone numbers for local cab companies and post it for your guests.
- Take the keys away and call a cab. Or call a family member or friend to give your guest a sober ride. If you can't take care of the situation on your own, ask his friends (or yours) to help.

**The family.** Many of you know family members who drink too much at holiday parties. You recognize your husband, boyfriend, sister, or mother risks his or her life and the lives of others when he or she gets behind the wheel in an intoxicated state. Take a stand and be firm. No drinking and driving.

- Offer to take your family member to the party and pick him up afterwards.
- Arrange a ride with a responsible friend or a cab.
- If you are a parent worried that your teenager or young adult may drink and drive, try to establish an understanding or agreement on the subject. Explain that you are available 24/7 to pick your child up, wherever he is, if he or his friends believe he is too intoxicated to drive.

**Friends.** We hear it repeated again and again, but it's true! Friends don't let friends drive drunk. Do what it takes to keep an intoxicated friend from getting behind the wheel. Take his keys away. Move his car to a place where he can't find it. Drive him home yourself. Call a cab, if you can't drive him home either because you don't have a car or because you've had too much to drink yourself.

**You.** Yes, you. You have a role to play in keeping drunk drivers off the roads. Watch out for them as you travel the highways and roads over the holidays. If you see driver conduct that suggests a motorist is driving while intoxicated, call the police and report the suspicious behavior immediately. Give location, vehicle make and model, and license plate number whenever possible.

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For your own safety, think twice before you travel the roads and highways late at night during the Holidays. There are more intoxicated drivers on the road in the late evening and early morning hours. And be selfish! Don't get into a car or onto a motorcycle operated by someone you know has had too much to drink!

Remember To Think Safety and Enjoy the Holidays.

MER DDR Team

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## Cadet Training Canceled Due to Inclement Weather

Winston-Salem - December 18 – 20 was supposed to be the weekend of the concentrated Training for cadets but it had to be canceled due to bad weather. It was a difficult decision to make, but Lt. Col. Hawke, Squadron Commander, Major Peting, Past Squadron Commander, Captain Eric Orgain, Senior Cadet Commander, Major Dan Whitnisky, and C/Captain Joel Woods, Cadet Commander and C/Col Barry Feinstein made the decision to cancel the event. Extreme bad weather had been predicted and there were cadets coming in from all over the state, as the event had been open up to the entire wing. A total of 54 cadets had signed up for the training. This training was to be for all levels of cadets from the beginners to the officer level.

Provisions had been made for a two-night stay over using Knollwood Baptist Church as sleeping quarters. The entire event had been very well planned, but the danger of accidents between locations was too great to take the chance. It proved to be a very wise decision as the weather predictors were right on the money. At my home in High Point we had 3-4 inches of ice and snow. Winston-Salem had an even greater total of 5-6 inches. The snow was bad enough but between the layers of snow was a layer of ice that increased the danger greatly. The training will be rescheduled on January 2-3. Every one was upset with the cancellation but the motto of the Civil Air Patrol is Safety, Safety, Safety. That is what this decision turned out to be because as usual there were many accidents in the area. We did not want one of those to be a Civil Air Patrol accident.

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Maj. Glenn Petting Makes The Go-NoGo Decision



Oh, the weather outside is frightful

# JoCo Basic Ground School Training



The ninth annual Basic Ground Team School will be sponsored by the Johnston County Cadet Squadron and will be held from 26 March - 28 March, 2010. The location for the school will be the Johnston County Airport, in Smithfield, NC. All North Carolina Wing members are invited to apply. All applicants should read this memorandum thoroughly.

The intent of this school is to provide instruction in the Familiarization and Preparatory Training Tasks as well as several Advanced Training Tasks on the GTM3 SQTR. Those members who successfully demonstrate proficiency in the aforementioned tasks per the Ground and UDF Task Guide will have those tasks endorsed on their individual GTM3 SQTR by SET Evaluators. The school will NOT cover Basic First Aid, Basic Communications User Training, or the CAPT 117.

In order to attend the school, Cadets and Seniors MUST have a valid CAP identification card, a current CAPF 101 in General Emergency Services, and a GTM3 SQTR with all prerequisites (everything above the words, "Familiarization and Preparatory Training" on the form) completed and signed by unit commander or designate. ALL of these documents MUST be on the student's person upon arrival at the school.

The uniform for the school will be a COMPLETE set of BDU's or CAP Distinctive Field Uniform per CAPM 39-1. Each MUST include the appropriate headgear per CAPM 39-1. In other words, ALL students will wear authorized headgear while outdoors. No other uniform combinations will be allowed. Professionalism is characterized not only by attitude but by appearance as well. Uniforms will be kept neat and clean whenever possible and all members will strictly adhere to the personal grooming standards established in CAPM 39-1.

Participants MUST arrive at the school with a copy of the Ground & Urban Direction Finding Team Task Guide (these MUST be purchased from Vanguard or if downloaded, MUST be of equal size to the official version, and bound SECURLY) and equipped with ALL contents of the 24-Hour and Extended-Duration Packs as outlined in Task O-0001 of the Ground and UDF Task Guide (NOT just the items marked with a "T"). There will be no way to acquire this equipment once you arrive at the school. Be ready to prepare and consume ALL daily meals from the 24-Hour and Extended-Duration Packs, in the field.

Cadet applicants must submit a CAPF 31 and two CAPF 60. Senior Member applicants must submit a CAPF 17 and two CAPF 60. There will be no fee for this year's School. Applications will be accepted via Email or US Postal Service. For Email, send applications to: [bbuczkowski@earthlink.net](mailto:bbuczkowski@earthlink.net) (all forms must be completed, signed, scanned, and attached in either JPEG or PDF format). For US Postal Service, send completed and signed applications to:

It is imperative that all applicable data be COMPLETE on the CAPF 17, 31 and 60. Failure to do so will result in the application being rejected. All applications MUST also include a current e-mail address where the applicant can be contacted. If an applicant does not have an e-mail account, then an e-mail address for their unit commander or designate will be necessary. Deadline for receipt of all applications for the school is 6 March, 2010. No applications will be accepted after this date.

In-Processing and setup time on Friday, 26 March 2010 will be from 1830-2000. NO students will be in-processed before 1830. Classes will begin PROMPTLY at 2000, so it is STRONGLY advised that students arrive as early as possible AFTER 1830. The departure time on Sunday, 28 March 2010 is scheduled for 1500.

Be Advised: This will be a professional and demanding school of instruction. Expect a weekend of intense training consisting of both classroom instruction and practical application of skills. The key to successful Ground Team operations is a "can do" attitude coupled with the willingness and ability to work as a team. You will be evaluated throughout the school on your capability to perform in the above-mentioned manner. All participants will be expected to act with a professional demeanor.

Maj. Brian P. Buczkowski, CAP  
Basic Ground Team School  
267 Tomahawk Drive  
Clayton, NC 27520

## Following The Leader

Major Glen Peting is shown here presenting an advancement award to his daughter Natasha. You can tell how proud he is by the broad smile on his face. By all means he should be proud, as would any father to see his children follow in his footsteps especially when they have been good ones. Our youth today need to see good examples set by their parents, as it has become somewhat of a rarity.

Not only did Major Peting have the honor of seeing his daughter follow his footsteps in the Civil Air Patrol, but his son Sean had just been accepted in the cadets the day before. He has every right to be a proud dad and we wish his two young people the best while serving in the CAP.

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# Raleigh-Wake Sponsors Annual Banquet

Capt. Don Penven, NC-048 PAO

**Raleigh, NC** - The Gov. Jim Martin Building on the NC State Fairgrounds provided the setting for the NC-048 Annual Holiday Celebration. Family and friends gathered on December 19<sup>th</sup> for an evening of festive food and fellowship. As has been the case in recent years, that Jolly (not-so-old) Elf. Lt. Col. John Maxfield keep the evening moving along at a brisk pace—even though the guest speaker was forced to cancel out at the last minute.

Special guests included Col. Larry Ragland, Col. Roy Douglass and his wife Gail and Lt. Col. David Crawford.

Tradition has it that many awards and promotions are handled at the banquet, and this year was no exception. Lt. Col. Al Therriault provided recognition for the cadet contingent: see below.

A number of those in attendance were heard to praise the dinner menu. “This was a giant step up from the usual barbeque pork and chicken of past years,” one member said. The fare included entrees of baked lasagna and lemon chicken, which was superb!

Squadron Commander, Maj. Tim Tessin remarked that during the past year, 10 senior members were promoted to Captain and NC-048 gained three new Majors and One Lt. Colonel. Maj. Tessin then proceeded to present the newly authorized Achievement Ribbon to 13 unit members:

Achievement Awards:

Maj. Bob Beichner - Aerospace Education  
Capt. Pete Bohler - Security Officer  
Maj. Jesse Collum - Stan/Eval  
C/Capt. Stephen Coogan - Command  
Capt. Paul Golick - Stan/Eval

1Lt. Randy Lindley - Finance  
Capt. Shawn McComas - Operations  
Capt. Steve Merritt - Operations - ADS/B  
Capt. Don Penven - PAO  
2lt. Marie Shanley - Banquet  
Capt. Sal Tripoli - Operations/Safety  
C/Capt. Kyle Zobel - Safety Officer Encampment  
Capt. Terri Zobel - Command NC-850

The Senior Member of the Year Award was presented to Capt. Shawn McComas.

Rocketry Awards:

C/SrA Katie Zobel  
C/Capt. Stephen Coogan  
C/SrA Matthew Lowery  
C/SrA Ian Woolsey  
C/A1C Issac Woolsey  
C/TSgt Sam Frender

Cadet of the Year:

C/SSgt Michael Sowell

Respect Award:

C/TSgt Peter Soares

Encampment T-shirts:

C/Tsgt Peter Soares  
C/Ssgt Michael Sowell  
C/SrA Matthew Lowery  
C/2Lt. James Brewer  
C/2Lt. Taylor Huneycutt  
C/Capt. Kyle Zobel  
C/TSgt Sam Frender

Detective Michael S. Phillips  
Community Service Award  
C/Capt. Stephen Coogan \$75

Promotions:

Issac Woolsey- C/A1C  
Sam Frender- C/TSgt  
Tyler Shanley- C/SSgt  
John Woodbridge- C/Amn  
Toby Tapley- C/Amn  
Ryan Almich- C/A1C

Cadet Officer of the Year:

C/Capt. Kyle Zobel



L-R: Col. Larry Ragland, Capt. Shawn McComas-Senior Member of the Year, Col. Roy Douglass, Capt. Tim Tessin



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Maj. Tim Tessin briefs Master of Ceremonies, Lt. Col. John Maxfield



Raleigh-Wake Color Guard



Capt. Terry Zobel Introduces the Det. Michael S. Phillips Community Service Award Flanked by C/Capt. Kyle Zobel, Lt. Col. Al Therriault



Capt. Zobel Presents Thank you Gift to Lt. Col. Therriault



Encampment Attendees Receive "T" Shirts



C/Capt. Kyle Zobel Receives Cadet Officer of the Year Award from Maj. Tessin

# CAP Officer Basic Course Replaces ADL-13 Beginning 1 January 2010

## RESERVE YOUR SLOT NOW!

The wait is over. The Civil Air Patrol Officer Basic Course (OBC), *written by CAP members for CAP members*, replaces ADL-13 as the activity requirement for the Level II, Benjamin O. Davis Award.

### General Information

The OBC, hosted by Blackboard, is comprised of three blocks of instruction with each block examining CAP and leadership: the Personal Dimension of Leadership; the Professional Dimension of Leadership, and the Organizational Dimension of Leadership. Each block has several lessons included. Each lesson takes about 30 minutes to complete, and there is a total of 20 hours of instruction (ADL-13 has approximately 37 hours of instruction).

Unlike ADL-13, there is no end-of-course examination. To complete the OBC, members must successfully pass an open-book online quiz at the end of each lesson within the blocks. When all the lessons in Block 1 are complete, members move to Block 2, etc. At the conclusion of Block 3, you'll be able to print a certificate and your completion will be noted on your master record.

Members will have 90 days to complete the OBC from the time their group (cohort) begins. Members work individually, and can access the course at any time. In beta testing, members completed the course in as little as two weeks, and all members completed the course before the 90-day deadline.

### Eligibility Requirements

Eligibility requirements for the OBC are the same as eligibility requirements for ADL-13. For senior members this means that you must have completed Level I. Cadets must have completed their Mitchell Award **\*NOTE: The Officer Basic Course does NOT count towards the Leadership Academy requirement for Phase IV of the Cadet Program at this time. Cadets may continue to enroll in ADL-13 until 1 March 2010.** Cadet Officers who elect to take the OBC as personal development will have OBC completion carried over to their senior member record should they choose to transition to senior membership in the future.

Eligible members will be accepted on a first-come, first-placed basis, with the first cohort beginning 1 January. Once all the slots are filled for a cohort, applicants will be assigned to the next cohort. Cohort start dates are below:

**1 January    15 February    1 April    15 May    1 July    15 August    1 October    15 November**

### The Fine Print

- *Members who have previously completed ADL-13 will not be accepted as students at this time. We must do this in order to accommodate all the members who need to complete this requirement in order to complete Level II. We'll review this restriction on a regular basis and will remove this restriction when demand for the course levels out.*
- *Members who are currently enrolled in ADL-13 may continue their studies. Their enrollment in ADL-13 will continue normally and will expire 12 months from their enrollment, as usual. **No new enrollments for ADL-13 for senior members should be submitted after 31 December 2009.***
- *If you are unfamiliar with the online learning environment and would like to take a tutorial, there is a Blackboard tutorial available. To take the tutorial, please send the request in the email with your OBC application*

### Steps to Enrollment:

There are three simple steps to enroll in the Officer Basic Course:

1. Confirm your eligibility to enroll in OBC.
2. Ensure you have not completed ADL-13. ..
3. Complete the form from NHQ and e-mail it to [officerbasiccourse@capnhq.gov](mailto:officerbasiccourse@capnhq.gov)

**For More Information, including links to Frequently Asked Questions, please go to the CAP University Homepage at <http://www.capmembers.com>**

## **'CTAF' doesn't mean uncontrolled** *Reprinted From AOPA Online Tips*

Any pilot who thinks that operations at an airport without an operating control tower are uncomplicated because air traffic control is absent quickly finds out otherwise. The lesson doesn't always come easily. A decision you make about how to come and go at a nontowered airport may even subject you to on-air comment from a fellow pilot. Fair or unfair, you'll learn from the experience. But stay focused on your flying. Revisit the situation or seek advice after you are safely back on the ground.

You learned that communications at an airport without an operating control tower are carried out on a designated frequency: the common traffic advisory frequency (CTAF). The Aeronautical Information Manual offers this description: "A CTAF is a frequency designated for the purpose of carrying out airport advisory practices while operating to or from an airport without an operating control tower. The CTAF may be a UNICOM, MULTICOM, FSS, or tower frequency and is identified in appropriate aeronautical publications."

Basic procedures are straightforward: "Pilots of inbound traffic should monitor and communicate as appropriate on the designated CTAF from 10 miles to landing. Pilots of departing aircraft should monitor/communicate on the appropriate frequency from start-up, during taxi, and until 10 miles from the airport unless the CFRs (FARs) or local procedures require otherwise." Making those broadcasts is known as the "self-announce" method, employing standard phraseology, of which examples are provided. The chapter also discourages certain radio practices that have entered use at some airports. For example: "Pilots stating, 'Traffic in the area, please advise' is not a recognized Self-Announce Position and/or Intention phrase and should not be used under any condition," it says.

Occasionally someone goes a bit rogue in the pattern, endangering others. What happens then? In his blog entry titled "Turkey of a pattern," AOPA Air Safety Foundation President Bruce Landsberg described witnessing such an occurrence, and discussed how he reacted after spotting an unsafe maneuver. His blog generated lively discussion in the AOPA Aviation Forum.

But don't think radios can solve all conflicts at nontowered airports. Stay watchful for your fellow pilots flying no-radio aircraft (see the September 3, 2004, "Training Tip"). They're your aviation partners too—and they rely on your vigilance to help keep everyone safe.

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## **Welcome NCWGs Newest Private Pilot**

On 16 Dec 2009, Cadet Major Stephen Bloemsma successfully completed his goal of becoming a FAA Certified Private Pilot. Stephen began as a Student Pilot along with 5 other Cadets in February 2008 at the Asheville (NC019) Squadron Flight Academy. In July 2008 he attended the CAP National Glider Flight Academy where he completed a supervised solo. He then returned to Asheville to solo a C172 on 3 August 2008 (his birthday). Throughout 2009 Stephen has continued his flight training with Lt Col Ray Davis CFI/II/MEI (NC019) and now after 61 hours of flight training has received his FAA wings flying N991CP (CAP 3210). After recovering from his pending shoulder surgery on 18 Dec, Stephen will complete his Form 5 and become a CAP Pilot. NC019 has two other Cadets currently working toward their Private Pilot License after having solo'd during the 2009 Asheville Flight Academy.

Thanks to Lt Col Davis for mentoring Cadet Major Bloemsma to meet his goal.

DAVID E CRAWFORD, Lt Col, CAP  
Director of Operations  
North Carolina Wing

# Combat Control Course Procedures

As promised, here are the application procedures for the 2010 Combat Control Orientation Course, 1-7 Aug 2010 at Pope AFB, NC. Please help us spread the word by getting this info to all of your troops and anyone else who may be interested. This info will be posted soon on the course website.

SUBJECT: 2010 Combat Control Orientation Course Application Procedures

1. All Student Applicants (both senior member and cadet) will complete the following procedures to be considered for acceptance to the 2010 Combat Control Orientation Course.
2. Applications (completed CAPF 31 and Physical Assessment Worksheet) will be accepted between 1 February 2010 and 15 May 2010. - Wing Certification is required on CAPF 31 for all non-NCWG members. - Physical Assessment Worksheet can be found on the CCOC website <http://www.capnc007.org/ccoc/usafccoc.html>
3. Applications will be accepted via e-mail OR mail - Mail applications to: CCOC, 112 Holly Oak Cir, Bunnlevel, NC 28323 - E-Mail applications to: CCOC-XO@ncwg.cap.gov (all forms must be signed, scanned-in and attached as either a JPEG or PDF file)
4. Selections will be announced NLT 31 May 2010. There will be a number of stand-by slots. Individuals selected for stand-by slots will be notified by letter with further information.
5. Tuition is due NLT 1 July 2010 (further info on payment methods will be provided in acceptance packet).
6. Please visit the course website <http://www.capnc007.org/ccoc/usafccoc.html> for further information.

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## Say Again, Please!

Heard over northern Florida recently

**Jacksonville Center:**

"Airliner XYZ: Turn left, heading 320."

**Airliner XYZ:**

"Is that a 320 heading for Airliner XYZ?"

**Jacksonville Center:**

"No, that should be, 'Turn left, heading 230' for Airliner XYZ. Sorry about that. Five out of four controllers are dyslexic."

**Airliner XYZ:**

"No problem. Five out of three pilots, same thing. Airliner XYZ turning left, heading 230."

29 December 2009  
Kandahar, Afghanistan

Dear Cadets and Seniors,



The end of 2009 is soon approaching and the hopes and dreams of 2010 will be upon us. The events of the past year - the election of a new United States President, the reelection of the current Afghan President, the capture of Private First Class Bowe Bergdahl and the beginning of the end of major combat operations in Iraq were the capstone events that dominated the news this year. Ahead lay the hopes that a reformed Afghan Government and the "Surge" of thirty-thousand NATO forces to Afghanistan will bring about an end to a war now approaching ten-years.

While the debates in the United States over the Recession, Health Care plans, and climate change continue unabated in the media, Paratroopers, Marines, sailors, and airmen continue toil in Afghanistan manning check-points along cold lonely roads, standing watch at Forward Operating Bases in remote valleys, and flying blacked out helicopters through the dark passes of the Hindu Kush mountains. These are the images that will greet our warriors in the early hours of 2010. While these sights are dark and foreboding, they do not dampen the fighting spirit of our brave warriors. A true Soldier must have hope to survive, otherwise the daily diet of devastation and destruction will eventually drive one to the most base of human emotions and lead to the same moral decay that infects our Taliban and Al Qaeda adversaries.



Unlike the men and women we fight, who cloak themselves in heretical interpretations of the Quran, our own warriors fight a very different crusade – not to convert a people from one religion to another – but



to allow people to decide their own destiny. Such are the motivations that drive the men and women of our armed forces. But as with all things in this world, this dedication does come with a price. Because of such dedication, many a wife, husband, father, mother, or child will sit at midnight on New Year's Eve with only the thoughts of their loved ones thousands of miles from home.

Like my own wife and children, each family member left behind at home is a volunteer to our Republic. A service member's family chooses to serve by their willingness to support their warrior. These family members ask not for sympathy or pity, for they are as proud as the Soldiers in dress blue uniforms at Arlington National Cemetery – silently serving twenty-four hours a day, seven days a week, in rain or shine, cold or heat. They happily await each phone call, letter, or e-mail from their loved ones forward deployed, all the while holding the home front against telemarketers, termite infestations, and tire-rotations on the mini-van. Through it all, families, like their warriors down-range, also await the New Year with a sense of anticipation.

But knowing that each day of sacrifice also means brighter opportunities for Afghan men and women and that is a just and good cause. Tiny patriots say "My daddy fights dragons" because that is the best they can comprehend in the fight of good over evil. And, along with "holding down the fort," spouse patriot gathers jackets and school supplies for Afghan children and school children from around the Republic send stocking stuffers and board games to single soldiers because humans they have never met need to know that good triumphs.



On this New Year's Eve, thousands of service members and their families will celebrate the arrival of 2010 with the hope that we have reached, to paraphrase Sir Winston Churchill, "Not the end, or the beginning of the end, but the end of the beginning [in Afghanistan]."

Live from Afghanistan,

Jayson

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