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To the Members of the North Carolina Wing:

I read Col. Douglass' plea in his communication with all of you yesterday afternoon concerning the combined NCWG/MER conference coming up in March in Raleigh, NC and the low number of registrations overall



I want to ask each of you to give some thought to what you and the North Carolina Wing mean to The Middle East Region and overall to CAP. North Carolina has always led the way in CAP from those early Coastal Patrol Bases during WWII right up until this very day! WE cannot let that leadership flounder now.

The North Carolina Wing Conference was held only some short months ago and I know that you had expenses as a result of attending. I understand this slow economy has been hard on us all and having to spend more money for another conference in a short time period could be a hardship. I hope you will dig a little deeper to support this first ever joint conference.

Having a combined conference is a new idea from our leadership and it sounds good to me. I think much good information, good training and great fellowship among the various MER wing personnel will add to our overall dedication to the CAP. And North Carolina is the best place to have this new type of conference. But, we in North Carolina Wing have to step up to the plate and help make it happen. We are not said to have Tar on our Heels for nothing! Let's lead the way again.

I would suspect some extra work has been placed on staff people in all areas to make this a great conference. I do know we can do this! And I know we can accomplish this mission.

We are NCWG and Middle East Region! Let's show 'em how we can do this! OK?

My best regards to each of you and your families.

Tink Schaffer, Col, CAP

Former North Carolina Wing Commander

Help Wanted

Attention all NCWG officers:

We have a genuine need to fill the position of Deputy Personnel Officer for the North Carolina Wing. Not only is this good operating practice, but it also insures continuity in the Personnel directorate.

Serving as Deputy DP can be either a primary duty assignment or additional duty. Likewise, if the Deputy DP wishes it to be a primary duty assignment, the option is open to transfer membership to the NCWG Staff (MER-NC-001) on approval of the NCWG Chief of Staff (CS).

All interested officers should contact me directly via email or telephone (336-364-2647). If inquiring via email, please use the following as your subject line: **REPLY REQUESTED: DEPUTY NCWG PERSONNEL OFFICER POSITION**

I look forward to hearing from you!

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JIM THOMASSON, Capt, CAP
NCWG / Personnel Officer



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NC National Guard Dedicates New Joint Force Hqs.

By: Lt. Col. Lucy Davis

The North Carolina National Guard, in conjunction with N.C. Emergency Management and the state departments of Public Safety and Transportation, hosted a dedication ceremony Feb 10, 2012 to open their new joint force headquarters. The building is designed primarily to be an operations center for the state in the event of natural disasters or other emergencies.

Col Larry Ragland, MER Commander, Col Roy Douglass, NC Wing Commander and Lt Col Paul Meade, Lt Col Lucy Davis, CAP Division Director and Lt Col Andy Wiggs were among the invited guest. NC Wing cadets were asked to assist with a variety of duties including escorting VIPs in attendance. Cadets who served were C/2d Lt Aleasha North, C/2d Lt Rachael L. Bailey and C/SSgt Aiden S. Maxfield.



L-R: State Command Sergeant Major John H. Swart, NCNG Middle East Region Commander Col Larry J. Ragland C/1st Lt Aleasha M. North Major Gen Gregory Lusk, The Adjutant General, NCNG C/2d Lt Rachael L. Bailey C/SSgt Aiden S. Maxfield

DDR Funding Now Available

Exciting news: Drug Demand Reduction (**DDR funds**) are now available **for ALL CADET UNITS!**

Are you feeling left out because you don't have an Air Force installation nearby? Are you hosting drug-free outreach activities or events? Are you looking for drug-free education resources and promotional items? These funds are for you!

Cadet Programs has received extra funds this year that are specifically dedicated to bringing the drug-free message to units that are more than 30 miles from Air Force installations. These funds are from the O&M budget appropriated by Congress, so they are available to all cadet and composite squadrons – no matter where they are located.

Q: What items can I request? A: Curriculum materials for Red Ribbon Leadership Academy and National Character Day, for starters. And stay tuned for the new DDR catalog, which will allow all cadet units to order substance abuse educational materials and drug-free promotional items. The online catalog will be announced through all regular channels once it's ready to use.

Q: Are there strings attached? A: You'll be asked to fill out a request form to order materials, and then submit a simple report in eServices to let us know how you used the materials you received.

Q: How does this affect DDR spending for 30-mile units? A: It doesn't! 30-mile units will still be able to order from the DDR catalog, as well as submit requests for direct reimbursements, courtesy of Air Force Surgeon General funds.

2012 Goal: spend \$10,000 this fiscal year to supply DDR materials to non-30-mile units

More information on the DDR program is available at www.capmembers.com/ddr. You can also direct questions to DDR Program Assistant Margaret Probst at mprobst@capnhq.gov.

Thanks for all you do for our cadets,

Becci Sundhagen

Education Manager, Cadet Programs/DDR

Capt. Kathy Gaddy, Wing Administrator, Earns National Award

Compiled by: Capt. Don Penven

The NC Wing was first made aware that one of our tireless workers is the recipient of a National Headquarters Award. Mr. Don Rowland, NHQ Executive Director, notified Col. Roy Douglass, NC Wing Commander, that our very own Wing Administrator, Kathy Gaddy earned the Wing Administrator of the Quarter Award.

The Civil Air Patrol Wing Administrator of the Quarter award is presented each quarter at the NHQ Quarterly Team Meeting. The award for Ms. Kathy Gaddy was for the October-December 2011 quarter. The Wing Financial Analysts make nominations, which are then endorsed by the Wing Commander and then the final recipient is selected by the directors at NHQ. The highlights in Ms. Gaddy's nomination included the following:

- Obtaining finance committee approval in **Sertif** for bank reconciliations, finance committee meeting minutes and internal financial reviews. Although not required, this is an excellent way to keep the committee members up-to-date on Wing finances.
- Being pro-active in signing up for Direct Pay to Members for mission reimbursement. This is a great help to National Headquarters as they are working to develop and implement this electronic payment system so that members can be reimbursed as quickly and efficiently as possible.
- Providing CAP finance training to unit personnel through daily contact with them and through training sessions at wing events.

On behalf of the NC Wing and the wing staff, Col. Douglass extended his congratulations and his gratitude to Kathy for setting an example to wing administrators throughout the country. He noted that Kathy has served as the wing administrator since 2006, and she became a Senior Member (SM) in Civil Air Patrol a year later. "Kathy now holds the CAP rank of captain, and she is an active participant in the NC Wing CAP activities," he said.



See Formal Announcement on next Page ...



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DON ROWLAND
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

17 February 2012

Ms. Kathy Gaddy
415 Gates Avenue
Graham, NC 27253

Dear Kathy

Congratulations, you have been selected as the Civil Air Patrol Wing Administrator of the Quarter, October-December 2011. With a strong endorsement from your Wing Commander, you were nominated by your Wing Financial Analyst.

You were nominated for the following noteworthy qualities:

- You obtain finance committee approval in Sertifi for bank reconciliations, finance committee meeting minutes and internal financial reviews. Although not required, this is an excellent way to keep the committee members up-to-date on Wing finances.
- You have been pro-active in signing up for Direct Pay to Members for mission reimbursement. This is a great help to National Headquarters as they are working to develop and implement this electronic payment system so that members can be reimbursed as quickly and efficiently as possible.
- You provide CAP finance training to unit personnel through daily contact with them and through training sessions at wing events.

On behalf of Civil Air Patrol, I thank you for your dedication and hard work. I appreciate what you do for the corporation; Civil Air Patrol is a better organization because of employees like you.

Sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Donnie Rowland".

DONNIE ROWLAND
Executive Director

cc: Personnel File

NCWG Group 3 Members Complete SUI Training

Article and Photos by Col. Roy Douglass

New Bern, NC – On Saturday, 25 February 2012, 11 officers in Group 3 received the Subordinate Unit Inspection (SUI) portion of the IG Basic Course, conducted by Lt Col John Donahue, NCWG/IGI. This was the second and final part of the Inspection Team Training program spearheaded by Lt Col John Kay, NCWG/CV. This training built on the Inspection Team Training module conducted in January, and the second half of the training consisted of inspection techniques, familiarization of regulations and SUI final report writing.

This same two-day training is scheduled to be conducted in each of the remaining four groups beginning with Group 2 in March and April and completing with Group 5 in September and October. The training concept, the idea of Lt Col Kay, was to standardize the procedure to complete SUIs conducted in NC Wing groups and squadrons, and the preparation of the subsequent SUI Reports. The SUI is essentially a detailed operational review of how a squadron is performing and how it is prepared to complete the missions it is assigned by CAP. The intent of the training is to have all 75 or more NC Wing Inspection Team Members and Team Chiefs conduct the inspections and report writing in a standard, uniform and professional manner.

Group 3 now has 11 fully trained Inspection Team members qualified to conduct SUIs. In accordance with CAP regulations, SUIs are required to be conducted in each subordinate unit in the wing on a scheduled basis. Now Group 3 has a trained inspection team ready to follow the SUI schedule and conduct inspections that should benefit the unit commanders and their members.



NCWG Group 3 SUI Classroom Training Exercise

Pictured from left to right are: Maj Fred Eldredge, Maj Bob Johnston (back row), Lt Col John Donahue (NCWG/IGI), 1st Lt Michael Woodruff (back row), Maj Lin Dabney (GP3/CC), Lt Col Wayne Asbell (back row), Maj Ray Hemphill, Capt Tony Overman (back row), Capt Jeff Miller, Capt George Wolfe (back row), Capt Terry Blucker (back row), Lt Col John Kay (NCWG/CV), and SMSgt Stephen Madison.
Not pictured: Col Roy Douglass.



Group # 2

Aerospace Day

and

Rocket Day

Where-- Field of Dreams Near Zebulon NC

When-- Saturday April 28th 2012

Host Squadron -- Franklin Co Composite Sqdn.

There will be a camp out on Friday night. with hot dogs, hamburgers and marsh mellows roasted over a big campfire.

New this year - remote control model air plane flying. also a simulator for the cadets to practice on before they try the real thing

Bring your rockets, Engines & launch equipment is free so are the certificates and awards

Group # 2 has Seven squadrons and a Flight. All of the Sqdns should participate in this group event. The A/E/Os and or Commanders of the Squadrons listed below. Should contact Capt Brian W Cail bcailmail@gmail.com ASAP. (NC -145)

Burlington Composite Sqdn.	Raleigh-Wake Composite Sqdn
Randolph Co Composite	141st SAR composite Sqdn
Orange Co Composite Sqdn.	Apex Cadet Squadron
Brig. Gen. Steven R. Richie Flight	

Last year, NC wing started sponsoring a group A.E event in each group instead of one wing event.because of the distances that some units had to travel. Now Wing Comes to you.

James P. Williams-LT Col, CAP
Deputy Director of Aerospace Education
North Carolina Wing



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

PROMOTIONS

Abruzzino, Robert N	C/SrA	NC-162	09 Feb 2012
Almich, Ryan P	C/MSgt	NC-048	21 Feb 2012
Aray-Freites, Jeanmary A	C/SSgt	NC-007	06 Feb 2012
Bailey, Emma Kate	C/SrA	NC-022	21 Feb 2012
Barbee, Sean T	C/2dLt	NC-111	16 Feb 2012
Bennett, Ronnie A	2d Lt	NC-019	01 Mar 2012
Bennington, Jacob A	C/A1C	NC-007	01 Feb 2012
Brawn, Alexander C	C/TSgt	NC-022	21 Feb 2012
Burchette, Mason D	C/MSgt	NC-019	23 Feb 2012
Caulk, Robert T	2d Lt	NC-031	13 Feb 2012
Chalk, Joshua D	C/A1C	NC-007	01 Feb 2012
Clemons, Jimmy L A	C/Amn	NC-007	01 Feb 2012
Clemons, Margaret E	C/Amn	NC-007	08 Feb 2012
Cook, Zachary A	C/Capt	NC-801	16 Feb 2012
Cox, Keith A	2d Lt	NC-171	16 Feb 2012
Davis, Jacob B	C/SrA	NC-019	28 Feb 2012
Diehl, Kevin	C/SMSgt	NC-801	16 Feb 2012
Donahue, Daniel F	C/MSgt	NC-145	06 Feb 2012
Dunkerton, John G	C/A1C	NC-022	14 Feb 2012
Eckmann, Tanner J	C/A1C	NC-022	21 Feb 2012
Edwards, James Thomas	2d Lt	NC-057	01 Mar 2012
Erb, Daniel J	C/SrA	NC-145	12 Feb 2012
Ernandes, Daniel T	C/SSgt	NC-150	07 Feb 2012
Farris, Michael R	C/Amn	NC-172	02 Feb 2012
Fisher, Isaac K	C/Amn	NC-801	09 Feb 2012
Gorton, Jeffrey D	1st Lt	NC-145	29 Feb 2012
Gosnell, Caleb J	C/TSgt	NC-022	03 Feb 2012
Haithcock, Kolby Lee	C/MSgt	NC-107	09 Feb 2012
Harrell, Thomas R	C/A1C	NC-162	09 Feb 2012
Herring, Morris C	2d Lt	NC-171	16 Feb 2012
Hewitt, Christopher Lee	C/2dLt	NC-019	09 Feb 2012
Hickman, Jacob A	C/SMSgt	NC-143	28 Feb 2012
Hickman, Joseph A	C/SMSgt	NC-143	28 Feb 2012
Hicks, Brad S	C/A1C	NC-800	28 Feb 2012
Hofmann, Karl William	C/1stLt	NC-160	28 Feb 2012
Holbrook, Dakota K	C/A1C	NC-023	13 Feb 2012
Holden, Elijah E	C/A1C	NC-019	22 Feb 2012
Jeffers, Joseph R	C/MSgt	NC-126	27 Feb 2012
Jenkins, Dustin R	C/Amn	NC-160	07 Feb 2012
Jesalva, Elijah D	C/MSgt	NC-800	28 Feb 2012
Jester, Lisa R	2d Lt	NC-019	01 Mar 2012
Kintz, John O	1st Lt	NC-019	24 Feb 2012
Knapp, Benjamin D	C/MSgt	NC-800	07 Feb 2012
Knapp, James D	C/MSgt	NC-800	07 Feb 2012
Landa, Noah S	C/Amn	NC-800	21 Feb 2012
Lassiter, Jacob Q	C/Amn	NC-160	07 Feb 2012
Lewis, Charles T	C/SrA	NC-160	26 Feb 2012
Liles, Lawrence W	C/A1C	NC-048	14 Feb 2012
Lowery, Matthew B	C/2dLt	NC-048	14 Feb 2012
Martin, Madison G	C/SrA	NC-800	07 Feb 2012
Martin, Mathew H	C/TSgt	NC-048	14 Feb 2012
Mayo, John David	Capt	NC-153	15 Feb 2012
Mead, Patrick M	C/SrA	NC-160	28 Feb 2012
Mendez-Kelley, Anna-Maria D	C/SSgt	NC-007	08 Feb 2012
Miller, Aria C	C/SSgt	NC-805	07 Feb 2012
Moore, Stephen A	C/SMSgt	NC-024	06 Feb 2012
Morales, Eliud	1st Lt	NC-124	14 Feb 2012
Morge, Patrick M	C/SMSgt	NC-007	08 Feb 2012
Mullis, Billy G	C/Amn	NC-024	06 Feb 2012
Murphy, Ryan C	C/Amn	NC-143	28 Feb 2012
Nichols, Shane M	C/Amn	NC-145	05 Feb 2012
Nicklas-Morris, Grace J P	C/Amn	NC-082	23 Feb 2012
O'Connell, Coy M	C/MSgt	NC-145	13 Feb 2012
Passaro, Peter J	C/A1C	NC-801	23 Feb 2012
Pennington, Robert D	C/Amn	NC-022	14 Feb 2012

Peters, Brianna R	C/2dLt	NC-800	06 Feb 2012
Reyes, Andrew J	C/Amn	NC-160	26 Feb 2012
Reyes, Felix E	C/CMSgt	NC-162	02 Feb 2012
Reyes, Felix E	C/CMSgt	NC-162	01 Mar 2012
Riddell, Nathan	C/CMSgt	NC-022	14 Feb 2012
Riddle, Hunter B	C/TSgt	NC-170	08 Feb 2012
Romanoski, Nick	C/SSgt	NC-048	14 Feb 2012
Seymour, Michael D	C/SMSgt	NC-023	13 Feb 2012
Shepherd, John R	1st Lt	NC-805	10 Feb 2012
Shores, Montanna M	C/2dLt	NC-162	23 Feb 2012
Shyrigh, Samantha R	C/Amn	NC-007	01 Feb 2012
Siemion, Matthew J	C/A1C	NC-160	28 Feb 2012
Simpson, Cody S	C/SrA	NC-022	21 Feb 2012
Skidmore, Tyler A	C/A1C	NC-172	02 Feb 2012
Smith, Justin T	C/SrA	NC-162	17 Feb 2012
Sparks, David J	C/Amn	NC-126	27 Feb 2012
Stickney, Katelyn M	C/MSgt	NC-801	23 Feb 2012
Stickney, Kristine E	C/SrA	NC-801	23 Feb 2012
Tirbani, Jason S	C/SSgt	NC-082	23 Feb 2012
Webb, Maxx F	C/Amn	NC-007	01 Feb 2012
Whitney, Donald H	1st Lt	NC-024	05 Mar 2012
Wiggs, Jonathan A	Lt Col	NC-001	08 Feb 2012
Willettts, Kevin L	C/Amn	NC-170	08 Feb 2012
Williams, Andrew E	2d Lt	NC-145	24 Feb 2012
Williams, James P.	Lt Col	NC-001	11 Feb 2012
Williams, Robert J	2d Lt	NC-082	19 Feb 2012
Woolsey, Ian M	C/CMSgt	NC-048	28 Feb 2012
Yanez, Andres S	C/SrA	NC-007	25 Feb 2012
Zobel, Kathryn L	C/1stLt	NC-048	28 Feb 2012

FIELD GRADE PROMOTIONS

Name	Promoted To	Unit	Promotion Date
Wiggs, Jonathan A.	Lt Col	NC-001	08 Feb 2012
Williams, James P.	Lt Col	NC-001	11 Feb 2012

AWARDS

Name	Grade	Award	Unit	Award Date
Aray-Freites, Jeanmary A	C/SSgt	Wright Brothers	NC-007	06 Feb 2012
Barbee, Sean T	C/2dLt	Billy Mitchell	NC-111	16 Feb 2012
Bissell, Dennis R	1st Lt	LOENING	NC-022	10 Feb 2012
Cook, Zachary A	C/Capt	Amelia Earhart	NC-801	16 Feb 2012
Doss, Christopher L	SM	YEAGER	NC-007	01 Mar 2012
Ernandes, Daniel T	C/SSgt	Wright Brothers	NC-150	07 Feb 2012
Fagnant, Dennis A	SM	MBRRBN	NC-019	16 Feb 2012
Fagnant, Dennis A	SM	YEAGER	NC-019	28 Feb 2012
Fair, Aaron B	SM	MBRRBN	NC-079	03 Feb 2012
Hewitt, Christopher Lee	C/2dLt	Billy Mitchell	NC-019	09 Feb 2012
Lowery, Matthew B	C/2dLt	Billy Mitchell	NC-048	14 Feb 2012
Mayo, John David	Capt	DAVIS	NC-153	14 Feb 2012
Mendez-Kelley, Anna-Maria D	C/SSgt	Wright Brothers	NC-007	08 Feb 2012
Miller, Ariah C	C/SSgt	Wright Brothers	NC-805	07 Feb 2012
Nelson, Elizabeth A	SM	MBRRBN	NC-079	03 Feb 2012
Penven, Donald S	Capt	LOENING	NC-001	10 Feb 2012
Peters, Brianna R	C/2dLt	Billy Mitchell	NC-800	06 Feb 2012
Romanoski, Nick	C/SSgt	Wright Brothers	NC-048	14 Feb 2012
Scott, Garrett W	SM	YEAGER	NC-143	25 Feb 2012
Shores, Montanna M	C/2dLt	Billy Mitchell	NC-162	23 Feb 2012
Tirbani, Jason S	C/SSgt	Wright Brothers	NC-082	23 Feb 2012

Disaster Relief Training Workshop (Follow up to CAPNC Email)

On 18-20 MAY 2012 (Friday-Sunday), at NC Wing Headquarters in Burlington will be the Spring NC Wing Disaster Services Workshop.

I'm excited to announce we are kick-starting the NC Wing CERT program with a CERT Train-the-Trainer course taught by Mrs. Patty Moore, the state CERT Coordinator. This course will begin Friday 18May at 1830 and will run through Sunday 20May. Through extensive consultation with Mrs. Moore, a general framework has been developed on how CAP CERT on a statewide basis will be implemented so this followup TTT course to the one taught in 2008 is very important. Additionally, we welcome once again Mr. Paul Latham, NCEM who will be teaching the Logistics Liaison Team program. There will also be a Unit/Group ES/DR Officer roundtable workshop in the Commander's Office.

Please be aware of seating limitations for this workshop -

CERT TTT - 20 (Those interested in taking this course MUST be signed up by Friday 20APR12 both with the attached form AND through NCEM TERMS.*

Logistics Liaison - 12 (Members with warehousing or supply chain experience desired, but not required for attending this course.)

ES/DR Roundtable - 8 (Unit and Group assigned ES/DR Officers encouraged to attend.)

*Course has not been listed as yet in NCEM TERMS. I will send out an email when the course is listed.

NOTE: All personnel must have first completed the CAP General ES qualification before taking any further training. If you've already completed the General ES Qualification and have a "101 Card", then you are good to go. The online FEMA course, IS-100, Introduction to the Incident Command System should have also been taken. The CERT Train-the-Trainer course requires the following pre-requisites: IS-317, and IS-317.

IS-100 - <http://training.fema.gov/EMIWeb/IS/is100b.asp> - << Upload certificates to Ops Quals in eServices

IS-700 - <http://training.fema.gov/EMIWeb/IS/is700a.asp> - << Upload certificates to Ops Quals in eServices

IS-317 - <http://www.citizencorps.gov/cert/IS317/> - << Forward completion certificate to Lt Col Beckett - donald_b@embarqmail.com

If needed, the CAP General ES Questionnaire for the General ES Qualification can be taken here:

<https://tests.cap.af.mil/newtests/test.cfm?grp=dos> I strongly recommend reviewing the CAPR 60-3 first, before taking the questionnaire. It can be found here:

http://www.capmembers.com/media/cms/R060_003_075A4369FBA8E.pdf

The attached sign-up form (*Found with the original CAPNC Email Notification*) is a Word file. Please download the form, complete the necessary fields at the top of the form, then select which class you desire to attend. Send back the form to my email address as an attachment. donald_b@embarqmail.com Please be mindful of the Uniform of the Day and compliance with CAPM 39-1. << Those who have embroidered grade insignia on the collar - please compare what you have to the diagram(s) in the uniform manual.

Do not forget the class seating limitations so the faster you get your form back to me, the more likely you are to reserve a seat.

Remember, this is a CAP activity. Please make sure you have a CAPF-60 Emergency Notification Data on your person at all times.

Additional emails/details will be coming out as the workshop dates get closer.

Visit the NC Wing Disaster Services Facebook page: <http://www.facebook.com/pages/NC-Wing-Civil-Air-Patrol-Emergency-Services/148107905244951#!/pages/NC-Wing-Civil-Air-Patrol-Disaster-Services/182740921746770>

Semper Vigilans

Regards,

Donald A Beckett, Lt Col, CAP

Disaster Relief Officer, MER-NC-001

The IT Corner: CAP Core Values and Email Etiquette

Editor's Note: Lt. Alberto "Al" Griffa is currently the IT and PA Officer for the Raleigh-Wake Composite Squadron. He has been involved with engineering software in sales, business development, product management and programming, for more than 20 years. Lt.Griffa likes to remember that he started his career as a "rocket scientist", back in his native country, Italy. An aviation fanatic, he used to have "Sport" pilot license and owned a small 2-seater plane. He swears that "Top Gun" is the best movie ever. He is married with two wonderful kids: Jacob and Alex. My son has decided that he will join CAP when he will be old enough, but in the meantime he likes to participate in Cadet activities, and so do I. I strongly believe in working for and with young kids: any moment you dedicate to them is a great, immediate and future reward! So besides being IT officer and PAO officer for the squadron I am also working within the Cadet program (and yes I do have a family and a job too!)

Anyway, last Tuesday I, or I should better say we, my son and I, were at the Cadet meeting, listening to the Character Development session lead by Chaplain Laura Johnson: The session was well structured, as usual, educational, fun and very engaging. Chaplain Johnson was talking about CAP core values, that we all know, right? Well, for the couple of you that do not remember them, here you go: Voluntary service, Excellence, Integrity and Respect. While Chaplain Johnson was focusing on Integrity and Respect, my mind started meandering and meditating on few first hand experience I have had so far with CAP, during my first year or so.

Voluntary service, Excellence, Integrity and Respect: what this has to do with IT?

Apparently nothing, but bear with me.

We live in a digital world, where the way of communication has completely changed in the past 20 years or so. When was the last time that you sat down and wrote a letter, using an ink-pen and a piece of actual paper? When was the last time you sent a hand-written letter using USPS? Well, I do not remember: it goes too far back!

Communication today is done through Twitter, Facebook, SMS and emails.

Most formal communication makes use of emails; youngsters just tweet!

All messages are immediate, fast, no few days waiting to convey our sentiments or our thoughts. All is right there, quick, fast, immediate.

But is there an etiquette behind this frenetic use and miss-use of communication? Certainly there is! I even found a website that offers 101 email etiquette tips! (just google it!)

I will save you the pain of going through all 101, and even more, email etiquettes and would like to draw your attention to few of them, based on my experience.

- a) as 80% of a communication is NOT done through words but through posture and emotions, try to avoid sarcasm, irony: it seldom works. Be respectful.
- b) do not use Capital letters: it means you are shouting. Also do not be terse: it sounds rude. Be nice, polite, lower your "voice": show respect! While writing, be straight to the point and on subject. Long emails do not get read. I receive an average of 200 emails per day (not considering the junk email) so I would prefer to read concise and effective emails, rather than spending my time in sifting through un-useful words. Be respectful of others time, be professional, excel in what you are doing.
- c) write in proper English! Online spell checkers are available, dictionaries online are available, there is no reason why you cannot write a grammar correct sentence. Excel in what you do. *Continued on next page...*

d) Reply. Reply. Reply. Please reply to all emails you receive. This is really something that bothers me a lot, in particular, when it comes to a Voluntary Organization such as CAP. In CAP the only salary is a ... “thank you”: we are all volunteers. We take time from our families to dedicate to others. So why do a lot of emails sent around CAP, in my short experience, go unanswered? Can somebody explain that to me? I personally urge all of the readers (if I still have somebody at this point of this long mumbling!), from new members to our chain of command, to take some of their time, show some respect and reply to an email. The typical answer: “I am busy” just does not cut it. If you are busy send a quick email, saying “ I saw your email, I will reply to you in few days” or “I need to think through your email: I will get back to you, tomorrow”. Or if you have too many duties, be honest with yourself and the organization and give up some of the duties, focusing on what you can offer while still showing respect to others, the volunteers and the organization! Answering an email shows that you are listening, not ignoring, not marginalizing the sender. It shows that you are respecting whoever tried to open a communication channel with you, shows that you are a passionate Volunteer, shows that you have the Integrity to be in the position you are (nobody is seeing you do not answer emails, right?). Did I say it? Please, reply to the emails.

And here we come in full circle, back to the original and stimulating Chaplain Johnson’s discussion as I underlined the CAP core values through these considerations of few email etiquettes.

Our CAP core values have to be used through any aspect of our daily life, including while we are in front of a computer or on your iPhone or iPad.

Comments? If you email me, you know, I will answer you!

Alberto Griffa, 2d Lt CAP

IT Officer, MER-NC-048



Alberto “Al” Griffa

CyberPatriot Competition in North Carolina

Forwarded by; Lt. Col. Dominic Strug

North Carolina State

It is my distinct pleasure to announce the final results of the US CyberPatriot Competition in North Carolina.

1 Apex Cadet Squadron Civil Air Patrol, Coach Timothy Stickney, Cary. **NC State Champion, All Service Division**

2 Winston-Salem Composite Squadron Civil Air Patrol, Coach Brandon Potter Winston-Salem . **NC State First Runner Up, All Service Division**

3 McDowell High School Navy JROTC, Coach Steven Ross Marion. **NC Second Runner up All Service Division**

1 Green Hope High School Public High School Coach Chris Gaw, Cary **NC State Champion , Open Division**

Congratulations to these teams and their coaches and mentors. 40 Teams competed from North Carolina this year, these are the creme de la creme. We look forward to meeting you and presenting you with your awards.

Louis A. Emond

State President

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Aerospace Education

O-Rides And Model Airplanes

Rocket Day

Where—Group # 3

Location—Halifax Northampton Regional Airport (IXA)

Host Squadrons- Halifax Composite and Pitt- Greenville Composite Squadrons.

The date is-Friday April 20th & Sat. April 21st 2012

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 will also be available for those Cadets that want it.

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.

Dinner will be served Friday night, Breakfast Sat Morning, and Lunch Sat. for a small fee (\$5.00) **Contact 2d Lt Johnson (rjohnsoncap@gmail.com)** Of the host Squadron

AEOs and Commanders of all **seven** squadrons in group # 3 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 # 3

James P. Williams Lt Col CAP
A director of Aerospace Education
North Carolina Wing

Historically Speaking

This month's column is a reprint from Civil Air Patrol News January 1986. It tells the story of one of World War II's, more unusual Civil Air Patrol units. Hope you will find this article an interesting story of CAP's history.

History recalls CAP's Cavalry

By LTC Allen Pogorzelski

Historical Committee Member

MAXWELL AFB Ala. - Now for something different! Boots and saddles, campaign hats, and spurs.

All four items rank among the most unusual uniform items and accessories ever worn or used by Civil Air Patrol members, yet they are a very real part of CAP history.

The mounted units of CAP looked very much like the U.S. Army cavalry units of the early 1900's. The CAP "troopers" wore CAP patches and insignia as well as the red trim and shoulder straps.

Nevada's unique mounted squadron was typical of the mounted units formed in the western United States during World War II. Organized in 1942 by Capt. Jack Layland, a retired British cavalryman, the unit earned it's place in history.

The "mounties", men and women, worked alone and with aircraft in search and rescue activities for the Army. They were most useful in the rocky areas, where the military and even aircraft could not always be sure what was there. Mounted CAP units could travel where trucks could not.

These men and women stood guard over aircraft wreckage and more importantly provided the closest thing to immediate first aid. Mounted unit members used horse drawn carrying devices to transport injured out of such rocky areas long before helicopters became practical.

Riders carried food, water, bedrolls, and sidearms, and rode prepared to spend several days looking for missing Army fliers. Portable radios weren't, always reliable or even available to the "mounties", so homing pigeons often became the primary means of communication within remote areas.

The Nevada unit was, disbanded when World War II ended. Many of the members regrouped to help form the Nevada State Rangers, a statewide emergency services organization.

Their campaign hats, boots, and spurs were, locally authorized and adopted in the field to fill a practical need.

I hope you found this article about World War II CAP interesting. That is it for this month, SEMPER VIGILIANS.

Lt. Col. Phil Saleet



NC Wing Awards Board Seeks Members

Fellow NCWG members,

We are now accepting applications for membership on the NC Wing Awards Board. This is a very, very important duty assignment that needs members who possess a broad knowledge of CAP, its Missions and the activities of the Wing. A discerning mind, excellent communication skills (both verbal and written), strong working knowledge of CAPR-39-3 (and supplements), and the ability to make hard choices and defend your decision are vital characteristics of this position.

The term for NCWG Awards Board members will be two years. All of the work is done via email and telephone. However, it is imperative that you have the ability and habit of checking your email daily and are disciplined in your response time. The Board works on a 5-day Suspense cycle, so we need members who are prompt and thorough.

If you are interested in serving your fellow members in this capacity, please submit your application in official CAP memorandum format (yes, this is a test to see if you can follow directions! :-). See CAPR 10-1 Attachment 2 formatting instructions.)

I look forward to your response!

JIM THOMASSON, Capt, CAP
NCWG / Personnel Officer

A quick note from the NCWG Public Affairs Team:

As of 4 March 2012, 24 units out of 32 are in compliance with CAPR 190-1 by submitting a PA Crisis Plan and a PA Marketing Plan.

We are getting close folks, but still no cigar!

Remember, the deadline was January 31, which was advanced to February 15. No more deadlines... If your unit is facing a SUI this year and your plans have not been submitted ... expect to get a finding!

Don Penven, Capt, CAP

NCWG PAO

Burlington Unit Conducts First Aid Training



Deborah North (L) and C/2Lt Aleasha North (NC-022) practice arm wound dressing.



Left to right - C/Amn Mary Puppo, C/A1C Emma Bailey, and C/Amn Tanner Eckmann of C-022.



Left to right - Mrs. Douglas, Col. Roy Douglass, and Lt. Col. Eric Grant.



Instructor Maj. Merlin Phillips demonstrates a neck dressing on C/SrA Rob Reeves. Both are members of NC-109 (Ashville).



-Instructor Maj. Merlin Phillips demonstrates an improvised knee immobilization splint on C/A1C Cody Simpson of NC-022.



Left to right - C/2Lt Rachael Bailey, C/1Lt Jacob Knox, and C/Capt. Marvin Newlin, all of NC-022.



Left to right - Deborah North, C/TSgt Moriah North, and C/2Lt. Aleasha North of NC-022.



Left to right - C/Amn Zyan Baswell and C/A1C Cody Simpson, practicing CPR and prepping the training AED



Left to right - C/Amn Zyan Baswell and C/A1C Cody Simpson, attaching the training AED (Automated External Defibrillator) on the training dummy.

Photos by:
1st. Lt. Kevin P. Knox
NC-022

Veterans Day Celebration Honors WW II Fighter Ace - Barrie Davis

Armistice Day (which overlaps with Remembrance Day) is on 11 November and commemorates the armistice signed between the Allies of World War I and Germany at Compiègne, France, for the cessation of hostilities on the Western Front of World War I, which took effect at eleven o'clock in the morning—the "eleventh hour of the eleventh day of the eleventh month" of 1918. While this official date to mark the end of the war reflects the cease fire on the Western Front, hostilities continued in other regions, especially across the former Russian Empire and in parts of the old Ottoman Empire.

The date was declared a national holiday in many allied nations, to commemorate those members of the armed forces who were killed during war. An exception is Italy, where the end of the war is commemorated on 4 November, the day of the Armistice of Villa Giusti.

After World War II, the name of the holiday was changed to Veterans Day in the United States and to Remembrance Day in the countries of the British Commonwealth of Nations. Armistice Day remains an official holiday in France and Belgium.

“Checkertail Clan” P-51 Pilot Returns to the Air

Compiled by Capt. Don Penven

“The Red-Tail” fighters of the Tuskegee Airmen has drawn a lot of attention with the release of the motion picture, but a similar fighting force also won fame as protective escorts to numerous B-17 and B-24 bomber raids into the German Heartland during WWII. Fkying with the “Checkertail Clan” of P-51 Mustangs is still a vivid memory for Franklin Co. Resident, Barrie Davis, so his friends and fellow airmen at the Triangle North Executive Airport near Louisburg decided to put some real meaning back into Veteran’s Day.

“We are honoring WWII fighter ace, Barrie Davis on February 20 at 12:00,” said CAP member Ben Cason, Raleigh-Wake Composite Squadron, said in his Email. Cason, along with CAP members Clive Goodwin (a CAP Charter Member) and Steve Merritt, airport manager began to spread the word. Following the event Cason sent this summary of the day’s activities:

Steve Merritt, airport manager and CAP member, introduced Barrie Davis to the group.



WWII Fighter Ace, Barrie Davis receives award from a representative from US Senator Richard Burr.



Robert Almon, Total Flight Solutions took Barrie Davis for a helicopter ride.



Barrie Davis tells his story



L-R: CAP members Clive Goodwin, Ben Cason, Steve Merritt, with WW II ace Barrie Davis.