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The NC Wing Has a New Commander

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Commander's Commentary—July 2012

As I take Command of North Carolina Wing here in the heat July I would like to thank Lt Col John Kay for his willingness to serve as the Interim Wing Commander while the selection process to replace Colonel Douglass was underway. I look forward to working with you, the members of North Carolina Wing to build on the solid foundation left by Colonel Douglass.

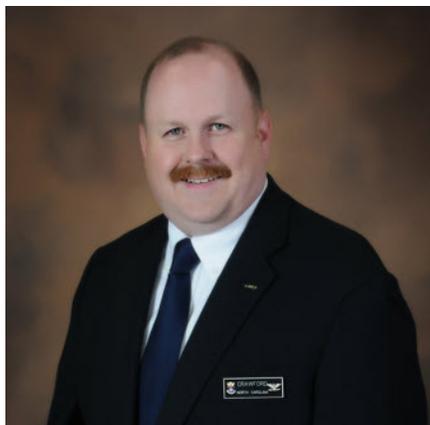
The future of North Carolina Wing is bright with many opportunities and challenges that face us. Some of those opportunities will take the form of new programs such as the development of a glider program which is just getting underway. North Carolina Wing will be the home for a new G1000 C182T which will be delivered at the end of this month. Challenges may come in the form of budget pressures - both at the state and national level. I know that we will be able to meet those challenges and come up with positive solutions to the issues we may face. As always safety will continue to be an emphasis item in all aspects of our missions.

I look forward to how I may positively impact the bright future of North Carolina Wing and Civil Air Patrol.

Semper Vigilans

DAVID E CRAWFORD, Colonel, CAP

Commander, North Carolina Wing



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The North Carolina Wing has a new leader

The 1500 members of the NC Wing now have a new leader. The Middle East Region Commander, Col. Larry Ragland, passed the ceremonial guidon to Col. David E. Crawford before a packed auditorium at NC Wing HQs. in Burlington, NC. Crawford, a 30 year veteran of CAP, began his four year term in office by expressing his vision of the direction in which he will lead the wing.

“It is my hope to see the NC Wing move toward a more universal approach for our operations,” Crawford said. “We will continue reaching out to the other six wings in the Middle East Region by removing boundaries. State lines are just lines on a map and we will encourage more interaction and joint operations between us and these wings,” he said.

Crawford noted that later in July, the NC Wing will conduct a joint search and rescue exercise with the SC Wing, and he will promote additional activities with the VA Wing and beyond. “When disaster strikes with hurricanes, tornadoes and floods, each wing in the region must be prepared to move quickly and effectively to assist its neighbors.”

Crawford succeeds Lt. Col. John Kay, who has been serving as Interim Commander. Kay assumed command of the wing back in June when then commander, Col. Roy Douglass accepted the position of Chief of Staff with the Middle East Region.

Noting that he joined CAP as a cadet, Crawford stressed that the wing continue vigorous support for CAP’s three Congressional mandates: Emergency Services, Cadet Programs and Aerospace Education.

Crawford is married to the former Jacquelyn M. Dyke of Brecksville, OH. The Crawford’s, and their daughter, Michelle, live in Raleigh.



Col. Larry Ragland, MER Commander, passes the ceremonial guidon to Col. David E. Crawford



Lt. Col. John Kay, Interim CC



Col. David E. Crawford

See additional photos at: [Change of Command Photos](#)

South Piedmont Senior Squadron Tours Factory.

On Wednesday, June 6, Group Four Commander Colonel Don R. Edwards, South Piedmont Senior Squadron Commander Major Jefferey Focke, Lt Col Jerry Langley, Major Thomas Cook, Major Will Grooms, Major Ron Goetchius, Major Tom Schick, and Captain Ki Tae Sung toured the Cyril Bath Company at the Charlotte-Monroe Executive Airport, in Monroe, NC. And what a great tour it was! Tour Conductor was Vice President-Operations Mr. Herbert J. Amster. You could tell he loves his job, by the way he explained his company and their operations.

First, Cyril Bath is NOT a bathroom renovation company for your house! They are a leading INTERNATIONAL manufacturer of aeronautical (and more) components and airframe structures (metal forming and joining solutions to the aerospace industry). All that metal twisting, carving, and crafting - these are the guys who do it! By the way, it is called stretch forming, hot stretch forming, elastoforming, linear friction welding, and various other technologies and techniques. They were quite excited to have us visit and show off what they do (they are very proud of their work).

They began in the conference room to explain what they do and how they are situated in the global aviation scheme. Quite fascinating the work they do with metallurgy and other structural design and equipment. Then they took us out on the production floor - and what a show that was! Since it was late afternoon and they had already finished for the day, we had the RARE opportunity to walk on the floor and have them show us all the equipment and components they work on. In fact they really do not let ANYONE out there. They have a very impressive array of equipment and processes always underway. If you have a moment, check out their website at <http://www.cyrilbath.com/> to see more of what they do.

The South Piedmont Squadron has several more tours planned in the near future, to include their annual trip to the EAA Airventure in Oshkosh, Wisconsin, the 8th Air Force Museum in Savannah, Georgia, and a couple more local tours to the Goodyear Aviation Repair facility and the Turbo Meca jet engine component manufacturing plant.

L to R: Col Don R. Edwards, Major Thomas Cook, Major Ron Goetchius, Major Will Grooms, Lt Col Jerry Langley, Mr. Ron Mahle, Asst. Dir of Aviation and Economic Development, City of Monroe, Capt Ki Tae Sung, Major Jeffrey Focke, Major Tom Schick, and Mr. Herbert J. Amster.



American Red Cross Provides Disaster Assessment Training for CAP Members

Sixteen members of the Civil Air Patrol and one Red Cross member gathered together at the General Aviation Terminal at the Raleigh Durham Airport to learn how to assess damage from a disaster both quickly and accurately. Red Cross Regional Director - Joselito Garcia-Ruiz, Rocky Mount Disaster Coordinator - Carlos Soto, Disaster Assessment Lead for the Raleigh Area - Dan Waterman and Volunteer - Derek Battle presented a lot of material in a short amount of time.

They were able to demonstrate how the Civil Air Patrol's(CAP) Ground Teams and Air Crews could easily be integrated into the rapid primary disaster assessment and the detailed disaster assessments. CAP's Air Crews would have the distinctive role of providing aerial assessment for regions which would not be reachable by road or foot.

Participants practiced some of these skills through tabletop exercises in which they had to think outside the box to solve problems such as transportation, information gathering and needed resources all while dealing with unexpected situations that emerged, such as the Emergency Operations Center being on lock down, communications being disrupted and roads/bridges being out.

Lt. Col Beckett, the NC WING Disaster Relief Officer, mentioned the possibility of joint training exercises to hone the newly acquired skills. A Disaster Relief exercise involving multiple agencies has been planned for Aug 17-19, 2012 at Camp Butner.

2Lt Terri Richards

Assistant Public Affairs Officer

Mer-NC-048



From L to R, Maj. Pete Bohler, Joselito Garcia-Ruiz and Jim Stephens – ARC Logistics Lead for the Triangle Chapter discuss course material while waiting for their meal. Photo by 2Lt Terri Richards, Mer-NC-048

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

Promotions

Name	Promoted To	Unit	Promotion Date
Abruzzino, Michael J	C/A1C	NC-162	05 Jul 2012
Abruzzino, William S	C/Amn	NC-162	12 Jul 2012
Bailey, Robert J	Capt	NC-022	03 Jul 2012
Bishop, Wesley O	C/CMSgt	NC-022	05 Jul 2012
Bradley, Tony W	2d Lt	NC-050	02 Jul 2012
Burgess, Brian D	1st Lt	NC-022	21 Jul 2012
Burgess, Johnathan R	C/SMSgt	NC-022	17 Jul 2012
Cocrane, Reese D	C/A1C	NC-162	19 Jul 2012
Cook, McKell A	C/A1C	NC-170	03 Jul 2012
Cooke, Cody A	C/Amn	NC-169	19 Jul 2012
Crawford, David E	Col	NC-001	16 Jul 2012
Dahms, Robert E	1st Lt	NC-023	28 Jun 2012
Degand, Christopher G	2d Lt	NC-007	01 Jul 2012
Easter, Phillip R	C/TSgt	NC-050	28 Jun 2012
Edlund, Benjamin	C/Amn	NC-050	10 Jul 2012
Edlund, William L	C/Amn	NC-050	10 Jul 2012
Evans, James H	C/SSgt	NC-169	14 Jul 2012
Fleming, Zachary T	C/MSgt	NC-162	28 Jun 2012
Gosnell, Caleb J	C/MSgt	NC-022	01 Jul 2012
Gourley, Elijah B	C/SrA	NC-082	17 Jul 2012
Griffa, Alberto	1st Lt	NC-048	09 Jul 2012
Gutierrez, Daniel A	2d Lt	NC-173	29 Jun 2012
Harrell, Landon R	C/TSgt	NC-162	12 Jul 2012
Hart, John	C/CMSgt	NC-019	28 Jun 2012
Hockaday, Eric W	C/Amn	NC-169	21 Jul 2012
Hosey, Nathan D	C/Amn	NC-801	12 Jul 2012
Jackson, Jessica L	C/SrA	NC-160	17 Jul 2012
James, Boris	C/SMSgt	NC-082	12 Jul 2012
Johnson, Laura M	Maj	NC-048	10 Jul 2012
Jones, Ricky R	1st Lt	NC-079	16 Jul 2012
MacPherson, Lauren E	C/SMSgt	NC-082	19 Jul 2012
Maxfield, Aiden S	C/SMSgt	NC-022	17 Jul 2012
McCann, Timothy D	C/CMSgt	NC-022	10 Jul 2012
Mikat, Zackary L	C/A1C	NC-082	05 Jul 2012
Mikell, Brandon	C/SSgt	NC-111	01 Jul 2012
Morton, Joshua K	C/Maj	NC-160	10 Jul 2012
Moss, Jarrett A	C/SSgt	NC-057	05 Jul 2012
North, Moriah L	C/MSgt	NC-022	03 Jul 2012
Otto, William K	C/1stLt	NC-082	12 Jul 2012
Paxton, Madison L	C/Amn	NC-023	09 Jul 2012
Puppo, Mary C	C/SSgt	NC-022	08 Jul 2012
Raner, Matthew M	C/2dLt	NC-082	28 Jun 2012
Rezin, Matthew D	C/TSgt	NC-022	10 Jul 2012
Sauls, Kendall B	2d Lt	NC-057	28 Jun 2012
Smith, John C	1st Lt	NC-079	20 Jul 2012

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Stickney, Kristine E	C/TSgt	NC-801	12 Jul 2012
Sutton, Kelsey L	C/TSgt	NC-079	10 Jul 2012
Underwood, Gerald W	Capt	NC-107	12 Jul 2012
Unterreiner, Jacob R	C/Amn	NC-162	19 Jul 2012
Vinar, Joseph J	C/CMSgt	NC-150	09 Jul 2012
Waggener, Justin S	C/SrA	NC-162	28 Jun 2012
Wallace, Dean J	1st Lt	NC-137	11 Jul 2012
Weber, Alexander M	C/Amn	NC-169	12 Jul 2012

Awards

Name	Grade	Award	Unit	Award Date
Acebo, Chavez F	SM	MBRRBN	NC-137	21 Jul 2012
Bagdon, Sola	SM	MBRRBN	NC-023	16 Jul 2012
Blakely, Kevin V	SM	MBRRBN	NC-082	12 Jul 2012
Caleb, Anil J	SM	YEAGER	NC-007	28 Jun 2012
Evans, James H	C/SSgt	W Brothers	NC-169	14 Jul 2012
Gordon, Terence N	SM	MBRRBN	NC-137	18 Jul 2012
Johnson, Laura M	Maj	LOENING	NC-048	10 Jul 2012
Kay, Barbara R	SM	MBRRBN	NC-023	17 Jul 2012
Latza, Judy N	SM	MBRRBN	NC-173	02 Jul 2012
Martin, Ryan D	SM	MBRRBN	NC-137	15 Jul 2012
Mikell, Brandon	C/SSgt	W Brothers	NC-111	01 Jul 2012
Morris, Todd A	SM	MBRRBN	NC-162	19 Jul 2012
Moss, Jarrett A	C/SSgt	W Brothers	NC-057	05 Jul 2012
Puppo, Mary C	C/SSgt	W Brothers	NC-022	08 Jul 2012
Raner, Matthew M	C/2dLt	Billy Mitchell	NC-082	28 Jun 2012
Sauls, Kendall B	2d Lt	YEAGER	NC-057	02 Jul 2012
Siemiet, David B	Lt Col	WILSON	NC-007	09 Jul 2012
Thomas, Christopher M	1st Lt	DAVIS	NC-805	17 Jul 2012
Trotter, Patrick J	SM	YEAGER	NC-007	28 Jun 2012
Underwood, Gerald W	Capt	DAVIS	NC-107	09 Jul 2012
Veit, Peter J	SM	MBRRBN	NC-048	12 Jul 2012
Walker, James R	Capt	DAVIS	NC-140	09 Jul 2012

Compiled by: 1st Lt. Carey Cox, NCWG Deputy PAO



Shelby Squadron has a new shoulder patch

It has been a few months in the making but after a number of drafts the squadron settled on a design. With the red, white, and blue colors though out, the patch features two notable landmarks from Cleveland County, North Carolina; The Historic Cleveland County Courthouse and the Gardner Webb University Bell Tower. The Courthouse which is currently under renovation to become the Earl Scruggs Center is located in uptown Shelby and the Bell Tower is located on the Gardner Webb campus in Boiling Springs, NC. The Squadron will be holding a ceremony on September 7th 2012 on the Courthouse steps to officially change patches and present the Courthouse with a commemorative plaque displaying the patch.

Tony Bradley, 2nd Lt, CAP
Public Affairs Officer/Information Technology Officer
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Shelby Composite Squadron



Shelby Squadrons New Patch digital version. Designs by Tony Bradley, 2nd Lt, CAP

NC-162 Cadet, First to Solo at NFA

Cadet Second Lieutenant Joshua Ammons, from the Iredell Composite Squadron was the first to earn his “wings” at National Flight Academy in Fort Pickett, Virginia. His first solo flight came after just eight hours of flight training, under the instruction of Colonel Bill Fountain. Since his return home, Lieutenant Ammons has flown several more solo flights with the most recent being a take-off from Concord Airport, landing at the Salisbury Airport, and ended with a safe return back to Concord.

Cadet Second Lieutenant Joshua Ammons is a 12th grade home schooled student, and a student at Mitchell Community College. He joined the squadron in September of 2010. Cadet Ammons currently holds the position of cadet leadership officer. He was the squadron “NCO Cadet of the Year,” in 2011. Cadet Ammons would like to join the Army and become a helicopter pilot.

The Iredell Composite Squadron is also home to several more upcoming cadet pilots. C/Maj John Robertson, and C/AIC Reese Cocrane have both soloed multiple times in a glider. C/1st Lt Montanna Shores recently completed a pre-solo at National Glider Academy and plans to solo in the near future.

Kristin Osborne 2d Lt, CAP MER-NC-162
Public Affairs



NC Wing Member Earns Royal Netherlands Medal

Nijmegen, The Netherlands - Lieutenant Colonel Jayson A. Altieri, North Carolina Wing, recently completed the 4-day, 160km Vierdaagse March from 17 – 20 July 2012 in Nijmegen. The International Four Day Marches Nijmegen (or Vierdaagse) is the largest marching event in the world. It is organized every year in Nijmegen in mid-July as a means of promoting sport and exercise. Participants walk 30, 40 or 50 kilometers daily, and, on completion, receive a royally approved medal - The Holland 4-Day Event Cross (Vierdaagsekruis).

The participants are mostly civilians, but there are also a few thousand military participants. Colonel Altieri, along with 10 members of the EuroCorps Team from Strasbourg, France participated in the march. The 4-days has taken place since 1909 and is considered a national holiday in The Netherlands.

Each day of the marches is named after the biggest town it goes through. Tuesday is the day of Elst, Wednesday the day of Wijchen, Thursday the day of Groesbeek and Friday the day of Cuijk. The routes always stay the same unless there is a specific need to change, as it did in 2007 (route changed in 2006 but canceled) when the walkers went through the Waalkade on Wednesday for the first time since the original route got too crowded and walkers had to wait for over an hour at some times. 2006 was the first year to be canceled in 90 years (apart from WW II).

After the first day's march there were thousands of drop-outs and two deaths because of extreme heat. On the Friday, as participants near the finish, the public awards the walkers with Gladioli. A symbol of force and victory stemming from Roman times where gladiators were showered with Gladioli, the Nijmegen walkers are similarly showered in flowers on their arrival. The entry into the city and towards the finish, the St. Annastreet, is for that reason called Via Gladiola during the Nijmegen Marches. In preparation for the march, the Colonel marched more than 600 kilometers since September of last year, carrying a pack weighing 16 kilos.

For more information on the Vierdaagse go to <http://www.4daagse.nl/>.

Photos courtesy of EuroCorps



Counterclockwise - EuroCorps Team members, Lt Col Altieri in the center; The Canadian Team; The EuroCorps Team celebrating after the march; Marchers passing through the town of Nijmegen.

Lt. Col Altieri awarded the Vierdaagsekruis

Shelby Squadron Cadets Lead the Lattimore Independence Day Parade!

Hundreds of on-lookers lined the 1.3 mile parade route in the early morning hours of July 4th. Many driving in from other counties just to participate in the festivities. Some arriving 2 hours before just to get the best spot. The Cadets were told they would be the 2nd color guard that morning, but when the primary guard couldn't make it, the The Shelby Cadets proudly took their place. Marching in step the entire 1.3 miles were the Color Guard, C/Major Westmoreland, C/SSGT Willis, C/AM Edlund & C/AMB Edlund. Walking behind were Major Bly, C/SSGT Bradley, C/AMB Weaver, and in his Fire Dept Uniform, C/AMB Binion.

"I was approached by a photographer that works the event every year" Says Squadron Commander Major Tom Bly, "He was impressed with the color guards professionalism and performance." This marks the first time in a many years the squadron has marched in a parade and it will be far from the last. When asked if they want to march in another C/Major Westmoreland said "We are certainly looking forward to the parades coming up later this year, we will be ready." The Squadron hopes to expand the color guard equipment prior to the holidays so multiple teams can march in parades simultaneously.

((Attachment parade_2.jpg cutline:)) Tony Bradley, 2nd Lt, CAP
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Front Row Left to Right; C/Major Westmoreland, C/SSGT Willis, C/AM Edlund & C/AMB Edlund. 2nd Row L-R; Major Bly, C/SSGT Bradley, C/AMB Weaver, and in his Fire Dept Uniform, C/AMB Binion PHOTO BY Tony Bradley, 2nd Lt, CAP



Shelby Squadron Color Guard In step nearing the end of the parade. PHOTO BY Tony Bradley, 2nd Lt, CAP

Cadets Help at Independence Day Celebration

On July 4th, the city of Rolesville hosted a community day followed by a fireworks show. Cadets from Raleigh Wake Composite Squadron assisted the event by providing crowd managers. The duty of a crowd manager is to direct people toward exits in the event of an emergency. Crowd managers are required by the fire department for events with more than 1,000 people attending. In addition to being crowd managers, cadets also ran various attractions including a rock climbing wall. At the end of the event, cadets assisted in cleanup duties. Overall, it was a successful day.

C/CMSgt Ian Woolsey, CAP

Public Affairs

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Perfection is not a destination

In my 7 ½ years of CAP membership I often wonder what I'd be doing to occupy my time if I hadn't chanced to bump into Sal Tripoli out on the West Ramp at RDU, but that's another story. The point is that I eventually discovered a side of me that I didn't know existed.

It has been my privilege to serve alongside of a real mix of men and women. And after this period of time I am at a loss to describe the stereotypical CAP member. The educational mix of our members is a true bowl of minestrone—a little bit of everything. I've worked alongside of those with BAs and BSs. And there are those with a Masters and even a few Doctorates. I have none of these, but am I treated any differently? Most certainly not. The lack of scholarly degrees is not holding me back. I have been able to move up through the ranks via my own personal ambition and commitment. And admittedly I did a lot of foot-dragging for too long. In CAP I am free to advance as quickly as time-in-grade permits, and if it takes me longer at one level, no one is to blame but me.

CAP is an open campus—there are no SATs or college boards. We are free to choose a training track and may pursue it at our own speed. The North Carolina Wing is comprised of over 1500 individual personalities. And when an alert goes out we gather together as a unit...ready, willing and eager to serve our communities and our Nation.

But out on the ramp during the preflight, huddled around the map tables during a SAREX or sitting on hard steel folding chairs during training classes, for all intents and purposes we all wear the same uniform, and we all put them on the same way—in accordance with CAPM 39-1.

Some of us choose a CAP career centering on one of our three Congressionally-mandated specialties: Emergency Services, Cadet Programs and Aerospace Education. But CAP is so much more. If it were not for directorates and offices like administration, plans and programs, personnel and personal development, the three mandates would all come unglued. It is the cohesiveness of this organization, the willingness of all of us to work as a team, that has made it what it is—and has been for the past 70 years.

Each level of CAP has leadership installed to provide the glue that builds and holds the organization together—level by level. And this brings me back to the title of this article—Perfection. A leader who **demand**s perfection of his charges is seen by many as a dictator. A leader who **expect**s perfection is an optimist. I'll bust a gut working for an optimist. If we were all perfect, there would be no need for government. Hmmm.

Perfection is not a destination. Perfection is a journey. We, as mere human beings, can never expect to be perfect, nor should anyone expect us to be perfect. The idea is to keep traveling, keep moving toward the goal of perfection.

So where do you find yourselves brothers and sisters. The best advice this old codger can offer is: Be yourself. Don't try to imitate, copy or bypass someone else. Just be yourself and let your own goodness, skills and talents shine through. Complete the tasks you are assigned, and do it with sincerity and resolve. And most importantly, go beyond what is expected of you--learn to think "Outside of the box."

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Don Penven, Maj, CAP

NCWG PA

Iredell Unit presents colors at Carowinds

The Iredell Composite Squadron Honor Guard presented the colors for the opening ceremony at Carowinds Amusement Park on July 4th for Military Day. Carowinds recognized past and present military personnel with free admission, along with a hotdog and hamburger picnic. The Honor Guard is led by Cadet Major John Robertson, a three year graduate of the National Honor Guard Academy. Other Honor Guard participants were C/1st Lt Montanna Shores, C/1st Lt Felix Reyes, C/2d Lt Joshua McCoy, and C/MSgt Zachary Fleming. The Honor Guard's flawless performance was received with much applause. Carowinds allowed the Honor Guard to use the VIP room for the entire day, which was fully stocked with unlimited refreshments, and given full access to the amenities of the park. Carowinds and WSOC Radio staff were awed by the cadets professionalism and invited the Honor Guard to return next year.

Kristin Osborne 2d Lt, NC-162 Public Affairs & Felix Reyes, C/1st Lt, NC-162 Public Affairs



Photos: L-R - C/1st Lt Montanna Shores, C/Maj John Robertson, C/2d Lt Joshua McCoy, C/1st Lt Felix Reyes, C/MSgt Zachary Fleming

Photos by 2nd Lt. Kristin Osborne

New Commander takes over MER-NC-048

In a rare moment the senior members of the Raleigh Wake Composite Squadron held a formation in the lobby of the General Aviation Terminal at Raleigh Durham International Airport to say farewell to the outgoing commander and welcome the incoming one.

Cadets, lead by C/Lt Zobel performed the duties of the Color Guard for the ceremony.

Col. David Crawford, the out going commander, gave his farewell speech before handing over the guidon to the incoming commander, Capt. Rich Laviano.

Capt. Laviano presented Col. Crawford with a plaque for his outstanding service to the squadron. Col. Crawford also received an award from Maj. Noureddine (NC Wing Group 2 Commander) for outstanding service to the squadron.

Col. Crawford will be installed as the new Commander of the North Carolina Wing on Saturday 14 July 2012 at Wing HQ in Burlington, NC.

Alberto Griffa, 1st Lt, CAP
PA Officer, MER-NC-048



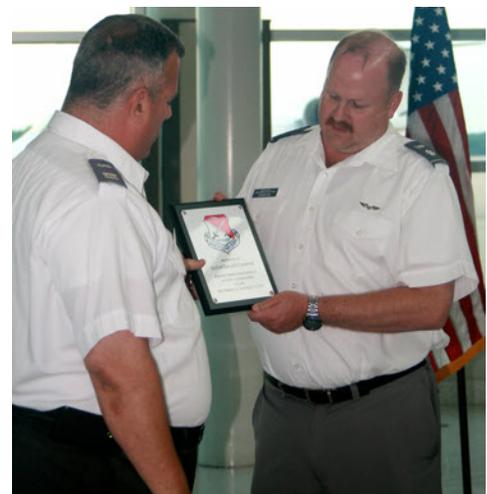
Raleigh Wake Squadron in formation



Col. Dave Crawford relinquishing the command



Capt. Rich Laviano accepting the command from Maj. Max Noureddine, Group 2 Commander



Capt Rich Laviano giving Col. Dave Crawford a plaque for outstanding service

Shelby Squadron hosts an 8 week Toastmasters Youth Leadership Program.

In April of 2012 a number of Shelby cadets approached the staff about the possibility of holding a public speaking class. That simple request started a process that has allowed the cadets to participate in an incredible program offered completely free by Toastmasters International to young men and women ages 12 - 18. The program was presented in eight sessions by members of the Shelby charter of Toastmasters; the Cleveland County Communicators, Lead by Club Vice President Ken Mooney and assisted by Michael Chrisawn, who also serves at the Cleveland County Chamber President.

The program focuses on specialized speaking and leadership skills. The cadets learned to: Overcome nervousness when speaking before an audience, organize and present ideas logically and convincingly, listen carefully to others' ideas, offer advice to help others improve their speaking and leadership skills, and participate in - and even lead - group discussion and meetings. "Over the weeks you can see their confidence build" says Captain Kirk Johnson, who's son is participating in the program. Each session lasted a little over an hour. Some of the activities that took place include; Evaluations of the cadets present speaking abilities, presentation of speeches, group evaluations, discussion and practice in listening, and discussion of voice and vocabulary to name a few. The cadets will be showing off their newly learned skills during the Squadron Summer Banquet on Tuesday July 31st.

Because of an almost weekly influx of new cadets, the squadron is already planning to hold another 8 week program with the help of Toastmasters. The Senior Members and Cadets would like to thank the Cleveland County Communicators of Toastmasters International for volunteering their time and resources to plan and execute such an outstanding program.

If you would like more information on this program contact your local Toastmasters Charter or go to <http://www.toastmasters.org/Members/MemberExperience/SatellitePrograms/YouthLeadership.aspx>

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Cadet Airman 1st Class Rodarte presenting a speech to the group during the evaluations PHOTO BY Tony Bradley, 2nd Lt, CAP



Left to Right VP Ken Mooney of Toastmasters, C/AMB Upton, C/AMB Bare, C/AMB Weaver, C/TSGT Johnson, C/SSGT Bradley, C/A1C Rodarte, C/AMB Moore, C/1st SGT Easter, C/AM L. Edlund, C/AM J. Edlund, C/SSGT Willis, and Michael Chrisawn of Toastmasters. PHOTO BY Tony Bradley, 2nd Lt, CAP

Historically Speaking – A Walk in the Past

On Saturday 21 July 2012, at Manteo's Dare County Airport, I took a "Walk in the Past".

Back in the dark days, at the beginning of World War II, the German Navy's Submarine Force was sinking so many allied ships within sight of our coast that the German Submariners called it "The Happy Times".

The Civil Air Patrol Coastal Patrol came into being because of this submarine campaign. Due to shortages of military aircraft to handle patrol and escort duties, the CAP was tasked with helping to counter the U-Boat threat.

CAP established 21 Coastal Patrol bases along the Atlantic and Gulf Coast, from Maine to Mexico. At Skyco Field, Base 16 was established when an advance party began arriving on 22 July 1942, with the first aircraft arriving on 27 July. The Base was able to launch its first Patrol on 10 August 1942. During the winter of 1942, the base and personnel relocated to Manteo, NC while they continued to fly their missions. Daily missions were flown from dawn to dusk by Base aircraft up and down the coast, providing convoy escort, search for survivors of torpedoing, looking for floating mines, and other services.

The Navy eventually took over patrol duties and the Coastal Patrol Bases closed on 31 August 1943. Bases 16 and 21 flew over 9,000 hours and millions of miles on their patrol missions. Also during the time Base 16 was in operation, two (2) Civil Air Patrol members gave their lives in the service of their country: Frank M. Cook and Julian L. Cooper, who both went down at sea.

On Saturday, a North Carolina Roadside Historical Marker was dedicated to the members who served at Coastal Patrol Base 16. One of CAP's Greatest Generation was there for the unveiling: Mr. C. Weldon Fields, who served as Communications Officer for Coastal Patrol Base 16 and later for Base 21 at Beaufort, NC.

The dignitaries in attendance were: Mr. John Ratzenberger, Curator of the Dare County Airport Museum; Chaplain (Major) Laura Johnson, CAP Assistant North Carolina Wing Chaplain; Major General Dwight Wheelless, Past CAP National Commander; KaeLi Schurr, Curator, Outer Banks History Center, NC Department of Cultural Resources; George Wood, Chairman Dare County Airport Authority; Warren Judge, Chairman, Dare County Board of Commissioners; and Stan White, State Senator, NC Senate District 1.

The Keynote Speaker was 2nd Lt Frank Blazich, CAP, Ohio Wing Historian and Doctoral Candidate, Graduate Teaching Associate, Ohio State University. Lt Blazich was the driving force behind the procurement of the marker from the State of North Carolina.

Other notables that took part in the unveiling of the marker were Harry Bridges, Museum Founder and son of CPB 16 Pilot William Bridges; Dianne Daniels, daughter of former State Senator and CPB 16 Pilot Melvin R. Daniels Jr.; and Charles Small, nephew of Col Frank Dawson, NC Wing Commander and Commander of CPB 21, Beaufort.

North Carolina Wing personnel assisting in the dedication were: Capt Terry Blucker, CAP, Commander, and 1st Lt John Shepard, CAP, Public Affairs Officer, of Wild Eagle Squadron, Elizabeth City and their Color Guard members: C/MSgt Cory Randolph, C/SSgt Liam McLerath, C/SSgt Nathaniel Fields, and C/Amn Consuela Merkle (Miller). Also representing CAP were Lt Col Philip Saleet, CAP, North Carolina Wing Historian, and Capt Allen Johnson, CAP, of New Bern.

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Coastal Patrol base 16 Dedication



2nd Lt Frank Blazich, Keynote Speaker



Cadet Color Guard



Mr. C. Weldon Fields and relatives of Coastal Patrol Base 16 Members



Left to right, C/SMSgt Cory Randolph, C/SSgt Liam McLerath, C/SSgt Nathaniel Fields, C/Amn Consuela Merkle (Miller) behind Capt Terry Blucker, 2nd Lt Frank Blazich, Lt Col Phil Saleet, MG Dwight Wheless, Mr. C. Weldon Fields, Chaplain (Major) Laura Johnson, 1st Lt John Shepard, and Capt Allen Johnson.



2nd Lt Frank Blazich and the Coastal Patrol Base 16 Marker



Pilots sharpen mountain flying skills

Flying in mountainous terrain in small planes can be dangerous, even more so when your searching for lost aircraft or missing hikers. Pilots who conduct search and rescue missions practiced and sharpened their skills this weekend at an event put on by the Asheville Composite Squadron of the Civil Air Patrol at the Asheville Regional Airport.

The event, known as Mountain Fury, was open to Civil Air Patrol pilots from across the state and included classroom instruction by experienced Civil Air Patrol mountain pilots as well as hands on experience in the cockpit.

Civil Air Patrol, an all volunteer group and chartered by congress, has as one of its missions, emergency services in which they conduct search and rescue missions both in the air and on the ground, damage assessments and reconnaissance in times of natural disasters such as hurricane and homeland security.

This is the sixth such training exercise conducted by the Asheville Squadron which in previous courses have included pilots from Florida, South Carolina, Georgia, Tennessee and Pennsylvania.

“We've got to have trained pilots capable of doing search and rescue in these mountains in a safe and productive manner and this clinic guarantees that that will happen,” said Col. Larry Ragland, Middle East Region Commander and former North Carolina Wing Commander, who was attending the course for the fourth time.

Asked what made Asheville a great place to do this kind of training, Ragland said location and proximity to the mountains. Also “...this is where we have many of our pilots who are very experienced in mountain flying and who know how to do what there doing in terms of doing it in a safe manner and so this is where we come for the expertise.”

Asked why this clinic was important, Event Incident Commander Major Joe Weinflash, said “Readiness, being prepared, being ready. Should a mission, whether it is homeland security, disaster relief or search and rescue take place in the mountains, is important, to be qualified and competent beyond the standard FAA (Federal Aviation Administration) qualification.”

Asked what pilots walked away with after attending the event, Weinflash said, “Confidence! This type of flying is not for everyone, but when called on you want pilots that can say, I can do this.”



Flight line marshal directs a CAP plane as it leaves for a mission.

Asheville Squadron flight academy solos another cadet

By Captain Clint Parker

Asheville Civil Air Patrol Squadron cadet C/2d Lt Logan Lueck took to the skies on Saturday (July 14) from the Asheville Regional Airport as he had done many times before in his flight training. However, this time there was one major difference...he was by himself.

Lueck, 16, is the second cadet to complete Asheville's 2012 Flight Academy and the 14 cadet to complete the academy since its beginning in 2008. A flight academy like this is usually conducted on a regional level in Civil Air Patrol, but the Asheville Squadron took on the cadet flight academy program to encourage cadets in the squadron to learn to fly.

Lt. Col Ray Davis was Cadet Lueck's primary instructor and after signing him off for solo handed him the keys to the aircraft for three takeoffs and landings on his own. Three other Asheville cadets are currently working to obtain their solo wings this year. Lueck is a resident of the Leicester community.

The academy cost only \$400 per cadet for ground school and 10 hours of flying time in the squadron's Cessna 172. The low cost is made possible by a generous donation left to the squadron in the will of Civil Air Patrol member Lt. Col William Herman Eggers of Mills River specifically for flight training for young people.



C/2d Lt Logan Lueck with Lt. Col. Ray Davis who was his instructor for his solo.

Submitting articles for publication in Carolina WingSpan

Maybe I was too wordy when I wrote the publication guidelines so here's an abbreviated version:

1. **Submit the story in the body of your email.** Put your headline for the article in the subject line. Please do not us a previous email between us to submit articles. I just might miss yours. Please do not format the article—it should be single-spaced and the type should be set flush-left.
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Brunswick County Squadron Color Guard in Southport 4th of July Parade

For the second year in a row, the Color Guard of the Brunswick County Composite Squadron, MER-NC-170, marched in the Southport, NC Fourth of July Parade, one of the largest and highest attended Fourth of July observances held in the state. Thousands of attendees along the parade route were impressed by the military bearing of the four cadets in the Color Guard and cheered their performance during the more than one-hour long parade.

Additional recognition for the Civil Air Patrol and NC-170 was provided by having a uniformed squadron cadet and senior member standing in the vehicle pulling a float entered in the parade by Experimental Aircraft Association Chapter 939. The red, white and blue decorated float featured a replica of the Wright Flyer with "Let Your Dreams Take Flight" as its theme. The Cape Fear Regional Jetport and Brunswick Air Flight School were featured in signage on the float along with the CAP. The producers of the new movie, Safe Haven, much of which is being filmed in Southport, have asked that this EAA Chapter 939 float be part of a modified parade shooting, which is scheduled for 8 August.

NC-170 will soon celebrate its third anniversary since being chartered in August 2009 at the Cape Fear Regional Jetport, where it conducts its meetings and flight activities. The young unit has been very successful in recruiting seniors and cadets and getting its members qualified in their respective positions, ranging from Mission Scanners to Mission Observers to Mission Pilot.

William J. Sullivan, 1st Lt., CAP
PAO, MER-NC-170



Left to right, Hunter Riddle, Cadet Technical Sgt., Canyon Cooke, Cadet Chief Master Sgt., Chesnee Brittain, Cadet Chief Master Sgt., and McKell Cook, Cadet Airman 1st Class.

Photo by 2nd Lt. Richard Hart, NC-170

Middle East Region News

A BIG MER Congratulations goes out to the following MER members. I look forward to seeing each one get recognized at the National Conference in Baltimore.

2012 CAP Drug Demand Member of the Year: **Captain Caitlind Twyford** of DEWG

2012 F. Ward Reilly Leadership Award: **Major Michael A. Crockett** of MDWG

2012 CAP Norm Edwards Counterdrug Officer of the Year: **Major Christopher J. Howell** of MDWG

2012 CAP Communication Officer of the Year: **Major James Y. Perry** of WVWG

2012 CAP Director of Finance of the Year: **Captain George H. Shively** of WVWG

2012 CAP Robert V. "Bud" Payton Public Affairs Officer of the Year: **Major Kathryn A. Dowling** of SCWG

2012 CAP Colonel Edwin W. Lewis, Jr., Incident Staff Member of the Year: **Colonel Gerald W. Weiss** of MDWG

2012 CAP Senior of the Year: **Lt Col Justin M. Carisio** of DEWG

What an impressive list from MER. Please join me in congratulating these members on their outstanding service to CAP.

The National Winners from the Middle East Region are listed below:

Cadet of the Year - Cadet (now Senior Member) Dominique D. Litchford, VA Wing

Brewer Award Winner in the Cadet Category – Cadet Michael R. Poussard, Nat Cap Wing

Jack Sorenson Cadet Programs Officer of the Year – Lt Col Janon D. Ellis, Nat Cap Wing

George Texido Legislative Officer of the Year – Lt Col B. Keith West, VA Wing

AFSA Cadet NCO of the Year – Cadet Stephon J. Tonko, Nat Cap Wing

Squadron of Distinction – Bethesda Chevy-Chase Composite Squadron, MD Wing

F. Ward Reilly Leadership Award – Maj Michael A. Crockett, MD Wing

My Congratulations to these members.

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2012: Olympic Games Come to Raleigh

While Olympic games in London are going to be the attraction of this coming summer, the Cadets of the Raleigh-Wake Squadron had a preview of the great excitement of participating at the Olympic Games.

On Friday, 20 July 2012, Cadets arrived to the Deputy Commander for Cadet's, Maj Zobel, house out in Rolesville, NC: a great place to hold such a competition, with unpaved roads for biking and running and even an access to a small lake for the water events.

After administrative duties were taken care of, Cadets were formed up and briefed about how their next 24 hours will be occurring. Then, cadets were assigned to teams with a team captain and isolated from the other teams to sign up for Saturday's events, decorate the team banners and batons (which were construction hard hats), and unify team hats.

Teams were given names such as: Greek Gods, Seals, Powderpuffs, Trolls and Blue Rangers. The next morning began with breakfast, stretches, and the first event at 0800 hours.

Motivation filled the air as the first heat of cadets waited at the starting line and the torch was ignited in reference to the official Olympics. The events were as follows: 800m Run, 100m Weighted Sprint, 4x100m Sprint Relay, Island Canoe, 2mi Cycling Race, 4x200m Cycling Relay, Quadathlon 800m Run/200m Swim/1mi Bike/25 Pushups and 50 Sit-Ups, Shot Put, High Jump, 100m Swim, 200m Swim Relay, 3 Cadet Canoe Carry, Tire Toss, and Individual Canoe.

All events were performed with excellent enthusiasm by the teams and event participants and medals were awarded, in full Olympic spirit, to the 1st placers, 2nd placers, and 3rd placers and trophies were awarded to the winning team's members.

After a long day of vigorous exercise, the tired cadets cooled down in the lake in which swimming and canoeing took place and finished the day with 60lbs of chicken and desserts.

A great organization by all the Cadets, lead by Maj Zobel and C/Lt Zobel, an anticipation of what we will see in few days in London!

Alberto Griffa, 1st Lt, CAP
PA Officer, MER-NC-048



C/CMSgt Hodson attempting to beat the cadets' record for Tire Toss



C/2d Lt Pantlin leading the squadron in stretches

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C/1st Lt Zobel (Cadet Commander) passing out weights for the ruck sack sprint and explaining the next event



C/2d Lt Pantlin holding the torch C/1st Lt Zobel constructed



C/SSgt Kober (far left), C/AB Pantlin (next), C/MSgt Tapley (middle), C/2d Lt Lowery (next), and C/AB Zobel (far right) were the winning team for the Cadet Olympics



Maj Zobel holding the trophy the cadets decided she earned for all of the effort she put forth to make this weekend the success it was.



Shelby Squadron Holds Two Rocket Days

On Tuesdays July 17th and July 24th Cadets and Seniors from Shelby participated in rocketry education, rocket building and of course the most fun of all rocket firing. 5 senior members devoted the majority of two days to help 10 cadets learn hows these rockets function, how to build them and the proper SAFE way to launch them.

The squadron would also like to thank Chaplain Melvin Lutz, Capt, for allowing the cadets the use of his property to shoot the rockets. The cadets completed the Redstone, Saturn, and Titan testing phases and built foam rockets, 2, single stage rockets and 1, two stage rocket each.

Tony Bradley, 2nd Lt, CAP

Public Affairs Officer/Information Technology Officer

MER-NC-050

Shelby Composite Squadron

Photos by 2nd Lt. Tony Bradley



Cadets receiving instruction from Squadron Commander and AE Officer Major Tom Bly.



Cadets preparing to launch their foam rockets.



Cadets receiving safety instruction by Lt. Col. Chris Davidson



C/AMB Moore counting down to launch his single stage rocket.



C/1st SGT Easter looks up as his two stage rocket is lifting off.



C/AIC Rodarte's single stage rocket in the first moments of flight.

A night of awards for Maj. Johnson and Maj. Tessin

Thursday night Squadron Senior Member meeting was attended by a high number of participants, including Col Larry Ragland (Region Commander), the newly appointed NC Wing Commander Col Dave Crawford and Maj MaxNoureddine (Group II Commander).

At the beginning of the meeting, in a ceremony, Col Dave Crawford awarded Capt Laura Johnson, Chaplain of the Squadron, with the Davis Award, the Loening Award and a Commander's Commendation (signed by previous NC Wing Commander Col Roy Douglass) for Outstanding Duty Performance.

But the streak was not over for Capt Johnson because she also got promoted to the rank of Major.

Soon after Col Dave Crawford presented a Commander's Commendation for Outstanding Services to Maj Tim Tessin as Wing Flight Orientation Coordinator, improving flight performances, record of hours flown, in particular during the recent Cadet summer encampment.

What a night for Maj Johnson and Maj Tessin: thank you for the great job!

Alberto Griffa, 2nd Lt. CAP

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