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After more than 18 months of preparation, the quadrennial joint CAP/CAP-USAF Compliance Inspection has been completed with North Carolina Wing receiving the highest overall grade of **HIGHLY SUCCESSFUL**.

I would like to thank all of those whose hard work, dedication and countless hours of preparation led to this well deserved result. This grade is not only the measure of the Wing HQ, but of the entire wing. Each individual member across the wing has contributed to the success of the wing and I thank you for your dedicated service to the wing and CAP as a whole.

There are too many members whose efforts went above and beyond, but I would like to specifically thank Lt Col Andy Wiggs, who as Wing Chief of Staff has been key to coordinating the efforts of the staff in preparing for the Staff Assistance Visit (SAV) in January through the Compliance Inspection that concluded this weekend. Please join me in extending my thanks to him for his outstanding efforts.

Congratulations on a job well done and I look forward to our continued success as we move into the future.

DAVID E CRAWFORD, Colonel, CAP

FINAL SALUTE - Major Jesse W. Collum

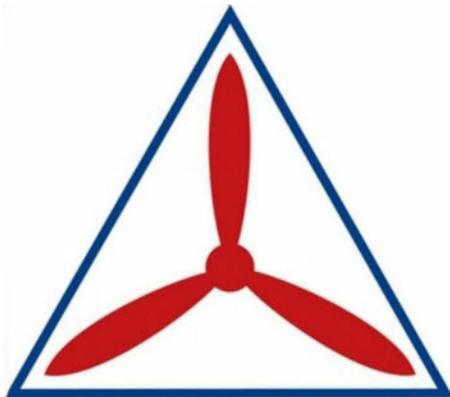
Family and friends gathered in Raleigh on 3 December 2012 to remember and celebrate the life of Jesse Winfred Collum, Sr. Services were held at the North Haven Church in Raleigh, with a standing room crowd present for the service. Jesse died on November 30, 2012 with his family and friends by his side in Raleigh, North Carolina.

Jesse was born on July 27, 1934 in Winnabow, North Carolina to Pearl and Beulah Collum. Jesse moved to Wilmington, where he met and married his wife of 58 years, Hazel Collins Collum. Jesse and Hazel eventually settled in Raleigh. Jesse worked as an engineer for 45 years before retiring from Parker Hannifin in 2002 after 34 years of service.

Flying was the love of his life, second only to his family. Jesse became a pilot in 1967 and joined the Civil Air Patrol (CAP) in 1968. Jesse served the North Carolina Wing as mission pilot, orientation pilot, instructor and check pilot. He was a long time member of the Raleigh-Wake Composite Squadron. He also served as an assistant Safety Officer. After retiring from his career in engineering, Jesse worked part time as a flight instructor for FlightGest from 2002-2012.

The Raleigh-Wake Composite Squadron (NC-048) Cadet Honor Guard participated in the service and presented the American flag that had draped the casket to the family after completing the folding ceremony. The Honor Guard was made up of C/Lt Col Kyle Zobel, C/Capt Katie Zobel, C/SMSGT Ari Brown and C/MSgt Randy Foster.

The pall bearers were Maj Gen Dwight Wheless, former NC Wing Commander and former National Commander; Col Larry Ragland, former Raleigh-Wake Sq Commander, NC Wing Commander and current Middle East Region Commander; Col David Crawford, former Raleigh-Wake Sq Commander and current NC Wing Commander; Lt Col Dion Viventi, former Raleigh-Wake Sq Commander and current NC Group 3 Commander; Maj Tim Tessin, former Raleigh-Wake Sq Commander and Capt Rich Laviano, current Raleigh-Wake Squadron Commander.



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Civil Air Patrol to observe long legacy of service

MAXWELL AIR FORCE BASE, Ala. – Civil Air Patrol’s rich history of protecting America comes full circle Saturday when the U.S. Air Force auxiliary officially celebrates its 71st anniversary.

The all-volunteer, nonprofit organization of more than 61,000 members was founded on Dec. 1, 1941, less than a week before the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor led to America’s involvement in World War II. Its members soon proved their worth by conducting aerial patrols on their own, heroism that discouraged and eventually stopped deadly German U-boat attacks in American waterways. Fifty-nine members died, 26 were lost at sea and seven others were seriously injured while carrying out CAP missions during the war.

Much as they did in CAP’s early days, today’s members are becoming more and more involved in homeland security, regularly acting as targets in various air defense exercises that support training for both U.S. air defense forces and the nation’s ground forces. Over the past two years, CAP has used its planes to help train the nation’s military ground forces in remotely piloted aircraft operations before they deploy to Afghanistan and Iraq.

“Each day, our members provide a valuable service to their communities,” said CAP National Commander Maj. Gen. Chuck Carr. “They help mentor America’s youth through our outstanding aerospace education and cadet programs and save lives and preserve liberty for all through search and rescue missions and emergency service, disaster relief and homeland security missions nationwide. As this anniversary approaches, be sure to say ‘thanks’ to these unsung heroes in your communities who provide such selfless service, often without fanfare.”

As the Air Force auxiliary, today’s Civil Air Patrol performs a multitude of missions in communities throughout the nation’s 50 states, the District of Columbia and Puerto Rico:

- CAP provides disaster relief during and after hurricanes, floods, wildfires, earthquakes, tornadoes and countless other emergencies – like the Deepwater Horizon oil spill in the Gulf of Mexico two years ago, the largest modern-day mission in CAP history until the organization’s response this fall to Hurricane Sandy, which is still ongoing. To date, CAP aircrews have taken more than 150,000 aerial images to assist the Federal Emergency Management Agency and other federal, state and local agencies involved in cleanup and recovery from the superstorm, which ravaged the coastlines of several states in the Northeast, including New Jersey and New York.

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- CAP responds day or night when planes are overdue and emergency locator transmitters go off. Its volunteer professionals perform 90 percent of continental U.S. inland search and rescue missions, as tasked by the Air Force Rescue Coordination Center, and are credited by the AFRCC with saving an average of 80 lives annually. Members of the Oregon Wing were honored recently with the AFNORTH Commander's Award for locating the crash site of well-known air show performer Jacqueline "Jacquie B" Warda, who survived the accident.
- CAP plays a leading role in aerospace education and mentors nearly 27,000 young Americans through its cadet program. By partnering with more than 2,000 educators nationwide, members nurture the talents of generations of the nation's sons and daughters with aerospace education programs that stress leadership and character development and teach aviation and emergency response skills. CAP's award-winning aerospace education program uses national standards-based materials to help nearly 200,000 school-aged children in grades K-12 to excel in STEM (science, technology, engineering and math) subjects. In addition, CAP's cadets are involved in a wide variety of activities, including CyberPatriot, the national cyber defense competition won by cadet teams in 2011 and 2012.
- CAP is a major partner of Wreaths Across America, an initiative to remember, honor and teach about the sacrifices of U.S. military veterans. This year, CAP is teaming up with the Maine-based nonprofit organization to raise funds to place Christmas wreaths on veterans' graves at nearly 700 locations throughout the nation as well as in several countries overseas.

Civil Air Patrol, the official auxiliary of the U.S. Air Force, is a nonprofit organization with more than 61,000 members nationwide, operating a fleet of 550 aircraft. CAP, in its Air Force auxiliary role, performs 90 percent of continental U.S. inland search and rescue missions as tasked by the Air Force Rescue Coordination Center and is credited by the AFRCC with saving an average of 80 lives annually. Its volunteers also perform homeland security, disaster relief and drug interdiction missions at the request of federal, state and local agencies. The members play a leading role in aerospace education and serve as mentors to nearly 27,000 young people currently participating in the CAP cadet program. Visit www.gocivilairpatrol.com or www.capvolunteernow.com for more information.

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NC Wing Completes Aerial Photo Missions

Over 33,000 images taken as part of Hurricane Sandy disaster relief mission

By: Lt. Col. Conrad D'Cruz

The Middle East Region (MER) answered the call for assistance during the disaster relief mission in the North East Region and North Carolina Wing stepped up to the plate.

A total of thirteen North Carolina Wing members joined several CAP members from other wings to execute the missions to support FEMA. Civil Air Patrol members provided aerial damage assessment imagery of the affected areas in New Jersey and New York.

CAP provided three, three-person crews and collectively Middle-East Region wings uploaded approximately 33,000 images. More than 90 mission sorties were flown for a total of more than 200 mission hours.

All NC Wing crews returned safely after successfully supporting FEMA in this critical function or gathering the images.

NC Wing Commander, Col. David E. Crawford, noted that Sandy taught us the value of consistent, persistent training in our chartered missions, "This horrific storm was beyond comprehension until the thousands of disaster relief photographs began to fill the FEMA websites—giving new meaning to the term; 'Disaster Relief.' CAP proved beyond our wildest dreams that when disaster strikes, hundreds of volunteers came forward, sacrificing time, energy and know-how to serve our country. My deepest thanks go to the NC Wing members who played such a significant role in the Sandy mission with aircrews and support staff."

The Middle East Region Commander, Col. Larry J. Ragland added, "The hard work of so many has succeeded in getting FEMA valuable photographic information and supporting NER in mission management. The North East Region is still involved in flights, and some of our MER Wings may still have occasional sorties for special local reasons. Generally speaking, I am standing down MER and thanking everyone for such a fantastic response in a time of great need. Each member involved should take great personal pride in their participation in a mission that means so much to so many. The intense training of our members in MER really

NC Wing provided several three member crews to fly aerial photo missions as part of the disaster relief mission. In this picture, Capt Brett Benson, Maj John May and Lt Col Ron Wilbanks of the NC Wing stand beside the aircraft Wilmington, DE after a successful sortie.



Historically Speaking

Phil Saleet, Lt Col, CAP
Historian

This month's column is a reprint from Civil Air Patrol News January 1987. It tells the story of the redesign of Civil Air Patrols Pilot and Observer Wings. Hope you will find this article an interesting story of CAP's history.



At the Wing Commander's Conference on May 21, 1947, a recommendation was made that national

headquarters secure War Department approval for a change in the design of the then authorized Civil Air Patrol aeronautical insignia. The national staff submitted a series of proposed insignia to Headquarters, Army Air Forces, but these were returned disapproved.

In the opinion of the AAF Headquarters staff, the design changes "too closely resembled those authorized for the regular AAF." As a direct result of this disapproval, Weekly Bulletin Number 29, dated Aug. 1, 1947, requested wings to submit new designs for the aeronautical badges.

Throughout World War II, the CAP pilots wore an insignia of an eagle holding the CAP emblem as their aeronautical badge. It was thought by some that it too closely resembled the German Army and Air Force National Eagle; therefore, a part of that country's, uniform. This started many members searching for ideas for a new badge. In some cases the CAP emblem lapel pin was superimposed on AAF observer wings as a homemade substitute. These "trick insignia" were never authorized for wear and members were told to end this practice. Nonetheless, the general desire to improve the insignia persisted.

Shown here is a copy of one of the original sketches which was adopted in 1948 as the new CAP aeronautical badges. It is still in use, but with slight modification. Of the various ideas submitted to national headquarters, this design of Lt Col (then Major) C.B. Colby, was selected. Colonel Colby had served in the New York Wing as a Staff Officer and Squadron Commander and later as the Chairman of the National Printing and Engraving Committee. Colonel Colby was also an author of note with more than 40 adventure books to his credit, in addition to serving as a news correspondent during World War II.

"My proudest moment came when they adopted my design to replace the sorrowful eagle we wore during the war, and we could wear silver wings similar to the military pilots," Colby said.

His idea was to have a badge that was distinctive and attractive. Neither the United States, nor any foreign badge had the basic emblem in the center, so Colonel Colby drew his idea with the CAP disk, triangle and three bladed propeller in the badge center and then drew the eagle wings drooping so that they were not the same as the US Army. The senior pilot wings would have a wreath around the center – again not like the Army – and the star, would be mounted upon the command pilot's badge.

AAF officials approved the design, but with the now familiar star for senior pilot, and a star within a wreath for the command pilot. At the same time, the observer gained, since they now had two wings with an "O" superimposed over the CAP emblem in the center rather than the single wing of the past.

Thus, Colonel Colby's silver wings have been with us since 1948 with only a slight modification in the 1970's, which tipped the wings up, making them similar to the Air Force design.

An interesting footnote to the badge's history: The first badge to be manufactured was presented to Colonel Colby in recognition of his idea by the then National Commander MG Walter Agee.

Hope you enjoyed this journey into the past, until next month SEMPER VIGILANS.

CAP's 71st. Anniversary

As we commemorate the 71st Anniversary of Civil Air Patrol, I thought I would post the last log entry of Coastal Patrol Base 21's Yearbook. It was a slower time than we live in today, but their words echo to us from the past, as a reminder of the thoughts of CAP's Greatest Generation.

We Honor them today and all of CAP's past and current members.

I have also included the Dedication pages from Base 21's Yearbook, it was in Honor of 3 of the Bases personnel who died on Coastal Patrol in the line of Duty. Also at this time we need to honor all CAP members who died for their country and in service to their fellow man.

Semper Vigilans,

Phil Saleet, Lt Col, CAP

crating boxes and everything is ready for the address of the shipping tag.

August 31

This is the end. Everybody has been invited to a final banquet at the Villa tonight at eight-thirty. The personnel will be the guest of the Base Commander and quite an elaborate program has been arranged. In the morning everybody but the mechanics and four pilots will pack up their things and head back for home. The mechanics will be kept on to repair the planes and it is rumored that the base will be moved and continued as a maintenance base to repair ships for other bases on express duty. So this ends the diary unless it is combined with the reports from whatever venture Base 21 takes part in afterwards.

Until Tomorrow

So ends the activity of CAP Coast Patrol Base 21 as a Patrolling unit. The members of the base who came there from local CAP squad-

rons throughout the state and a from other states, deserve the big praise. They volunteered for a duty for the duration and six months. The organization was more or a red-headed stepchild during brief history of coastal patrol.

Organized under the Office Civilian Defense, it went to for the 25th wing of the Army Force, a wing that had been tu over to the Eastern Sea Frontie the Navy, to do Navy work. outsider will ever know the beg and pleading it took to get et ment, even safety equipment to tect the men who ventured out the ocean in planes that many a would hesitate to fly over his home airport.

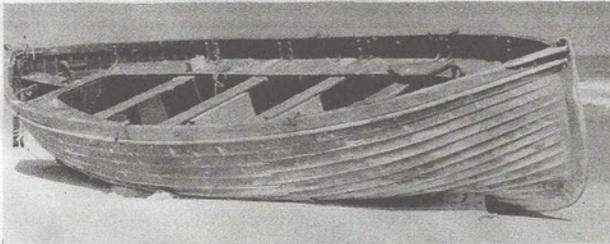
The flight personnel was mad of civilian fliers who had had experience with over-water fly but who jumped at the chance t this dangerous work in order to tribute their part in the defens the nation at a time when Co

Shipping of wartime cargoes was in its darkest hour.

We all acknowledge the help and co-operation of the various units of the other branches of the service, particularly the Naval Operations Base at Norfolk, the Army at Fort Macon and Wilmington, the Marines at Cherry Point, the Coast Guard at Morehead and Ocracoke, and especially the fine folks at the Morehead Naval Section Base in Morehead, who did everything in their power to make our work more efficient and pleasant. . . .

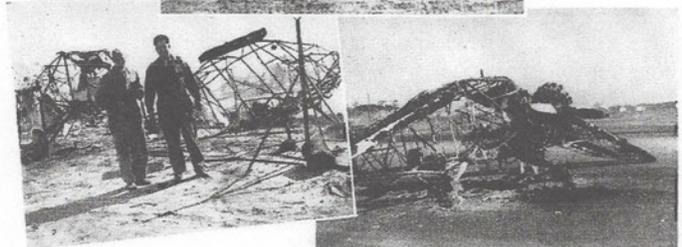
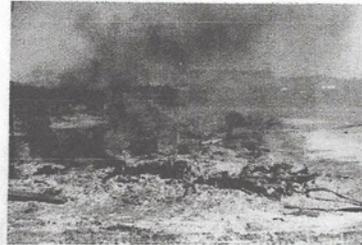
I sincerely hope that this history in the hands of those who did their part to make it possible, who volun-

tarily left the comforts and pleasures of home to render such fine service to our country, will in some measure serve to bring back the wonderful experiences through which we lived and worked together in close companionship and in a bond of friendship that will live with us for the rest of our lives. When this great world conflict is climaxed in the glorious Allied victory that is sure to come, and this world settles down in a lasting peace of brotherly love, I sincerely hope that the men and women who served together at our base can meet again, shake hands, and live again the glorious adventures of the past.



One of the lifeboats spotted by our Coastal Patrol

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A fire on November 10, 1943, of unknown origin, practically destroyed all of Base 21 at Beaufort

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Dedication

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THIS small volume, designed to commemorate the excellent achievements of the personnel of the CAP Coastal Patrol Base Twenty-one at Beaufort, North Carolina, is humbly dedicated to the three members of the Base who made the supreme sacrifice in the line of duty. They are only away. They shall not be forgotten.

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These Gave Their Lives at Beaufort . . .



LT. GUY T. CHERRY
November 16, 1942



CAPT. H. L. LUNDQUIST
June 27, 1943



SGT. D. S. WILLIAMS
June 27, 1943

Away

I cannot say, and I will not say
That he is dead. He is just away!
With a cheery smile, and a wave of the hand,
He has wandered into an unknown land,
And left us dreaming how very fair
It need must be, since he lingers there.
And you—O you, who the wildest yearn
For the old-time step and the glad return,
Think of him faring on, as dear
In the love of There as the love of Here,
To simple things:—Where the violets grew
Blue as the eyes they were likened to,
The touches of his hands have strayed
As reverently as his lips have prayed:
When the little brown thrush that harshly chirred
Was dear to him as the mocking-bird,
And he pitied as much as a man in pain
A writhing honey-bee wet with rain,
Think of him still as the same, I say:
He is not dead—he is just away!

—JAMES WHITCOMB RILEY.

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Middle East Region

Members of Middle East Region,

I want to take just a moment to express to each and every member of Middle East Region my pride and appreciation for your hard dedicated work associated with the aftermath of hurricane Sandy. Maryland, Delaware, West Virginia, National Capital, and Virginia seem to have taken the brunt of the storm in MER to varying degrees. But each of these Wings have been able to immediately respond in their service to others. North and South Carolina have been diligent in their readiness to dispatch resources to the affected areas. Our members have done some fantastic work in the last several days. Civil Air Patrol Public Affairs is working hard to get this story of commitment and service out, so please share any stories you have with your Wing PAO as soon as you can. We want to know all the facets of this ongoing response to a truly national level tragedy.

As your Region Commander, I have been working these last several days with all the other Region Commanders from across CAP to conduct the historic first meeting of the Command Senior Advisory Group (CSAG) down at National CAP HQ. Under the leadership of MGen Carr and BGen Vazquez, we have accomplished a lot. But that is another story. The spotlight today is on you as you continue to help the Northeast Region in ongoing operations in the recovery areas. The devastation is terrible, and any help that MER members can give is very much appreciated. As we put into practice our deep conviction of no borders, please be patient with processes that obviously need adjusting, with emergency management that may never have utilized outside resources, and with the normal anxiety and confusion that comes with such a disaster scenario. Your smile and encouraging words may be just as much a part of the healing process for the disaster area as your flying or radio operator skills. Keep the positive attitude and others will be infected with its promise of a better day to come.

You have made me very proud to be associated with Middle East Region and I commend each of you for your hard work.

Thank you,

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Shelby Squadron's Cadets March in Boiling Springs NC Holiday Parade Cadets from Shelby marched in the annual Boiling Springs NC Holiday Parade on Sunday November 25th. The squadron plans to march in a number of parades this holiday season and were proud to have their first to be the one most local. The cadets enjoyed being a part of this joyful community event and are looking forward to the remainder of the season.

Thanks,

Tony Bradley, 2d Lt., CAP

Information Technologies Officer, MER-NC-011



Civil Air Patrol Honors Members Who Served CAP During WWII

Three North Carolinians Receive Promotions and Special Service Awards

By Maj. Don Penven, NCWG PAO

November 10, 2012

Burlington, NC - Barely one week before the beginning of World War II, a large group of aviation enthusiasts offered their services to the U.S. Government as a means of countering the rising threat posed by Nazi "U-Boats" along the Atlantic Seaboard. Historians tell us that well over 2000 ships carrying vital supplies to the European Theater of War were sent to bottom of the "Graveyard of the Atlantic" by enemy torpedoes and brazen surface attacks.

According to wikianswers.com, "During the war the U-boats sank about 2,779 ships for a total of 14.1 million tons. This figure is roughly 70% of all allied shipping losses in all theaters of the war and to all hostile action. The most successful year for the German war machine was 1942 when over 6 million tons of shipping were sunk in the Atlantic."

The U.S. was ill-equipped to counter this menace, with the bulk of our armed forces and materiel being directed overseas. And thus, the Civil Air Patrol (CAP) was created by Congressional Charter. This volunteer force, using their own airplanes, was credited with actually driving the submarine menace from our shores. CAP pilots flew more than one-half million hours, were credited with sinking two enemy submarines and rescued hundreds of crash survivors during World War II. Following the war the Admiral commanding German submarine operations was asked why he abruptly moved his U-Boats away from the Atlantic coastline. He replied, "It was those damn orange and yellow planes."

Lt. Col. Philip Saleet, historian for the NC Wing, CAP, took a long, determined look at the activities originating from the two coastal patrol bases that supported the war effort in North Carolina. His research located three living CAP members that are currently North Carolina residents.

On November 10, 2012, the NC Wing conducted a special ceremony for these war heroes at its headquarters in Burlington, NC. NC Wing Commander, Col. David Crawford said, "During the time CAP bases were active, the wartime effort, which included border patrol operations, search and rescue, disaster relief, forest fire patrol, emergency transportation of personnel and critical cargo and towing practice targets for the U.S. military, resulted in 64 member deaths and 150 lost aircraft by war's end. It is our privilege to honor these survivors for their determined, dedicated service to our nation."

Based on the research of Lt. Col. Saleet, the following honors and promotions took place:

Charles Weldon Fields: Assigned as communications officer at Coastal Patrol Base 16, Manteo, 1st Lt. Fields flew as an Observer on anti-submarine missions, accumulating over 150 hours of patrol duty. He then transferred to Monogram Field, Driver, VA and served as communications officer for Tow Target Unit 21's new base of operations. He was promoted to the rank of Colonel and was presented with the Distinguished Service Award.

Clive Goodwin Jr.: He joined a CAP squadron in Cortland, NY, and flew out of the Cortland Municipal Airport. The squadron's assignment was to fly Missing Aircraft and Search Missions for the Army Air Forces. While serving with this squadron 2nd Lt Goodwin flew missions as a pilot during his active duty with CAP. The ceremony included his being promoted to Lt. Colonel and he received the Exceptional Service Award. It was also noted that Goodwin is currently active with the Franklin Co. Composite Squadron, CAP and is still an active pilot.

Paul Sigmon: Corporal Sigmon assisted in building Coastal Patrol Base 21 in Beaufort where he found an overgrown grass field, surrounded by marsh and the home of thousands of mosquitoes. Mr. Sigmon was one of the base members assigned to build a new runway. Once the base was up and running, he served until the day it closed. He too was promoted to Lt. Colonel and received the Exceptional Service Award.

All three officers were granted life-time CAP memberships.

At the conclusion of the ceremony the names of those North Carolina Wing members who made the supreme sacrifice were read to the audience. As each name was read, Mrs. Pat Saleet, wife of Lt. Col. Philip sounded a bell:

Coastal Patrol Base 16: 1st Lt. Frank Cook, 1st Lt. Julian Cooper

Coastal Patrol Base 21: 1st Lt. Guy Cherry, Capt. H. Leonard Lundquist, Sgt. David Williams

Tow Target Unit 21: 1st Lt. Norman Buckley, 1st Lt. Alfred Kendrick

“Today, Civil Air Patrol continues to serve our Nation,” Crawford said. “At this very moment CAP aircrews from across the country are flying aerial photography missions, recording the destructive force of Hurricane Sandy in New York, New Jersey and Pennsylvania. Two of our wing’s aircraft have been supporting this mission while many other members are assisting in ground support activities.”

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Col. Charles W. Fields receives award from Col. David E. Crawford



Lt. Col. Clive Goodwin Jr. receives award from Col. David E. Crawford



Lt. Col. Paul Sigmon receives award from Col. David E. Crawford



Mrs. Pat Saleet, bell-ringer

Cadets Participate in Basic Mountaineering Training

Cadets and Senior Members from every group in the North Carolina Wing merged on Fort Bragg's Range 85 Saturday 17 November to take part in the Group 5 Introduction to Basic Mountaineering training class. With the giant rappelling tower jutting up over 50 feet in the air and the obstacles in the background one could see the excitement on the cadets faces as they gathered onto the range. Along with the Officer in Charge 1st Lt Justin Bauer, CAP and the US Army liaison Maj. Joshua Bauer, were a highly trained group of Army Special Forces, Airborne Rangers, and Sappers from the post to help assist with the training.

As the cadets received their safety briefing they learned they would not only be rappelling but would be learning all the knots needed in tying their own Swiss seat harnesses, working with medics from the post to learn advanced litter carry techniques, and putting those skills to use.

The cadets and seniors would progress through 3 stations as the day moved on. While group 1 tied knots and learned the steps in tying their harnesses, group 2 was using a Skedco SKED Rescue system to pull their fellow members around the range in order to gain an understanding of the skill and stamina required by the medics to evacuate casualties from the field. All the while members of group 3 were working with litters to carry the simulated injured cadets under, over, and through a number of obstacles on the course.

As the cadets completed their Swiss seat harnesses they each moved to the small tower to get a lesson on how to lower your body down the line. They were taught the terminology used and the functions of the rappel master on the top of the tower and the belay man at the bottom. Each member's Swiss seat was checked by the ranger personnel and each member rappelled down the short diagonal tower. Once the cadets and seniors made it down the short tower each had the opportunity to rappel down the tall tower on the boarded side. Once everyone had completed this rotation and all cadets and seniors had made it through all stations the tower was opened on both sides for those who wanted another turn. There were a number of takers.

At the end of the day 43 cadets were trained from a number of squadrons including: Burlington, Fayetteville, Iredell, Johnston County, Orange County, Shelby, Tar River, and Winston Salem.

We would like to give special thanks to Ft. Bragg and all personnel involved in the planning and execution of this event and for making this an incredibly fun and safe day for all.

If you would like to view the full gallery of all images visit the Shelby Squadron's site at http://capshelby.com/membernews/?page_id=263

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A cadet rappelling down the open side of the tower.



A team of Cadets and Seniors learn to carry a causality over a 6' sloped barrier.

**Photos by: 2nd Lt.
Tony Bradley,
Shelby Comp. Sqdn.**



A cadet begins his descent down the diagonal tower.



Cadets rappel down the tower.



Members learn to tie a Swiss seat rappelling harness.

Carolina WingTips

Welcome New Assistant Stan-Eval Officer

Please take the time to welcome Maj James Shepard aboard as our new Asst. Standardization and Evaluation Officer for NC Wing. Maj Shepard has served many years as a check pilot and check pilot examiner for NC Wing. Maj Shepard is based out of Winston Salem and will be assisting with growth and development of our pilot proficiency program. Please contact Myself or Maj Shepard with any issues or questions.

Joey Surles, Maj, CAP, Standardization & Evaluation Officer

Shelby Unit to Host ES Training Weekend

Shelby Squadron will be hosting the group 1 emergency services training weekend on January 11 starting at 5 PM the event will last until Sunday afternoon.

Cadets and Seniors from all squadrons in or out of the group are welcome to attend 1 or all of the training days. There will be a large amount of training activities during the weekend. We are planning to have staff available to sign off on almost any ES SQTR.

Our training Stations will include SQTR elements for sign off from these Qualifications:

Ranger 3rd Class	Mission Staff Assistant
Ranger 2nd Class	Mission Radio Operator
GTM3, 2, and 1	Communications Unit Leader
Ground Team Leader	Urban Direction Finding
	Many more...

This will be a train all weekend, so bring whatever SQTR's your needing to be signed off on and the staff will work to get you through as many qualifications as possible for the time allotted. We have a huge course available to us. We will be able to work on longer hikes, navigation, and communication SQTR's because of this. We will also have other groups participating in this activity, including; Police, Sheriffs Dept, Fire, and EMS.

If you are interested in participating, assisting, or both please be advised we will have signups available by Monday. For those interested we will be camping at the training ground for the weekend.

More information will be forthcoming in the next few days. If you have any questions please feel free to contact CAP Shelby @ info@capshelby.com

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