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Last minute aircraft shuttle results in 22 "O" Flights for Virginia Wing cadets



Final Salute

D. Gene "Pat" Patterson, 73, of Rutherfordton died in his home October 9th, following a two year battle with cancer. Pat was born in Shelby NC on September 30, 1939 to the late Mary Warlick Patterson and the late Seth Patterson. He is survived by his wife of 52 years, Judy Hooker Patterson as well as their three children, Kim (and Chris) Alderson of Green Creek, Beth Patterson of Rutherfordton and Randy (and Karen) Patterson of Spindale. He is also survived by five grandchildren, Catie and Sarah Beth Turner, Judyth Caroline, Chloe Rachel and Gavin Patterson. Pat is also survived by two brothers, Richard (and Lizzie) Warlick and Mike (and Susan) Patterson.

Major Patterson was a CAP Member for 45 Years, a former Air Force Forward Air Controller, and a 30 Year Veteran of the North Carolina Highway Patrol.

Please keep his wife Judy and their Children in your thoughts and prayers during this time.

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NC and VA Wings Know No Boundaries

By: Maj. Don Penven, NCWG PAO

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Danville, VA – As the Change of Seasons ablaze with yellows, oranges and reds crept slowly eastward from the Blue Ridge Mountains, three red, white and blue CAP aircraft crossed the NC-VA state line destined for the Danville Regional Airport...

Lt. Col Eugene F. (Gene) Jackson, VA Wing Director of Operations, was faced with a serious dilemma, his plans for a full day of Orientation ("O") Flights for the VA Wing's Group 1 depended on the availability of six wing aircraft but three of them were sidelined for needed repairs. Although the parts were ordered—and according to the suppliers—the parts were shipped, they did not arrive.

Jackson related, "I placed a call at the last minute to NC Wing Commander, Col. David E. (Dave) Crawford. seeking assistance as he had the closest aircraft to us that were operational, and at 11pm that night, it was confirmed by the NC Wing Director of Operations, Capt. Shawn McComas, that NCWG was sending me three airplanes and four "O" ride pilots to compliment what was already here in Danville, VA,"

Col. Dave Crawford added, "'North Carolina is always ready to assist in executing CAP's missions, whenever and where ever we can. It is Middle East Region command policy to operate on a no borders, no boundaries basis, and as soon as Lt. Col. Jackson called for help, I reached out to my Operations Staff with the request—knowing that NC would be able to step up and deliver. I am very pleased that on short notice we were able to provide three aircraft along with four pilots to assist in making this activity a success. NC and VA have a long history of cooperation—and are now working together on the rollout of NC's glider program."

Continuing, Jackson said, "At 6pm Friday night, we opened the Danville hangar to 29 cadets, six senior members and their camping gear arriving from the Lynchburg, VA Composite Squadron. Then, on Saturday, Oct. 20th, we had 5 more cadets from Holston Valley arrive with their commander, as well as several cadets and seniors from Danville. The cadets devoured 20 large pizzas Friday night and over 100 McDonald's biscuits and 4 gallons of milk for breakfast. Gracious, these kids can EAT! With the assistance of many seniors from around the area manning sign-in tables, charging coffee pots, running for food and beverages, filling in aircraft books and marshaling aircraft, the day went according to plan.

"Due to the cooperative actions of both the NC and VA Wings and the efforts of many, many people the day accounted for 82 cadet orientation flights. N605CP, N5383N, N989CP, N99832, N4813C and N963CP flew a combined total of 21.0 hours (not including any ferry time), 22 Orientation sorties were flown, 82 cadet orientation flights in total counting front and back seaters and 22 cadets received their first Cadet Orientation Flight. Over one half of those 22 first timers were cadets within their first 6 months of membership," Jackson said.

Expressing his support for this mission, Middle East Region (MER) Commander, Col. Larry J. Ragland noted, "The phrase 'No Borders, No Limits' is more than just a slogan. It is the way in which our Wing Commanders see Civil Air Patrol in this region. Each wing in MER is always ready to assist their neighbor. But more importantly, each wing is actively seeking ways to serve our membership and our clients in the best way possible. That includes thinking outside their own boundaries and sharing resources and expertise whenever possible. NC Wing and VA Wing are two of the larger wings in MER that work well together and set the example all our MER Wing Commanders fully embrace."

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The NC Wing's Orientation Flight Coordinator, Maj. Tim Tessin said. "I have asked for and received support from VA for "O" rides in the past, so I jumped at the opportunity to return the favor. A scant 10 hours later I was in the air on the way to Danville, to support the VA Wing with three other pilots and two other airplanes." Pilots from NC Wing included: Capt. Don Williams, Capt. Rich Laviano, Capt. John Cole and Maj. Tim Tessin.

The MER Vice Commander, Col. Rick Moseley added that this is a great success story for both wings. "With a little bit of work the two wings were able to create quite an experience for a lot of cadets. Our thanks and congratulations to all of the members involved on a job well done and for setting the example on what can be accomplished when we put aside borders and boundaries."

VA wing aircraft, including a Gippsland GA8 Airvan were flown by: Lt. Col. Gene Jackson and Maj. Calvin Chandler, Group I Commander.

VA Wing Commander, Col. David Carter, summed up this highly successful mission saying, "The ability to pull off this "O" ride effort comes from the dedication of all involved: the Operations Staff, the pilots and the squadron members who brought the cadets to Danville. The last minute save by the North Carolina Wing in sharing the use of their aircraft and pilots made something possible that looked like it was going to be cancelled. My personal thanks go out to all of those that contributed time, effort and I am sure some money to make this happen. The winners here are the cadets who got to fly. Since they did, they are likely to stay with the program. Well done!"



Cadet Victoria Joelle Mook Following her "O" Flight.



Cadets at Chow Time.



Cadets line up for "O"Flights



Excited GA-8 aircrew

Aerospace Education & Rocket Day

Where—Group # 5

Location—Fort Bragg NC

The host Squadron is Fayetteville Composite Sqdn

The date is-Friday November 30th. & Sat. December 1st 2012

There will be camping on the 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 Free Both the Alpha single stage and the two stage rockets and we will help you build it. Engines and everything else to build and launch your rocket is also free.

Dinner will be served Friday night, Breakfast Sat Morning, and Lunch Sat. for a small fee All the Squadrons and A/E/O's of Group # 5 should Contact SM Pat Trotter Of the host Squadron (ptrotter@hotmail.com) and advise him if you and your Cadets will participate in this event

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FATHER AND SON PROMOTED TO CAPTAIN

During recent promotion exercises, Cunningham Field Composite Squadron, Civil Air Patrol, two squadron members were promoted to the rank of Captain. Senior Robert Hofmann, Captain, CAP, and Cadet Karl Hofmann, C/Captain, CAP. The uniqueness of the ceremony was that the two are father and son. This is a first for this squadron, and the two were congratulated by the squadron commander and the deputy commander for seniors.

Pictured from left to right: Maj Ray Hemphill, Dep CC; C/Capt Karl Hofmann; Capt Robert Hofmann; Michael O. Woodruff, ILT, Squadron Commander.



Shelby Airport holds its annual fly-in.

Cadets and seniors from the Shelby and Gastonia Squadrons were on hand to assist with this annual event. The beautiful weather brought out more than 1000 spectators and over 40 aircraft including 2 CAP aircraft from the Asheville Squadron to conduct cadet O flights throughout the day. In total, 9 Cadets received their first orientation flights and 2 cadets received their 2nd flight. Not only did the cadets fly, many more were on hand to assist with the fly-in and help answer visitor questions about aviation, the Shelby Squadron, and CAP in general.

"This was by far the smoothest fly in I can remember and a lot of that is thanks to the cadets," says airport director Ben Yarboro. He added "You can tell (the cadets) want to be here, they are so proud of what they do."

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The CAP information tent was manned by both seniors and cadets during the entire event.



Air show static display



C/AmB Owens and C/MSgt Bradley after the O-Flight.



C/AmB Weaver and C/AIC Upton switching seats between their O-Flight rides



Photos by 2nd Lt. Kimberly McDonald



NC Wing Commander's Corner

Commanders and Staff,

We have recently had an incident that demonstrates the need to emphasize proper mishap reporting. Bottom line is that if there is a medical situation, bodily injury (trip, fall, etc), vehicle or aircraft mishap, the situation must be reported immediately using the reporting structure defined in the attached Supplement to CAPR 62-2. When in doubt as to whether a report must be filed - a report must be filed. Pick up the phone and call one of the people listed who will then provide further guidance. Obviously in the case of a medical situation, deal with that first - call 911 and get help, then work on reporting at a point when the situation has been stabilized - but call one of the people on the list as soon as possible.

Additionally, while this is already a requirement, I must remind everyone that all activities, outside a unit's regularly scheduled meetings, must have a designated qualified safety officer who is present for the entire activity (this can be done by more than one person in shifts as required). Qualified means either: a member holding a Mission Safety Officer ES qualification, or a member who holds a Technician or higher rating in the Safety Specialty Track. The Safety team will be putting out additional guidance on this - and I will be discussing this during my commanders call on Saturday November 10. In other words: No Safety Officer - No Activity.

Please review CAPR 62-2 and the attached supplement to CAPR 62-2 for mishap reporting and notification procedures.

Contact me or the NCWG Safety Officer, Maj Bob Annechiarico (ncwgsafety@aol.com), if you have any questions.

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Commander, North Carolina Wing





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**Col Roy Douglass Earns CAP's
Executive Level OE Certificate**

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Col. Roy W. Douglass, Middle East Region Chief of Staff, has been awarded the Executive Level Certificate of Civil Air Patrol's Organizational Excellence program.

The Organizational Excellence curriculum is designed to empower the organization in helping its members achieve inner growth, better discernment and greater leadership skills benefiting both individual members and the organization itself. It fosters excellence through mentoring, reward and peer acceptance and validates the living concept that ethics and personal transparency are at the root of CAP's Core Values.

As an integral part of this leadership development program, the goal is to provide its members with the fundamental and advanced knowledge, skills and abilities required to enable those whom the individuals supervise, lead or command to succeed with their volunteer interest in CAP.

There are three pillars integrally intertwined in the Organizational Excellence program that possess equal importance through Staff Leadership, Organizational Management and Process Improvement. Staff Leadership Development progressively focuses more challenging leadership roles, formal and informal, assigned and situational. Organizational Management refers to acquiring, maintaining, and honing the knowledge, skills, and abilities to effectively

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strengthen the partnerships between all parties involved internally. Process Improvement evolves around environmental impact; identifying and working to complete the critical tasks at hand, risk management, minimizing friction and resistance and managing changes.

Using these fundamental and core pillars, Col Douglass executed and completed three elaborate levels of the program beginning with the Management Level, through the Corporate Level and finally, the advanced Executive Level. Each of these distinctive levels embraces and ensures an individual's understanding of CAP's missions, visions, goals, financial responsibilities, safety, regulations and understanding the Air Force as a partner. In addition, Col Douglass had to demonstrate his comprehension of many other crucial facets of organization, ethical and legal responsibilities to the satisfaction of a mentor. This challenging program "is sorely needed and should be adopted as the professional development tool to grow leadership in CAP," stated Douglass.

Col Douglass, a retired U.S. Army commissioned officer, joined CAP in 1992 and in addition to his current position as Chief of Staff for MER, served as North Carolina Wing Commander from 2009-2012, and is currently serving a sixth year as a member of the National HQ Professional Development Team. Additional significant training includes Region and National Staff Colleges, Wing Commander's Course, IG Staff College, and six advanced emergency services training courses. Among his numerous achievements, he holds a Master Observer Wings, Master Ground Team and is qualified as a CAP Advanced Ranger and holds a master rating in Emergency Services. Col Douglass is the recipient of several prestigious awards including the Distinguished Service, Exceptional and Meritorious Service awards, the Gill Robb Wilson with bronze star and Leadership with three silver stars, Commander's Commendations, and numerous others.

As an active member of his community, Col Douglas is proud of his 44 year association with the Boy Scouts, having earned the Eagle Scout with palm, Order of the Arrow and numerous additional awards as a leader. He is a member of the Board of Directors for the Institute of Advanced Career Development, Honorable Order of Kentucky Colonels, Tennessee Squire Association, Military Order of the Purple Heart, 9th Infantry Regiment MANCHU Association and Military Officers' Association of America.

Historically Speaking

My article for this month will be just an announcement of a ceremony we will be having at Wing Headquarters on November 10, 2012.

On this day, we will be honoring three (3) of CAP's Greatest Generation - men who left their homes and families to serve on active duty as volunteers. They all served for a period of one (1) or two (2) years. We will have two (2) members who served in the Civil Air Patrol Coastal Patrol and one (1) who flew Missing Aircraft and Search Missions under orders from the Army Air Force.

They served in North Carolina and New York. Their missions were different but all aided the country in a great time of need. Upon their beginnings, the modern CAP, as we know it, began.

We will be honoring these men:

1st Lt C. Weldon Fields, CAP

2nd Lt Clive Goodwin, CAP

Corporal Paul Sigmon, CAP

The story of their recognition/promotion ceremony will be in the November issue of "Carolina Wingspan". Until next month "SEMPER VIGILANS".

Lt. Col. Philip Saleet
NC Wing Historian

Cadets learn and have fun at rocketry weekend

By Captain Clint Parker, Asheville PAO

At the Asheville Squadron October Awards ceremony five cadets received their Rocketry badges and patches. Airmen Caleb Freeman, Alexander Hopkins, Symantha Briggs, Jarrett Poto, Ross Mundy and Molly Boothe received their model rocketry badges and patches.

The cadets achieved their badges during a rocketry weekend at Fort Augur, the name given to senior member Lt. Col. Richard Augur's farm when it's taken over by cadets for their rocketry events. The farm, nestled in the Barnardsville area of Western North Carolina mountains, comes complete with its own K-9 ballistic recovery system better known as Parker and Lucy who chase the rockets as they're launched.

Cadets used the weekend to fulfill their requirements for the rocketry badge including rocketry videos and classes in the barn, building the rockets on site and launching all in the fun-filled, but highly educational overnight event.



Asheville cadets receive rocketry awards

Ranger Training Weekend

Story and Photos By: C/1st Lt Jonathan Knapp

10/28/2012 - **Medoc Mountain State Park, NC** - Civil Air Patrol, North Carolina Wing offered its third annual ranger training weekend at Medoc Mountain State Park. Over 140 cadets and senior members from North Carolina, South Carolina, Florida, Maryland, Virginia, and Pennsylvania came to the park for ranger training.

Ranger training is a continued education to the CAP Ground Team Qualifications. So for it's students they would be learning much more than expected. Members learned rope work, fire-building, man tracking, health, safety, and other valuable skills including advanced land navigation and map-work.

The weather all weekend was very unpredictable since Hurricane Sandy was passing North Carolina, there would be times where there would be a 100% chance of rain, but it would not be raining. This provided a very realistic training atmosphere. The only time it rained was Friday night so it was a relief to the students of the activity.

In addition to learning Search and Rescue Techniques, for the cadet staff it was an activity where they could increase their leadership skills and experience. C/CMSgt Aiden Maxfield, a Team Commander for the Bravo Squadron said "In addition to the Search and Rescue training offered, I have really learned a lot about leading cadets."

This training activity was also C/Capt Horner's first time in the field since his tragic accident so it was great to see him again. He was Alpha Squadron Commander, which was the advanced course offered at Ranger Training Weekend.

During the weekend, many ranger certifications were made. In addition to Ranger Grades, many staff members were awarded their Staff Scarves. Col Douglass, MER Chief of Staff, Maj Lyerly, Maj Bohler, Captain North, and Captain Rinehart were all awarded their Orange Scarfs, making these CAP members permanent Ranger Staff at Hawk Mountain Ranger School. In addition to that, several cadets completed the requirements for their Yellow Scarves, making them Staff Members in Training at Hawk Mountain.



Bravo Squadron prepares for their Field Training Exercise



Litter Carry Class – Taught by C/1st Lt Bell and C/CMSgt Maxfield



School Briefing – Lt Col Andy Wiggs (Red Shirt) , school commander briefs the school while other senior members look on.



The Safety Team – From left to right: C/CMSgt Aray-Freites and Major Bohler, at Ranger Training Weekend

Lt Colonel Frank Sincox awarded Wright Brothers Master Pilot Award.

In recognition of his contributions to building and maintaining the safest aviation system in the world, through practicing and promoting safe aircraft operations for 50 consecutive years Colonel Sincox was awarded The Wright Brothers "Master Pilot" Award by the FAA.

Lt Colonel Sincox served our country for 36 years in the United States Navy as a Naval Flight Surgeon from March 1960 until 1996, retiring at the rank of Captain. His first solo flight took place at NAS Pensacola, FL in 1960 in a US Navy T-34 Trainer. Throughout his illustrious naval career, he has flown a number of aircraft including: Grumman S-2F Tracker, UH-34 Seahorse, Lockheed T-33 Shooting Star, AH-1 Cobra, and Huey UH-1. He has served ashore at locations including Naval Hospital Long Island, NAS Pensacola, Naval Station Norfolk, NAS Atlanta, Charlotte, and Trinidad, and afloat aboard The Aircraft Carriers USS Antietam CVA-36 and the USS Randolph CVS-15, the Destroyer, USS Melvin DD-680, the Amphibious Assault Ship, USS Tripoli LPH-10, and the Amphibious Transport Dock, USS Juneau LPD-10.

Lt Colonel Sincox has served in the CAP since June 1988, and currently serves as the Health Services Officer for the Shelby Squadron. The Colonel is designated as an Aviation Medical Examiner and Medical Doctor, he is board certified in Family Practice and was previously a North Carolina Medical Examiner. Although he retired in 1996 from Family Practice, he is still certified to practice medicine at the age of 80 and still sees patients on a limited basis. The Colonel is still flying today; he is the very proud owner of a 1949 Navion-A high performance complex aircraft.

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Photos by:
2nd Lt. Tony Bradley



Shelby Squadron's Fall Banquet a huge success! By 2nd Lt. Tony Bradley

With Fall in full swing, the Shelby Squadron was very excited to hold their fall potluck banquet. "These banquets allow friends and family members, guests from the community, and officials from the county and state the opportunity to learn more about the squadron. It also allows the squadron to showcase its activities from the past months and to discuss what the future holds." Says squadron Public Affairs Officer Tony Bradley. He adds, "We also like to center the banquet around a speaker or activity to help focus the event."

This banquet was no exception. The guest speaker, 14th Chief Master Sergeant of the Air Force Gerald R. Murray made quite the impression. "That was one of the most motivating speeches I have had the pleasure of experiencing," said Squadron Commander Major Tom Bly. Chief Murray focused his message towards the cadets of the squadron, but it was applicable to all that listened. The message, to "Ask why?". Why do we do the things we do in our careers, with our friends, in life in general? In order to grow personally and professionally, we need to know why it is we do the things we do, what drives us.

The attendance for the event was a mixture of members and their families, friends of the squadron, visitors interested in the squadron, and a number of honored guests including 2 State Senators, 3 County Commissioners, a county manager, and their spouses.

Activities for the evening included honoring members of the community that have supported the squadron with certificates of appreciation, 8 cadets were recognized for taking their first orientation flights this month, 2 cadets were recognized for receiving ranger 3rd class at the NC Ranger weekend, and 3 Senior Members received their Yeager awards.

The squadron would like to extend the invitation to all members, families, and guests to the next banquet on April 30th, 2013.



Senior members of the Shelby Composite Squadron



CMSAF Murray, along with County Commissioner 1st Lt Ronald Hawkins, CAP, County Commissioner Mary Accor, County Commissioner Jason Falls, NC State Senator Warren Daniel, and NC State Senator Theodore (Wes) Westmoreland II. Photo by: 2nd Lt. Kimberly McDonald,



Guest speaker CMSAF Gerald R. Murray. Photo by: 2nd Lt. Tony Bradley



Major Bly presents CMSAF Murray with plaque thanking him for his support of the Shelby Squadron. Photo by 2nd Lt. Kimberly McDonald

Editor's Note: As this edition of Carolina WingSpan was being put together, the NC Wing was involved in preparations for a response to Hurricane Sandy. National HQ/PAO initiated a conference call to pass along a modified procedure for handling high profile missions . Lt. Col. Tony Biondo, MER/PAO sent this summary:

To All MER PAO/PIO Members:

As you know we are involved in disaster relief operations due to Hurricane Sandy. Today I participated in a conference call with most of you along with National HQ/PA Julie Debardeleben. Below are important notes from that conference call. Please distribute this e-mail as you see necessary. This information will mainly be used by PAO's/PIO's but it pertains to every CAP member.

At the time of the conference call no mission had been activated by National HQ concerning Hurricane Sandy DR efforts.

Until this emergency is over, please refrain from e-mailing Julie at National HQ/PA due to the high volume of e-mails she is now receiving due to this event. If Karen or I can assist you that would be better than e-mailing Julie. Only press releases & photos are to be e-mailed to National HQ/PA. (See instructions below).

It is vital you understand the CAP policy on media relations during high profile missions. If you do not have a copy it can be found at this link: http://www.capmembers.com/media/cms/Media_Relations_Checklist_17DEA26A2645F.pdf

You may wish to make all PAO's & PIO's in your Wing knowledgeable about this policy also. Anyone who has a bearing on press releases, photos & media interviews needs to be aware of this policy.

In addition to the actual policy these are some additional steps that must be followed when sending in a press release, photos or giving an interview: FROM NATIONAL HQ/PA

1- When it is time to create a press release or send photos, call National HQ/PA Julie Debardeleben at office [877-227-9142](tel:877-227-9142) ext [250](tel:250) or cell [334-549-2224](tel:334-549-2224), or call Steven Solomon at [334-296-5881](tel:334-296-5881). The call must be made before you create the press release. They will want a heads up on what you are preparing to write about.

2- After the go ahead is given you then construct your release. If an interview is requested obtain a list of items they want to cover. Go through the approval process.

3- Your first point of approval will be our customer which is FEMA. Contact the FEMA point of contact (POC) & send your release, photos or content of media interview to him/her. Call them & make sure they know something from you is enroute to their office for approval. One of the best FEMA POC's is the FEMA rep at your state EOC. If your EOC is not opened, you may want to contact your Wing's Emergency Services Officer or Operations Officer for that info.

4- Once FEMA approves your material it then goes to National HQ/PA for their approval.

5- Once National HQ approves your material it then goes to the 1st AF for their approval. Once totally approved, your release will be sent by National HQ to your regional media. You will still have to send your material to your usual media outlets.

Here is an abbreviated version:

Thinking of writing a release call Julie or Steven -> write release, photos, media interview content -> FEMA approves -> National HQ/PA approves -> 1st AF approves -> you send material to your outlets.

If you want to check out the press releases already approved:

Go to www.capvolunteernow.com THEN -> in left column click on "High Profile Missions" -> next page click on "Hurricanes" -> then click on "2012 Hurricane Sandy" -> then in right hand column click on "CAP NEWS".

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Pass this along far & wide. No "log on" required. Open to the public especially the media
One last item. Please keep me updated on your activities so that I can relate this information when needed. Thank you so much.
Whatever you do **THINK SAFETY & BE SAFE AT ALL TIMES !!!**

**IN THE COMING DAYS WE WILL BE TESTED BY THE EXTENT OF THE
DAMAGE CAUSED BY HURRICANE SANDY THE " SUPERSTORM". YOU WILL
BE THE FACE OF CIVIL AIR PATROL.**

BE SAFE !!!!!

