

EX's Open Cockpit

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MISSIONS

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2006 NCASE -- Encourage your members to participate in the premiere event for AE, our National Conference on Aviation and Space Education or NCASE. This year's NCASE will be held in Arlington, Va., Oct. 19-21. Our members can learn from noted astronauts and senior educators. The Hangar Talk on Thursday evening on Oct. 19 represents a unique opportunity for NCASE attendees to speak directly with aviation innovators and legends as they discuss flying and reflect on their past experiences. You won't want to miss astronaut Hoot Gibson; mechanical engineer and Wright Experience pilot, Kevin Kochersberger; Gen. Gene Deatrick; and pioneer Mary Feik as they share their memories of A. Scott Crossfield. We encourage you to not only invite a teacher from your community to attend, but challenge you to sponsor this teacher. For more information, visit <http://www.ncase.info>.

Great Start: Every member of CAP deserves a great start in our program. As a result, there are nearly 20 squadrons from across America and in every CAP region currently field testing a product called, "Great Start." This project includes someone responsible for greeting a visitor at the squadron (you would be surprised how many notes we get from potential members lost because these folks were not even spoken to at the squadron meeting.) This project also includes a mentor to work with the new member during their first year. A guide is available for the greeter and the mentor, along with squadron responsibilities. A guide is also available for the prospective member (this helps keep us "honest" as we describe what CAP can provide; for example, there is no "free flying.") Most importantly, this guide also includes checklists for the new member to work through the mentor as they become immersed in CAP's programs and training. You can view the materials at <http://www.cap.gov/start>.

New Leadership Tests -- We are pleased to announce the cadet leadership tests have been completely updated. Written by a group of educators with long-time CAP experience, these tests were shipped a couple of weeks ago to the Cadet and Composite Squadrons. As you enjoy these new tests, realize that the test questions are age appropriate and at the right level of learning.

National Cadet Special Activities — More than 1,335 cadets from all across the nation participated in 38 National Activities during the summer of 2006. Feedback from the cadets at every activity has been outstanding. They will never forget the exciting experiences they had. We would like to extend our sincere appreciation to the Activity Directors and their staffs for making these activities possible.

National Technology Center -- The NTC will soon begin receiving millions of dollars in communications equipment to enable CAP to complete its narrowband transition by the end of 2007. We need your help. It will be critical for the NTC staff to receive support from members at all levels to distribute and maintain this equipment. CAP has been

given a rare opportunity to upgrade its communications inventory that we will likely not see again anytime soon, and everyone's assistance in making the most of this unique opportunity will be appreciated. Please let Pete Wharton, Chief of the NTC, know if you would like to help. He can be reached at David.Wharton@dla.mil.

Homeland Security -- The long awaited CAPabilities Handbook has been printed and shipped. Wings and Regions can request additional guides from the operations staff at do@capnhq.gov. The current handbook is also available for download in e-Services under CAP Utilities. Please note it is labeled For Official Use Only, and should not be posted elsewhere on local Web sites.

Standardization/Evaluation -- Please submit your consolidated wing check-ride trend analysis reports for the period of Jan. 1 through June 30, 2006, as soon as possible. For additional information, contact Pete Kalisky at pkalisky@capnhq.gov.

Emergency Services -- The FY07 schedule for National SAR School Inland SAR Planner courses is as follows:

16-20 Oct 06	Trenton, NJ
6-10 Nov 06	Meridian, MS
4-8 Dec 06	Charleston, SC
8-12 Jan 07	Yorktown TRACEN, VA
5-9 Mar 07	Chicago (Joliet), IL
16-20 Apr 07	Yorktown TRACEN, VA
14-18 May 07	Denver, CO
18-22 Jun 07	Anchorage, AK
23-27 Jul 07	Helena, MT
13-17 Aug 07	Yorktown TRACEN, VA
17-21 Sep 07	Port Deposit, MD

Apply online at https://ntc.cap.af.mil/ops/inland_sar at least 45 days in advance. E-mail the NHQ Mission Support staff at mds@capnhq.gov for more information.

National Operations Center -- A familiar face has now filled a vacancy in the NOC; Stacey Wills, formerly the Missions Directorate Office Manager, has accepted a position as Mission Coordinator in the NOC. We're sure Stacey's can-do attitude and experience working at National Headquarters in a variety of areas will be very advantageous to her new position. Stacey can be reached at swills@capnhq.gov.

Chaplain Services Assistant & Missions Directorate Office Manager -- We'd like to welcome aboard Tracy Harris. Tracy was recently hired as the National Headquarters Chaplain Service Assistant. Feel free to contact her with any of your chaplain-related issues at tharris@capnhq.gov. We'd also like to welcome Jan Hayes. Jan was recently hired as the Missions Directorate Office Manager. Please contact her with any Operations matters or general Missions Directorate issues at jhayes@capnhq.gov. We're confident both of these ladies are going to continue to provide the same outstanding service our membership has come to expect.

PROGRAM DEVELOPMENT

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Newest CAP Membership Benefit – Internet service provider www.afterburners.net became CAP's newest membership benefit as of July 2006. The ISP, which was founded by a CAP member, offers CAP members an Internet access rate of \$10.95 per month and \$14.95 per month for access using a 5x accelerator – considered to be the next best thing to DSL or cable. To learn more about the offer or to sign up, go to www.afterburners.net.

PLANS & PROGRAMS

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NHQ PA Staff Honored -- Your NHQ Public Affairs office earned nine Southern Public Relations Federation awards during the organization's annual conference held recently in New Orleans. PA received two first-place Lantern Awards for the CAP PAO Toolkit, an interactive CD ROM and for "Profile Of A Hero, Chaplain van Don Williams," a video created by Marc Huchette. Three Awards of Excellence for CAP's new Web site, www.capchannel.com <<http://www.capchannel.com>> and two videos -- "Everyday Heroes: The Faces of Civil Air Patrol" and "I Am A Volunteer" -- recognized Marc Huchette's talents in the interactive media category. In addition, CAP's new bimonthly magazine, the Civil Air Patrol Volunteer, received an Award of Excellence. Three Certificates of Merit were also presented to Neil Probst for his feature stories titled "Overwhelmed with Relief," "Fly A Teacher" and "Fire, Fire, Fire."

"Missions for America" Pictorial History Book -- The 150-page history of CAP featuring hundreds of photographs is available to order now. This 65th anniversary edition includes many rare images from the Col. Les Hopper Collection taken during World War II. First edition copies will be available for delivery on Dec. 1. The cost is \$42.95 or \$69.95 for a leather-bound edition, plus \$6.95 shipping and handling. To order write to: Missions for America, c/o Turner Publishing Co., P.O. Box 3101, Paducah, KY 43002-3101; or call toll-free (800) 788-3350 or visit www.caphistorybook.com.

New Picture ID cards -- The vendor has been given the "green light" to begin producing and mailing out the new cards to those who pre-purchased the card and members may continue to purchase the card through eServices. Please follow the directions for photo submissions to avoid any delay in processing.

Online Safety Mishap Reporting Forms 78 and 79 -- IT, the CAP National Safety Officer, the CAP-USAF Safety Officer and several members from the field worked together to design the new application with the goal of making reporting and tracking mishaps easier. The application is waiting final approval from the IT Advisor for release. There are two parts to the Online Safety Mishap Reporting application:

-- The Form 78 mishap reporting module of the application can be assigned to members by a WSA as directed by an appropriate commander. This module allows an individual to report a mishap incident with all relevant details.

-- The Form 79 mishap response module is assigned to all region and wing commanders at the appropriate levels. Investigators are assigned permissions on a temporary basis. Once the investigation has been closed the mishap will no longer be accessible from the Form 79; instead, the information can be viewed through the reporting module. Anyone else with access to the Form 79 can view the information entered but will not be able to update or add to it.

Welcome New Staff Members -- Public Affairs has added three new staff members: Barb Pribulick, graphic designer/production manager, brings 20 years of graphic design experience, and Dan Bailey, online newsletter editor, served as a print and online editor and writer for two decades prior to CAP. Information Technology has added a new software engineer to their design applications staff. Dathan Ellis brings five years of government contractor software testing and development and banking business analyst experience to the IT team.

LOGISTICS

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Aircraft Sales -- Aircraft sales are proceeding at a brisk pace. We expect to reach our target fleet size of 530 aircraft by Oct. 1. In all, we expect to sell 85 aircraft during the course of this year. These aircraft mostly offset the Gippslands and the new Cessnas being added to the fleet. By Dec. 31, we expect to have a total of 73 G1000 Cessna 182s in the CAP aircraft fleet. Aircraft are sold by open bids. Details of upcoming sales can be found at <http://www.capaircraftsales.com>.

Vehicle Buys -- Deliveries of our most recent vehicle buy are almost complete. Altogether we purchased 36 vehicles in this year's buy. Please help us take god care of these new sedans, SUVs, pickups and passenger vans; they will need to last for many years to come.

FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT

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Conference Registration -- Due to reduced staffing at National Headquarters, FM will no longer be able to assist with conference registration except for region conferences and large wing conferences with attendance estimated at 250 or more.

Wing Audit Fees -- Wings will be receiving reimbursements for outside audit fees paid in fiscal 2006. These funds will be reimbursed to the wings in July, pending receipt of paid invoices.

QuickBooks® Manual -- Each wing administrator and director of finance should have received a copy of the new FM annual for wing accounting. Please contact FM if you have not received a copy.

INSPECTOR GENERAL ADMINISTRATION

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Professional Development – In accordance with CAPR 123-1, the CAP Inspector General Senior Level Training Course is mandatory for all group IGs. It is also a prerequisite for the biennial CAP Inspector General College. Other IGs, commanders, vice commanders and legal officers are encouraged to participate. There will be a Senior Level Training Course presented Nov. 11-12 at Truax Field in Madison, Wis. Details of this and other IG courses may be seen on online at

<http://level2.cap.gov/index.cfm?nodeID=5475>.

Compliance Inspections -- We congratulate the Minnesota Wing for earning an overall excellent rating during their recent compliance inspection. The inspection included individual outstanding ratings for aircraft management and safety. There were also individual excellent ratings in emergency services, chaplain, finance, public affairs, supply and the commander. We congratulate wing commander Col. Stephen G. Miller and his entire staff for a job well done!