

## Open Cockpit #10 February 2004

**CAP Senior Leaders:** One of the highlights for this month (details under "**LOGISTICS**") is the announcement that CAP units can now access BDU's and other clothing items from DRMO. Hat's off to LG, AF/XOHA, CAP-USAF, and the Auxiliary Board process for this success! Also, **NCASE** hotel reservations have been extended to 1 March and we are proud to announce a new corporate partnership with **ESTES-COX**. See you at the National Board meeting in Washington!! - AI

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### **OPERATIONS** (mail to: [jsalvador@cap.gov](mailto:jsalvador@cap.gov))

**Homeland Security:** The Air Force Directorate of Homeland Security (XOHA) hosted a Department of Defense (DoD) - Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) Conference on 13 - 14 January in Washington, DC. Attendees from CAP, AF, DoD, and DHS discussed a variety of issues from capabilities of the organization to how CAP would be funded to support Federal HLS missions. This new MOU will begin coordination in late March, and is expected to be signed by the end of May.

**Counterdrug:** The results of our counterdrug efforts have been tallied for FY03 and the impact is staggering. It's the highest ever recorded in CAP's history. Civil Air Patrol support for law enforcement efforts led to the seizure of over \$10 Billion in illicit drugs and the arrest of 280 suspected drug traffickers. Keep up the good work!

As planned, the online counterdrug orientation and refresher training courses will be available from 1 March through 30 April. Personnel meeting the requirements of CAPR 60-6, Chapter 2 can take the course online starting 1 March at: [https://ntc.cap.af.mil/ops/cd\\_dl/test\\_page.cfm](https://ntc.cap.af.mil/ops/cd_dl/test_page.cfm).

New national CD award: The NEC established the Norm Edwards Counterdrug Officer of the Year to recognize a current member who has made significant contributions to the CAP counterdrug program. Nominations must be submitted through the wing and region. Each region may forward one nominee to HQ CAP by 31 March.

**Emergency Services:** FY03 was also a banner year for CAP in the emergency services arena. CAP members across the country were credited with saving 140 lives. This is the highest number of saves in the last 10 years, and has only been surpassed twice in the entire history of CAP. Kudos to all for a job well done!

Members interested in attending the Inland SAR Planner Course offered by the National SAR School should now apply online at: [https://ntc.cap.af.mil/ops/inland\\_sar/](https://ntc.cap.af.mil/ops/inland_sar/). Personnel are no longer required to submit a CAPF 17 to apply. HQ CAP/DOS will coordinate wing and region approval to attend as appropriate.

**National Technology Center:** The staff of the NTC with help from several volunteers is processing thousands of ISR and VHF portable radios. These radios are being shipped to all wings not on freeze in accordance with the Region CC approved distribution plan. Expect to see this equipment arriving over the next few weeks. If there is a problem with any of the equipment, please contact the NTC toll free at 1-866-600-2071.

**FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT:** (mail to: [seaster@cap.gov](mailto:seaster@cap.gov))

**Assistance with Wing Conferences:** FM will assist with the registration process for Wing conferences that would allow members to pay registration fees by credit card. No credit card fees will be charged to the Wings for this service. Please contact FM if you are interested in this service.

**Wing Finance Officer Advisory Group:** FM will be convening the first meeting of the Wing Finance Officer Advisory Group in May. This group will assist in the development of financial policies and processes. A Finance Officer from each Region will be selected to serve on the committee.

**AFROTC Mission Payments:** FM will be meeting with the AFROTC staff today to determine how CAP can proceed with the AFROTC mission reimbursements. The funds were added to the Cooperative Agreement on 26 January.

**LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT AND MEMBERSHIP SERVICES** (mail to: [jmallett@cap.gov](mailto:jmallett@cap.gov))

**Civic Leadership Academy:** Concurrent with the Winter National Board, 24 cadets will spend a week in Washington to participate in CAP's first Civic Leadership Academy. The program will help cadets better understand their government. It culminates with the cadets supporting CAP Legislative Day. Cadets will be available to assist you in telling CAP's story as you meet with your elected leaders. On the Web: <http://level2.cap.gov/index.cfm?nodeID=5546> Points of Contact: Col Amy Courter, Activity Director: [CourterA@valassis.com](mailto:CourterA@valassis.com); Curt LaFond, HQ CAP Program Manager: [clafond@cap.gov](mailto:clafond@cap.gov) .

**NCASE 2004:** The National Congress on Aviation and Space Education (NCASE) conference will be held in Atlanta on March 24 - 27. Such notable speakers as Jim Voss, Joe Edwards, Gus McLeod, Dr. Betsy Rogers, Dr. Charles Justiz, Ken Blackburn, and A. Scott Crossfield will be among those who will inspire and motivate this year's attendees. The off-site program includes visits to Delta, Lockheed, and FlightSafety, as well as trips to the SciTrek and Fernbank Museums. Complete information is available at: <http://www.cap.gov/events/ncmain.html> .

**Estes Partnership:** CAP has formed a partnership with Estes Corporation so CAP members can now receive special pricing on COX R/C Planes. These hobby quality, radio controlled planes normally sell for \$135 to \$160 each. They are now available to CAP members for the price of \$49.95 each! For more information or to place an order, call COX at 800 525-7561 x 216.

**Membership Directory:** Harris Publishing is in the final stages of completing the first ever Civil Air Patrol membership directory! Members who have not yet reserved their copy may do so by contacting Harris Publishing at 1-800-877-6554. Remember all proceeds from the sale of this directory will benefit the CAP cadet program (<http://www.bcharrispub.com>).

**STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIPS:** (mailto:[jshea@cap.gov](mailto:jshea@cap.gov))

Estes-Cox Corporation has entered into a Corporate Partner agreement with CAP as of 1 February 2004. Estes-Cox becomes a Corporate Supporter and plans to promote their support of CAP in advertising and marketing programs in 2004. The company will also provide CAP member discounts on particular products during the year including a Spring Promotion on several of their radio-controlled airplanes. Information will be forthcoming in CAPNews and via CAPMart. Estes-Cox funds will go to support national cadet and aerospace education programs. Any questions, please contact Jim Shea, Director, Strategic Partnerships at 866-948-5101.

**LOGISTICS** (mail to: [mstewart@cap.gov](mailto:mstewart@cap.gov))

**Contracting:** NHQ/LGC has issued a purchase order for 150 FM transceivers to replace non-compliant transceivers currently installed in CAP aircraft. The vendor will deliver units to the National Technology Center at the rate of approximately 20 per month. NHQ/LGM will coordinate installation with wing maintenance officers. [ddaniel@cap.gov](mailto:ddaniel@cap.gov)

**Logistics Plans and Analysis:** BDUs, clothing, and other textiles are now available to screen and withdraw from the Defense Reutilization Marketing Offices. Authorized members within CAP wings may screen in person or online at [www.drms.dla.mil](http://www.drms.dla.mil). Uniform/clothing items do not require justification or approval from NHQ/LGS, but remember to get only what you need. All other items require justification and approval from NHQ/LGS prior to withdrawal. Contact your State Director or NHQ/LGS with any questions on withdrawal procedures. [kjones@cap.gov](mailto:kjones@cap.gov)

**GENERAL COUNSEL** (mail to: [sleibowitz@cap.gov](mailto:sleibowitz@cap.gov))

FAA has extended CAP's exemption from FAR sections 61.113(e) and 119.1(a) until 31 May 2006. This exemption permits CAP to reimburse CAP members who are private pilots for fuel, oil, supplemental oxygen, fluids, lubricants, preheating, deicing, airport expenses, servicing, and maintenance expenses, and certain per diem expenses incurred while serving on official U.S. Air Force-assigned CAP missions. Additionally, this exemption permits certain CAP operations, including CAP/AFROTC cadet orientation flights.

**STRATEGIC COMMUNICATIONS & PLANS** ([mailto: drowland@cap.gov](mailto:drowland@cap.gov))

**Strategic Communications:** The 2003 Annual Report to Congress was completed for distribution at CAP's 2004 Legislative Day.

**Six multi-media productions** are available on the website both for viewing and download. More than 8,200 individuals have watched the videos since they were posted on November 20th. To view, go to: <http://www.cap.gov/mediacenter/video.html>. A clip on the 2004 Wing Commanders course that was aired by the local NBC affiliate in Montgomery is available to view at <http://civilairpatrolnhq.sitestream.com/CommandersCourse.vsm>.

**CAP online news service** was launched January 1st. To-date 47 articles have been posted, with almost 3,000 "hits" to the Web site in January.

**A full-page, color advertisement** on CAP's aerospace education program and the National Congress on Aviation and Space education appeared in the January/February issue of Teacher Magazine. Teacher Magazine has a readership of 1.3 million.

**Brigadier General Dwight Wheless and Marc Huchette, Chief of CAP's Multi-media section** accepted awards at the Association Trends All-Media Contest program in Washington DC February 6th. CAP's "CAPabilities" video won a gold award, while the *Civil Air Patrol News* and an advertisement entitled "What did you do last week-end" won a gold award.

**Print articles on CAP** appeared in January in Aviation Week & Space Technology and American Profile Magazine.

**INSPECTOR GENERAL ADMINISTRATION** (<mailto:grosenzweig@cap.gov>)

**IG Professional Development:** The biennial Civil Air Patrol Inspector General College is scheduled for the week of 13 June 2004 at Kirtland AFB, NM. Any wing or region IG that has not attended the College must do so IAW CAPR 123-1 paragraph 9b. Considering the cost of travel, per diem and tuition, commanders may wish to consider providing funds to help his/her IG defray the cost of this valuable training.

An IG Senior Level Training Course, the academic requirement for the Senior IG Specialty Track rating, will be conducted on 17 and 18 August 2004, in Tampa, FL. This is the 2 days immediately preceding the summer National Board. This is a required course for group IGs and is highly recommended for region/ wing commanders and vice commanders.

**Compliance Inspections:** The new Wing Compliance Inspection (CI) Guide, with Change 2 included, went into effect on 1 Feb 2004. Electronic copies of the guide went to all wing and region commanders

and IGs in December. If you need a copy, you may download it from the NHQ IG webpage or by going to [http://level2.cap.gov/documents/u\\_012804114715.doc](http://level2.cap.gov/documents/u_012804114715.doc)

A new Subordinate Unit Inspection (SUI) Guide should be out by the end of February.