

## OPEN COCKPIT #11

**Civil Air Patrol Senior Leaders: It's Spring**, and there's lots of new things going on, such as Cadet Orientation Flights online processing, "Members for Missions" recruiting drive, and a new corporate partner, "Vector Training Systems". Find out the details on these and other initiatives and activities below!

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

**Homeland Security:** Representatives from **CAP and AF/XOHA briefed the HQ DHS Integration Staff** on Tuesday, 13 April. Attendees included representatives from most Federal organizations that make up DHS. The presentation included a discussion of CAP's HLS capabilities and a thorough description of our advanced technology initiatives. DHS attendees were very interested in what CAP has to offer especially our new hyperspectral imaging technology. The briefing was an **excellent first step in getting DHS managers to understand the role CAP can play in our nation's HLS efforts**. It was also a critical step toward developing an MOU between DHS and DoD, which CAP will be a part of. The closing slide summed up the briefing very well..."CAP: proud heritage...poised and ready for the future."

CAP Personnel also briefed the **National Geospatial Agency (NGA - formally NIMA)** on CAP's developing HSI capabilities on 6 April. NGA will be an excellent partner in providing training, analysis, and storage of HSI data.

**Counterdrug:** HQ CAP/DOS, John Desmarais, briefed CAP's operational capabilities to federal, state, and local agency representatives at the **Operation Alliance and Project North Star** meeting on the 7<sup>th</sup> of April. Great interest was expressed in our SDIS and developing HSI capabilities - as a result, we expect that several more agencies will request our support in the future. Representatives from the **US Forest Service also expressed their sincere gratitude for our excellent support** and are looking at options for utilizing CAP resources across the country.

Personnel meeting the requirements of CAPR 60-6, Chapter 2 that need to take the orientation or refresher courses online must do so by the 30<sup>th</sup> of April. The course is available at: [https://ntc.cap.af.mil/ops/cd\\_dl/test\\_page.cfm](https://ntc.cap.af.mil/ops/cd_dl/test_page.cfm).

We have received several nomination packages for the **Norm Edwards Counterdrug Officer of the Year Award**. MG Bowling will select the winner and present the award at the National Board & Convention in Tampa.

**Emergency Services:** A few slots are still available for the **National Emergency Services Academy**. Personnel interested in attending the Basic or Advanced Courses of the Mission Base Staff School should send an approved CAPF 31 to HQ CAP/DOS as soon as possible.

Changes are being made as inputs are received from the field to the **draft task guides and emergency services specialty training requirements**. The latest task guides as well as a summary of the changes are available at: <http://level2.cap.gov/index.cfm?nodeID=5750>. A link has also been placed under the regulations for ratification area so that everyone can easily find the latest draft versions being considered.

**National Technology Center:** All of the ISR and VHF portable radios purchased at the end of the fiscal year have been processed and distributed to the field. Please contact the NTC toll free at 1-866-600-2071 if there is a problem with any of the equipment.

The NTC is currently preparing all the **deployable communications kits for the summer national activities** as well as supporting the Operational Test and Evaluation (OT&E) of the new ARCHER hyperspectral imaging system. ARCHER OT&E will occur 19-25 April.

**National Operations Center:** The NOC has **coordinated more than 700 missions this fiscal year**. Recurring missions can be more easily coordinated/approved if the wing develops an Operations Plan (OPlan) for the mission. Please contact the NOC at 888-211-1812 if you have any questions or need an example of an AF-approved OPlan.

**FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT** (mail to: [seaster@cap.gov](mailto: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 Financial Management Summit** the first week in May. This meeting will bring together representatives from all groups involved in Finance including CAP-IF, the National Finance Officer, external auditors and Wing Finance Officers. The goal of this meeting is to develop a new financial management regulation. Please forward any comments/suggestions for changes for Financial Management.

**LOGISTICS** ( <<mailto:mstewart@cap.gov>> )

**Contracting:** Logistics is processing a purchase order for **20 new Cessna 182 aircraft equipped with the Garmin G-1000 "Glass Cockpit"**. Delivery is expected by the end of December. Aircraft will also have an openable camera window, Becker DF, TDFM-136 FM radio, and Artex 406 ELT.

**LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT AND MEMBERSHIP SERVICES** ( <<mailto:jmallett@cap.gov>> )

**Chaplain Service:** Chaplain, Colonel James H. Melancon, CAP represented the Civil Air Patrol Chaplain Service at the retirement of Major General Lorraine Potter, USAF Chief of Chaplain Service, and the appointment of Major General (Select) Charles Baldwin as the new Chief. The ceremony took place at Bolling AFB, Washington, DC. General John Jumper, Chief of Staff of the Air Force, presided over the ceremony. CAP is continuing to build a strong, mutually beneficial relationship with the USAF Chaplain Service.

**Civil Air Patrol Academic Scholarships:** This month CAP will **award 113 members with corporate scholarships** worth \$47,000. United Services Automobile Association (USAA) and Who's Who Among American High School Students will provide four \$1000 scholarships. The remaining \$43,000 is funded by CAP and will be awarded to cadets in \$1,000, \$750, \$500, and \$250 increments. A distinguished panel from the Air University faculty scored nearly 160 applicants, and ranked them on a variety of criteria including academic achievement, CAP participation, and community service. After notification is made to the cadet's wing commander, recipients will be notified via mail and their names placed on CAP's Cadet Programs scholarship page at: <http://level2.cap.gov/index.cfm?nodeID=5583>.

**Cadet Of The Year:** Cadet Colonel **Hila Levy**, the Southeast Region Cadet of the Year, was recently selected from a very strong field of 8 highly qualified cadets to be **CAP's National Cadet of the Year**. She earned the award for her outstanding academic performance, strong leadership skills, well-rounded extracurricular activities, and positive community involvement. She has an

appointment to the USAF Academy. Congratulations also go out to the other regional winners: **Michael F. Forostoski** (NER), **Andrew D. Shepherd** (GLR), **Stewart L. Sibert** (MER), **Aaron M. Scicluna** (NCR), **Sydney J. Chamberlin** (RMR), **Jason M. Hershey** (PCR) and **Ryan E. Sherrill** (SWR). The Cadet of the Year Award will be presented during the National Board and Annual Conference in Tampa, Florida, 18-21 August.

**Process Change For Cadet Orientation Flights:** A new on-line web system to enter Cadet Orientation Flight (COF) data is now operational. This should make the administrative process easier and quicker with fewer errors. The National Board recently endorsed these changes. Complete instructions are on-line at <http://level2.cap.gov/index.cfm?nodeID=5751>. We sincerely thank the COF Design and Review Team: Col **Rex Glasgow**, CAP (NCR/CC), Col **Austyn Granville**, CAP (NYWG/CC), and Lt Col **Warren Vest**, CAP (VA Wing) for their invaluable leadership. Thanks also go to the members of the on-line testing team: **Sue Spranger** and **Byron Schmidt** (ID Wing), **Bob Koob** (KY Wing), **Bill Hughes** (NY Wing), **Clyde Robichaux** (LA Wing), **Roger Caires** (HI Wing), **John Emerson** (AL Wing), **John Lierenz** (DE Wing), **Kevin Sliwinski** (MN Wing), and **Deb Merrick** (FL Wing).

**Review of the 37th National Congress on Aviation and Space Education (NCASE):** Held March 24 - 27, 2004 at the Atlanta Marriott Marquis in Atlanta, Georgia, NCASE was attended by over 500 teachers, school administrators, aerospace industry leaders, and Civil Air Patrol members from across the country. **Major General Richard L. Bowling, Civil Air Patrol Commander, and Lieutenant General Joe Redden, USAF (Ret), the superintendent of the Cobb County School system, Georgia, welcomed the attendees at the opening of the Congress.** General Assembly speakers included: Scott Crossfield, aviation legend and aerospace pioneer; Jim Voss, former astronaut who holds the record for most time in space aboard the International Space Station; Joe Edwards, former astronaut and Naval Aviator who flew to the Russian space station *Mir*; Gus McLeod (CAP member), explorer, aviator, and the first person to fly an open cockpit aircraft to the North Pole; Dr. Kevin Kochersberger, mechanical engineer and pilot for the Wright Brothers Reenactment flight; Ken Blackburn, Boeing aerospace engineer and world record holder for time aloft for a paper airplane; Dr. Scott Miller, professor of aerospace engineering and aviation enthusiast; Dr. Charles Justiz, NASA engineer and instructor pilot for the space shuttle; Dr. Betsy Rogers, National Teacher of the Year; and Dr. Susan Sclafani, Assistant Secretary, Office of Vocational and Adult Education, Department of Education. During the Congress, the National Aeronautics Association awarded their Frank G. Brewer Trophy to Phillip Woodruff of FAA for 40 years of promoting aviation programs. Also, the National Coalition for Aviation Education awarded Paul Sanderson the Mervin K. Strickler Aviation Education Leadership Award for a lifetime of personal commitment to aviation education. At the NCASE banquet, **the following individuals were inducted into the prestigious Crown Circle: Kenneth Huff, Gil and Phyllis Moore, Edith Street (also named as the Scott Crossfield Teacher of the Year) and Dr Stephen Underwood.** In addition to the General Assembly speakers, there were 55 breakout seminars presented by master aerospace educators. This year's program also featured several field trips: Lockheed, Delta, FlightSafety, the SciTrek Museum, and the Fernbank Museum.

**"Members For Missions" Recruiting Campaign:** The first month of our **Members for Missions** campaign is underway. Please encourage all units to participate. Prizes will be awarded to the top 10 recruiters in both the senior and cadet categories. Prizes will also be given to the unit with the highest overall growth rate in each region. Watch the May monthly mail out and visit CAP News Online (in the upcoming May edition) for updates on individual recruiters at: <http://level2.cap.gov/index.cfm?nodeID=5682>.

**Membership Directory:** Harris Publishing is in the final stages of completing the **first ever Civil Air Patrol membership directory**. The final proofs of the 10-page editorial section have been approved. Feedback on this initiative has been very positive. Members who have purchased a copy should watch their mail in mid-May for delivery. If you haven't ordered your copy, call Harris Publishing at 1-800-877-6554 today!

**INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY** (<mailto:pcapicik@cap.gov>)

The first "After Flight Reporting" module is now live on e-services. After months of discussion, coordination, development, and testing, the **cadet orientation flight recording** program is available for general use. The Cadet Orientation Flight (COF) committee headed by **Col Glasgow with both field and NHQ staff representation from multiple functional areas rolled out the module last week**. This online module integrates with the membership (MIMS), logistics (CATS), and financial (NAVISION) systems to provide a truly integrated application for a major CAP process. The new application reduces data input errors which plagued the old system, removes the requirement for some paper forms (7 and 7T), and significantly speeds up the processing time while reducing errors of the old system. Program and process bugs have been minimal and generally able to be corrected the same day as identified. The challenge before us is training our people to use the system and become comfortable with the process.

**STRATEGIC COMMUNICATIONS AND PLANS** ([mailto: drowland@cap.gov](mailto:drowland@cap.gov))  
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**2003 Annual Report to Congress** has been posted on [www.cap.gov](http://www.cap.gov) <<http://www.cap.gov>>.

**The six multi-media productions** available on the website have been viewed by almost 15,000 people since posting November 20th. They can be downloaded at <<http://www.cap.gov/mediacenter/video.html>>.

**CAP online news service** was launched January 1st. More than 100 articles were posted online in the first calendar quarter of 2004, with 10,000 hits to the Web site since January.

**Printed media impressions on CAP** totaled more than 22,000,000 through the first two quarters of FY 04.

**Print articles on CAP** this year include: Aviation Week & Space Technology (Jan '04), Teacher Magazine (Jan/Feb '04), Search and Rescue (Mar '04)

**Live streaming video** was produced by CAP for the first time at NCASE. People from around the country logged on to hear Ken Blackburn's seminar on Saturday morning, 27 March.

**Tuskegee Airman joins Civil Air Patrol!** See story at <http://www.cap.gov/mediacenter/releases/tuskairmen.html>

**Strategic Partnerships** ( <mailto:jshea@cap.gov> )

**Vector Training Systems** has entered into a Corporate Partner agreement with CAP as of 1 April 2004. Vector Training Systems becomes a Corporate Supporter and plans to promote their support of CAP in advertising and marketing programs in 2004. The company develops and produces aviation training tools including instructional CD-ROMs for the Cessna 172 Skyhawk and Piper Warrior and Seminole. (More info at [www.vtsweb.com](http://www.vtsweb.com) <<http://www.vtsweb.com>>). **The company also plans to provide CAP member discounts on their products** as well. Vector Training Systems funds will go to support national CAP cadet programs.

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