

Civil Air Patrol Volunteers:

What a great year 2004 has been for Civil Air Patrol! From developing, testing and incorporating cutting-edge technology into our operations to flying front-line impact-assessment missions and supporting ground operations in the wake of a devastating hurricane season to receiving credit for saving 64 lives in FY04, the past 12 months have been nothing short of outstanding! Your efforts have been recognized in a letter we received today announcing that **CAP has won the American Society of Association Executives "Award of Excellence" for our response to the hurricanes.** This also means that CAP will be considered for ASAE's Associations Advance America "Summit Award", which will be announced early next year. More details will be posted in CAP News Online.

We're also pleased to announce that Asst. Secretary of the Air Force **Mike Dominguez** has been elected **Chairman of the CAP Board of Governors** and CAP National Commander **MG Dwight Wheless** has been elected as **Vice Chairman**. Lt Gen **Nick Kehoe**, USAF (Ret.) will serve on the Board of Governor's Audit Committee, and former CAP National Commander **MG Rick Bowling** will begin serving on the Board as a **CAP Member At Large**. Our thanks to outgoing Chairman **Col Bob Bess** for the fine job he did orchestrating the Board's efforts over the past two years. Best wishes also to **Lt Gen Ron Keys**, AF/XO, as he leaves the Board to pin on his fourth star and head Air Combat Command.

An update on current programs and a peek at some good things coming in the New Year follows. From your CAP Corporate Team, best wishes for the safest and happiest of Holidays - - we all look forward to **working with you and for you** in the coming New Year!

Sincerely,

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Homeland Security: Several members have asked for copies of the agreement recently signed with 1st Air Force. It is available online at <http://level2.cap.gov/documents/CAP1AFMOUpdf.pdf>.
Counterdrug: Though the 15% administrative fee for the CD program is not authorized in FY05, we are still receiving CAPF 108s requesting this reimbursement. Please make sure your personnel are aware that the 15% administrative fee is no longer authorized and should not be requested.

Emergency Services: CAP was credited with saving 64 lives in FY04. Even though this number is not as high as some previous years, it still represents a significant accomplishment that everyone should be proud of. The 64 people whose lives we have saved and their families are most certainly appreciative of our outstanding efforts. Keep up the great work!

FlightSafety CRM Course: Just a reminder – Region commander's attendee nominations for the CAP-tailored CRM course offered by FlightSafety are due to HQ CAP/SE by 3 Jan 05. The course will be held at their Vero Beach, Fla., campus from 24-26 Jan 05.

NESA: Personnel interested in participating in any 2005 National Emergency Services Academy courses can register online at <https://www.peopleware.net/secure/index.cfm?siteCode=1044&&CFID=2989169&CFTOKEN=55880161&siteID=105>.

National SAR Schools: Personnel interested in attending any of the National SAR School's Inland SAR Planner Courses can also apply online at https://ntc.cap.af.mil/ops/inland_sar.

LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT & MEMBERSHIP SERVICES

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Additional National Cadet Special Activities: The successful on-line registration process for National Cadet Special Activities and IACE has allowed us to open registration a month earlier this year. Registration is continuing at a brisk rate. We would like to call your attention to three new activities for 2005. An additional **Engineering Technology Academy** is being held in Dayton, Ohio, in partnership with Wright State University; a third **USAF Space Command Familiarization Course** will be conducted at Vandenberg AFB, Calif.; and an **Aircraft Manufacturing and Maintenance Academy** is being held for the first time in partnership with Cessna at its Independence, Kansas, assembly plant. All of these continue our NCSA mission of offering our cadets a chance to explore opportunities in aviation and space career fields. See <http://level2.cap.gov/index.cfm?nodeID=5388> or contact Don Karle at dkarle@cap.gov.

2005 AEX Award Program: The newest version of the Aerospace Education Excellence Award Program is now available. This hands-on aerospace program has a new volume of 15 more exciting activities that teach aerospace principles. Also, the time frame for this year's AEX program is extended through September 2005. You may now choose when you want to participate in AEX. As before, all six activities must be selected from the AEX activity books that will be mailed to you when National Headquarters/LMA receives your AEX Agreement Form. In addition to the six activities, a unit must complete one Aerospace Education Day of no less than two hours duration before September 2005. A one page, one-time reporting form replaces the monthly reporting format that was used in past years. The AEX sign-up brochures are in the December all-unit mailout or you can download the brochure at <http://level2.cap.gov/index.cfm?nodeID=5176> (Item #4).

CAP Fly A Teacher Program: CAP has updated and restructured the procedures pertaining to the CAP Fly A Teacher Program for educators. This program, using orientation flights and national standards-based materials to teach aviation basics, has been created for all educators nationwide, including our CAP Aerospace Education Members and all other interested teachers. This program provides the opportunity for teacher orientation flights in CAP aircraft, and can also be a program of instruction using hands-on aerospace discovery. CAP will provide the tools and materials for teachers to conduct their own one-day aviation education workshop. Wing Directors of Aerospace Education interested in supporting this program with orientation flights or workshop instructional assistance can contact Claudine Sayegh, CAP NHQ Aerospace Education Program Manager, at 240-857-0166 or claudine.sayegh@andrews.af.mil.

Membership Services: CAP-USAF is currently reviewing the final version of the CAP Uniform Manual (CAPM 39-1). Hopefully it will be published soon. In the meantime, if you have any uniform questions or need assistance, please contact Susie Parker at sparker@cap.gov or call toll free at 877-227-9142, Ext. 212.

Conference Call Scheduling: We are now scheduling conference calls for the second quarter of FY 05. Please don't forget to reschedule any recurring calls you may have. Contact Janie Jenkins at jjenkins@cap.gov or give her a call toll-free at 877-227-9142, Ext. 208 if you have any questions or need to schedule a call.

LOGISTICS

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VCN: The Visual Computing Network training had challenges during the training in the Pacific and Southwest regions. We appreciate the feedback from those members who attended. The VCN takes the ARCHER hyperspectral imaging results and translates it into useable information. CAP and the VCN contractor have negotiated an agreement to resolve these challenges.

Cessna Schedule: 20 C-182s ordered in April are slated for delivery between January and March 2005, along with a Pennsylvania Wing C-206. All will be equipped with SDIS kits and at least 10 will have satellite telephones.

FM Radios: The contractor has delivered 138 of the 150 radios ordered.

PLANS & STRATEGIC COMMUNICATIONS

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CAP 2005 Legislative Day: CAP Legislative Day will be held on **Thursday, 3 Mar 05** in Washington, D.C. It will be held in conjunction with the CAP Winter National Board Meeting scheduled for Friday and Saturday, 4-5 Mar 05. Wing commanders should begin their planning process for making appointments with their state's congressional members. As you well know, it is important for the leadership to carry CAP's organizational message to Congress to ensure continued funding.

CNN Coverage: Strategic Communications is working with CNN on coverage for a 1AF-assigned intercept exercise, including coordinating the necessary permissions from CAP leadership, CAP-USA and 1AF, and determining which exercise will be covered, how much can be filmed, how much info can be released, and which CAP members will be interviewed. Also working with 1AF/PA to tie this in with their pre-inauguration efforts and thus publicize the HLS work continually performed by 1AF and CAP. This piece will focus on how our trained civilian volunteers work with the nation's military to help protect their communities.

Platinum Productions: Working with Platinum Productions on a general piece about CAP which will feature interviews with Maj. Gen. Wheless and other members — producers are now reviewing the script — this piece will be broadcast as a **"Pulse on America"** program, date TBD.

Pentagon Channel: Discussions underway with the Pentagon Channel to produce programming and PSAs for ongoing broadcast. This is a new commercial 24/7 cable channel.

GENERAL COUNSEL

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FAA: General Counsel, Counsel to the Commander and AF/XOS-HA met with the FAA on 23 Nov 04 to begin discussions regarding CAP operations under the Federal Aviation Regulations and CAP's exemptions.

TSA: General Counsel, Counsel to the Commander and AF/XOS-HA met with the TSA on 23 Nov regarding new interim final regulations dealing with flight instruction for non-US citizens. The TSA determined that CAP is not a "flight school" for purposes of these regulations.

INSPECTOR GENERAL ADMINISTRATION

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Inspections: A new CAPR 123-3 was approved in August by the CAP National Board. The new regulation includes two major changes:

First, Short-notice Inspections and Subordinate Unit Inspections have been merged into a single program. CAPR 60-2 has been rescinded and the “short-notice” requirement is gone; however, the removal of aircraft and flying privileges in cases of certain repeat operations findings remains. The new 123-3 does a better job than its predecessor in providing in-depth guidance on managing an SUI program. Also, a new requirement has been added to the Wing Compliance Inspection. Two to 20 days before the CI team arrives, an impartial wing financial analyst will come to the wing and perform a pre-inspection financial checklist. The results of this checklist will become part of the CI report. Every attempt will be made to have the Wing Financial Analyst visit at a time that is as convenient as possible for the wing finance officer/staff. The WFA visits will begin as soon as final training by the participating WFAs has been completed.