

Open Cockpit #15

Civil Air Patrol Volunteers:

March has left like a lion - - the weather in the Southeast U.S. has been stormy and violent, so remember to plan ahead and check the weather for your flying, driving, or other CAP mission activities this Spring. Along with the recent weather, what an exciting second quarter it was for the Civil Air Patrol. Significant highlights include: Official rollout of ARCHER, the world's first operational hyperspectral imaging system; successful Legislative Day in Washington, D.C., during which your senior leadership and cadets spread the CAP message to their respective congressmen and senators; acceptance of the first two of 30 glass-cockpit equipped Cessna C-182s during a special ceremony at Cessna's headquarters in Independence, KS; and Intergraph, headquartered in Huntsville, Ala., became CAP's newest corporate partner and has committed \$50,000 to the cadet program.

More details on these and other activities below!

Sincerely,

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STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIPS

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Integrgraph CAP's Newest Corporate Partner: Intergraph Corporation — a leading global provider of Spatial Information Management — has become CAP's newest corporate partner. The company, which is headquartered in Huntsville, Ala., has committed a \$50,000 cash donation to help fund CAP cadet programs in 2005, and, in a separate initiative, has offered to develop an aircraft and ground team tracking prototype that would be field tested by CAP. Plans for this initiative are still being developed. Intergraph's generous cash donation will help fund CAP's prestigious National Cadet Competition to be held July 6-12 in Washington, D.C., as well as CAP's cadet orientation flight program. For more details about CAP's newest corporate partner, read the March 5 story on CAP News Online at: www.cap.gov/cno.

OPERATIONS

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Training: The New Mexico Wing recently held an excellent night-flying clinic. The training was highly successful and the benefits of this clinic were touted by all who attended. New Mexico has modified the course in PowerPoint format and it is now available from the CAP Operations Training page at: <https://ntc.cap.af.mil/ops/dot>.

Homeland Security: In an effort to make sure your personnel are more aware of some of the common issues in homeland security, we recommend they become a member on the **Lessons Learned Information Sharing** Web site. LLIS is a Department of Homeland Security initiative that makes available via the Internet a wealth of lessons learned and best practices for emergency-response providers and homeland security officials. The information on LLIS's

secure, restricted-access site is designed to facilitate efforts to prevent and respond to acts of terrorism. To apply for LLIS membership, go to: <https://www.llis.dhs.gov/signup/index.cfm>

Emergency Services: Recommend your emergency services personnel review "Managing Spontaneous Volunteers in Times of Disaster: The Synergy of Structure and Good Intentions." It was developed by the Volunteer Organizations Active in Disasters and has some very useful ideas. You can download it here: <http://www.nvoad.org/ManagingSpontaneousVol.pdf>

FEMA Courses: Several personnel have noted local organizations are considering requiring their members to complete courses with DHS/FEMA to become familiar with the new national response plan. Though it is not required for our members at this time, **key personnel are advised to complete IS-100, IS-200, IS-700 and IS-800.** The courses are available at: <http://training.fema.gov/EMIWeb/IS/crslist.asp>

Counterdrug: Online initial and refresher courses are currently available for CAP members. The course will be **available until the end of April** at: https://tests.cap.af.mil/ops/cd_dl/test_page.cfm?Message=Ok. We recommend that members required to take these courses do so as soon as possible.

National Technology Center: New software updates for the 16 region satellite phone systems (SDIS units) have been or are in the process of being distributed. **The update reflects Revision 2.0.1, dated March 2005.** Systems for the new Cessnas and GA8s will have the latest software revision. Also, here's a reminder about the National Commander's Policy Letter concerning alterations or changes to SDIS configurations. The systems are configured in a specific manner to ensure compatibility with other systems. **Alterations or changes to the system will most likely result in a mission failure we may not be able to correct in a timely manner. To avoid this problem, please don't make any changes to the system.** If you have suggestions for system improvement, please send them to dos@cap.gov. We have also noticed a few problems with the online SDIS status page. Please ensure the aircraft locations, POC information and system status is current. The system can be updated by those who have permission to enter Form 18 data or manage missions in WMIRS. Additional personnel who need access can get permission by contacting dos@cap.gov.

LOGISTICS

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New Deputy Director: CAP/LG is happy to announce its newest member to your logistics team - Johnny Dean, Deputy Director for Logistics. Johnny's motivation is to provide world-class logistics support to our members across CAP. You may reach him at jdean@cap.gov.

6-Month Maintenance Test Underway: Under the guidance of CAP's Chief of Staff, Col. Larry Kauffman, CAP is embarking on a **consolidated aircraft maintenance (mx) test** affecting the Northeast Region, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Delaware and Southern New York. One mx facility will provide 100 percent of both minor and major mx with national headquarters paying 100 percent of the bills. What we learn during this test will validate the efficiencies gained and provide the baseline for prices and services so other wings can participate or create similar agreements with other mx facilities. **We feel we can save money as well as maintain our fleet to a higher standard by giving volume to one expert shop in a specific area.**

First Glass-Cockpit Cessna: During ceremonies March 16 in Independence, KS, CAP National Commander Maj. Gen. Dwight Wheless accepted the keys to our first two of 30 C-182s and one C-206. These state-of-the-art aircraft provide **displays that ease pilot workload and enhance overall safety during flight.** Look for crew training for the first 31 aircraft to begin the end of March and continue through the end of May. **Additional aircraft** are slated for order and delivery in 2006.

Gippsland GA8 Airvans: Eight of our total 16 GA8s on order are now in the states and **undergoing acceptance flights** in Mojave, CA, with some flying as test beds for the ARCHER system.

Army/Marine Corps BDUs: Expect DRMO to receive a large surplus of woodland camouflage BDUs as the Army and Marine Corps transition to their new-style BDUs. **Phase-out dates for the woodland style** are Jan. 1, 2008, for the Army and Oct. 1, 2006, for the Marines.

Online Policy-Letter Listing: Did you know National Headquarters has a complete listing of **all approved policy letters** available for online review? Policy letters can be viewed at: http://level2.cap.gov/visitors/member_services/publications/policy_letters.cfm. Additionally, pertinent policy letters with their associated regulations are posted at: http://level2.cap.gov/visitors/member_services/publications/indexes_regulations_and_manuals.cfm

SAFETY

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Safety Program Changes: CAP National Commander Maj. Gen. Dwight Wheless introduced CAP's revised Safety Pledge and several new safety initiatives he personally developed during his opening remarks at the Winter National Board Meeting. The pledge reads as follows: "As a Civil Air Patrol member I pledge to promote an uncompromising safety environment for myself and others, and to prevent the loss of, or damage to Civil Air Patrol assets entrusted to me. I will perform all my activities in a professional and safe manner, and will hold myself accountable for my actions in all of our Missions for America." The pledge and 12-point safety program can be downloaded at: http://level2.cap.gov/documents/Mar_05_Sentinel.pdf.

LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT & MEMBERSHIP SERVICES

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CLA CADETS HEAD TO OAS: Two Civic Leadership Academy cadets have been selected for a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to witness international affairs in action and meet U.S. and foreign government officials from the Western Hemisphere. **Col. Sharon Weeks (2004 CLA) of North Carolina and Maj. Jackie Briski (2005 CLA) of Ohio will represent the CAP as members of the U.S. delegation at the Organization of American States' General Assembly in Fort Lauderdale, FL, June 5-7.** This opportunity came about through the CLA's partnership with the State Department. After meeting the CLA cadets a few weeks ago, Ambassador John F. Maisto asked CAP to select two cadets to serve on the delegation. Please join me in congratulating Cadets Weeks and Briski on this fabulous opportunity!

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

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Journey Of Flight Available Online: "Aerospace: Journey Of Flight" is now available to CAP members via **e-services**. All members can access e-services if they have an internet connection. Once they login, the current first item they see on the left hand column of the main e-services page is the "Aerospace: Journey Of Flight" selection. When they click on that, it takes them to an index page where they can select the various PDF files for the book parts. Clicking on those will let them either read on-line or download to their computer. Most files are around 2 MB in size.

GENERAL COUNSEL

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General Counsel: On Feb. 10, Maj. Gen. Wheless, Col. Chavez and Stan Leibowitz met with W. Kipling At Lee, Air Force Deputy General Counsel for National Security and Military Affairs, and a number of his staff members, to open communications between national headquarters and Air Force lawyers. Discussions with Mr. At Lee revolved around Air Force/CAP governance issues and helped set the stage for a revised AFPD 10-27, AFI 10-2701 and Program Narrative/Statement of Work.

MOU Guidance: Under CAP National Commander Maj. Gen. Dwight Wheless' signature, a policy letter with new guidance and a standard form for state and local MOUs were released. The main points outlined in the letter were: (a) to require that MOUs acknowledge that only the Air Force may assign Air Force-assigned missions; (b) Air Force is not a party to the MOU; (c) state and local MOUs only authorize corporate missions; and (d) provide Air Force a reasonable opportunity to review and comment on MOUs. The policy letter and standard form may be obtained online under "Policy Letters" on the Forms and Publications Page at http://level2.cap.gov/visitors/member_services/publications/policy_letters.cfm or by requesting a copy from gc@cap.gov.

INSPECTOR GENERAL ADMINISTRATION

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IG Professional Development: An inspector general senior-level training course will be presented on the Tuesday and Wednesday before the Summer National Board in St Louis. This course is required for group IGs and recommended for the following: Wing IGs who have not completed the IG College; group/wing/region commanders; group/wing/region vice commanders; and legal officers. Information on this class can be found on the IG Education and Training Web page at: <http://level2.cap.gov/index.cfm?nodeID=5475>.

New Inspection Guide: We have started the second cycle of compliance inspections. **A new Wing Inspection Guide has been published.** Part of the new process includes a requirement for an impartial Wing Financial Analyst to come to the wing and perform a pre-inspection financial checklist. The results of this review will become part of the CI report. Every attempt will be made to have the WFA visit at the most convenient time possible for the wing finance officer/staff.

'Excellent' Results: Congratulations to the members of the Arizona Wing -- the first wing inspected in the second cycle. Arizona went from an overall marginal rating and an unsatisfactory in safety to an **overall excellent with an outstanding safety rating.** Well done, Arizona Wing!