

CAP/EX Open Cockpit 01-2007

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School Enrichment Program

One of the emerging growth areas for CAP is in our School Enrichment Program. CAP has established over 60 squadrons in America's schools including a pilot K-5 program in PA Wing. The children participating in these school programs are excited to be there and their attitudes and attendance records reflect that. CAP recently held a school program summit to develop a strategic plan to capitalize on the huge growth potential the school program offers to our organization. This strategic plan will be presented to the National Board in March. (Contact: Susan Mallett - smallett@capnhq.gov)

Scholarships

CAP annually distributes over \$200,000 in scholarships to our members, both for academic pursuits and for flight training. CAP leaders wanted the scholarships to have more of an impact for our members, so the dollar amounts were raised to much higher levels...starting at \$1,000 and going as high as \$7,500 per student. Also new this year are the AOPA flight scholarships with \$2,500 each for two cadets and two adults. CAP established a Scholarship Committee to select the winners in February. Don't miss out - the deadline to apply for most scholarships is 31 January. For details, visit www.cap.gov/scholarships. (Contact: Kelly Easterling - keasterling@cap.gov)

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CAP Branding Initiative

CAP is developing a strategy and a plan of action for branding Civil Air Patrol. In 2006 a survey of current and former members was conducted; then an internal focus group session was held; most recently a national survey was conducted. The results of this research are illuminating: 30% surveyed were “familiar” with CAP, but this familiarity was greatest (40%) in the West, and lowest in the Northeast (23%). Those aged 18 - 34 were less familiar and those 50 - 64 were most familiar with CAP. Only 1 in 5 thought CAP was associated with any branch of the US military. Of those familiar with CAP 21% thought CAP benefited the community and of those not familiar with CAP, only 5% thought CAP was a benefit to their community. Interestingly, the survey of former members showed that most left CAP because they simply moved! The majority had no difficulties with our organization nor were they disheartened, they moved to a new location and just had not reconnected in their new locale. This process is still in the early stages but we will use the data to determine our public “message” and to more effectively brand CAP. (Contact: Julie DeBardelaben at jdebardelaben@cap.gov)

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New Equipment Inbound

- Twenty new Cessna C-182 Skylanes equipped with Garmin's G-1000 Glass Cockpit were delivered in November and December of 2006. The delivery brings the total of glass cockpit-equipped Cessnas in CAP's aircraft fleet to 73. The great news is this year's Congressional appropriation for aircraft of \$10.2 million is likely to result in CAP having more than 100 by the end of this year. In addition to the G-1000 “glass” cockpit, these aircraft are specially equipped for our own unique requirements, with DF and satellite phone mounting kits. These deliveries will also include opportunities for G-1000 training for certified flight instructors. (Contact: LGM/Dan Daniels - ddaniels@capnhq.gov)
- CAP received funding in FY07 to purchase 30 - 35 vehicles. Deliveries should begin by the third quarter. Our buy will focus on providing additional vehicles to wings that have more than 60 members per vehicle and will also work on replacing some of the oldest vehicles in the CAP fleet. (Contact LGT/Duane Schultz - dshultz@capnhq.gov)

- Two portable rechargeable power units were shipped to each wing and by all reports, all were received. These can start an engine, power your laptop and even contain a compressor for tire inflation. If placed in Wing vehicles, they will prove invaluable. (Contact LGT/Duane Schultz - dshultz@capnhq.gov)
- In FY06 received enough funding to complete our LMR narrowband transition! The result is: 3,070 VHF/FM mobiles; 1,133 VHF/FM portables; 4845 intra-squad radios; 432 new fixed repeaters; and 113 portable/airborne repeaters and upgrades for the 100 Motorola Quantar repeaters already in service. Shipment of repeaters began in Feb according to our narrowband transition plan. Now we ask all CAP professionals -- from region and wing commanders down to the individual volunteer -- help make sure the narrowband transition goes smoothly and that we take every step to ensure proper accountability for this multi-million dollar investment CAP is making in its communications program. (Contact: NTC/David "Pete" Wharton – david.wharton@dla.mil)
- All computers purchased in the field equipment buy at the end of FY06 are now distributed. The Microsoft Office software has not yet been shipped due to a vendor delay which is out of our control. We hope to have an update for you within the next two weeks. The computers in this purchase were tested to assure they meet the requirements of the Garmin Flight Simulator software. (Contact: IT/Michelle Yost - myost@cap.gov)

CAP Uniform Item Shortages

Uniform item shortages at the Army Air Force Exchange Service are delaying cadet uniform shipments. The male and female caps are the major items backordered. AAFES is working to locate alternate sources for the backordered items. Anticipated get well date for all items is April 15, 2007. (Contact: LGC/Cathy Pangallo - cpangallo@cap.gov)

Consolidated Aircraft Maintenance

Consolidated aircraft maintenance is moving from the "Test phase" into "Implementation." Expect contracts in Indiana, Missouri, Texas, Alabama, Georgia, Florida, New York, New Jersey, Delaware and Pennsylvania soon. New Hampshire, Maine, Vermont, Connecticut and Massachusetts are next to participate in consolidated maintenance. One third of all CAP wings will be participating in the consolidated aircraft maintenance program by the end of the year. (Contact: LGD/Gary Schneider - gshneider@cap.gov)

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Legislative Day Plans

Plans are underway for this year's Legislative Day events on March 1. Advanced and beginner advocacy training will occur the day prior on Wed, Feb. 28 at 1700 at the Marriott Crystal Gateway hotel. Room location details will follow shortly. Legislative Day will kick off with a breakfast in the hotel where wing commanders will receive talking points and packages to deliver to their Congressional representatives. A luncheon honoring CAP's 65 years of service will be held on the Hill from 1130-1330 at the Russell Caucus Room (Room 325) at the Russell Senate Office Building. Wing commanders: please begin contacting your Congressmen and Senators to set up appointments for office calls and invite them to the luncheon.

State Funding/Appropriations

Success at gaining a state appropriation begins by first determining where in the state organization your CAP wing fits. The next step is to make an appointment to meet the agency head or director that is responsible for CAP. On your first visit, simply introduce yourself and discuss all the ways CAP can help the state. Don't let it be a visit to ask for money. Establish positive relationships first, then fundraising later. Contact the governor's office and state legislatures to schedule a "meet-and-greet" session. You may download these tips at www.capchannel.com, in the "Government Relations" section.

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Public Trust, Accountability

Public trust and accountability are essential for all corporations, but especially to a nonprofit like CAP. Our funding depends upon public support and public support depends upon public trust. CAP is a grant recipient that receives

significant public support to further our missions. True accountability requires transparency in fiscal matters. CAP's annual audit comes to a "qualified" opinion because we are not "accountable" for all assets of the corporation, specifically funds and assets at unit level. This is a significant sum that is not currently subject to audit review. CAP now has a process to bring all assets into the audit called: the Wing Banker Program. Detailed information on the program is available at www.cap.gov/visitors/members/financial_management. Migrating to the Wing Banker Program will initially be a challenge but it will build public trust with benefits of an "unqualified" audit opinion that will be beyond measure.

EXECUTIVE SUPPORT

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New Process for Issuing CAP Publications

The process for issuing and changing CAP publications is about to become much simpler! The National Board, NEC or BoG will establish CAP policy and your NHQ will do the administrative details to update CAP publications as required. CAPR 5-1 "Ratification" and 5-4 "Pubs & Blank Forms Management" will be replaced by a new CAPR 5-4 "Publications & Forms Management" which is currently in coordination at NHQ. When the new CAPR 5-4 is in place NHQ will draft and coordinate regulations / manuals that implement policies established by law, the BoG, NEC or National Board. Proposed regulations or manuals will be posted on line for 30 days after announcement is made of the posting. Once comments are received, and appropriate changes made, the final draft will be approved by the CAP Executive Director, CAP-USAF and our National Commander. This process should take 40 - 50 days instead of the 9 - 15 months the old process required.