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**NC Wing's Award-Winning Color Guard
Chapel Hill Composite Squadron**

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Final Salute to Chaplain Lt. Col. Royce Beacham

Please see pages 15 and 16

To all PAOs:

“Citizens Serving Communities: Above and Beyond” – This is our new compelling message, which complements the Air Force’s new advertising campaign slogan “Above All.” It replaces “More Than Meets the Skies,” which was unveiled during the 2007 National Board meeting along with CAP’s national public awareness plan. The new message “Citizens Serving Communities: Above and Beyond” provides longevity to CAP’s public awareness initiative and avoids any potential trademark conflicts.

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To all Region and Wing Commanders:

The newly revised CAPR 190-1 requires a trained and certified MIO, in accordance with CAPR 60-3, to handle media relations for every mission and training exercise. The MIO is to provide and receive critical information, advise the incident commander, protect the image of the Civil Air Patrol and provide timely information to the public affairs staff of each higher headquarters.

There is a critical need to always follow this regulation, especially when performing Air Force assigned missions (AFAMs), to ensure that media inquiries are handled properly and interviews are conducted in a professional manner. CAP MIOs are trained and certified to carry out such duties, and only they are authorized to do so.

With this in mind, please ensure that when an AFAM is conducted, all members in your region and wing follow procedures as outlined in CAPR 190-1. Also, please remind all your members that all contact with the news media regarding specific missions and other incidents (especially when possible fatalities are involved) “must be made by a corporate officer, Incident Commander, or PAO/MIO ONLY.”

Thanks for your diligence in adhering to this requirement.

Best regards,
Brig. Gen. Amy S. Courter
Interim CAP National Commander

NC Wing conducts ICS 300 and 400 class



Congratulations to the following members for completing the ICS 400 class this past weekend at RDU in Raleigh. We had an excellent instructor and learned a lot about managing and organizing the Incident Command System to suit the needs of the event or incident. I want to thank these members for their commitment and dedication to NC Wing Civil Air Patrol and our ability to properly utilize the ICS process. I would also like to extend a special thanks to Lt Col Jeff Willis and Captain Andy Wiggs for setting this training up and handling the logistics of such a training exercise.

Students:

Col Larry Ragland	Lt Col Roy Douglass
Maj. John Kay	Lt Col Keith Hodgkin
Maj. John Maxfield	Lt Col John Donahue
Capt. Sal Tripoli	Lt Col Jeff Willis
Capt. Joe Weinflash	Lt Col Eric Grant
Capt Rob Mason	Lt Col Bill Hawke
Capt Dion Vivinti	Lt Col Jim Carr
Capt Andy Wiggs	

Larry J. Ragland, Colonel, CAP
NC Wing Commander
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New Spaatz Cadets in Apex

New Spaatz Cadets in Apex Apex Cadet Squadron is excited to announce NC Wing's newest Spaatz Cadets - C/Col Olivia Barrow and C/Col Cassie Fletcher. Today was a historic day having two female Spaatz cadets from one unit.

We are extremely proud of C/Col Barrow and C/Col Fletcher. Please join me in congratulating them.

Pam Landreth-Strug, Lt Col, CAP
Deputy Commander, Apex Cadet Squadron
Piedmont Group Cadet Programs Officer

Congratulations to C/Col Cassie Fletcher and C/Col Olivia Barrow. Apex Squadron struck big gold with these two young ladies. What a great accomplishment.

Congratulations to all those in the Apex Squadron that helped these cadets reach this super accomplishment.

Larry J. Ragland, Colonel, CAP
NC Wing Commander

Photos received to late for the February issue-- Asheville Flight Academy



Flight 1: Some of the students and instructors of the flight academy. (Left to right) Captains Arnie Andresen and Brett McElheney, C/CMSgt Jason Nadle, C/CMSgt Rob Lollar, C/CMSgt Stephen Bloemsma, (kneeling) C/Sgt Sam Pollock, C/CMSgt Nicholas Padleckas, C/2LT Michael Gallandt, Major Rich Augur, Lt. Colonel Ray Davis and Lt. Colonel Wally Courtney.



Flight 2: Instructor Captain Arnie Andresen watches as cadet conduct preflight of the aircraft.



Flight 3: Lt. Colonel Ray Davis goes over cockpit instructions with C/CMSgt Stephen Bloemsma.



Flight 4: Lt. Colonel Wally Courtney (using pointer) and Captain Rocky Fleming work with cadets during a ground school class.

Cadet scholarships

Congratulations to the following cadets from North Carolina Wing for receiving CAP scholarships toward college or flying!

C/Col Olivia Barrow \$2,500 College Scholarship, C/Col Ryan Strug \$2,500 College Scholarship, C/Lt Col Kelly Weeks \$1,000 College Scholarship, C/Col Jeremiah Coogan \$1,200 Flight Scholarship.

Full details on the CAP Scholarships can be found at http://cap.gov/visitors/members/cadet_programs/index.cfm?nodeID=6493&audienceID=4

It's never too early to start thinking about next year's scholarships.

-Capt Eileen Kong, CAP

NC Wing couple assist injured motorist

The Thomasson's administered first aid and summoned EMTs

Orange Co., NC - On Tuesday, March 17, 2008, 2nd. Lt. Jim Thomasson, and his wife, 2nd. Lt. Nancy Thomasson, of the Chapel Hill Composite Squadron (MER NC-150) were driving home from work, on the way to a church group meeting. After turning onto Holly Ridge Road in Orange County, they passed by a car off the opposite shoulder of the road. Thomasson saw—out of the corner of his eye—a man attempting to crawl out of the car. It was obvious to the Thomassons that an accident had just occurred. Thomasson quickly stopped and safely backed up beside the wrecked car, and then he jumped into action. He helped the young man out of the car and to a safe distance away and had him lie down. Thomasson quickly checked the victim for serious injury. Thomasson's wife Nancy retrieved an emergency blanket from their car and wrapped up the injured driver to minimize the risk of shock. There was an obvious head gash that was bleeding. Nancy applied direct pressure to the wound to control the bleeding while Jim contacted 911 and asked for emergency assistance.

Within minutes emergency personnel began arriving on the scene, including another member of MER-NC-150, Lt. G.W. Barker, an EMT with Orange County Emergency Services. The 21-year-old driver was not seriously injured but did complain of a sore neck. The emergency staff immobilized his head and took him by ambulance to Duke University Medical Center for evaluation and treatment.

This young man was very fortunate. His car had veered across the road twice, hit an embankment and knocked downed trees, and then either flipped or cart-wheeled, totaling the car. He was fortunate that two people happened by immediately after the accident and were trained in providing First Aid. They knew how to assist the victim until emergency medical staff arrived.

Once again, CAP training and the desire to serve our country played a role in what could have been a tragedy.

1st. Lt. Don Penven
Deputy PA Director
NCWG

Group 3 Members learn blood-borne pathogens curriculum.

Cunningham Composite Squadron hosted a recent Blood Borne Pathogens Class for 17 Cadet and Senior members of their squadron and Coastal Patrol Base 21. Majors Fred and Linda Eldredge, CPB21, conducted the class. Many of the group were first time participants and attained an important awareness of the hazards of the world around them. Several of the cadets had recently attended the Ground Team training weekend held last month and were able to share what they had learned from that weekend, enhancing the class participation.

Major Linda Eldredge, CAP
CPB21
Beaufort, NC

Photos by C/MSgt Tabitha Tubbs, NC160, Cunningham Composite Squadron.



Cadets D Brittain, C. Brittain, C. Bayliss, R. Ellis



Majors Fred and Linda Eldredge (Fred is the one out of uniform)

Where Are Those Cadets Headed

Sometimes it is good just to look at what our cadets are doing to see how the organization is doing. Are we reaching our goals? What do we have ahead in our future? How are we really helping our cadets? The Civil Air Patrol prepares young people with moral leadership and core values, as it prepares the way by laying a sound aerospace education, and it is growing everyday, in membership and opportunities! But the best part of our cadet program is it lets cadets lead cadets! Peer pressure has a negative connotation in most circles, but in the Civil Air Patrol, we are peer DRIVEN to excellence!

Take, for example, Cadet Max Robertson, from Wilkes County, North Carolina. He is currently serving a temporary assignment as a “Page” for the United States House of Representatives, in Washington, D.C. If you watch C-Span, you might even see him on the floor of the House. Cadet Robertson serves as Flight Sergeant for the Boone, NC Composite Squadron. He attended Hawk Mountain Ranger School, the Advanced Technologies Academy and the 2007 Encampment at Cherry Point, NC. “The Civil Air Patrol Cadet Program,” he says, “prepared me for my present responsibilities by helping me learn self-confidence, teamwork and unity.” Robertson continued, “By practicing customs and courtesies, I learned how to act professionally, which helped me get this position in D.C.” Robertson was really excited to see fellow cadets in Washington from the Advanced Technologies Academy recently touring the House of Representatives. Missions for America — you never know where you are going to see CAP.

Another cadet, Megan Harper, from Ashe County, North Carolina recently got her pilot’s license! Cadet Harper says CAP has helped her really knuckle down, and learn some personal discipline. If there is one thing the Civil Air Patrol instills in its cadets, it IS discipline. And it is there for the females, too, lots of opportunities for growth. There was a time when a flight instructor would tell a woman to go back to the kitchen. They certainly weren’t wanted on an airfield. Members of the Ninety-Nines, the first female pilot’s club in America, recall the day when men would scurry for cover when they climbed into the cockpit. So some ladies went to France in the early days to get a license. Harper just had to go to Hickory, North Carolina! Cadet Harper isn’t certain whether she is going to pursue a commercial aviation career, or even serve as a missionary pilot someday, but she sure recommends the Civil Air Patrol for the learning experience. Go, girl!

The Boone Composite Squadron is especially proud of our Cadet Captain Nicholas Logel. Cadet Captain Logel is from Avery County, North Carolina. He has been in the Civil Air Patrol for over 4 years, serving as Flight Commander, Squadron Commander, and Cadet Commander at the NC Wing Encampment. Cadet Captain Logel recently received a full Navy ROTC scholarship and plans to go to the University of San Diego, to eventually serve in the United States Marine Corps. Cadet Captain Logel especially enjoys giving the highest attention to detail, something CAP teaches quite well. Cadet Captain Logel comments, “The Civil Air Patrol gave me the leadership experience I needed... I learned to think under pressure, and communicate effectively with my peers.” He learned how to plan large-scale events and how to coordinate activities for encampments, and as a finale, he hopes this year’s NC Wing Encampment is the best ever. Under his leadership in the past, he served as Flight Sergeant, attended the Cadet Leadership School and the wing NCO School. He earned the Mitchell Award two years ago, and received the command of his local squadron, NC-153. In 2006 he was Flight Commander for Alpha Flight during the summer encampment. He was elected Vice-Chair of the NCWG Cadet Advisory Council, and the Cadet Executive Officer for 2006 NCWG Conference. During the 2007 Encampment, he served as the Commander of Squadron 2 Black Knights, which received the award of Honor Squadron. He recently received the Amelia Earhart Award. Cadet Captain Nicholas Logel will serve as the Cadet Commander for the 2008 NCWG Encampment.

Officer JoAnne Brown
PAO, Boone Comp. Sqdn



Cadet Logel



Cadet Harper



Cadet Robertson

NC Wing Cadets bring home the gold

Apex and Chapel Hill units No. One

Fort Pickett, VA - The cadet color guard competition with the Middle East Region was added 10-years ago and this was the first year that the NC Wing has taken both titles—color guard and drill team—for the region. Both teams will advance to the national competition in June.

Maj. Al Therriault, NC Wing Director of Cadet programs commended the Apex and Chapel Hill squadrons for their outstanding performances. "These cadets have performed in an outstanding manner, and they are really excited about continuing on to the nationals," Therriault said.

According to 1st. Lt. Kathleen Weeks, the cadets from Chapel Hill Composite Squadron represented the NC Wing in the drill team competition, which included drill, academic and physical fitness events. "In the color guard competition, North Carolina and South Carolina tied for first place. In case of a tie, the competition rules say that the higher placed team in the written exam will be declared the winner North Carolina won both competitions, Weeks said.

Cadets participating in the color guard competition were:

The Apex Drill Team consisted of:
C/Col Ryan Strug (team commander)
C/Col Cassie Fletcher
A/Col Olivia Barrow
S/1st Lt Col Kali Fletcher
C/1st Lt Joshua Cuany
C/1st Lt TJ Richardson
C/2nd Lt Justin Strug
C/2nd Lt Nate Reak
C/CMSgt Tyler Weston
C/CMSgt Andrew Bills
C/TSgt Austin Savage
C/SrA Chris Pitilo
C/A1C Philip Davis
Alternates>
C/CMSgt Peter Barrow
C/A1C Zac Cook



Photo: L-R: Cadets Johnny Rubow, Garrett Dahms, Daniel Kong, Brendan Reilly
Photo submitted by: 1st Lt Kathleen Weeks

Lt. Col. Pam Landreth-Strug, NC Drill Team Coach said, " This will be three years in a row that the Apex Squadron has represented the NC Wing at the National Competition. We are all very proud of them.

The Chapel Hill Color Guard consisted of:
C/A1C Brendan Reilly
C/TSgt Johnny Rubow
C/MSgt Garrett Dahms (color guard commander)
C/CMSgt Daniel Kong



2008 NC Wing CAP Summer Encampment

Results for the Summer Encampment Staff Selection Day:

Cadet staff applicants from across the North Carolina Wing of Civil Air Patrol gathered together on April 12, to go before a staff selection board for this year's 2008 Summer Encampment. The selection process included a written exam, during which cadets were tested on customs and courtesies, as well as the general history of Civil Air Patrol and the Air Force. The second part of the exam consisted of a drill evaluation, in which cadets were tested on their proficiency of command and control of the flight. The final process for the cadets was an interview by the staff selection board. After completion of the selection process, cadets were called together and informed of their duty positions for this year's 2008 Summer Encampment.

26 cadets applied for 26 cadet staff positions. They are:

Executive Staff:

Cadet Commander: C/Capt Nicholas Logel

Cadet Deputy Commander: C/1st Lt Joshua Hancock

Cadet Executive Office: C/Col Jeremiah Coogan

Line Staff:

Squadron Commanders:

Squadron Commander: C/Capt Zach Kier

Squadron Commander: C/2d Lt Nicholas Padleckas

Squadron First Sergeants:

Cadet First Sergeant: C/MSgt Taylor Honeycutt

Cadet First Sergeant: C/SMSgt Charles Carman

Flight Staff:

Flight Commander: C/2d Lt Joel Woods

Flight Sergeant: C/MSgt Jerod Tubbs

Flight Commander: C/2d Lt Jay Thomas

Flight Sergeant: C/MSgt Elizabeth Bullock

Flight Commander: C/2d Lt Stephen Coogan

Flight Sergeant: C/MSgt Logan Waggoner

Flight Commander: C/2d Lt Eric Williams

Flight Sergeant: C/MSgt Tabitha Tubbs

Flight Commander: C/2d Lt Garret Scott

Flight Sergeant: C/SMSgt Zachary Baughman

Flight Commander: C/2d Lt Max Robertson

Flight Sergeant: C/SMSgt Alyssa Arellano

Support Staff:

Administration:

Admin OIC: C/Capt Josiah Tillet

Admin NCO: C/TSgt Colton Haynes

Public Affairs:

Public Affairs NCOIC: C/SMSgt Jordan Drake

Public Affairs NCO: C/TSgt Emily Baker

Public Affairs NCO: C/MSgt Jillian Lovell

Stan/Eval:

Stan/Eval OIC: C/2d Lt Kyle Zobel

Stan/Eval NCO: C/MSgt Brennan Fifer

Stan/Eval NCO: C/TSgt Warren Pettee

Logistics/Communications:

Logistics/Communications NCOIC: C/SMSgt Noah Hoffer

Logistics/Communications NCO: C/SMSgt Brandon Strohmeier

Jordan Drake, C/SMSgt, CAP

Public Affairs NCOIC

2008 NCWG Summer Encampment



Coastal Patrol Base 21 Blasts Off for Education

On a beautiful, mild spring afternoon in March, the “launch team” of Majors Fred and Linda Eldredge fired off homemade rockets for the “crew” of after school kids and moms at the Marine Warrior Library, MCAS Cherry Point, NC.

The “launch” was in conjunction with a four-county library program entitled “The Big Read”. This year’s theme book is Homer Hickam’s Rocket Boys, which led to the making of the movie October Sky several years ago. CPB 21 was invited to bring a display of homemade rockets and participate in the program by conducting a show and tell of the principles of rocketry.

On display were hydrofoils, hot air balloons, Goddard rockets, F-15s and others. We adjourned outside to launch “fizzy” rockets and soda bottles, accompanied by squeals of delight from the gallery. Everyone enjoyed seeing the successful “lift-offs” and participating in the fun. We feel sure that future cadets, pilots and astronauts were created on that day!

The entire “crew” also received handouts explaining CAP programs and other information, as well as fizzy rockets to launch at home with parent’s assistance.

Another great opportunity to promote Aerospace Education in a fun way!

Photos by Maj. L. Eldredge and head librarian Ms. Suzanne Shell

Byline by Maj. L. Eldredge

CPB21

Beaufort, NC



Maj. Linda and “crew” with homemade rockets



Maj. Linda & “crew” with hydrofoil demo

Sisters complete “O” flights

Sisters Danielle Bullock and twins Elizabeth and Emily Bullock of Boone Sq flew “O” Flights April 26th from Hickory. During the “down time” between flights, The girls, along with Cadet Matt Hansen, also of Boone, and Cadet Seth Terres of Hickory Squadron toured the Sabre Society Museum and the ATC Tower at the Hickory Regional Airport. Orientation Pilot was Lt. Col. Jim Carr of Group 1 Hq.

Lt. Col. Jim Carr



Cadets fly over ECG

916CP just came out of the shop in Sanford in time for the scheduled flying at ECG. LC COL James Mills assisted in relocating the plane to PGV where the weekend transfer would occur. Many of the cadets spent their time studying their AE materials while they were waiting for their flight...two aboves in headwork! (for you military flight school folks).

The Orientation Pilot and Squadron Commander for NC 805, Capt Jim Elliott ran the air portion and 2nd LT Stacy Isbell ran the ground ops. Cadets Mims, Williams and Jacquin will be awarded their First Flight Certificates at our next Tuesday meeting. 2nd LT Stacy Isbell will be receiving a CAP Cert. of Appreciation for her excellent work and fine choice of pizza each day. The plane was returned to PGV Sunday afternoon with Cadet Phares at the controls. This was the first cadet "cross country" for our squadron.

We look forward to the upcoming O ride weekend currently scheduled for April 4th and 5th. Thank you CAP for creating a program where cadets can fly for FREE! Our young pilots already have aspirations of flying plane and helicopters in the very near future!

9 Syllabus flights total
3 Certificates of First Flight Awarded
6 code 99 rides

Semper Paratus
Capt Jim Elliott
NC 805
Squadron Commander



NC805 promotes first cadet officer

I wish to congratulate NC 805's first cadet officer, Cadet Second Lieutenant Eric Williams on his recent promotion held in the mayor's office in Elizabeth City NC. The local newspaper report can be found below.

<http://www.dailyadvance.com/search/content/news/stories/2008/03/21/0322AirPatrolgradZG.html>

Please join us in our celebration of this momentous event!

Capt Jim Elliott
NC 805
Squadron Commander

NC Wing members attend FAA/NCDOT class

WAKE FOREST North Carolina– Eight senior members of the Franklin County Composite Squadron and 40 other local pilots recently attended a FAA/Team Safety class sponsored by the NCDOT and FAA Safety Team, Greensboro FSDO office. The class was held Thursday night, March 13, 2008, at the Briggs Restaurant, Wake Forest, NC.

Mr. Bill Betts, from Sparkchasers of Johnson County and Mr. Tom Freeman from the NCDOT were guest speakers. They covered “GPS Flight Planning & Waypoint Management” and “Risk Management”. Attending the class qualifies for credit in the FAA Wings Pilot Proficiency Award Program.

Mr. Betts answered questions about programming your GPS such as how to get your Flight Planning functions under control after ATC asks you to deviate from a pre-programmed flight plan. He also disclosed little known characteristics of the Garmin 430/530 GPS and how the pilot can apply these secrets to make his job easier. Mr. Freeman identified how we assess risks in our flights and how does it affect decision-making. He also covered what types of flight activities are most likely to result in the most serious accidents and how to make the right decisions for a safe flight.

The class was very lively with a sharing of pilot experiences and how we can apply what was learned in our next flight.

Major Joseph Pierce
Commanding Officer, NC-145
Franklin County Composite Squadron



Below: Major Clive Goodwin explains some of the hazards he faced in his 50+ years of flying.



Above: Mr. Tom Freeman, NCDOT, points out other FAA Wings Classes available.



North Carolina Wing gets a rare "Two-Fer"

One aircrew managed to turn off two separate beacons.

We were first alerted to a Beacon on the SE Coast Wednesday evening. Capt Rob Mason took the mission as IC with Lt Col Jerry West putting together a UDF team. Working throughout the night the team managed to isolate the beacon to a general area. Later in the morning an Aircrew from Monroe with Capt John May as Mission Pilot and Capt Steve Walden as Mission Observer flying in our latest Becker-equipped Cessna 182, were able to narrow the location down, and with Lt. Col. West and Maj Kay, located the a marine beacon with a broken switch on a boat in a residential area in Wilmington.

In the midst of all this, Capt Tim Tessin and Capt. Sal Tripoli from Raleigh were out doing a Form 91 Check ride and happened to hear a beacon on 121.5 east of Rocky Mount, NC. (Good job on keeping an ear out on 121.5 Guys !) They reported the existence of the signal back to the IC before even the AFRCC could get it. A conference with the AFRCC resulted in the second signal being added in under the existing mission number. Being in the area already the Aircrew from Monroe were dispatched to isolate the second signal. After searching for approximately two hours, they tracked the signal to a "Special Hanger" just off the airport at Elizabeth City Coast Guard Air Station, which was about 110 nm northeast of the point where the beacon was originally heard. They were able to land at Elizabeth City and get a courtesy car over to the hanger where they located the offending ELT in "Snoopy #1" - The Met Life Blimp. (a first for NCWG I believe) The signal was silenced without incident.

The "Two-Fer" was possible to accomplish due to the diligence of the Raleigh aircrew in reporting the signal when they heard it and that the aircrew was UDF qualified and equipped with both an L-per (radio direction finder) and hand-held radio gear that allowed them to quickly locate and silence both beacons. Because of the airborne detection of the second beacon by the Raleigh crew, we were able to deal with the offending ELT quickly (and not in the middle of the night for a change) and to save the taxpayers money by more effectively utilizing our air assets already deployed in the field.

Great Job Everyone.

Lt Col Jeff Willis, CAP
NCWG Senior Incident Commander



Blimp hanger photo by 1st..Lt. Steve Walden

CAP opens DC office

MAXWELL AIR FORCE BASE, Ala. – Civil Air Patrol announces the opening of its Washington office and the appointment of Col. John Swain, CAP, as its Washington representative. This new office and position will represent CAP's National Headquarters with government agencies, nonprofit organizations and other offices located in the nation's capital.

The Washington office is located at 1501 Lee Highway, Suite 120, in the Air Force Association building in Arlington, Va. It is open during normal business hours Monday through Thursday. To contact Swain, call (703) 522-0060 or e-mail dcoffice@cap.gov.

Swain joined CAP as a cadet in 1963 and most recently served as deputy commander of its Congressional Squadron and government relations advisor to the national commander. He recently retired as a congressional investigator with the legislative branch in Washington after 30 years of government service.

Civil Air Patrol, the official auxiliary of the U.S. Air Force, is a nonprofit organization with more than 56,000 members nationwide. CAP performs 90 percent of continental U.S. inland search and rescue missions as tasked by the Air Force Rescue Coordination Center and was credited by the AFRCC with saving 103 lives in fiscal year 2007. Its volunteers also perform homeland security, disaster relief and counter-drug missions at the request of federal, state and local agencies. The members play a leading role in aerospace education and serve as mentors to the nearly 22,000 young people currently participating in CAP cadet programs. CAP has been performing missions for America for more than 65 years.

By: Julie Debardalaben, National Hq. PA Staff

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Franklin Co. gets new commander

A new Squadron Commander for the Franklin County Composite Squadron was appointed on April 17, 2008. Major Joseph Pierce received the Squadron Command Flag from Captain Shelley Chalmers during a recent Change of Command Ceremony officiated by Major Toby Wall, North Carolina Wing Group Two Commander. The ceremony was held at the Franklin County Regional Airport.

Captain Chalmers held the top position for almost two years and saw the squadron grow to close to 45 Seniors and Cadets. Major Pierce, a former Goldsboro N.C. Squadron Commander and Communications Officer stated he would like to see the squadron continue to grow and become more active in Emergency Services at the Franklin County airport.

In attendance were Lt. Col. Richard Harkness, Major Matthew Mickelson and Captain Aaron Oaks, all former Commanders of the squadron. Mrs. Pierce assisted the Group Commander during the ceremony by attaching the Commanders' pin to her husband's uniform.

Also receiving awards that night were 1lt David Lamont and 2lt Amy Lamont. Both received their Brigadier General Charles E. "Chuck" Yeager Aerospace Education Achievement Award, which is presented for successful completion of the Aerospace Education Program for Senior Members (AEPMS).



Maj. Toby Wall presents colors to Maj. Pierce



Mrs. Pierce pins her husband

The DCP's Corner

Maj Al Therriault, CAP
NCWG DCP

Greetings NC Wing. Once again I am honored to be given the opportunity to serve the Cadets and the Cadet Program of NC Wing. What an awesome time to step into the leadership of the program. I could not be prouder of our cadets, and those who have competed in this year's Cadet Competition. Each and every cadet performed to the best of their abilities in an atmosphere of friendly competition. The camaraderie that was formed in Ashville will carry forward to many other areas and activities. Very special congratulations go out to cadet units from Apex and Chapel Hill for their outstanding performance at Regional Comp. NC is once again becoming known as a force to be reckoned with in the cadet competition!

On Monday April 21 I had the pleasure to be on a conference call with Former Speaker of the House Newt Gingrich. During that phone conversation he mentioned the philosophy of "Yes, if vs.No, because". I ask you if you want to go to a movie. Do you respond, 'No, because I have not money' or ' Yes, if I can find the money for the ticket'? What is the difference you ask? It is all about the attitude. The two statements have the same data, your wallet is empty. However, one states that there is the drive to obtain the objective and fill the wallet, to achieve the goal, see the movie. Yes, we can do anything with the right tools and the right attitude. Yes, we can is the attitude that I would like to see the Cadet Program hold to and put into practice. Apex said, 'Yes, if we go to competition we can win', Chapel Hill said "Yes, we can", Asheville said "Yes, we can host the finest competition, if we try", as a matter of fact each and every cadet said, 'Yes, if we go we can be the best we can be'.

With that 'Yes – if' attitude in mind I would like to start a Wing Cadet Programs Library. We all have tools in our toolbox that we pull from, an Airman School, NCO Program, Officer School, etc. We need to pull all those together to a central point. Take the best of each and compare it to the national standards and come out with a standard program that we can share and implement across the wing. Why should the cadets in Wilmington have the benefits of a first class school while Burlington struggles to find a resource? Each day we train in the ES Specialties. We have SQTR's and reference manuals to use as a guide. Charlotte has the same requirements as Raleigh as does Tar River. Why should the cadet program not be afforded the same opportunity? Yes, we can standardize, perform and grow to the best, if we work together. Cadet Programs has a "Great Start", and if you are not currently using the Cadet Great Start Program, you need to download it and begin today. Get your cadets off to the best start you can. Have fun with the graduation from the program. Use an O-Flight as part of the graduation process. I invite each of you to forward to me any in-house programs that you currently have so that we can get a team together to start formulating our library.

Looking forward to some exciting times ahead and 'Yes...if'



Final Salute

How many can trace their family history back to the first flight of the Wright brothers?

How many can trace their heritage back to the defending of the U.S. Coast during WWII? How many can say they were present for both the 50th and 100th Anniversary Celebrations of Flight at Kitty Hawk? Chaplain Lt. Col. Royce A. Beacham, CAP, was such a man. Chaplain Beacham was born in 1926 near the Coast Guard station in False Cape, VA, died March 10th, 2008, of natural causes in a nursing facility in Williamston, NC.

At the Funeral Service Friday Mar 14th in Raleigh, CAP Chaplain Lt. Col. David Bobbey said, "I have been asked to preach Royce's funeral, but I can not. We can only preach about ones' life and that is written by our actions. Chaplain Beacham 'preached' a great life of caring and dedicating himself to others."

Chaplain Beacham's history and love for aviation began with his Grandfather, William Thomas Beacham, who was a part of the U.S. Lifesaving Service crew helping the Wright brothers as they were working to get their Flyer off the ground. Many have seen the photo of a small boy with his dog running next to the Flyer, that small boy was the chaplain's father, John L. Beacham. His maternal grandfather William Dough was also part of the Flyer Ground Crew.

During WWII Chaplain Beacham served with the U.S. Navy Reserve from 1944 – 1946 and received the WWII Victory Bar and also the Coastal Defense Medal with state device while flying as an observer on board a Navy PBV in the war zone on search and training missions. After his military service he received a degree from NC State University in Forestry, and then in 1955 a THB Degree from Holmes Bible College. His dedication for CAP came before his joining CAP as a Chaplain in 1954. His father and he assisted others in setting up the CAP Squadron in Manteo in 1941.

During his CAP career he has worked with many squadrons including, Greenville, South Carolina, the Durham Squadron and the Raleigh-Wake Comp. Sqdn., where he remained an active Chaplain until he was admitted to a nursing facility in 2006. During his many years of support Chaplain Beacham was honored with being named 1984 CAP National Chaplain of the Year, 1997 NC Wing Chaplain of the Year, 2004 NC Wing Chaplain of the year and 2004 MER Chaplain of the Year. There were many facets of his CAP career including obtaining a Ground Team rating and Observer Wings in Emergency Services. He also achieved a Rescue Find, Air Search and Rescue Ribbon, Disaster Relief and Senior Recruiter Ribbons, and many Commanders Commendations.

Chaplain Lt. Col. Clarence Budke, CAP, remembers Beacham; "It has been my special privilege to not only have known Chaplain Beacham, but to have had him as a companion and co-worker for many years in the Chaplaincy Service or the Civil Air Patrol.

Certainly, part of the privilege has been in knowing someone who has had such an intimate contact with the history of aviation and the Civil Air Patrol's part of that history.

But for me, the privilege has been far more a personal one. Chaplain Beacham never flaunted his special relationship with history, He never thought of himself as being special because of it. Rather, what made him so special was, to me, his humility in respect to his own connection with history. Chaplain Beacham had a higher calling than having a relationship only with past history ... because he also had a calling into the present, and the future, based upon his relationship and calling from God. I believe that it was that Calling that was translated into such willing and caring service to and for others. The service that he rendered had, I feel, a special measure of gentleness and tenderness, of care and concern for others, of doing his duty with willingness and contentment not only as a Chaplain in the Civil Air Patrol, but as a child of God."

In his comments to those in attendance, Chaplain Bobbey recounted a story from Royce's high school days. "Royce had a nickname, 'George' ... his friends would compare him to the honesty of George Washington... How do we measure a man? By his bank account? His possessions? I have never seen a hearse towing a U-Haul, no, it is by the size of his heart, and Royce had a great heart."

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Family members and friends gathered to say their final farewell to Chaplain Beacham at the Mitchell Funeral home in Raleigh. During the service performed by Chaplain Lt. Col. David Bobbey, former Raleigh-Wake Commander, Captain Charles Ray Walters, presented Timothy Beacham, Royce's son, with several awards recently received by chaplain Beacham including his 50-Year service award from CAP National and the 2004 MER Chaplain of the Year plaque. Cadets and Senior Officers from NC-048 held honor vigil during the viewing and the cadets served as pallbearers for the funeral. During the presentation and folding of The Flag, Lt. Col. Dominic Strug, MER DO, Taps. Chaplain Beacham was laid to rest at the Raleigh Memorial Park Cemetery.

Major Al Therriault
NCWGDGP



Final Salute



Chaplain Bobbey leads the march

NC Wing ramps up for statewide exercise

Teams are assigned scenarios covering many CAP missions

April 19, 2008

Rocky Mount-Wilson Airport – Just after dawn today CAP members from across the state began the signing-in process at the mission base established at RWI airport. Incident Commander, Capt. Andy Wiggs described this exercise as an observed Search and Rescue Exercise (SAREX). “The U.S. Air Force has sent an inspection team to oversee the exercise and make recommendations in areas that may need improvement. This is a dress rehearsal for next year’s Evaluated SAREX,” Wiggs said.

The missions so far designated today include: Preparing to launch disaster relief missions in the wake of Hurricane Regina (simulated) and overdue or missing aircraft reports. Wiggs said that aircrews will fly existing evacuation routes out of coastal areas and will report any traffic delays or problems. Once evacuations are underway, other aircraft will be designated to perform aerial surveys of the post-storm damage.

The reported missing aircraft involved a private aircraft that left the coastal area for an airport in Virginia. Law enforcement officials are meeting with family members in order to get a full description of the aircraft and other details of the flight.

CAP aircraft will be arriving at the mission base over the next hour. Many ground teams camped on airport property to permit early release toward their missions.

1st. Lt. Don Penven
Mission Information Officer



Photos from the Johnston Co. Cadet Squadron Basic Ground Team School



This year's Basic Ground Team School had a total of 29 students from across North Carolina. Photos of that weekend's activities are available for viewing at the JoCo Squadron's Image Gallery:

<http://jococap.dyndns.org/cpg1413/thumbnails.php?album=42>

Donald A. Beckett, Lt. Col., CAP
Public Affairs Officer
Johnston County Cadet Squadron

North Carolina has cadets that are out in front and moving fast.

Congratulations to all NC Wing cadets who have been chosen for a National Activity. And to those who have the added distinction of being chosen as staff members, I am sure that you will excel at all you do, and show the nation just how great the NC Wing Cadet's are.

Follow the two links below. one is cadet staff and the other senior staff.

cadet - http://suptfc.com/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=26&Itemid=42

senior - http://suptfc.com/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=21&Itemid=38

Just in case you did not notice, YOUR NC Cadets are ruling the roost!! Not just the first week, but both weeks, NC Wing cadets are the Squadron Commanders.

ALBERT R. THERRIAULT, Maj. CAP

Director of Cadet Programs

NC Wing



Cadet Jerrimaih Coogan - Raleigh-Wake
Comp Sqdn



Cadet Hamilton Evrard - Raleigh-Wake
Comp. Sqdn.

CAP Members support NC State ADS-B Evaluation Exercise

Kinston, North Carolina - The aviation division of the NC Dept. of Transportation recently tested some exciting new technology on March 28, 2008 at the Kinston Regional Airport, North Carolina (NC). Automatic Dependent Surveillance-Broadcast (ADS-B) is a black box that sits on the glare shield of an airplane. It is "automatic", because it requires nothing of the pilot, and "dependent," in that it depends on a Wide Area Augmentation System (WAAS)-capable GPS signal to show exactly where the airplane is and provide it with the information it needs for that area. "Surveillance" means that air traffic control (ATC) can see ADS-B targets even when they are operating in areas without radar coverage. Additionally, the airplane is not just receiving information; it is also "broadcasting" it to other ADS-B-equipped aircraft nearby and to ATC. ADS-B also provides timely weather information.

Two NC Wing Members and one CAP aircraft participated in the exercise. Lt. Col Jayson A. Altieri and Capt Dion Viventi flew a CAP Cessna 172 to Kinston to serve as a test platform for the exercise. Other aircraft from the US Army National Guard, NC State Bureau of Investigation, NC State Police, and NC State Forestry participated. The aircraft were given transmitter devices and sent to various areas around Kinston to demonstrate the ADS-B ability to track aircraft in an "uncontrolled" airspace environment.

"This system is very similar to the Blue Force Tracking system used by the US military," said Lt. Col Altieri, who is also an Army UH-60 Battalion Commander at Fort Bragg, NC. "The ADS-B is a great command and control tool for Incident Commanders who have multiple Inter-agency aircraft operating in an uncontrolled airspace, similar to the conditions that existed over the City of New Orleans following Hurricane Katrina. The ADS-B is a great leap forward and will allow organizations like CAP to operate closely with other agency aircraft."

With ADS-B, both pilots and controllers will see radar-like displays with highly accurate traffic data from satellites – displays that update in real time and don't degrade with distance or terrain. The system will also give pilots access to weather services, terrain maps and flight information services. The improved situational awareness will mean that pilots will be able to fly at safe distances from one another with less assistance from air traffic controllers. The gains in safety, capacity, and efficiency as a result of moving to a satellite-based system will enable the FAA or other controlling agency to meet the tremendous growth in air traffic predicted in coming decades. Because ADS-B is a flexible and expandable platform, it can change and grow with the evolving aviation system.



Lt. Col Jayson A. Altieri , NC Wing, receives a briefing on the ADS-B system from representatives of De-

NC-800 cadets prepare for blast off

Tuesday evening I loaded up my rocket material and headed down to Waxhaw, NC. I had been invited by Capt. Twiddy of The South Charlotte Cadet Squadron MER-NC-800 to help some Cadets get started with the Rocket Program. I expected 5 or 6 cadets.

Upon my arrival, I was approached by a small detail of cadets (6 or 7). The C/NCOIC saluted and with proper military courtesies, asked if they could help me with my gear. I was impressed. But that was only the beginning. At the order to fall in, 30 Cadets formed 2 flights and marched to the parade field about a block away. In perfect formation and proper procedure, they posted the Colors. Then a Cadet Officer approached, saluted and asked if I was ready to assume command. I informed him that as soon as they were in the classroom then he could then them over to me, I would take charge. NOW I WAS REALLY IMPRESSED. But the best was yet to come.

I was introduced and before me sat 30 cadets who were listening to every word that I said and not making a sound. I have not seen discipline like this since I first joined the CAP in the Sixties. Military Courtesies was by the book. I gave the order to open the rocket kits and 24 Cadets responded. Soon the CO/Officers and Officers were involved. Then 4 or 5 parents became involved. They assembled 24 rockets in preparation for A/E day May 3rd. The co-operation, the courtesies, and the discipline were something to be proud of. And we all had fun. And NC-800 signed up 4 new Cadets and Two Senior members. If they keep this up, they will have to find larger quarters.

Gentlemen, this is what it is all about, and I want to thank Lt. Col. Spurr, Capt. Twiddy and all the Cadets and Officers of MER-NC- 800 for inviting me. It was a pleasure.

Great pictures taken by Capt. Twiddy can be viewed at the below link

<http://homepage.mac.com/rteacher2/NC800/PhotoAlbum48.html>

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Maj. Williams gives instructions



Cadets open kits

Photos by Capt. Paul Twiddy

NC Wing Unit makes it official Two aircraft—two Finds for the Raleigh-Wake Comp. Sqdn.

April 17, 2008

Raleigh, NC—Capt. Dion Viventi, squadron commander, informed the members attending the regular meeting on this date that he had two “Find” decals for the aircraft assigned to Raleigh-Wake. “I waited for a time when we had good weather, enough sunlight and both aircraft were on hand to install the decals,” Viventi said.

Aircraft custodians had moved the Cessna 172 and 182 to the ramp just outside the squadron’s meeting room in the General Aviation Terminal at Raleigh-Durham International Airport, and members left the building to witness their commander affixing the decals.

According to Viventi, on March 20, 2007, the first “Find” involved the search for a missing Boy Scout in the rugged mountains of Wilkes Co., who had strayed away from his camping group. Viventi was the transport mission pilot and he ferried a dog handler and search dog to the area. The scout was soon found in good health.

The second “Find” occurred on June 30, 2007. Granville Co. authorities initiated this search after a 23-month-old toddler wandered into the densely wooded area near his home. An aircrew consisting of Lt. Col. Jeff Willis, mission pilot, and Maj. Matt Mickleson as mission observer launched from RDU. After circling the area for a short time, the aircrew spotted the boy’s yellow dog in the search area, and they notified the command center by radio. Ground teams found the boy a short time later.

1st. Lt. Don Penven
NC-048 PAO

Photos by: 1st. Lt Pete Bohler



Members of the Raleigh-Wake Comp. Sqdn.



L-R Capt. Victor Lewis, 1st. Lt Don Williams, Capt. Dion Viventi

Congressman urges Air Force to work with AOPA on laser warning system

(Reprinted from AOPA)

When the House aviation subcommittee met Tuesday to discuss the hazards posed by ground-based lasers aimed at pilots, talk quickly turned to an Air Force plan to use lasers to signal aircraft that stray too close to the no-fly zone around Washington, D.C.

While the Air Force claims its laser system, called the Visual Warning System (VWS), is safe, not everyone is so sure. Rep. Robin Hayes (R-NC), an AOPA member and GA pilot, expressed concern that tests of the new laser system had only been conducted on pressurized aircraft — not smaller GA aircraft with thinner windscreens. He urged the Air Force to work with AOPA to develop and test the system on aircraft such as a Cessna 172 or Beechcraft Bonanza to ensure that the lights don't pose a hazard to typical general aviation aircraft.

“AOPA would welcome the opportunity to ensure that this laser system doesn't create a hazard for GA,” said AOPA President Phil Boyer. “Rep. Hayes clearly understands that what's safe for an airline crew may not be safe for a GA pilot flying alone in a small airplane, and he recognizes that AOPA has the knowledge and experience to represent the GA perspective.”

Hayes wasn't the only congressman looking out for GA interests during the hearing. Rep. Leonard Boswell (D-Iowa), also an AOPA member and pilot, was the first to raise the issue of how lasers could affect GA pilots. He said that he had been thinking about how distracting it would be to try to land his own aircraft with a laser in his eyes.

The VWS would flash an “eye-safe” laser at aircraft that wander too close to the flight-restricted zone (FRZ) within the Washington ADIZ, illuminating the cockpit with alternating red and green laser lights. It would be used only after air traffic control attempts to contact the aircraft had failed. The Air Force claims the lasers will be bright enough to get a pilot's attention but not so bright as to be distracting.

The VWS will consist of seven turrets, each housing a red and a green laser, placed around the Capital region. The 1.5-watt lasers would be diffused through lenses to produce wide, low-intensity beams covering an area roughly 100-feet in diameter 10 nm from the turret. The lasers will be visible at distances up to 10 nm during the day and 25 nm at night. Each turret will be connected to a command center. If an aircraft enters the ADIZ on a course for the FRZ and is not in communication with air traffic control, the aircraft will receive 2 red laser pulses followed by a green pulse.

Editor's Note

Ya'll are due an apology!

Due to technical difficulties beyond my control--well, somewhat beyond my control, this news letter is late hitting the website. At the end of March I had decided to publish a March-April issue since I didn't receive enough material to fill one issue. Then I got behind in everything--but that's another story.

One technical problem I'm having is that my “donpenven@gmail.com” email address attracts spam like a garbage can does flies. It's the neatest email program I've ever used, since I am inately lazy. I don't have to remember an email address, or look one up in an address book. I just type a few letters on the “TO:” line and a short list of frequently used address pop up. But on the downside, I get 80-100 spam messages a day! The neat thing is that 95% or more of all spam goes into my spam folder, which I seldom check, especially if I miss a day or two.

So if you sent me an article for this publication to my personal email account and the article doesn't appear in this issue, if it was before May 1, I probably dumped it with all the other spam. You see, for nearly two years I have been asking that all articles and photos for use in Carolina WingSpan and the NC Wing website be sent to:

CAROLINA.WINGSPAN@GMAIL.COM So far I average about two to three spam messages per month with this address. I received only two submissions to this address in the last two months.

All the best,

1st. Lt. Don Penven, Editor