



# Squadron 87 News

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## CAP, We Have a Building

*AL087 Building Exterior Completed*

The long awaited arrival of the new Civil Air Patrol building at Bessemer has generated huge amounts of excitement from people in and out of CAP. Until now, the composite squadron has been forced to split its senior and cadet meetings. The seniors have been meeting in the upstairs conference room of the EKY FBO. The cadets have been moved here and there as the FBO finds places in which they can meet. Soon, both will be able to meet in the same building with facilities to promote an interactive environment.



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## Squadron Safety Officer Gets Regional Award

*2Lt. Darryl Barry Honored*



*Al. Wing Cmdr, Col. John Tilton and Bessemer Squadron Cmdr, Maj. Tony Petelos present 2Lt. Darryl Barry with the Region Safety Officer of the Year plaque.*

For any member in the Bessemer Squadron, safety is a top priority. This is instilled on day one by the squadron's Safety Officer, 2Lt. Darryl Barry. Monthly safety briefings are timely in their topic selection. Travel tips are given in time for vacations, SARX safety tips are given before a local SARX, and the list goes on and on. A member will quickly notice the attention to detail with the safety roster. If a safety brief is missed, 2Lt. Barry is quick to distribute the briefing information to those members when they return.

It is this continuous commitment to safety that enabled 2Lt. Barry to be recognized as not only an outstanding safety officer, but as the Southeast Region's Safety Officer of the Year. To celebrate his achievement, the Alabama Wing Commander, Col. John Tilton, presented the plaque to 2Lt. Barry during a ceremony in July.

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The new building, funded by a combination of donations from members, grants and donations from various government groups, is a steel building designed to have a future additional half. Future plans will hopefully include shelter for "Dimples," the squadron's beloved C172. Currently, there is enough funding to finish the exterior framing and infrastructure. Additional funds are needed to complete the interior.

The interior of the building has been designed specifically to facilitate the needs of the Bessemer Squadron. There will be a main room at the front of the building that will accommodate media and mission sign-in functions during any SARX or mission activities. A centrally located set of restrooms will allow everyone in the building to use them without interfering with the mission activities. Also, near the front of the building, members will enjoy the new break room facilities as well.

The remainder of the interior will be split into two identical meeting rooms which will allow both senior and cadet members to simultaneously meet. A central communications room will complete the layout and will be outfitted with the squadron's base communication equipment.

### **Funding Still Needed**

Although the exterior of the building has been completely funded, the interior of the building cannot be completed until more funds are provided. Both cadets and senior members are having "work" days to complete the interior. Most of the remaining work can be done in-house, but donations of funds and materials are welcome. To help bring in the additional remaining funds, the squadron is currently sponsoring a raffle.

There is no doubt that the squadron is proud of its building. It will be the cornerstone of the squadron's achievements for a long time to come. If you would like to show your support with labor, supplies or funds, please contact the Bessemer Squadron today! ❖

1Lt. James Smiley expressed the excitement of the squadron towards the recognition. "We, at Bessemer Squadron, couldn't be more excited and pleased about Lt. Barry's recognition as Region Safety Officer of the Year. We have been the recipients of his leadership, excellence and dedication from the first day he became a member of our Squadron. Having him recognized in this manner at the Region level only reinforces our belief that we have the best there is in Lt. Barry."



*2Lt. Darryl Barry poses with his plaque and cake commemorating his wonderful achievement.*

Several senior members and cadets also received promotions and other awards during the ceremony. The following senior members received promotions/awards:

- Sm. Rosalind Fazel – Level 1 Orientation
- Sm. Tommy Gladney – Level 1 Orientation
- 2Lt. Darryl Barry – Level 2 Certificate of Proficiency
- 1Lt. Paul Roebuck – Level 2 Certificate of Proficiency
- 1Lt. James Smiley – Level 2 Certificate of Proficiency
- 2Lt. James Smiley – Promotion to 1Lt.
- Sm. Glenn Wilson – Promotion to 2Lt.
- Sm. Ronald Dudley, Sr. – Promotion to 2Lt.
- Sm. Terry Richmond – Promotion to Maj.

## FUNDRAISER INFORMATION

The Bessemer Squadron is attempting to raise the necessary funds to complete the interior of the building. To accomplish this task, a raffle ticket will be given to donors for every \$10 they donate to the squadron. These tickets will give the donors a chance to win a Garmin 295 GPS.

This GPS unit is a wonderful aid to both pilots and the ground-bound. Featuring both aviation and land maps, the winner should not have difficulty determining the best route to take.

To acquire donation tickets, please contact:

1Lt. Paul Roebuck – pgroebuck@juno.com

2Lt. Robert Arnold -- aigalo@bellsouth.net



## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### SARX

JASPER AIRPORT (JFX)

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 18

This is SARX is for preparation of the Guided Training.

### SHELBY COUNTY AIRSHOW

SHELBY COUNT AIRPORT (EET)

SATURDAY-SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 25-26

The Bessemer Unit will have a booth and will help with parking. Please put this on your calendar!

### GUIDED TRAINING

JASPER AIRPORT (JFX)

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 9

This is an invitation-only event that replaces the Evaluation previously scheduled for this date.

Overall, the ceremony was a great success. With all of the work that Lt. Barry has put forth, there is no doubt that his success will continue. He is a constant inspiration for the members of the Bessemer Squadron. Congratulations to Lt. Barry on his recognition as the Southeast Region Safety Officer of the Year and to the other members who received promotions. ❖

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## Squadron 87 Quick Facts

### Senior Member Officers

- Commander – Maj. Tony Petelos
- Deputy Commander for Seniors – 1Lt. James Smiley
- Deputy Commander for Cadets – Capt. Teresa Petelos
- Deputy Commander for Cadets – Capt. Joseph T. Kinard
- Aerospace Education Officer – 2Lt. Ken Trowbridge
- Communications Officer – 1Lt. James Smiley
- Drug Demand Reduction Officer – 1Lt. Paul Roebuck
- E.S. Officer – 2Lt. Robert Arnold
- Finance Officer – 1Lt. Paul Roebuck
- Operations Officer – 2Lt. Robert Krall
- Personnel Officer – 2Lt. Kaye Barry
- Professional Development Officer – 2Lt. Darryl Barry
- Public Affairs Officer – 2Lt. Glenn Wilson
- Safety Officer – 2Lt. Darryl Barry
- Assistant Safety Officer – Sm. Tommy Gladney
- Testing Officer – Sm. Rosalind Fazel

### Cadet Officers

- C/1Lt. Brian Miller – Cadet Squadron Commander
- C/LtCol. Angela Petelos – Cadet Squadron Executive Officer
- C/2Lt. Jamie DeSpain – Cadet Flight Commander
- C/1Lt. Jacob Meins

### By The Numbers

- Senior Members -- 38
- Cadets – 28

# Cadet Corner

## News from the Bessemer Cadets

During the July awards ceremony, several cadets received promotions. Before the awards were given, C/Lt.Col. Angela Petelos gave a speech, which was a requirement for her promotion. The cadets were well represented and received praise for their participation and success with various regional activities.



Col. John Tilton with Cadets (l-r): C/1Lt. Jacob Meins, C/TSgt. Erinn Scott, C/TSgt. Emmie Kinard, C/LtCol. Angela Petelos, C/SrA Kevin Russell, C/1Lt. Brian Miller



C/Lt.Col. Angela Petelos speaks to the crowd.

## Cadet Officers

- C/1Lt. Jacob Meins – office
- C/LtCol. Angela Petelos
- C/1Lt. Brian Miller – Cadet Squadron Commander
- C/2Lt. Jamie DeSpain

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### QUESTIONS ABOUT THIS NEWSLETTER

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## UPCOMING MEETINGS

### SEPTEMBER

- 13<sup>th</sup>: Scanner/Observer Training – Gridded Sectionals
- 20<sup>th</sup>: Mandatory Safety Brief & Senior Member Personnel File Updates
- 27<sup>th</sup>: Impact of FAA Sport Pilot Regulations to CAP's Mission and Operation

### OCTOBER

- 4<sup>th</sup>: Public Affairs Officer Specialty Track
- 11<sup>th</sup>: Scanner/Observer Training – Scan Patterns and Determining the Probability of Detection
- 18<sup>th</sup>: Aerospace Education Training for Senior Members
- 25<sup>th</sup>: MIMS Overview

### NOVEMBER

- 1<sup>th</sup>: BCUT
- 11<sup>th</sup>: General Emergency Training – ES Overview
- 15<sup>th</sup>: Scanner/Observer/Pilot Training – GPS Simulator