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Bessemer Honor Guard

The Bessemer Composite Squadron honor guard presented the flags at the visitation of the President of the United States. The president was at Hoover's Safety Center to see the new E-85 pumping station that supplies all of the Police Department's Tahoe's and other vehicles.



President Bush with Mayor (Major) Tony Petelos and Governor Bob Riley, and security at the back of the picture.



65th Birthday events from around the State.

Elmore Autauga Squadron

On 1 December AL 123 Elmore-Autauga Squadron was represented at the 65th Birthday celebration of CAP at NHQ, MXF. Lt. Col Ed Wilson, our Deputy Commander for Cadets, Capt Oliver Cork, C/A1C Wiley N. Rutland and C/A1C Dallas J. Hernandez were in attendance for the ceremony outside NHQ at the Aircraft Static Display, where Col Hodgkins, the CAP-USAF Commander gave a brief speech on CAP's achievements during the 65 years of its existence.

Our cadets stood by the Col. throughout his speech, as they were the only cadets in attendance. All the guests then went inside to the NHQ Conference room where a large, beautifully decorated sheet cake commemorating CAP's 65th Birthday, and several bowls of delicious punch made with lime sherbet and ginger ale were set up on the conference table for the guests to partake.

Col. Hodgkins and Cadet Hernandez cut the cake to the glare of popping flash bulbs, and a standing ovation for CAP.

December 1-7th CAP Week



On November 15, 2006 Governor Bob Riley signed a proclamation declaring the week of December 1-7th as CAP Week in the state of Alabama. The proclamation will be framed and will hang at Wing Headquarters for all to see.

Col Glenn Atwell, Lt. Col. Mel Keith, and Lt. Col. Harold Coghlan represented the Wing at the signing ceremony held at the Capitol Building.

Millbrook Declares CAP Week

December 4, 2006 at the AL 123 squadron meeting Mayor Al Kelley presented a proclamation to our Squadron for the 65th anniversary of CAP, and the contributions that CAP and our squadron have made to the nation and the local community.

The National Commander's Commendation Award was presented to the following members for their participation in the Katrina aftermath recovery.

Capt. Pamela Byford
Lt. Col Bruce E. Gearhart

Capt. Amanda Anderson
Senior Officer Robert Byford
Senior Officer Ashley Clarke
Capt. Oliver A. Cork
2 Lt. Bruce Yeager
C/CMSgt Chris Smithson



Lt. Col. Bruce Gearhart accepts the proclamation from Mayor Kelley

On 2 Dec 06, our Senior Officers and cadets reported to our squadron area at 1100 hrs to prepare for the Millbrook City Annual Christmas Parade.

The members who participated were
C/A1c Wiley Rutland
C/A1c Dallas Hernandez
C/TSgt Matthew Womack
Lt Col Bruce E. Gearhart, Sq. Commander
Lt Col Ed Wilson, Dep. Commander for Cadets
Capt. Oliver A. Cork, Admin/Personnel
Officer Vehicle Driver

The parade formed on the parking area near the Millbrook sports complex, at 1200 hrs, and started off at 1400 hrs. Our three cadets dressed in blues, formed a color guard carrying the American flag flanked by two armed guards with white parade weapons.

The parade route is approximately 1 1/2 miles from the formation point to the intersection of Coosada Road, where the parade disbanded.



Along the way Lt. Col Wilson handed out the newest version of the CAP recruiting brochures to kids as well as adults. Several veterans along the route snapped to attention, and rendered a salute as the flag passed their point.

The cadets maintained cadence and did proper cornering moves along the entire parade route, they presented an outstanding military image for CAP and our Squadron. We disbanded at approximately 1500 hrs, and returned to the Squadron area.

Mayor Sandy Kirkindall signs proclamation



Picture by Maj. Pat Mitcham

Capt Dani Richard, Redstone Squadron Commander, and Lt Anthony Beresford, Huntsville Squadron Commander, represented the two squadrons in Madison County as Mayor Sandy Kirkindall proclaimed Dec. 1-7, 2006 as Civil Air Patrol Week. Lt. Kim Miller, PAO for Redstone and Maj. Pat Mitcham, PAO for Huntsville Squadron and Alabama Wing also attended.

Mayor Loretta Spencer Signs Proclamation



Standing, from left to right: 1Lt Anthony Beresford, Mayor Loretta Spencer and Capt Dani Richards. Photo by 2LT Kim Miller

Capt Dani Richards accepts proclamation from Mayor Loretta Spencer on behalf of the Huntsville and Redstone Squadrons. Capt Dani Richards, 1Lt Anthony Beresford, 2Lt. Kim Miller and C/SSgt Travis Wilson represented the Huntsville and Redstone CAP squadrons at the signing ceremony at City Hall.

Bessemer Celebrates 65th and Awards Ceremony

The Bessemer Squadron AL-087 celebrated the Civil Air Patrol's 65th Birthday. The party was held at Golden Corral in Hoover. The evening's events included awards, birthday celebration and Christmas party. The awards earned by the members are:

2 YEARS SERVICE

5 Years Service

- Cadet – Devin Adams
- Cadet- Amos Elmore
- Cadet – Jeremy Adams
- Captain – Bo Andrews
- Cadet – Cesar Diego

10 Years Service

- 1LT – Rosalind Fazel
- Captain Paul Robuck
- 1LT – Tommy Gladney
- Cadet – Cody Key
- LtCol. – Walter Williams

Level 1 Graduates

- Officer member – Warren DeMars
- Officer member – Doug Rose

Major Jimmy Mitchell: Completion of Level III and award of the Grover Loening award.

We would like to recognize our Officer members that have completed training and time in service requirements for advancement in rank. Our recently promoted members are:

Maj. Jimmy Mitchell
 1Lt. Jacob Meins Jacob is a recent transfer
 from the cadet program
 2Lt. John Pearson
 2Lt. Dale Chambers
 2Lt. Sheila Smiley



Col Mike Oakman and Capt Glen Wilson and
 The 65th birthday cake

Lt. Glen Wilson assumed command of the
 Bessemer Squadron on December 4, 2006.

Huntsville Squadron and Redstone Squadron Combine for 65th Anniversary Celebration



Harvey Plemmons and Gene Mitcham with Faye and
 Carl Foster from the Huntsville Squadron.

Redstone Composite Squadron (AL 119)
 and Huntsville Composite Squadron (AL
 55) celebrated Civil Air Patrol's 65th

January 2007

birthday with a combined dinner at Redstone
 Officers Club. Col. Mike Oakman and Lt.
 Col Dave Boswell attended and helped Capt
 Dani Richard and Lt Anthony Beresford
 present awards to members of the
 Squadrons.

Commander's Commendations Huntsville Squadron

Capt. Barry Roberts
 Capt. Carl Foster
 Lt. Jerry Tignor
 Lt. Ian Johnston

Cadet Awards Redstone Squadron

C/Capt Chester Kraft, Cadet Officer of the Year
 C/CMSgt Garrett Bain, Cadet of the Year
 C/SSgt Travis Wilson, Cadet NCO of the Year
 C/A1C Victoria Beck, Cadet Airman of the Year



C/CMSgt Garrett Bain and Col. Mike Oakman
 Photo by Lt Kim Miller

The two proclamations were displayed at the
 dinner. The cities of Madison and
 Huntsville declared CAP week in each city.



Capt Dani Richard, Col Mike Oakman, and Lt Anthony Beresford present the proclamations to the squadrons.

SAREX/Guided Practice

Bessemer Composite Squadron hosted the Alabama Wings SAREX on November 18th at the Bessemer CAP building.



CAP Aircraft at Bessemer

The SAREX was well attended and is believed to have set an Alabama Wing record with 129 members in attendance.



Air ops dispatched over 15 sorties and ground teams were able to divide up into 4 separate ground teams. Lt. Kay Barry and Lt John Pearson cooked and served hotdogs as our meal. The flights were entered in the new WIMRS tracking system and projected on a screen for everyone to see.



Emergency Services used the new target at the SAREX and recovered it for display at Bessemer after the practice was ended.

Civil Air Patrol helps Boaz students soar

By George Jones
The Sand Mountain Reporter

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Boaz Middle School is home to the first Civil Air Patrol squadron in a middle school in Alabama, according to Boaz Assistant Superintendent Randall Haney.

Haney, who initiated the Boaz program, said, "I find it ironic we are the first middle school in Alabama to have a CAP program when the national headquarters of the CAP is in Montgomery.

"States all over the nation have middle school CAP programs, but for some reason Alabama had never had anyone interested enough to start a middle school program previously."

He encouraged principals of other local middle schools to start their own CAP programs and offered his assistance.

Haney discussed the CAP program Dec. 2 while at the Albertville Airport with cadets waiting to take required flight related training.

"There are advantages for a middle school having a CAP program," Haney said. "In addition to all the free curriculum available through the Air Force program, that is charted by Congress and funded by the Air Force, the community benefits from the CAP's three-fold mission."

Among the missions are community aerospace education

"That includes educating the community on the necessity of aviation, and advantage of having airports, such as we have here in Albertville," Haney said. "Because we have an airport, we are getting those 500 jobs [from Aerospace Integration Corp.] with an average salary of \$60,000."

"The second leg of the mission is search and rescue," Haney said. "We have 537 airplanes nationwide that belong to and are maintained by the Air Force, and flown by senior volunteers, like myself.

"We fly 85 percent of the aerial search and rescue missions in America."

CAP helped in the search-and-rescue effort after the most recent plane crash near Mount Cheaha, Haney said.

"That is our job, that is what we do as volunteers," he said.

CAP also has a cadet program, Haney said. He noted the Air Force has about 30,000 cadets nationwide in CAP.

The students in the program, Haney believes, "represent the top 1 percent of students in America. Not necessarily in academics, but what they do have are good academics, good behavior, good character, and somewhat of a military mindset."

Each cadet has to meet these standards, plus they have to maintain a military sense of perspective as it relates to wearing a uniform and maintaining the Air Force's grooming standards, Haney said.

The cadet program begins in the sixth grade and continues through high school. Following high school, a student has the option of becoming a senior volunteer member of the CAP, or transfer the cadet experience into a military career.

"The cadet who completes the program through high school has acquired the equivalent experience of an Air Force-enlisted person going through boot camp," Haney said.

Boaz's very first CAP cadet, Ryan Erskine, will be attending a one-week winter

encampment at Fort Benning, Ga., where he will be taught, among other subjects, military leadership skills.

Haney attributes a cadet's interest in a military career to the military-type training associated with the CAP program.

The military influence becomes evident when talking with a cadet, as they demonstrate a distinct respectful attitude in manner and speech, with "Yes, sir," and "No, sir," that sets them apart from other students.

"How many kids out here on the street will you find being that respectful to an adult?" Haney asked.

The excellence of the cadets is one of the reasons Haney believes the Air Force maintains the program. They are aware of the potential number of high-quality future Air Force officers coming from the program.

Cadet Adam Smith, son of a retired 21-year military veteran and a member of the program for two years, said, "It has been a learning experience that you cannot pass up. It has helped me to learn how to work on aircraft."

Smith's experience has motivated him, he said, toward the Air Force as a pilot.

Erskine's two-year experience has him thinking about becoming an astronaut.

"Hopefully, maybe I'll get there one day," he said.

At present he has another more down-to-earth career goal of becoming a commercial pilot."

With dark hair, and dark eyes peering from beneath her camouflaged fatigue hat 13-year old Britney Sanchez, a cadet for two

months, said, "It has changed me a lot. I am one of the leaders now. I want to be in the Air Force when I get older too."

Her Air Force goal she said "Is to be in search and rescue."

Smith's father, Larry, speaking of the program's value, said; "The CAP's program of discipline itself, which teaches children to be respectful and honor their country, their peers, and develop a moral character, is a good thing.

"Leadership is good for anyone, no matter where it comes from."

Anyone interested in the CAP may contact Haney at 593-7701.

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The Alabama Wing FTX Cycle Presses On Into the New Year

Justin Smith, 1st Lt, CAP FTX/PA

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Maxwell AFB, AL - As a new year approaches, the first part of the 2006-07 Alabama Wing Field Training Cycle draws to a close. Thus far, the training activity has been one of the most successful to date, with 38 Basic, 14 Advanced students, and 5 Team Leader candidates volunteering one weekend of their time a month to take part in the course. Seven Alabama Wing squadrons are represented by the students this year, including the Maxwell, Auburn, Chilton County, Birmingham 90, Clay County, Pell City, Redstone, and Springville

units. In addition, two other Wings and National Headquarters are represented, bringing a great diversity of past training and experiences to this year's course.

Maj. Michael Long, course director, had this to say about this year's course, "Thus far, I've been very pleased with this cycle; it's good to see so many units take advantage of this training. This cycle has been more challenging than previous years, as there is a lot happening in each school during each event." Maj. Joe Curry, the program's operations officer, added "Students are getting through the tasks better than we had expected. We still have some work to do on decision making and personal accountability, but that's what we're in business for."



In the current training cycle, Basic students have completed training in land navigation, electronic direction finding, blood borne pathogens, natural hazards, and litter carry. Advanced students have done more advanced work in navigation and direction finding, and even took some time in November to make livable natural shelters. The team leader candidates have been busy as well, studying triangulation, forms, and search theory. In addition, team leader candidates participated in a

triangulation exercise covering an area of Elmore County.



In November, students had the chance to show off what they have learned through FTX training so far, when many participated in the SAR Exercise in Bessemer, AL. The students were impressive as they handled a difficult scenario with great poise and professionalism. The participation of many FTX students and alumni contributed greatly to the success of the exercise.

After taking a month off for the holidays, the FTX cycle resumes the weekend of January 19th. Areas of instruction remaining before the activity wraps up in April are search techniques and theory, scene management, interviewing, air to ground coordination, map reading, and airfield searches. When the course finally draws to a close on April 22nd, basic students and team leader candidates who successfully complete the entire course will be awarded the ratings of ground team member and leader, respectively, and earn the right to proudly wear the corresponding badges on their uniforms.

The FTX cycle also has received other good news this month, when the program received a \$1000 grant by Enterprise Rent A Car to buy medical equipment and GPS units for the training program.

For pictures and more information regarding the Alabama Wing Field Training program, please visit www.alabamaftx.com.

Professional Development Weekend

The second of our Professional Development Weekends (PDW) has been scheduled for the weekend of February 17-18, 2007 by AL090 Squadron Commander Capt. Lisa Robinson, who will host the school. The school will offer the SLS and CLC. If there is a need, the UCC and TLC will also be offered.

More information will be forthcoming on the school, but reservations will be required by Jan 25th to reserve a slot in the school.

This school is in addition to the PDW that will be conducted in Montgomery on the preceding weekend. It is my goal to provide this training at locations as close as possible to the members, to help avoid travel and lodging costs to the members. The success or failure of this experiment will determine future scheduling of this type of training. A school will be held in the south part of the state, probably in Northwest Florida in conjunction and cooperation with our sister squadrons in the northwest part of the Florida wing, later in the spring. Details will be forthcoming as soon as they are available.
Lt. Col. David Spivey, ALWG, DPD

Discussion Forum

As a means of improving intrawing communications, we've also posted an online discussion forum on the wing web page. It can be accessed under menu section "Headquarters | Discussion Forum" or directly at <http://www.alwg.cap.gov/forum>.

Since our mailing lists are intended for announcement type messages only and not general discussion, this forum is meant to fill that gap. Please check it regularly and participate...it's for you! (Due to technical limitations, you'll have to create a separate

login for the forum). Please keep in mind that most parts of the forum are viewable by the public so let's keep the discussion professional and constructive.

Lt. Ande Boyer, ALWG Webmaster

Flight Tracking System

As of 1 Jan, all flights made in Alabama Wing aircraft should be logged in the online Alabama Wing Flight Tracking System. Use of this system has been mandated by the Wing Commander and will also be mandated by the next revision of the appropriate supplement.

A practice/demo version of this system has been up at <http://redstone119.alwg.cap.gov/alwgFlightTracker/flightTracker.php> for the last couple of months. **I hope everyone whoever might have anything to do with wing aircraft has had a chance to 'test drive' and learn how to use this system.** The live version is located on the wing web page, <http://www.alwg.cap.gov>, under menu section "Ops & Emergency Services | Flight Tracker". A formalized manual for using the system is posted just under the link which opens the system. For accountability reasons, users must first login to the wing website before access is granted to the AFTS. If you do not yet have an account, click on "Account Setup" and enter your CAPID. An activation email will be sent to the primary email address you have on file in MIMS.

This tool is a great asset to the wing and hopefully everyone will find it easy to use. Hopefully, through use of this system, aircraft flight time reporting errors will completely be eliminated. Every pilot should incorporate entering the flight information for their aircraft as a part of their post flight procedures. While it is not necessary to enter flight data after every

single sortie, all times should be updated at the end of the day at the latest.

For Jan and Feb, we will be running this new system in parallel with the traditional Form 18. Our goal is to eliminate the paper Form 18 beginning in March assuming the transition goes well. .

Lt Ande Boyer, ALWG Webmaster

14 December 2006

MEMORANDUM FOR NATIONAL BOARD

**SUBJECT: NEC Directed Action Item:
New WMIRS Mission and CAPF 108
Requirements**

1. The National Executive Committee directed the following changes at the November meeting. These new requirements are necessary so CAP and Department of Defense leaders can have a real-time picture of all the missions CAP is executing nationwide and how our funds are being spent to support these missions. This letter supplements the Air Force Assigned Mission policy letters dated 5 May 2006 and 7 December 2006 that were signed by Gen Pineda and Col Hodgkins.

2. By 1 January 2007, all missions, (except those listed in para 2.c.) must be requested and approved in WMIRS, and all sortie data including actual costs must be entered into WMIRS within 72 hours of completing a sortie unless the customer requires a shorter turnaround. Data feeds and imports from other systems are allowable, but must provide the data in the format required by NHQ, and any imported data will be required to go through the same process within WMIRS for validation and approval. For example, WMU/IMU is able to “push” the sortie information into WMIRS. WMIRS data is exportable to field systems to allow for offline mission processing.

a. State Director monthly missions will be approved by the State Director online and mission numbers will be auto-generated. No WMIRS request will be necessary for these missions. An e-mail will automatically be sent to the Wing Commander, Vice Commander, Director of Operations, ES Officer, Liaison Region and State Director when these missions are approved. This will include a monthly mission number for reimbursed “A” missions like A6 AFROTC flights, A15 cadet orientation flights, and A20 glider tow flights. It will also include a monthly mission number for nonreimbursed “B” missions like B9 maintenance flights, B12 proficiency flights, and B17 CAPF 5/91 flights. Sorties for these missions must be reported in WMIRS but it can be done after they are flown.

b. As stated above, cadet orientation flights will get a mission number from WMIRS, but the current reimbursement process will remain in effect until further notice.

c. C8, C9, C16, C17, and C20 missions are an exception to the above rules. These missions are required to be in WMIRS by 1 March 2007. NHQ is testing procedures for these flights with WMU/IMU and PLW, as well as a user interface in WMIRS for reporting.

3. By 1 January 2007, all original CAPF 108s and modifications/corrections must be completed in WMIRS for missions reimbursed by national headquarters, and preferably for all missions so that CAP has a consistent mechanism for mission reimbursement. CAPR 173-3 will be updated to reflect this change. Data feeds and imports will not be possible at this stage as it is impossible to consistently audit the systems if data is imported after the validation and approval process for the mission. However, data reported in WMIRS will be exportable to allow wings to import it into other systems as necessary so wings

can use it to bill local customers for “C” missions.

4. Commanders and command staff, Director of Operations and Incident Commanders should already have access to WMIRS. Commanders (or designees) can give access to other members to add/modify whole missions, or just sorties. Members automatically get “read only” access to WMIRS.

5. Commanders please disseminate this information to your members and encourage them to start using the new features in WMIRS now so they are ready when the new requirements become mandatory on 1 January. Online training is available via the WMIRS website. CAPUSAF/XO will provide detailed instructions separately to assist State Directors [sic] with the WMIRS approval process for monthly missions.

Please contact Terry Raymond or Norm Ginther at the National Operations Center if you have any additional questions. They can be reached at 888-211-1812, Ext 300 or opscenter@capnhq.gov. Thank you for your support of this important project. It is critical that CAP leadership have a more timely and accurate picture of all mission financial accounting and these new procedures will ensure that happens.

/signed/

JOHN A. SALVADOR
DIRECTOR OF MISSIONS



Chaplain’s Message

Akin Calls Rescission of Military Regulation a Victory for Chaplains and Freedom of Religion

Washington- Congressman Todd Akin today said that a conference committee report on the National Defense Authorization Act of 2007 was a victory for chaplains and the freedom of religion. The House and the Senate agreed to strike current restrictive regulations in the Air Force and Navy which prevent chaplains from praying according to their own faith and conscience in public venues.

Congressman Akin had added language to the National Defense Authorization Act of 2007 explicitly guaranteeing the right of chaplains to pray according to their conscience. The language faced strong opposition from some Senate conferees who tried to change the language to require religious tolerance and sensitivity rather than guarantee the First Amendment rights of chaplains.

"I am happy that we have taken a step towards restoring the freedom that our military chaplains ought to enjoy," said Akin. "The Navy and Air Force regulations that we are striking prevented chaplains from praying according to their faith and conscience, whether they were Muslim, Christian, Jewish or of any other faith."

"While I would have liked stronger language protecting the religious freedom of chaplains, this legislation is a first step forward in protecting the First Amendment rights of chaplains and all the men and women serving our country in the military," said Akin.

Congressman Akin intends to again introduce language which explicitly guarantees a chaplain's right to pray according to his conscience next year.

As most of you know, the CAP chaplain must have the exact same qualifications as an active duty chaplain in any of the Armed Forces. Therefore, what is decided for the Air Force is decided for the CAP Chaplains.

Lt.Col. James Melancon, former National CAP Chaplain, in a message forwarded to LtCol. Dan Hyde, ALWG Chaplain.

The Wing IG Col Joey Owens can be contacted at (cell) 256-312-3397, at his home number is 256-492-4762, or email

jowens@gadsdenwater.org,

Safety

The 2007 Safety Motto as announced by the SER Safety Officer Maj. Ernie Manzano is **Safety, It's an Attitude!**

The 2007 ALWG Cadet Competition

The 2007 ALWG Cadet Competition is tentatively scheduled for 28 January 2007 at Auburn University. Now is the time to start

prepping your color guards and drill teams. The winner of each category will represent the ALWG at the Region level.

Be advised that NHQ has ratified the new National Cadet Competition Manual. This will replace ROE's used previously and will govern the ALWG Competition as well. CAPM 52-4 can be found here:

<http://level2.cap.gov/documents/M524.pdf>

Information on NCC can be found here:

<http://level2.cap.gov/index.cfm?nodeID=5375>

*JUSTIN D. SMITH, 1st Lt, CAP
ALWG/DCP*

Wing Conference 2007

As we all know, CAP can get quite expensive through the many activities it offers. Normally, Wing Conferences are no different. I would love to change that, and I need all the help from the Alabama Wing as possible. If you know of any businesses, companies, elected officials, etc, who you believe would be willing to sponsor/donate money to this event, PLEASE let me know ASAP (/email me at ChristopherTate@charter.net). The more sponsors we have, aka the more money we have donated, the less YOU have to pay. So again, this is not just an Auburn Composite Squadron deal, it is an Alabama Wing deal, and I am asking for everyone's help to put this on.

We will soon be sending out registration packets and information out to the Wing. You will notice that there is no price on them, just an RSVP. The reasoning behind this is that we want to give our sponsors as much time to donate money to us as possible.

Also, this Wing Conference will be a little different than what we all are used to. Don't be scared...I promise we won't bite...but what I can promise is that it will be an event to remember...not to miss.

I can promise the cadets that this Wing Conference will be one that they will enjoy and get a lot out of. One reason I can promise that is because our cadets are 100% in charge of their activities. Our Officers just observe.

Senior Members, this too, will be a very informative and beneficial Conference for you. We have many people working together to bring you the best classes and entertainment as possible.

As far as the banquet, itself, goes...I'll have to leave that to your imaginations for now.

To recap, please help us out with information regarding sponsors. I would love nothing more than to send an email out to you all saying that the Conference is free to attend! Also, please encourage everyone to attend, ESPECIALLY cadets.

Capt Christopher Tate, Commander AL113

Cadet Program Changes

SUMMARY OF POLICY CHANGES READER-FRIENDLY IMPROVEMENTS

Office symbols, e-mail addresses, and website addresses have been updated as necessary. This version also includes editorial changes made to improve readability, grammar, and how the regulation is organized in general.

CHAPTER 1

Defines the goals of each program element. Clarifies that the title of the leadership text has been changed. Revises the method of

scoring the Cadet Physical Fitness Test. Allows cadets to assist senior staff officers, but prohibits commanders from assigning cadets with the formal duties of senior staff officers. Refers members to CAPR 51-1 for Drug Demand Reduction program guidance. Introduces the Training Leaders of Cadets program. Relaxes requirements for completing part 1 of Required Staff Training. Establishes guidelines for cadet participation in obstacle courses. Introduces guidelines for personal conduct. Introduces the CAP School Program. Allows overseas cadets to advance in the Cadet Program through independent study. Clarifies how cadets are assigned to physical fitness categories, and clarifies procedures for Category III and IV cadets when requesting milestone awards other than the Spaatz Award.

CHAPTER 2

Allows units to use a spreadsheet or database in lieu of a CAPF 66. Allows commanders to waive drill tests for cadets who have an injury or disability. Requires 2 months (8 weeks) separation between each achievement and milestone award except the Spaatz; deletes the minimum time for completing milestone awards that go beyond the 60-day separation rule. Defines the primary goals of each program element during each Phase. Requires cadets to complete an introductory module for moral leadership during Achievement 1. Mandates use of the case studies found in CAPP 265-2 during moral leadership forums. Simplifies the moral leadership requirements, using active participation in one forum per achievement as the standard. Deletes requirement for cadets to serve as recorders and discussion leaders. Revises the Phase III and IV mentoring and instructing requirements. Slightly modifies the scope and format of the Mitchell Award and Earhart Award exams. Revises the essay and speech topics for the Eaker Award exam. Clarifies that CAP-USAF Reservists may administer the Spaatz Award exams. Limits

to 30 days the time cadets may take issue with the Spaatz Award exam or how it was administered to them. Explains that Spaatz Award exams are administered on-line. Introduces CAPP 52-13. Introduces the Jack Sorenson Cadet Programs Officer of the Year Award and the Cadet Programs Mission Award. Clarifies rules regarding demotions and milestone award revocations.

CHAPTER 3

Allows commanders to appoint cadets to the CAC via e-mail. Clarifies that commanders may remove cadets from CAC due to poor conduct. Introduces CAPP 52-19. Clarifies that squadrons have the option of appointing a representative to the CAC or not.

CHAPTER 4

Clarifies that cadets must complete an encampment before attending a NCSA. Revises the reporting and reimbursement process for cadet orientation flights. Deletes the requirement that cadets physically possess a CAP ID card to fly. Allows drill team, color guard, and honor guard cadets to wear distinctive shoulder cords. Defines the purpose of honor guards and introduces CAPP 52-8. Clarifies the purpose and scope of the IACE program.

CHAPTER 5

Deletes references to national encampments. Amends schedule requirements for weekend encampments. Simplifies the process of reporting encampments.

CHAPTER 6

No substantive changes."

*Quoted from the regulation by
Lt Justin Smith
ALWG/DCP*

RECRUITING FOR FUN AND PROFIT

The Alabama Wing has launched a recruiting drive from December 9, 2006 thru

March 20, 2007 with prizes to be awarded. The Announcement was made at the Commanders Call at Maxwell AFB December 9 by Lt. Col. Johnny Ward, Alabama Wing Recruiting and Retention Officer.

The following prizes will be awarded at the Alabama Wing Conference in late March. Officer (Senior Members) recruiting the most members (Cadets or Officers) a 20-21 inch TV/VCR/DVD, second place a small TV/VCR/DVD. For the Cadet recruiting the most members (Cadets or Officers) a \$200 gift Certificate to Vanguard and second Place will be a \$100 gift certificate. The Squadron that recruits the most members will receive a 20-21" TV/VCR/DVD with the Second highest recruiting Squadron a small TV/DVD/VCR (13").

We want to encourage every member of the Alabama Wing to try to recruit at least one member. It's a member-get-a-member campaign. Send all paperwork in as usual but please send a copy of the application to Lt. Col. Johnny Ward so he can keep the totals.

Send copies to **Lt. Col. Johnny Ward, 115 Havenwood Court, Birmingham AL, 35209.**

All applications must be received no later than March 20 to count for this Membership Campaign.

MEMBERSHIP RETENTION

How do we retain our members? We will lose some through attrition. Cadets grow out of the program due to age, go off to college, boys discover girls, girls discover boys, etc. Officers (Senior Members) die, move away, just get bored, etc. We must Do everything we can to keep our members as long as we can.

One way we can do this is by being an active Squadron and keeping our members involved. Every Officer should have an assignment and ask them to do certain things for the unit. There must be activities for the Cadets...not just a meeting every week. Field trips, Cadet Orientation Flights for both power and gliders, campouts/survival training, attending Alabama Wing Activities like Commanders Calls, Encampments, Practice Missions, etc. And don't forget...let's have FUN. It is hard for someone to get out of an organization that they enjoy. Keep everybody involved and active...and have FUN. What are your ideas?

*Lt. Col. Johnny Ward,
ALWG, Recruiting and Retention*

CADET ORIENTATION FLIGHTS- GLIDERS

In the CAP Cadet Program every Cadet may earn five power & five glider Orientation Flights. So why aren't we flying these Cadets? Saturday, December 16 six Cadets and two Officers from the Maxwell Composite Squadron came up to the Flying X Ranch Airfield in Shelby County. Every Cadet and the two Officers received a glider flight. While waiting to fly several of the Cadets took a canoe out on the lake next to the Flying X airfield. I think it would be safe to say that everyone really enjoyed the flying and the canoe rides.



This can be another activity for your Squadron or Flight. The glider Cadet Orientation Flights are coordinated by Capt. Bill McAbee, Glider Operations Officer, Shelby County Squadron and he may be reached at 334/281-0235 or bmcabee@aol.com. To assure that everyone that comes to the Flying X for flights gets to fly, we will have to limit the number to eight (8) per day. Overnight camping on the field can be arranged but must be done in advance. SOAR LIKE AN EAGLE!

FTX Receives Grant from Enterprise for FTX

Maj Michael Long has been working on getting some external funding for the FTX program. They were awarded a \$1000 grant from Enterprise Rent-A-Car Community Giving program to buy medical kits, Search and Rescue gear, and GPS units for the ground team Training Unit.



Ms. Marie Otero from Enterprise Rent a Car Foundation presented Col Mike Oakman and Maj. Long with a check at the December 9th Commander's Call.

Emergency Services

Working in coordination with the Alabama State Troopers, the Department of Homeland Security, and the Sheriffs' Departments in Talladega and Tallapoosa Counties, the Alabama Wing, Civil Air Patrol, conducted a search for an aircraft reported overdue on a flight from Auburn, Alabama to Murfreesboro, Tennessee.

After the pilot J. Johnson, a student at Middle Tennessee University, in Murfreesboro, did not arrive in time for classes, friends and family began a search. The Alabama and Tennessee Wings were notified on Monday afternoon by the Air Force Rescue Coordination Center (AFRCC) to begin an active search mission to locate the aircraft on Monday, October 9, 2006.

In Alabama, twenty-two air sorties were flown in the two and one-half days of the search, with ground teams dispatched to eight different sites that needed closer investigation. Fifty-seven Civil Air Patrol volunteers spent 700 man hours in the search, with other volunteers on stand-by. Additional air and ground sorties were conducted in Tennessee by members of the Tennessee Wing.



1Lt. Rick Swatloski, Capt. Ed Barnes, 1Lt. Glenn Wilson were the SDIS aircrew which took the picture after the site was identified.

The wreckage was found about 3:00 pm by friends of the family near Mt. Cheaha in

Clay County about ten miles from Talladega in Alabama. The site was originally reported as in Talladega County, on Wednesday, October 11, 2006.

Air crews, searching the heavily wooded area, had been unable to see the aircraft, or electronically hear the Emergency Locator Transmitter (ELT) on the aircraft, making the search difficult.

Wreaths across America

Across the United States, at every National Cemetery six wreaths were laid at grave sites in remembrance of those who have given their all for the United States.

From the Wreaths across America Website:

<http://www.wreathscrossamerica.com/>



“Our Mission: Remember - Honor - and Teach

Remember the fallen;

Honor those who serve;

Teach our children the value of freedom.

2006 marked the 15th anniversary of holiday wreaths being sent from the State of Maine to Arlington National Cemetery.

Each year the folks at Worcester Wreath Company make and decorate wreaths that will adorn over 5000 headstones of our Nation's fallen heroes - in what has become an annual event coordinated with the Cemetery Administration and the Maine State Society."

Five thousand wreaths were delivered to Arlington National Cemetery. Six wreaths were delivered to each National Cemetery across the nation. Civil Air Patrol was asked lead in the ceremonies wherever possible. Other interested groups in each community also participated.

For Auburn, the ceremony was held at Fort Mitchell National Cemetery, located in Russell County near Fort Benning.



Capt Christopher Rousseau and Cadet Dale Frost of the Russell County JROTC

TFO Michael Plash laid the Navy wreath with Lewis Wood, USN retired. Capt. Christopher Tate, Auburn Squadron Commander, in the background.



For Mobile, the ceremony was held at the Mobile National Cemetery. Mobile Squadron, commanded by Major Meddie Clark supported Wreaths across America.

Television coverage and other media covered the events in Alabama and across the United States.



Cadets from Mobile Squadron participated in the wreath laying ceremony.



Commander Lonnie L. Mixon USCG
(retired) placing wreath for Coast Guard at
Mobile.

notes, squadron newsletters, articles written on
the back of dinner napkins, and so on.

Maj. Pat Mitcham
Alwg/DPA

Public Affairs

I hope all of you had a wonderful holiday season, that your Christmas was Merry, and your New Year's celebration was to your liking. We in CAP are working to make the New Year for the Alabama Wing the best ever with all of the activities planned by the Wing and the Squadrons.

Be sure to send articles to National CAP on your activities, with a copy to me for the PA files. There is no SER PA at this time, so articles are sent to National PA and to me.



With all good intentions, I had hoped to get this out before Christmas, but that was not to be. The next newsletter should be the beginning of April 2007.

As always, if you want something in the Newsletter, you must send it to me. I accept email (photos separate from text), postcards,