

## “Scotland Trip” My Summer Vacation

Written by one of our Officers upon her return from Scotland. Printed as written. —Editor

### WHERE I WENT ON MY SUMMER VACATION

For my summer vacation, I went to Scotland. Yes, the real, true, beautiful country of Scotland. Along with 21 great CAP cadets, I was one of nine privileged senior members to travel over the Great Pond to visit our ATC



**Standing before the ceilidh: Steven Martorano, Dustin Higgins, Corey Higgins, Todd Farley, Erick Ribeiro, Chris McCarthy, and Joseph Martorano**

friends across the Atlantic. Leaving the heat and humidity of Maine and Boston, we boarded the British Airways airbus in the afternoon, for an overnight flight to Great Britain. We landed in Heathrow to catch our connecting flight, then it was off into the great blue skies again to land in Edin-

burgh, Scotland!!!! Both flights were relatively calm, with no fun turbulence to speak of. When we landed in Scotland, we were greeted by some of the ATC senior members we all remembered so fondly from last year's Encampment. Our suitcases claimed, we headed out to the vans to get started on our two weeks of fun and adventure. When we reached the HMS Caledonia, the Naval Base that we would call home for the next 14 days, we settled into our pre-assigned rooms, then decided what to do for the next few hours, until that evening's activities. Many took naps; I decided to be “smart” and stay up until that night so I could get a start on getting myself used to the 5 hour time difference. After ATC Senior Member Collin Nicol took myself and Lt Baker out for a drive around the town and outskirts of Dunfermline, with a short trip to his house so we could meet his Staffordshire Terrier, Rory, I went back to my room. My roommates, Lt Lori Renzullo and Lt Barbara Arsenaault, were sound asleep. Smugly, I knew I wasn't going to fall asleep and take longer to get over my jet lag. Nope, not me....! I'll just sit right here in this comfortable, soft chair next to the window, and sew a patch on Alex's uniform. Yep, I'll stay awake and be ahead of everyone.....About an hour later, I was woken up from an extremely sound sleep by the sound of bagpipes wafting in through my window. How glori-



**Col Craig Treadwell and CI Colin Nicol showing off their Scottish kilts at the Ceilidh. Mr. Nicol's is the real thing--Col T's is rented, but no less impressive.**

ous to wake to the native sound of Scotland. That night, I did have trouble getting to sleep, but not because of my nap. At least for the next week, no matter how tired I was, after I slipped into my comfy cot around midnight or later, the realization that I was IN SCOTLAND would keep me awake for at least another hour. Yes,



**CAP and ATC in the Highlands**

I know, I tend to get a tiny bit excited about things. Not that anyone would notice.

Every night, the senior members would have a meeting to discuss the

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## IG School a Success!



**Pictured: The National IG, Col James Linker, Maj Merrie Knightly, Maj Kenneth Knightly and Col Christopher Hayden, the Maine Wing Commander.**

WESTOVER ARB, MA -- The recently appointed CAP Inspector General, Col James Linker, and the Northeast Region Commander, Col Robert Diduch, presented 23 graduates with their certificates today at the conclusion of the Northeast Region Inspector General (IG) School. The NER Vice Commander, Col David Mull, and the NER IG, Lt Col Peter Koch, presented certificates to graduates who had completed the Senior Rating requirements for the IG Professional Development Track. Col Diduch is a

graduate of the recent week-long Inspector General College which took place at Kirtland AFB, Albuquerque, NM, and which he recommended highly to the participants. In his remarks he made a point of congratulating those non-IG students who attended the course for the purpose of learning more about the whole IG program, which has been gaining momentum since its redevelopment began in 2000. The participants represented more than half of the Wings in the NE Region, namely: Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, New Jersey, New York and the largest contingent came from Pennsylvania. The course director was Lt Col Peter Koch; his staff included Lt Col Edward LeFeber, the new NYW Logistics Officer, Lt Col (Dr) Lawrence Model, the NYW IG, and Maj Samuel Williamson, the NJW IG. Col Linker, who is only the fourth person to hold the position of National IG, made several presentations, including the final and fascinating *Highway of Expectations*. This intense weekend school covered numerous topics beginning with the history of the IG position whose origins go back to the reign of King Louis XIV of France in the mid 1600s. It began in the United States in 1777 when Gen George Washington directed the establishment of an Inspector General for the Army. Starting immediately on Friday evening, students signed-in and after the preliminary work session encountered the legendary *pre-course* test. This test was followed up at the end of the course by the *post-course* test and a comparison of the scores was a strong indicator of the various instructors' ability to convey the course material. A complete review of the *Complaint Process* including the 10 steps came next, followed by the *Single Unit Inspection (SUI)* including interviewing, report writing, grading, and an explanation of the bell curve which illustrates the overall results of inspections to date. The course continued with a discussion on the *Self-Assessment Tool*, moved on to Wing-level inspections and finished

with an in-depth look at *Complaint Closure*. Participants absorbed the relatively new concept of the IG as an *educator*. The NER IG School took place at Northeast Region Headquarters at Westover Air Reserve Base located in Chicopee, Massachusetts; this is also home to the Westover Composite Squadron, a gracious host. The participants stayed at the welcoming and comfortable *Flyer's Inn* on base over the weekend; the Inn is conveniently located near the uniform store and the bowling alley. Westover ARB has been operational since 1940 when it served as a bomber training base and port of embarkation/debarkation in preparation for the country's planned entry into WWII. It is still the nation's largest Air Reserve base. It is currently the home of the 439<sup>th</sup> Airlift Wing whose C-5 Galaxies have been busy since 1987 flying humanitarian, disaster relief and military support operations. It boasts a two-mile long runway capable of accommodating the return of the Space Shuttle.

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## North East Region Conference

Ladies and Gentlemen:  
The information for the Northeast Region Conference has been prepared on the NER website.  
<http://www.ner.cap.gov/conference/>  
Please note that there are some very attractive package rates as well as 'a la carte' options available. The conference Project Officer is Capt Bill Ward. He can be reached by email at; n2put@usa.com

Thank you for your assistance,  
**Lt Col Marianne Ferland, CAP  
Northeast Region**

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day's events and go over the agenda for the next day. The first night, each of us volunteered for varying "jobs". Col Mark Webster and I chose to be the Public Relations people, thus another daily newsletter was born. I enjoyed that job immensely. Somehow, I also became the "official" photographer for the trip. I only took about 2,000 pictures. Doesn't everyone take that many??? We were serenaded everyday with bagpipes and drums. The Tattoo Military Festival was being held in Edinburgh the same time we were over there. We are very fortunate that at least three bus loads of the participants were staying on our Base. We were able to hear them practicing several times a day. Within the first day or so, I was struck with how similar we Americans are to our Scottish counterparts. The patriotism, history, and pride in our respective countries was evident in all of us. Sharing that pride, standing side by side as cadets and Senior members, and respecting each others' cultures was such a gratifying experience. As the days went on, I could see the melding of two organizations into one; our cadets learned to drill the Scottish way, our senior members exchanged ideas with their senior members, and both groups consider the primary focus is turning our cadets into confident, productive leaders. Our cadets hung out, laughed, danced, drilled, and competed together. By the "Final Parade" to mark the end of Encampment, they worked together flawlessly, executing the drill moves the RAF way; it was as though they had been practicing together for months. When we weren't involved in an on-base Encampment event, we were touring the exquisite country. One of our first "outside activities", as in off-base, was flying radio-controlled airplanes. That was so much fun!!!! The cadets had a great time, as did the adults, and we had TEA (delicious, hot tea) on the field. Our next "aerospace activity" was at Leuchars Royal Air Force Base,

where each person had the opportunity to fly in an acrobatic airplane, with the purpose of doing the stunts in the air!!! Loops, stalls, barrel rolls, and Zero-G's are something I will never forget in my life. It was incredible. Everyday was a new adventure. We were taken to Edinburgh, where most of the senior members and a cadet toured the Castle, while others shopped (some of our male cadets buying kilts!!) or ate. We walked along the shores of Loch Lomond, ventured into the mountains of the



**Civil Air Patrol and Air Training Corps cadets on the shore of the very cold North Sea, St. Andrews, Scotland**

Highlands in Glencoe, saw heather growing wild on the rocks, visited the Police College which is in an old, old castle. We traveled to St. Andrews to visit the history of the ruins of the castle and the Abbey, parts of which date before 345 AD. In St. Andrews, many of us dipped our feet and knees in the cold North Sea, terrorized a few of the huge jellyfish, climbed and played on the sand dunes, and wrote our names in the sand. We walked across the Firth of Forth Bridge, seeing the connecting cities from a whole different angle, visited the "small" palace of Hopetoun House, where a certain senior member and her cadet wandered into the "backyard" and had to have the groundskeeper come looking for them because everyone else thought they were lost!! We....I mean, they....weren't lost!! There were no signs saying we couldn't be there, and the opportunity for some incredible pictures just beckoned me, I mean, her!! Just for the record, her

cadet did get the last word in—"See, Mom, I told you we weren't supposed to be there!" We had a dance thrown in our honor—a ceilidh, pronounced Kay-lee. It is a Scottish country dance. Most of the dances reminded me of our square dancing, but much more intense. One dance in particular lasts 20 minutes; Capt Ted Kryzak handled two of those dances. I was only brave enough to go through it once!! Tons of fun. As the Scottish people consider kilts a source of pride, and wear them at most formal events, the Scotsmen had their kilts on, and a few of the ladies, too. It is a beautiful tradition; I am so glad they have such a sense of history and pride in their heritage to continue wearing the original war uniform of their ancestors. Our cadets who had bought kilts wore them to the dance—talk about fitting into the culture!! Even Col Treadwell surprised everyone by wearing the whole kilt outfit!! We were treated to fish-n-chips which were delectably yummy, haggis which was debatable in its yumminess, and tons and tons of TEA, which is yummy and soul satisfying no matter what time of day it is. Being a tea drinker in a society of coffee drinkers in America, I was so happy over there to have tea at my disposal all day long. We visited abbeys, churches, and the historic underground of Edinburgh to see how they lived centuries before in Mary King's Close. We went to church the first Sunday; the second Sunday, Padre Patterson brought church to us at the squadron. We shot live ammunition, learned more about being safe with a weapon than many of us knew over here, and had a fun-day of caving, rope climbing, and archery. Lt Col Scott Higgins and I were "in charge" of one group of cadets that day. We decided to take a turn at the arrows. He effortlessly made a bulls-eye with his three arrows, while I struggled to get my arrows barely onto the target!! We saw sheep, sheep, and more sheep. Cows and cows, and woolly-cows

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## Bangor Brewer Composite Squadron

The Bangor/Brewer Squadron is very pleased to announce that we had two General Billy Mitchell Award recipients this quarter. **C/2Lt Alex Parks** was presented his achievement award by **Col. Chris Hayden** at the 2006 summer encampment awards ceremony. **C/2Lt Jessica Hanson** received her General Billy Mitchell award on August 2nd from **Maj. Richard Hunter** during a regular meeting with friends and family in attendance. The following also promoted: **Cadet Croft-Greenwell** was promoted to C/Amn and Cadet **Anthony Griffin** was promoted to C/MSgt. The following cadets attended the 2006 Summer Encampment: Griffin, Larby, Pacholski, Whitty, Croft-Greenwell, Rector, Parks and Slininger. Cadets Parks and Slininger attended as staff, Croft-Greenwell attended ES encampment and the rest were first year attendees. **C/MSgt Griffin** received the outstanding first year cadet for the Alpha Flight while **Cadet Larby** received the award for Charlie Flight. During the awards ceremony all the encampment cadets presented Lt. Hall with a collage of encampment pictures. **C/2Lt Chris Slininger** traveled with his father, Lt. Curt Slininger, to Mattoon, Illinois to attend the National Flight Academy in June. Both enjoyed the trip and returned home safely. C/2Lt Slininger received his pre-solo wings!!! Lt. Hall along with Cadets Parks and Griffin traveled to Scotland to attend encampment with the Scottish cadets. We look forward to hearing the stories in the near future. The Bangor/Brewer Squadron has again been very busy this quarter with Wing and Squadron events. Officers and Cadets have attended several events with the Harley Fat Boy and have done a great job selling tickets. Together we can continue to make a difference. Keep up the great work!!!  
**Lt. Cathie Spaulding, PAO**



**C/2Lt Alex Parks**



**From Left to Right: Maj. Dauphinee, C/2Lt Hanson, Lt. Hicks and Maj. Hunter**

## County Composite Squadron

Caribou, The skies over Aroostook County were buzzing with aircraft Saturday from the Maine Wing of the Civil Air Patrol. The County Composite Squadron hosted the local search and rescue exercise combining training missions for Homeland Security and the American Red Cross. Simulated transport of much needed blood supplies was carried out along with photographic training that may be required for disaster response by local agencies. Units from Portland, Augusta and Bangor were on hand to take part in a simulated search for a downed aircraft in the local area.

**2Lt Ray Burby, PAO**



**Caribou Airport was busy during the recent SARX**

## St Croix Composite Squadron

A lot has been happening in the squadron over this last quarter. Promotions include; Cadet Stephen Lincoln to C/Capt, Felicia Vincent and Chris Barbuto to C/MSgt, Kira Lane, Kimberly Lane and Jacob Randall to C/A1C, and Cadet Mark Sartell to C/SrA. Congradulations are in order for all of you. During this period, we conducted a Cadet Change of Command where C/1<sup>st</sup> Lt John Chambers took over command from C/2Lt Derek Farquharson. Cadet Farquharson has started college in Southern Maine. He intends to remain active where he can, with squadron activities. C/2Lt Joseph Martorano, C/CMSgt Steven Martorano and C/MSgt Felicia Vincent all attended this year's encampment in Bangor. C/2Lt Joseph Martorano served as a Flight Commander and came home with an "Honor Flight" award. C/CMSgt Steven Martorano attended the ES Encampment and C/MSgt was a first year attendee. July 4<sup>th</sup> proved to be a busy time for both St Croix and Machias Valley as we attended parades in Eastport and Machias. The squadron earned the Aerospace Education Excellence Award from National CAP for the 6<sup>th</sup> year in a row. We participated in the Disaster Training in Bangor, which turned out to be the real thing. Last but certainly not least, C/Capt Stephen Lincoln and C/1st Lt John Chambers represented

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the squadron at Blue Beret. From all reports received, they represented Maine Wing very well.

**Capt Judy Murray, PAO**



**C/1st Lt John Chambers and C/Capt Stephen Lincoln proudly wear the Blue Berets earned recently.**

## No Reports From the following

**Cumberland County  
Composite Squadron**

**Downeast Patrol**

**Sundown Composite  
Squadron**

**Machias Valley  
Composite Squadron**

**Augusta-Gardiner  
Composite Squadron**

**Pinetree  
Senior squadron**

**Waterville Composite  
Squadron**

**Lewiston-Auburn  
Composite Squadron**

**Maine Legislative  
Squadron**

## Wreaths Across America Project



### Civil Air Patrol Members:

2006 will mark the 15<sup>th</sup> anniversary of holiday wreaths being sent from the State of Maine to Arlington National Cemetery. Each year the folks at Worcester Wreath Company, along with many volunteers, make and decorate the wreaths that will adorn the headstones of over 5000 grave markers of our Nations fallen heroes. If you have ever seen the photos of row after row of bleached white stones, with evergreen wreaths and red bows it is a stirring image to commemorate those who made the ultimate sacrifice for this great country. Spurred by a tremendous outpouring of support and to celebrate the 15 years of giving, **Worcester Wreath** and the **Civil Air Patrol** would like to expand the reaches of the wreath laying program by the placing of memorial wreaths at each of the over 270 State and National Cemeteries, and Monuments across the country. If you and your members are interested in participating in this ceremony for your State or local community, please contact Program Directors **Maj. Wayne Merritt** or **Maj. Dennis Murray** as soon as possible and before the registration deadline of **September 30th, 2006**. The Wreath-laying at Arlington National Cemetery and across the Nation will take place in synchronization at noon (EST) on Thursday, December 14<sup>th</sup>, 2006. Each participating unit will receive a Wreaths Across America Ceremony Guide, and memorial wreaths for each designated location. Please make sure you include your up-to-date email and telephone contact information so we

can begin preparations for all participating units. Experience shows us this is a great project to have cadets involved in as well as officers. Please help us expand the recognition of those who have served our country, both past and present, as well as their families who de-serve our support. Without the sacrifices of our veterans, there would be no opportunity to enjoy the freedoms available today in this great country. Thank you.

Co-Directors of **Wreaths Across America**

**Maj Wayne Merritt & Maj  
Dennis Murray**

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**Grace Anne Young** of East Machias receives the Curry award and is being pinned by her mother. The Curry is the first stripe in the advancement process in the Civil Air Patrol. To earn it a cadet must take a test on CAP history and a few basic drill movements.

**Maj Jim Raymond, PAO  
Machias Valley Composite Sq.**



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(woolly-coos. I'm still not sure why a cow is a cow, but a woolly cow is a coo)!! So cute!!! Our cadets now know that baseball is called "rounders", football is soccer, kilts are cool, and leaving friends is still one of the hardest things to do. I think they realize the world is truly small when you have friends in another corner of it. Even the terrorist events of our last few days there and the uncertainty of what was going to happen when we got to the airport couldn't dampen the thrill of being over there. Everyone was so calm. I was so proud of our cadets and how they handled the news. They were true CAP through and through. I was proud to be associated with them. After buckets of tears from both the cadets and "olders", we packed carry-on into checked luggage, kept only our essentials to put into those flimsy, clear plastic bags, and boarded the plane to retrace our route from a short 14 days prior. Except for an almost 2 hour delay due to "diplomatic authorization" (checking against the U.S. to make sure we didn't have any of those nasty terrorists onboard) in Heathrow, our trip home was uneventful. Most everyone slept; I went through "camera-withdrawal" because we couldn't have anything electronic or battery operated—cameras, watches, etc. Now we are back home, back to our lives. After not having had a vacation for almost 15 years, this was a time I will never forget. Flying over Ireland in pre-dawn and seeing the sleeping towns twinkling so far below; seeing London from an airplane window for the first time in its morning brightness; flying into the wonders of Scotland on a beautiful rainy morning. The sights, sounds, and fresh-air smells of that country will stay with me always. I saw places I could only before dream about, visited areas I had always read about, and stood upon the same soil as William Wallace (Braveheart), Rob Roy, and other great names in war history. We were welcomed with open arms

and open hearts, treated like royalty and family, and we and the ATC learned so much from each other. Sitting next to the window of our Edinburgh to Heathrow flight, watching the pristine countryside roll by, then feeling my last bit of physical contact with the ground of Scotland severed as the wheels came up and we lifted off, I felt an ache of loneliness for my "adopted" home. With tears streaming down my cheeks, I said a silent goodbye to Fiona (my Scottish counter-part), Eion, Colin, Leslie, Zarene, Maury, John, Craig, and, of course, Lieutenant Mitchell and his wife, Flying Officer Anne Mitchell. What an incredible country, and incredible people. There will now always be a Bridge of Friendship across the Great Pond. The "agony" of fund-raising is well worth every effort put into it to see our cadets grow, learn, and experience another culture. We are raising a generation of leaders. They experienced it on this trip. Our cadets handled themselves with dignity, pride, and gratitude. CAP can be proud. America was well-represented.

**1Lt Susan Hall, Bangor/Brewer Composite Squadron**

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## Emergency Services Missions

09/05/06 MEWG performed its role with swift and efficient work to locate a downed Life flight Helo. Two aircraft participated in the highly secured mission drill after tasking from Trooper Pearson of the ME State Police. Within minutes of flying the route of the helo both aircraft reported an audible signal and shortly thereafter provided Lat/Long data to be used by ground teams. Aircrew 1 was Bangor's Lt Col Jordan, Officers Hunter & Daughinee in 04E. The second aircraft was 740CP, the new C182 with Capt Genest at the controls w/ Maj Saucier. Thank you to Lt Col Pellerin and Capt Fellows who ran Comm and

Maj Knightly who assisted in planning and air operations. Great work to demonstrate our capabilities and renew our relationship with Life flight and the ME State Police.

**Capt M Brunelle**  
**CAP MEWG**  
**Director of Operations**

**09/03/06** I would like to thank the aircrew of LTC Jordan, Maj. Hunter and Lt Newman and the ground team of LTC Lobo and Lt Torrey for all their assistance in trying to find the ELT. Neither the aircrew or ground team ever had a signal during their search and the signal went negative the first SRSAT pass after everyone was launched. Again, thank you to all who answer the call for Maine and America you ARE the Civil Air Patrol.

**Maj. Merrie Knightly, IC**

**08/28/06** This afternoon MEWG was tasked by AFRCC to locate and silence an ELT in the Farmington area. We were fortunate to have willing members to participate who were poised to assist and I would like to thank them all. Luckily Capt Fellows was at ground zero right in Farmington visiting Nate when called so they were able to do hasty searches right away. Bangor's flight crew Lt Col Jordan and Maj Hunter were flying 04E at the time and were able to divert toward the search area. Capt Coyne of Cumberland County reported to PWM ready to fly and ground team members Capt Libbey and C/2Lt Higgins met with Capt Fellows to work with the aircrew. During this activation I would like to thank Capt Don Saucier for accepting the transition to become IC and he followed through until the abandoned ELT was located and silenced. This was another false alarm for MEWG CAP but we performed to the high level the USAF has come to expect thanks to outstanding efforts by our members. Bravo Zulu! (Navy speak for "Job Well Done")

**Capt M Brunelle**  
**Director of Operations**



# ISPA Fly-IN A Success in Greenville



Officers and Cadets alike made the difference of a safe show for the public and for themselves.

Photos provided by C/1st Lt John Chambers  
St Croix Composite Squadron, Cadet Commander  
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## Commander's Corner



This past weekend was the big weekend we have all been working towards. Not only is it our annual support for the Greenville Seaplane Fly-in, it is also



the time we drew the winning raffle ticket for the Harley

Davidson Fat Boy motor cycle. **Lt Col Mike Pellerin** and **Maj Wayne Merritt** have for the past several years been the force behind our successful participation in the fly-in, but this year they needed your help even more and as always, Maine Wing came through. You came in force and helped with seaplanes, the crowd, the parking and this year, the added burden of selling the last of our Fat Boy raffle tickets. It was critical that we sold as many tickets as possible to this very captive audience.

The Greenville Seaplane Fly-in is the best fly-in held in Maine. There is so much to see and do... new airplane

designs, experimental aircraft, over-size seaplanes, turbojet seaplanes and Para-seaplanes. But you weren't just one of the crowd, you were an instrumental part of the show. This is a time to feel real pride in what we do as a wing and you should have made money for your squadron. Yes, when we add up the profits from the water sales and bottle sales, the amounts are shared with the squadrons is directly proportional to the number of participants from that squadron. So, be glad you came to Greenville this year and earned big money for your squadron.

**Col (Chris) Hayden CAP/AF Aux Commander**



help of the Maine Wing CAP Cadets.

This is the time of the year that pilots of Sea Planes get to park their plans with the



Safety Briefings are the first thing that takes place before any aircraft are moved.



Where else do young people get this kind of experience?

More Pictures on the  
Greenville Fly-In  
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