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TO: ALL VIRGINIA WING SENIOR MEMBERS AND CADETS

FROM: HQ, VIRGINIA WING, Director of Administration, Jackie Graham

UNIT NEWSLETTER: It is very important that you share this Newsletter with all Members of your Unit. Please review this material at your unit meeting and post a copy on your Bulletin Board so that it will be available to ALL members. (Members can't participate if you do not tell them about upcoming events). This Bulletin is posted on the Virginia Wing Website as a PDF document. ****All reports are listed on the Virginia Paperless Wing Website. Please have your officers refer to the calendar for report dates.**

- 1. SAFETY** – The Thanksgiving holiday period has passed and December holidays are upon us. While the holidays can provide wonderful times, they can be the source of many personal safety challenges, as well. Two areas – Holiday Driving and Holiday Fire Safety – are worth additional focus this time of the year. Some facts and tips:

Defensive Holiday Driving

- Wear seat belts.
- Driving too fast or too slow can increase the likelihood of collisions
- Don't drink and drive – designate a driver
- Drive rested and watch for impaired driving by others
- Be cautious, aware, and responsible

Holiday Fire Safety

- A quarter of all home fires occur in December and January
- If decorating a cut tree, be sure it is fresh and continually immersed
- Keep trees away from heat sources
- Don't leave electric decorating lights or candles unattended
- Make sure smoke and carbon monoxide detectors are working

We end with a wish for a safe and happy holiday season.

2. **CADET PROGRAMS** – The Virginia Wing Summer Encampment is scheduled for June 24 to July 2, 2006 at Fort Pickett in Blackstone, VA. Recently, Lt. Col. Carter Kuntz was selected as the 2006 Encampment Cadet Commander. Major Nathaniel Evans is the Deputy Commander and Lt. Ruth Tucker is the Executive Officer.

The selection process for the remainder of the cadet staff will be on Saturday, February 11, 2006 at Virginia Wing Headquarters. We are currently accepting cadet and senior applications for the remaining staff positions. Cadets interested in applying for the remaining positions should visit the encampment website located at:
<http://www.vawg.cap.gov/cadet/encampment/index.html>.

Seniors interested in helping with the 2006 encampment should contact Captain Mark Evans or Captain Terry Gentile.

Captain Mark Evans, CAP
VAWG Cadet Programs Staff

3. **OPERATIONS** - Emergency Change 1 to CAPR 173-3, Aircraft Flying Hour Payment Rates, lists revised hourly aircraft rates for all CAP aircraft.

Effective Dec 1, 2005, the following hourly Hobbs rates will apply to all VAWG aircraft:

Cessna 172 - \$30.00 (No Change)
Cessna 182, Maule, Cessna 182T Nav III (Glass) - \$41.00
Cessna 182RG - \$62.00
GA-8 - \$46.00.

VAWG Form 13, Monthly Aircraft Operations Report, will be updated by Dec 31, 2005 to report the new rates for December flying.

Aircraft Custodial Commanders should insure these revised rates are posted in all Aircraft Flight Information Manuals.

Revisions to the CAP and AFROTC Cadet Orientation Flight program as follows:

All VAWG aircraft EXCEPT the Cessna 182RG (02R) are approved for CAP O ride flights.

All VAWG aircraft are approved for AFROTC O ride flights.

- 4. HEALTH** - Cold and flu season has arrived. The CDC has published guidelines for the 2005-2006 season at: www.cdc.gov/flu. Included in the guidelines are recommendations for the flu shot.

Signs and symptoms of the flu are similar to the common cold. However, with the flu, the onset is usually rapid with high fever, headache, general aches and pains, and extreme fatigue.

Touching, coughing, and sneezing can spread germs that cause colds and flu. Health habits can help protect you, and they include the following: wash your hands often; cover your nose and mouth with a tissue when coughing or sneezing; avoid touching your eyes, nose or mouth as much as possible; don't share cups, glasses, or eating utensils; and eat a healthy diet and get regular exercise.

Monica Richardson, LtCol, CAP
Wing Health Service Officer

- 5. AEROSPACE EDUCATION** – Congratulations to Captain Scott Saunders of the Coastal Composite Squadron for winning the Wing's AEO of the Year. It is well deserved. I know we have other AEO's in the Wing that are doing a great job but unfortunately there is only one award. Several of us received or are about to receive the AE Master Educator Award and the Master Rating in the 215 Specialty. Congratulations to Major Bert Jones, Major Dean Daniel and Captain Scott Saunders.

I also want to congratulate our new Wing Commander for Cadets, Captain Deborah Thiem for the excellent AE Workshop she and Lieutenant Deborah Butts conducted at Ft Pickett in October. The Cadets were extremely busy over three days doing AE projects and model rocketry.

The 4th Quarter (AE) report and final report of the year is due to me by 10 January 2006. If at all possible get it to me before that date, as I have to prepare my Annual Wing Report to Region and NHQ in January. These reports are very important as they are used to evaluate our performance on a national basis.

If you haven't prepared your Unit's AE Plan of Action (POA) for 2006 yet now is the time to do it. I also would appreciate getting copies of your POA as it helps me in formulating the Wing's POA.

Also I hope your unit has signed up for the Aerospace Excellence Award (AEX) program, if not I advise you to do it soon as possible. This is a good way to structure your AE program for the coming year. You do not have to complete the program by June, which was the case in the past; you now have until October of 2006.

It is anticipated that National Headquarters will be distributing the new Satellite Tool Kit (STK) software version 6.2.1 early December to all units within the Wing. If you have trouble initially installing this software on your unit's computer please let me know and I can possibly help since I have been through the process several times. After installing the software you can contact Jeff Montgomery, Aerospace Education Program Manager at NHQ by E-mailing him at jmontgomery@cap.gov to receive a password for the program.

The National Conference on Aviation and Space Education (NCASE 2006) which will be held at the Crystal Gateway Marriott in Arlington, Virginia 19-21 October 2006. Please save these dates. It promises to be a big event next year with significant improvements to those held in the past. You can get a full description of the convention on the web site www.ncase.info.

A member of the Wing AE Staff would like to pay a visit to your unit this year. This may be conjunction with a Unit Inspection or as a Staff Assistance Visit. Please let Major Bert Jones or myself know when we can schedule something. We will probably need at least a month's notice. Lt Col David C. Scull, VAWG DAE, 7897 Wellington Drive, Warrenton, VA 21086, Ph: 540 349-9310, E-mail: kd4sv@arri.net. Major Albert L. Jones, VAWG Asst. Director for Internal AE, 370 Westview Lane, Heathsville, VA 22743 Ph: 804 580-5120, E-Mail: uptheriver@rivnet.net.