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Wreaths Across America 2007 Successful



Brigadier General Amy Courter observing ceremony at the Tombs of the Unknown Soldiers. (photo by Michael Garcia, DHS)

December 9th was the start of the 2007 Wreaths Across America Program for The 75th and 76th Composite Squadrons in Maine Wing. Both Squadrons supplied senior officers and cadets to help decorate and load 10,000 wreaths destined for Arlington National Cemetery. This was the 8th year that these two squadrons have helped in the Arlington Project to decorate Veterans graves with the holiday wreaths donated by Worcester Wreath Company in Harrington, Maine.

At the Winter CAP Boards in Washington, DC and agreement between Civil Air Patrol and Wreaths Across America was signed to take this project nationwide by a unique partnership between the two entities to Remember the Fallen, Honor Those Who Serve and Teach our children the value of freedom.

This year, two Civil Air Patrol Vans escorted the two Tractor Trailers filled with wreaths all the way to Arlington National Cemetery with the guidance of the Patriot Guard Riders and two Maine State police cruisers and their drivers. There were many stops along the way at Veterans Homes, Schools, Fire Departments,

etc. At times we had over 60 vehicles and as many as 200 motorcycles or more in the parade. The cadets counted 417 red traffic lights we went through as police escorts took us through many towns without stopping and when we did have a stop, they made sure we had room to park all of the escort's vehicles.

Bad weather made it almost impossible to have Patriot Guard Riders all the way, but you would never know it. We always had at least 4 or 5 members with us during the trip. When we arrived in Arlington, we were escorted to where the wreaths were to be laid and met up with the estimated 3500 volunteers plus to lay the wreaths in section 33 of the cemetery. In addition several Maine Wing Members also traveled to Arlington to Meet with us and help lay wreaths.

After a brief ceremony with the Cemetery Director and Maine State Society we started laying wreaths at 0900. One hour and forty-seven minutes later all 10,000 plus wreaths had been placed on the Veterans Graves. During the same time, our Interim National Commander, Brigadier General Amy Courter held ceremonies at the CAP Memorial and the Air Force Memorial attended by several key VIP's.

Wreath laying ceremonies were also held at Edmund Muskie's Grave, the Kennedy Family Memorials and at the Mast of the U.S.S. Maine.



Just a sample of what 10,000 plus wreaths look like when laid on our Veterans graves. (Photo by C/CMSgt Felicia Vincent)



Starting at 12:00 noon sharp a ceremony at the Tombs of the Unknown Soldiers as well as at 268 locations around the country were taking place to Remember-



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Honor-Teach. These ceremonies were lead by Civil Air Patrol Units (49.25%) with an additional 27 units in support of other lead groups, Patriot Guard Riders (17.54%), Cemetery staff (4.10%), Daughters of the American Revolution (3.73%), VFW (3.36%), American Legion & Aux. (2.61%) and a host of other groups including, Vietnam Veterans, Soldiers Angles, Disabled America Veterans, Rolling Thunder, NFD, Boy Scouts, Knights of Columbus, 1st California Brigade, US Military Vets MC, Department of Veterans Affairs and twenty nine other groups which included individuals and companies all supporting the project.

Maine Wing Members and other CAP units including the Capital Honor Guard. (Photo by Michael Garcia, DHS)

What started out 16 years ago by Morrill Worcester donation of wreaths to Arlington National Cemetery has grown into an annual National Project with the help of Civil Air Patrol and many other groups around the country. We thank the Worcester Family for allowing us to be part of their dream to **Remember** the fallen, **Honor** those who have served and are serving and **Teach** our children the Value of Freedom.

Maj Wayne Merritt and I also wish to thank all of the members of Maine Wing Civil Air Patrol, for your support, not only as escorts to Arlington but to those who stayed back and performed the ceremonies all over the state. This project takes a lot of planning and coordination to pull it off and all of you helped to make it happen. We wish to also thank our Wing Commander, Col Chris Hayden, for all of his support including the trip to Arlington.

The wreaths affect all of us differently as we lay them on the Graves of our Veterans. All of us who traveled to Arlington and those who laid wreaths here in Maine, all have a story as to how it affected us. Take time to say "Thank You" to a veteran both past and present.

Maj Dennis Murray, National Co-Director Wreaths Across America

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Cadet Kayleigh Fountain of Michigan Wing won the trip to Arlington.



**Plan NOW to join us next Year!
You will never forget the experience.**



C/SMSgt Ben Souders attends Bangor Christian School. They had a school assembly for him Thursday December 13th where he was able to address the entire school body and explain the significance of Wreaths Across America. The school purchased a wreath and presented it to him to lay on a grave in Arlington. He carried the wreath down to Arlington National Cemetery with him in the Civil Air Patrol Van. During the trip we learned that **C/Capt Elise Pusey** and **C/SMSgt Hannah Pusey's** great-grandfather was buried in Arlington. Ben offered his school wreath to them for their great-grandfather's grave. The pictures show Souders presenting the wreath to the Pusey's - them laying it on the grave of their great-grandfather **Rear Admiral Arthur Jay White**, U.S. Navy, Medical Corps - and the cadets all saluting. In formation in the background are **C/Capt Slininger**, **C/1st Lt Blanchard**, **C/2nd Lt Hanson**, **C/SRA Babonis**, and **C/A1C Roudolph**.



1st Lt Joyce Gaddis, PAA
MEWG 38th Composite Squadron



MEWG 33rd Composite Squadron C of C



Lt Col James Jordan presents the Squadron Flag to the new Commander, **Capt Richard Saucier** during the C of C ceremony.

Caribou, Maine. A Change of Command ceremony was held at the Caribou Airport on 27 November 2007. **Captain Richard Saucier** assumed command from **Captain Wayne Kilcollins** who took command of the squadron January of 2005. **Lt Col James Jordan**, Deputy Maine Wing Commander officiated during the ceremony.

Accepting promotions were Cadet **SSgt Angela McDonald** and Cadet **SMSgt Levi Swan**. Officer Candidate **Dan Rossignol** received the Chuck Yeager award. **Capt Ray Albair** and **1st Lt Ray Burby** received the Benjamin O. Davis award for completing phase II of professional development training. Many of the squadron's cadets and Officers attended the ceremonies that Tuesday night. Congratulations to all and especially to Capt Richard Saucier on your new command.

1 Lt Ray Burby, PAO
ME WG 33rd Composite Squadron



Millinocket Maine's first annual fly-in was visited by CP on an O-flight turn-around.

"Jim and Bob, thank you very much for attending our little fly-in. It surpassed our expectations by a great deal. Having the CAP here meant a lot to me, and it was very well received by all who attended." **Jeff Campbell**, Airport Supervisor Town Of Millinocket.

On November 17th & 18th Maine Wing held a very successful Corporate Learning Course at the 35th Squadron HQ in Bangor. Nine members took advantage of this very worthwhile two day course and all reported they gained a great deal of new knowledge and a better understanding of the inner workings of our Civil Air Patrol.

As a result of this successful course, I wish to thank the director and assistant director of the CLC, 1Lt Curtis Slinger and 1Lt Nathan Hicks both of the 35th Squadron. I also wish to thank the instructors who gave up their weekend to help their fellow members: Lt Col Jim Jordan, Maj Jim Raymond, Maj Merrie Knightly, Maj Ken Knightly, Maj Dennis Murray, Capt Ken Varian, Capt Susan Hall and Wayne McKinney.



I also wish to thank Maj Dick Hunter and the 35th Squadron for allowing us to use their great HQ for this course.

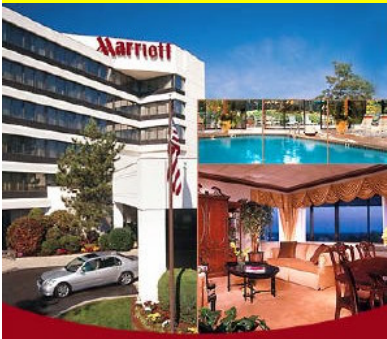
**Col (Chris) Hayden CAP
Commander
Maine Wing, U.S. Civil Air Patrol**

MEWG:

I am pleased to report that last weekend while CLC was being conducted three of us completed the AFRCC SAR Management Course at Westover Air Reserve Base.

Joining me was Lt Col Weinstein and Capt Cuetara. I recommend anyone with IC qualifications to take advantage of this course when it is next offered.

**Marc Brunelle, Maj
CAP MEWG
Director of Operations**



Maine Wing Conference 2008

Under the chairmanship of **Capt Barbara Arsenault** of the 37th Squadron, the Maine Wing Conference 2008 will be held at the Marriott Sable Oaks Hotel in Portland on March 28th, 29th and 30th, 2008.

Starting this year the conference will be FREE, however you will have to pay for the banquet, your meals and board. The hotel has a great and inexpensive restaurant and McDonald's along with all the other fast food restaurants are just down the road at the Maine Mall. We are getting a special discounted rate for the rooms, but if this is too much, there are plenty of lesser priced hotels in the area.

Once again, we are planning on having the National Commander be our guest of honor and several major figures from NHQ have indicated their intention to attend. The entertainment for the banquet will include the professional comedy group the "Wing Nuts" and of course there will be many awards. There is plenty to do in the Portland area and great plans are being made for the cadets including a tour of the Portland Jetport tower, the climbing wall and more.

So mark this date in your calendar: March 28th, 29th and 30th of 2008. Watch your emails for more information as it becomes available.

Just in: On behalf of Capt Arsenault and the Wing Conference Committee, We are pleased to announce the Marriott Sable Oaks in Portland have agreed to a room rate of **\$85** per night for our conference March 28, 29 & 30, 2008. Within a few days the hotel will be publishing a special Web page for us to make our individual bookings via the Web. We will send you the URL as soon as it is available. –Editor

38th CAP Air Base C of C

On the 16th of October, 2007 I had the distinct pleasure of conducting the change of command for the 38th Squadron at the Downeast CAP Air Base in Trenton. **Capt Ken Varian** relinquished command and **1Lt Chris Conner** accepted command. Lt Col Goldstein acted as master of ceremonies.

I wish to officially thank Capt Ken Varian for his outstanding 3 years service to the Civil Air Patrol as the commander of the 38th Squadron. When he took over the squadron he had several tough goals to accomplish and he succeeded in completing them all. The squadron is in great shape with a strong cadet program and a rapidly growing officer and pilot program.

1Lt Chris Conner brings a wealth of experience to the squadron. He is former cadet and since becoming an officer has been the squadron finance officer, testing officer and aerospace officer. 1Lt Conner's goals for the squadron include continuing the path set by Capt Varian and expanding the ranks of the officers and cadets.



Col (Chris) Hayden CAP
Commander
Maine Wing, Civil Air Patrol



MEWG Emergency Services Academy

I am very pleased and excited to announce the appointment of **Lt Col Scott Higgins** as the Dean of the MEWG Emergency Services Skills Academy and **1Lt Jeffrey Furlong** as his assistant.

At present Lt Col Higgins and 1Lt Furlong are preparing the program for 2008 with the objective of starting classes in the New Year. The Academy will provide all MEWG members with a source of advanced and concentrated classroom training with SET sign-off. This will not be a substitute for your squadron level training; rather it will be an adjunct allowing you to complete your SQTR's with a cadre of wing wide trainers and SET's. These classes will start by alternating between Augusta and Bangor and will eventually run simultaneously in both locations. The classes are planned for the first Saturday of each month, allowing members to complete their classroom training and SET sign-offs at that time and then complete their practical training on the third Saturday of the month during our regular SAREX.

As soon as the program is ready, we will be distributing it to everyone and will add signup to the Wing Website Activities tab.

Col (Chris) Hayden CAP
Commander
Maine Wing, U.S. Civil Air Patrol

On December 1, 2007 we held the first of our regular ES Skills College sessions at the Augusta HQ's of the 36th Squadron. We had a great turn out of both officers and cadets who came to receive direct training in map and compass reading through the knowledge and experience of Lt Col Scott Higgins and Lt Jeff Furlong. This classroom session gave everyone the opportunity to concentrate on the subject in an environment of learning and among peers with the same objectives.

Lt Col Higgins and Lt Furlong are working on a program for the coming 6-12 months with winter survival being the next subject. There will not be a college session in January due to holiday season.

We wish to thank Maj Fellows and the 36th squadron for providing a great lunch. We also wish to thank Lt Col Higgins and Lt Furlong for making this great opportunity available to everyone in Maine Wing.

Bangor Brewer Composite Squadron

The Bangor-Brewer Composite Squadron once again has had a very busy quarter. The Cadet Commander and his staff have been working very hard on setting goals and achieving them. Merits are up for inspection, the logistics room is organized and looks great and drill and ceremony exercises have improved immensely. The officers have been attending safety briefings and staff meetings and discussing and planning future activities for the squadron.



In October at a regular meeting with cadets and officers present Major Hunter presented Capt. Helen Henderson a Certificate of Appreciation for her service with the cadet program.



November brought the CLC to the Bangor-Brewer Squadron. This two day course was directed by Lt. Curt Slininger and co-directed by Lt. Nathan Hicks. Congratulations on a successful program. On Veterans Day several officers and cadets participated in the Veterans Day Parade in Bangor. Thank-you to the Machias Squadron for joining us in paying our respect to those that have served and continue to serve our country. Amongst all of this the officers and cadets also participated in another very successful Little Caesars fundraiser.

Have a safe and happy holiday season for all of us at the Bangor-Brewer Composite Squadron.

Lt. Cathie Spaulding, PAO
MEWG Bangor-Brewer Composite Squadron



38th Composite Squadron

In every Squadron there are cadets that stand out from the rest. It is the case of Cadet Elise Pusey who has shown she is willing to do what is necessary to advance in her cadet career. At a recent meeting attended by members, family and friends she was presented her Amelia Earhart Award and promoted to Captain by the Maine Wing Commander, Col Chris Hayden.

The Amelia Earhart Award is earned after completing the first eleven achievements of the cadet program and receipt of the Billy Mitchell Award. In addition the cadet must pass an arduous 100 question examination testing aerospace topics, leadership theory and staff topics. C/Capt Pusey has completed all of the requirements for this important award.



Her career so far has been; Cadet Elise Pusey joined CAP March 2004 , attended Airman Academy Apr 2004, Basic Encampment summer 2004, 1st Sgt for Airman Academy spring 2005, Flight Sergeant for Encampment summer 2005, Cadet Commander for Airman Academy spring 2006, support staff for Encampment summer 2006, instructional staff for Airman Academy spring 2007, Executive Officer for Encampment summer 2007, worked CAP assignments for Blue Angels Air Show at Naval Air Station Brunswick 2005, worked CAP assignments for Sea Plane Association Fly In Greenville 2006, member of Maine Wing Drill Team, attended Regional Cadet Drill Team Competition at Westover Air Reserve Base, MA May 2007, held positions within Downeast Patrol Composite Squadron including Executive Officer, Airman Mentor, Flight Sgt, and Cadet Commander.

Elsie has recently completed a 3 month intensive Discipleship Training School in Montana which included a working missions trip into South America. She is applying for distance learning opportunities with Patrick Henry College, VA and plans to return to Potters Ranch in Montana as an assistant to the Dean of Women to mentor young women

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through the 3 month intensive program she has just completed.

Elise will celebrate her 21st birthday this spring and will continue her service with the CAP as an officer.

**1st Lt Joyce Gaddis, PAA
38th CAP Air Base**

**58th Composite Squadron
CAP Air Base**



I wish to publicly thank and acknowledge those cadets and senior members who assisted in yesterday's 399th Combat Support Hospital Homecoming Ceremony at the Portland International Jetport. 11 cadets and 3 senior members served with their utmost professionalism, providing a color guard, crowd control and aircraft security as well as pedestrian safety to and from the airport hanger. Our services did not go unnoticed by the Army National Guard's top ranking officer's, including the Adjutant General and Commissioner of the Maine Army National Guard, Major General John Libby.



Maine Wing thanks you for your exemplary service!

**Lt. Doug Bennett, PAO
58th Composite Squadron
Maine Wing, Civil Air Patrol**

77th Composite Squadron

On Thursday evening, September 27th, I had the distinct pleasure of presiding over the change-of-command at the 77th Squadron on the parade grounds at Lewiston/Auburn CAP Air Station. **Lt Col Scott Higgins** relinquished command and **Capt Daniel LeClair** accepted command.

I wish to thank Capt LeClair for accepting command and taking on the highly responsible position of squadron commander. He has certainly demonstrated abilities to us all on the past years and has set goals for the squadron that will assure it success and longevity.

I also wish to thank Lt Col Higgins for his service to the squadron over the past 2 ½ years as not only the squadron commander, but also the squadron's founder. As a sign of appreciation, Capt LeClair presented Lt Col Higgins with a framed copy (#5) of our "Distinguished Service" lithograph. Following the ceremony and presentation, everyone retired to the Squadron HQ for cake and soda.

Thank Lt Col Higgins and congratulations Capt LeClair.

**Col (Chris) Hayden CAP
Commander
Maine Wing, U.S. Civil Air Patrol**

Better Late Than Never

I'd like to thank MSgt Scott Pelletier, MEANG, ME-035 Cadets, Bartlett-Hall, Douglas, Gunnell, Pacholski, Parks, Rector, Rhyne, and Slinger for spending the best part of their Saturday erecting the tents that will be used for the MEWG encampment in about a week from now.

This was the first time the replacement Temper tent had been out of its crate since arriving at the base last fall. The crew unpacked it, loaded it onto the truck and transported it to the Encampment site. After all of the parts had been checked, assembly began under the guidance of MSgt Pelletier, who thankfully knew the assembly sequence, (there is more to this than your basic dome tent). The crew did so well, it was decided, that after a lunch break, we would

assemble the second tent that would be needed for the female Cadets at Encampment.



The Cadets flew through the assembly of the second tent, even though some of the parts were bent and damaged from last year's storm. I've included a photo of the crew and the finished tents.

Thanks again for your time and effort, and especially Captain Hall.

Lt Col James Jordan, CAP
MEWG/VC North
Maine Wing Civil Air Patrol

This information was left out of the "Special Encampment Issue" by mistake –Editor



OPSEC Training requirements

The NEC has made it a mandatory requirement for All members to complete the OPSEC training by a target date of April 1, 2008. This includes **Cadet members** and **members** that do not have any interest in Emergency Services.

MEWG currently has 316 members that have not completed the training to date. This is actually a majority of our Membership. Please take the few minutes to follow the link that I have provided. There is no test to take, just an agree/disagree tab to check after reviewing the training. It is mainly common sense and relatively painless.

I understand that many members may not have access to the internet, so members that do, should pass the word through their Squadrons. Members that do not complete the OPSEC training will lose out on a number of opportunities as well as access to e-services, so please complete the training as soon as you are able.

Maine Wing as a whole is a very dedicated group, and I am confident that we can meet this objective before the target date. Have a Safe and enjoyable Holiday Season.

<https://tests.cap.af.mil/opsec/main.cfm>

Thank you,

Joshua Cuetara, Capt.
CAP/USAF Aux
MEWG
Emergency Services Officer

The online application for preparing and submitting a CAPF 31 is now available.

NCSA Application Instructions - 2008

APPLICATION WINDOWS

NCSA applications may be submitted from 1 December 2007 to 15 January 2008.

PROCEDURES COMMON TO ALL ACTIVITIES

To apply for most activities you must be able to log into "e-Services" to access and complete the on-line CAP Form 31. This means you must have a CAPID and a password. Do not wait until the last minute to establish a password and confirm that you can log into "e-Services". Application procedures for some activities (NESA, Hawk Mountain, COS, CLA, and IACE) are different. Please review the individual activity descriptions for special application details. Check your personal contact information: The computer process takes member data and puts it in the forms where appropriate so it's important that your data is accurate. Pay special attention to your emergency contact information. The process will not work if that information is not provided.

Locate CAP Form 31 on-line: Go to E-Services and click the "NCSA Main Menu" link under "CAP Utilities" to apply for special activities. As you follow the instructions for entering your request, you will also get to check (and correct if necessary) your address, contact information, and personal characteristics that National Headquarters (NHQ) has on file. Note: You need Explorer 6.0 and Adobe 6.0 to complete the application. Both are available as downloads from the e-Services web page. When you have completed the application, you will be asked to perform several functions. First, electronically submit your application to NHQ on-line through E-Services. (When you have completed, reviewed and printed your CAP form 31, it will automatically be transmitted to NHQ electronically) Second, print the application and sign the "Release Agreement" and have your parent or guardian (if applicable) sign the "Release by Parent or Guardian" block (page 4 of the application). New Third, forward a printed and signed copy of the Form 31 to your Squadron Commander. The form will be reviewed at the squadron and forwarded to the Wing Commander for approval. (TIP! Make sure your Squadron Commander forwards the CAP Form 31 to Wing for ranking)

SPECIAL APPLICATION PROCEDURES

Application procedures for the following are all unique to each activity Hawk Mountain Search and Rescue School (HAWK) International Air Cadet Exchange (IACE) National Emergency Services Academy (NESA) Aviation Challenge Space Camp and EAA Air Academy.

For application instructions please visit the activity's website, and follow the special procedures outlined there.

Wayne McKinney
CAP Wing Administrator (Maine)



Maine Wing Emergency Services

I would like to thank all that participated in the September 29th and 30th weekend exercise with Waldo Co. EMA. Maine Wing was just one of many participating agencies in this MCI drill. Thank you to the two aircrews and all the communications team who did a great job representing CAP and our capabilities to many folks who did not have any idea what we could do. Let me just say that there were a lot of impressed people. Many kudos were given for what we can bring to a situations like this. I expect that we will be getting a lot more calls to participate in joint exercises such as this in the future.

Thank all of you for giving of your time to help Maine Wing shine.

Maj. Merrie Knightly, CS
Maine Wing Civil Air Patrol



I wish to thank everyone for being prepared to assist our communities in the event Extra Tropical Storm Noel had brought the predicted devastation to Maine this weekend. Luckily, it past almost without incident. On Saturday Capt Josh Cuetara represented MEWG at the MEMA EOC and Maj Wayne Merritt represented MEWG in Washington and Hancock County EMA's. Sunday morning Lt Col Jeff Weinstein was prepared to take over our position at the MEMA

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EOC, however it closed 0100.

We have received very positive responses for our display of readiness to assist MEMA and the County EMA's. Mark Belserene of MEMA called me to thank us for our pro-active stance in view of the potential threat of XTS Noel.

Thank you all

Col (Chris) Hayden CAP

Commander

Maine Wing, U.S. Civil Air Patrol



November 9, 2007 the 58th Squadron based in Portland joined the town rescue units of Cape Elizabeth and Scarborough and the Portland Coast Guard in a Rapid Response exercise at Richmond Island off Cape Elizabeth.

25 Kayakers, comprising of Cape Elizabeth High School seniors and facility, posed as victims following a simulated squall during a kayaking expedition to Richmond Island. Cape Elizabeth Rescue alerted the 58th Squadron and immediately Capt Baker, Capt Godfrey and Sgt Killian launched and were on site tracking the "Pointer" and spotting victims in the water and on land using the Becker and a night vision device. This is the first time MEWG has used a night vision device. Sgt Killian provided the device and operated it from the scanner position through the camera port in the back. He reported the device was a great help, but we need to look at acquiring a more advanced model for future operations.

While the aircrew circled Richmond Island, the 58th squadron also deployed a ground team with the new digital Elper. They quickly triangulated the Pointer and found it had moved due its positioning on a Kayak. Throughout the exercise, the aircrew used a USCG radio frequency specified for the exercise by the rescue units and the USCG. This added considerably to the success of the exercise. The guard function on the new Technosonic radio also allowed the CAP mission base to maintain full contact with the air crew.

An after action meeting was held in Cape Elizabeth and both the USCG and the two wet team rescue units praised the 58th Squadron for their outstanding skill and assistance as well as very professional radio communications. The Cape Elizabeth team pointed out the fact that towns across the state are not aware of all their community assets such as CAP to assist in an emergency. This is the fourth year running that the 58th has participated in this annual exercise.

Col (Chris) Hayden CAP

Commander

Maine Wing, U.S. Civil Air Patrol



I would like to thank a number of our dedicated members for answering the call for an ELT Mission assigned late last night (November 23, 2007) by the AFRCC. Major Merritt received the call and handled the Incident Command very efficiently as usual.

The Mission was opened at 0245Z with a signal originating west of Old Town. Major Hunter was notified by Major Merritt and dispatched a ground crew of Lt. Col. Lobo and Capt. Weirsma into the cold November night.

Even though the AFRCC reported a negative pass on the satellite, Lt. Col. Lobo and Capt. Weirsma continued and picked up the signal.

At 0638Z, Lt. Col. Lobo and Capt. Weirsma located and silenced the offending ELT in a Maine State Forestry Service Helicopter.

Thank you all again for your dedication and service.

Joshua Cuetara, Capt.

CAP/USAF Aux

MEWG

Emergency Services Officer



I would like to thank everyone involved in the mission yesterday to assist the Maine Warden Service with their search for a missing hunter. The following members were involved and deserve our thanks for answering the call:

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While defrosting the aircraft Lt Col Weinstein responded to assist in programming the new CAP radio with the correct freqs for the mission. Col Hayden and Capt Gagnon flew to the search area but were forced to RTB due to low ceilings and snow squalls in the mountains prohibited by regulation, Maj Saucier accepted the IC handoff from me mid day and coordinated with the ICP with Lt Higgins on scene to Liaison our relationship. I flew in the Maine Warden Service C185 as observer and saw a lot of deer and moose from treetop level for over five hours in the air. I am pleased that the hunter was found alive, however, there were many lessons in SAR to be learned from this experience. I hope to share some of these at an upcoming SAREX.

Marc Brunelle, Maj
CAP/USAF Aux
MEWG
Director of Operations

37th Composite Squadron

Sundown Squadron held an awards evening November 28 at Gould Academy in Bethel. Special guests included Col Chris Hayden, Capt. and Mrs. Baker. Lt. Autrey, Aerospace Officer was presented with the Aerospace Excellence Award for the squadron and individual awards were presented to officers and cadets. This is the second year that the squadron has participated in the program coordinated by Lt Autrey.

A change of command took place as Cadet Megan Arsenault passed the cadet command position to Cadet Galen Topper. Cadet Topper was also promoted to Senior Airman. Cadet Megan Arsenault received the Billy Mitchell Award and was promoted by Capt. Bob Baker. C/ Lt. Arsenault is a Junior at Mountain Valley High School in Rumford where she is a member of National Honor Society and participates on the Civil Rights Team and in the school musical. Megan has a part time job as a Youth Prevention Specialist for Adcare.

As Cadet Galen Topper is on the Ski Patrol at Sunday River we will be organizing a program with the Patrol for all interested CAP members. Read the Listserve!

We are excited about organizing the Wing Conference which will be held at Sable Oaks in South Portland March 28, 29. We are hoping to work with Portland Jetport for some of the workshops. River Valley's improve comedy team "Wing Nuts" will be performing Saturday night.

1Lt Barbara Arsenault, Commander
37th Composite Squadron, MEWG, CAP

**76th
Composite Squadron
(See Newsletter)**

**75th
Composite Squadron
(See Newsletter)**

**Pinetree Senior Squadron
(None Submitted)**

**Waterville
Composite Squadron
(None Submitted)**

Squadron information can also be found on the Maine Wing Website under Public Relations/Squadron Newsletters then click the squadron of your choice. The Wing Website is <http://mewg.cap.gov>
Maj Dennis Murray, MEWG, PAO

Commander's Corner



Maine Wing:

As we begin the New Year, we can look forward to implementing the goals we set in the later part of last year. The most important of these goals requires all of us to participate: it is to recruit new senior members (officers) to give us the Man Power we need to fulfill our missions. With a substantial core of officers our cadet membership will follow.

To make this happen; throughout the year, we will be holding "open houses" at each squadron, providing targeted advertising and continuing to send recruitment letters to specific groups.

One of our new goals has already proved its success: our ES Skills College which provides classroom training opened its door in December and will continue throughout the year. Another goal that will be starting this year is our Officer Training School.

We have also set a goal to find new and larger facilities for our Wing HQ and the ES Training College. Since the announcement of BRAC closing of Brunswick NAS, we have pursued this opportunity as an obvious choice. With the support of Major General Libby we have been given assurance of obtaining these new facilities as soon as the US Navy Squadrons depart in 2010.

It is not just these big goals that count; it is the goals we set for ourselves as individuals. In these times of uncertainty, just one simple act by one person can affect the whole picture. Make it your goal this year to do something that will make a difference.

Col (Chris) Hayden CAP
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Maine Wing, U.S. Civil Air Patrol
US Air Force Auxiliary



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