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CIVIL AIR PATROL NEWS



Emergency Services and Technology

During a recent SAREX in the Gainesboro area, Group 3 was able to use their modified FEMA trailer. The trailer was used as a command center and housed the equipment necessary for their new Satellite Communication System. A generator was used to provide constant electrical power to both the trailer and the satellite system.



Maj Jeff Wreyford has spent an extraordinary amount of time and effort customizing the trailer to meet the changing needs of incident commanders, ground branch directors and air branch directors on a mission. With the use of this new Satellite System, wireless internet was readily available in a location that held many communications challenges. This system played a critical role in allowing realtime online updates of ground team and air crew status through use of Incident Management Utility software.

Group 1 recently held a class to provide 14 members with hands-on training on Incident Management Utility (IMU) software. This program handles many of the paperwork aspects of running a mission. Lt. Rob Borsari, TN Wing Director of IT, assisted attendees with the initial setup of IMU on their laptops and then walked them through the program's features.

Attendees learned how to utilize the software through various aspects of running a mission. The students assembled and launched air crew and ground teams, and they focused on how different modules interact. For example, entries in the communications log update the status board.



Maj Kermit E Duckett, Wing Internal Aerospace Education Officer

Maj Duckett is a man of varied interests, talents, education and experience that make him an exceptional resource within CAP. I had the pleasure of spending time with him recently and learned more about this very interesting man and the choices he made that led him to join CAP in 2001.

After growing up in eastern North Carolina, he attended Georgia Tech where he had his first brush with the Air Force. He was in AF ROTC and found the experience rewarding. When told that he could not be a pilot because of color blindness and not recognizing the many other options available through the Air Force, he chose a different path. In 1957 while still attending GA Tech, he recalled seeing the first orbiting satellite *Sputnik*.....NASA came right after that. He began thinking about going to Huntsville, Alabama and pursuing his Masters degree and at the same time working at what later became Marshall Space Flight Center. Unsure how long the process of receiving his FBI background check would last, he accepted another research position with a company which manufactured rayon tire cord. So began his interest and long career in fiber physics and polymer science. A year later, he headed to Colorado where he

earned his Masters Degree in physics from the University of Colorado-Boulder. During that time he worked in an upper atmosphere laboratory where instruments were designed to measure the infrared radiation emitted from the surface of the earth. He also took classes in astrophysics and cosmology from George Gamow (an early proponent of Big Bang cosmology) and his interest in astronomy grew. After completing his Masters Degree, he was accepted into the PhD program at the University of Tennessee where his research focused on laser technology and infrared spectroscopy. Upon graduation he was offered a position with the university and began teaching and research career. During this time he met his wife, Virginia, and they married in November 1965. Maj Duckett has two children, daughter Charis and son Mark David, both living in Knoxville along with his two grandchildren.

His first experience teaching astronomy was in a physical science class which included elements of chemistry, physics, geology and astronomy. After about 10 years he began to concentrate more of his teaching within the physics program toward astronomy and astrophysics. He is the author of the astronomy lab manual "A Laboratory Textbook for Introductory Astronomy [7th edition].

Maj Duckett (continued)

Soon after his retirement in 2001, a replacement director of UT's aerospace education workshop offered through the college of education was being sought. Lt Col Dave Garner, the SER CAP DAE and initiator of the state-supported workshop, asked Maj Duckett to take on a shared directorship. He accepted that offer and continues to work with Lt Col Garner in running the 3-week summer workshop. These workshops have been a highlight in the continued education of K-12 teachers. CAP has and continues to play a major role in its success by providing flying experiences in CAP aircraft. A number of Wing staff and other CAP officers also contribute to the workshops adding immensely to their successful outcome. After a year or so Maj Gary Lynn, TN Wing DAE, asked if he would consider a wing staff position. His decision was based in part on how to give back to the community something in return for all he had received. Doing so through aerospace education was a great fit.

What he has learned: "What I wish I would have done, is to have known about CAP when I was much younger and joined a squadron. I would have liked the experience of working directly with cadets as well as with senior members. What I have learned many times over is that one can start anywhere at any time and still end up as contributing in the process."

A great CAP Experience - Aerospace Education Officers School in Pensacola, FL.: "It was a very concentrated program where the role of the aerospace education officer was explored in considerable depth. The internal and external programs for both cadets and senior members were explored. Record keeping and plans-of-action, along with preparation of compliance inspection materials received special emphasis. Very impressive and highly recommended to all AEOs."

Why Aerospace Education is so important and some reasons that he stays active in CAP: "This is a very competitive world and those nations that are going to be the strongest are going to have the most advanced scientists and technologists. This implies the importance of training sufficient numbers of scientists and engineers to keep ahead of those other countries in these competitive and technical areas." He also

said, "I have over 40 years at the university and I have seen a decline of interest in science and mathematics. I know from talking to teachers in the summer workshop that this is also true in K-12." When talking about the summer workshop, he said, "It offers some hope for the future. The teachers are excited about the workshops, the evaluations are tremendously high. If you excite a teacher about something, it automatically feeds into the classroom. If I can help that continue that's why I still do it."

As with many CAP members, this is not the only volunteer organization that gets some of his time. One day a week Maj Duckett works with FISH, a community food pantry. This began with a church challenge for each member to serve the community in some capacity with 50 hours of service during the year. He reached his goal quickly and kept right on going. He unloads trucks and puts food away with the assistance of other volunteers including those people that are being helped. "They are overall appreciative folks, not much different from anyone else you might know. They simply have needs beyond what we normally experience." It has expanded his local view of the community and provided a need to be a part of making life a little better for others.

One of the most enjoyable parts of the conversation was a discussion of his hobby, collecting watches and clocks. For 36 years he has been a member of the National Association of Watch and Clock Collectors. During a recent regional meeting in Chattanooga, he was presented the Star Fellow Award, one of only 64 people in the association that have been chosen to receive this award.

Maj Duckett believes that we all come to divisions in the road of living where we have to make a decision. Either way is not necessarily a bad decision or a good decision; it's a decision that leads somewhere that you would not have gone had you made the other decision. How fortunate for us that his decisions led him to CAP.



Group 1 Events

Mobile Vietnam Veterans Wall

Over Labor Day weekend, several squadrons participated in a community service event in Sevierville at the Tennessee Museum of Aviation. Members assisted visitors as needed and provided 24 hour security during the five day event.



Livingston SAREX 22-23 August 2008

Saturday, August, 22, Civil Air Patrol members from McGhee-Tyson Composite and Knox Senior gathered at McGhee-Tyson airport for training. Reports of an ELT signal came in and Ground Teams departed TYS for the Livingston area with aircrews en route about an hour after.

Teams arrived in the area about 2 hours after departure and used direction finding techniques to locate the signal and were led into the crash site by the aircrews. The team found what

appeared to be an aircraft crash site. Cadets and senior members were treated to an interesting scenario that isn't played out very often. Entering a crash site with a person and debris field isn't something we get to do everyday.



When it comes to crash site entry you can orally train all you want, but its another to physically practice it. Cataloging, photographing, and taking notes on what may or may not have happened can help the NTSB tremendously. Anything helps, from a toothbrush to an instrument from the panels can hold valuable clues that help to determine the cause of the crash. After the site is secured, personnel from the aircraft were then located and medical status was ascertained.

by: 2nd Lt Frank Lajoie, McGhee-Tyson Composite Squadron

From the State Director Perspective

This month marks the eight year anniversary of my association with the Tennessee CAP Wing. During that time I have come to appreciate all that you do for the nation and have learned much a long a very pleasant journey. Thinking back from where I started and what I see now, it impresses me that some things have changed A LOT, and some things remain the same.

What has changed, and continues to change is the growth in technology used to prosecute your missions. The value your customer places on what services you provide to them has truly been impressive. The fleet of aircraft and vehicles have seen state-of-the art modernization and the expanded capabilities provide a service that was not possible when I started in the LO eight years ago. The growth of Information Technology service as seen in WMIRS, WMU, IMU, and other computer based data managers has been painful at times, but all contribute to national, regional, and state resources that have expanded your mission outreach. The growth in radio and satellite communications equipment inventory and sophistication will help address limitations and link your resources in ways previously not realized. To me it is exciting to see the changes continue and hear of the successes these new resources bring to you. While seeing the impact of these new toys is exciting, what I most appreciate is how local and state authorities view your contributions to civil agencies. Gone are the days when TEMA and local EMA's knew little of you and what you could provide. Today, you have a very strong and expanding partnership with TEMA and local EMA's and their leaders are very enthusiastic about their CAP teammates. That relationship was not a gift -- it was earned by the hard work of wing leaders and you continually demonstrating that you regularly meet expectations.

What has not changed is the wonderful volunteer spirit that turns the great technology into capability. I marvel at the capacity you have to take a lot of time from your work and family to spend countless hours in all aspects of your ES, cadet, and Aerospace Education missions. And, while time spent and strong effort are good things, the measurement that matters most is that you have built a track record of success in what you offer you will do. I assure you the AF and civic leaders value their unpaid professional partners and have the greatest confidence you will be there on the front-line when our nations greatest civil needs arise.

I congratulate you on all your successes and look forward to continuing our association with Tennessee CAP Wing!"

Regards,

John L. Carnduff, Jr.
State Director, CAP-USAF Liaison Office – TN
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Tennessee Drill Team

If you are in a senior squadron or new to CAP, you may be wondering exactly what is involved in a drill team competition. Dayton and Fairborn, Ohio, were the locations of the 2007 / 2008 National Cadet Competition. The TN Wing team was housed in the honors dorm of Wright State University during the multi-day competition, which consisted of a timed mile run, volleyball competition, aerospace written exam, an aerospace cadet bowl, a team uniform inspection, standard drill, and innovative drill. The awards banquet and volleyball competition were held at Sinclair Community College in downtown Dayton and the mile run was held at the Museum of the Air Force at Wright-Patterson AFB. All the other activities were held at Wright State University.

“The biggest challenge faced by the team,” said Lt Col Bronce Fitzgerald, “was the difficulty in finding a time and centralized location to practice.” Cadets and Senior Members involved in drill team activities travel from all parts of the state. For the cadets who made every practice and for the senior officers who taught, supervised, sized uniforms, wrote aerospace questions, cooked, and provided logistical support, there was much time and financial commitment. The drill team commander was C/ Lt Col Corey Tuttle. When asked for his thoughts about Tuttle, Lt Col Fitzgerald said, “It requires a

great deal of ability and self discipline to command a competition drill team and he did a great job.” The primary trainer of the team was Lt Col Jeff Clark who designed the innovative show.

Thank you to all the members that worked so hard to accomplish a 1st place ranking at SER competition and 3rd place at National Cadet Competition. Our Wing is filled with pride and admiration for your hard work and impressive accomplishments.

C/Maj Benton A Beasley, Murfreesboro
 C/2dLt Alexis R Churchill, Oakland
 C/1st Lt Andrew G Fender, Greenback
 C/2dLt Medardo Hernandez, Hermitage
 C/Col Antonio More, Tullahoma
 C/SrA Jonathan Moore, Rockwood
 C/LtCol Marcos G More, Tullahoma
 C/LtCol Thomas E Myers, Paris
 C/TSgt William Nelms, Lynchburg
 C/Capt Robert K Reece, Maryville
 C/Capt Adam T Smith, Hohenwald
 C/1stLt Austin R Tallman, Franklin
 C/Lt Col Corey W Tuttle, Nashville
 C/Capt Kristina M Adkins, Mansfield (Alternate)

Lt Col Montille Warren, Savannah
 Lt Col Donald J Clark, Louisville
 Lt Col Bronce Fitzgerald, Knoxville
 Major Wanda J Myers, Paris
 1st Lt Kathleen B Gemma, Tullahoma
 Major William Nelms, Lynchburg
 1st Lt John Young, Knoxville





Want to know what some of those dedicated cadets thought about the competition?

C/2dLt Medardo Hernandez- Drill Team is the first reason why I joined the Civil Air Patrol. Once I actually got to do it, it was amazing. I loved every moment of it, and knowing that all the cadets on the team were striving for the same goal, was an even greater feeling. We all just gave it everything we had to achieve our goal/mission.

Winning the South East Region Drill Team Competition was an amazing feeling, and I believe I speak for the whole team when I say that we were almost in tears. The Tennessee Wing Drill Team had not been to National Cadet Competition in about 15 years, so to be a part of the team that had broken the curse... it was an amazing feeling.

Going to National Cadet Competition was an extraordinary experience. No matter the outcome of the competition, everything that was done and everything that happened affected us in many ways. Now we know what to expect. I cannot be more proud to be a part of a team so incredible as the Tennessee Wing Drill Team for the 2007-2008 year competition. Everyone on the team gave it all they had, and there was no way we could have asked more of anyone. It was a very, very incredible experience that I will never forget.

C/Capt Robby Reece- I started drill team 2 years ago. I didn't have any initial interest in it but I didn't see how it could hurt so decided I'd give it a shot. I made the team and really enjoyed it. I knew I would be on drill team this year since last year I enjoyed it so much. We started off with our normal practices just friends at drill practice. I don't think any of us really expected to go to nationals when we started practicing and I certainly didn't expect it. We practiced hard up to region and came in with the right attitude. We won region for the first time in over 15 years and we were pumped about it! From that point we were making as many preparations as we could to get ready for nationals. We crammed as much into every practice as possible.



When the time came we got to Ohio, just being there was an incredible feeling. The team went in and gave what we had knowing this was an opportunity of a lifetime. We didn't take first place in the competition but I think there's more to gain from a competition like this. I've made some of the best friends through drill team and I know I couldn't have gotten that anywhere else.

I think as a whole the team was very close to one another and we shared common goals and desires so at the end of the competition we were able to leave happy with accomplishments that none of us will soon forget and with an awesome group of friends.

“INSPECTIONS AND INVESTIGATIONS, FIRST COUSINS IN WING OPERATIONS”

CAP’s “Complaint Investigating Officer’s Guide” provides a working definition of the CAP Inspector General system; “An extension of the eyes, ears, voice, and conscience of command”. The IG should be a trusted, confidential extension of command. The IG is a fact finder whose primary roles include training, inspecting, assisting, and investigating. The IG builds CAP credibility by advising leadership on readiness, economy, efficiency and state of discipline. IG investigations and inspections are administrative in nature – they are fact-finding investigations designed to assist commanders in making decisions concerning issues under their purview. They are not criminal proceedings in which proof beyond a reasonable doubt is required. The standard of proof that applies is proof by a *preponderance of the evidence.*”

Statistics for inspections and investigations in Tennessee Wing suggest we have evenhanded leadership of most units. Alleged leadership failures that have come to the attention of your Wing IG cover a spectrum of possibilities during the past year. Remember these were alleged leadership failures! Subsequent investigations often find the allegation not completely or not at all true.

CENTRAL FINDING	OCCURRENCES	% OF TOTAL
Abuse	1	11.1%
Abuse of Authority	1	11.1%
Cadet Protection Issue	1	11.1%
Falsification of Reports or Records	1	11.1%
Hostile Environment	2	22.2%
Misconduct	1	11.1%
Mismanagement	1	11.1%
Reprisal	1	11.1%

Subordinate Unit Inspections also provide an indicator to command concerning leadership success or failure. During the last SUL cycle most units in Tennessee Wing received a grade of Successful or Excellent. It is important to keep in mind that these categories were not designed to be equivalent to school grades. The inspection guide directs the IG to place fully functioning units in the Successful

category. Units with significant program strength or weakness can be recognized by assigning a Superior, Excellent, Marginal or Unsatisfactory grades.

Your IG team has worked diligently since last fall to build that elusive credibility. Credibility comes from many small daily acts on the part of each officer who has the IG staff assignment. Being knowledgeable and performing IG tasks effectively has proven to be challenging. Being responsive to the general need for timely and accurate reports to command and at the same time resisting the urge to “please” command is not as easy as you might guess! All the commanders I have had the pleasure to work under have honored the guidance that says let the IG do his or her job without interference.

Looking back to allegations that were found true: We all initially joined CAP for a particular reason. Later as we were assigned tasks and attended training our understanding of the “job” expanded and our understanding of individual responsibilities grew. Along with a more complete understanding of our job comes the opportunity to feel empowered to be creative in getting the job done. This creative phase can bring with it a growth in personal leadership skills or an increasingly insensitive “use” of others to attain personal goals. A quick review of the investigative topics above will demonstrate the extent to which these creative leadership acts can go off course as viewed by others. Under the subject of lessons learned, I will list some remedies or advice to leaders:

- At least every six months stop and reflect about your own creative leadership.
- Are the results always positive as seen by others?
- Am I a good listener?
- Is my contribution to leadership still lighthearted?
- Do I get unsolicited praise from others about the success of our team?
- Would I be surprised to receive an award for team building?

Although unscientific this list hopefully will be useful to every officer in a command assignment. If we all work together with a spirit of cooperation we can make the investigative IG work a much smaller part of the job.

by: Capt Don Miller, TNWG IG

Group 2 Events

Tullahoma Squadron visits Huntsville Alabama
U.S. Space and Rockets Museum, 23 August



For the past several years, the Tullahoma squadron has made many trips to visit the US Space and Rocket Center. The Aerospace Education mission within CAP is dramatically advanced with trips such as this. Lt Col Charlie Smith said that this trip was one of the more exciting because of the new Davidson Center which opened 31 January 2008.



Above - C/LtCol Marcos More, former cadet commander for the Tullahoma Squadron solos in CAP glider.

September 2, 2008 Mission in Chattanooga

Members of Group II located and deactivated an Emergency Locator Transmitter (ELT) in the Chattanooga area.

The Air Force Rescue Coordination Center (AFRCC) notified Wing that the transmitter had been activated at approximately 0527. An Urban Direction Finding (UDF) team, including members of the Choo Choo Senior Squadron and the Chattanooga Composite Squadron. The team began a search of the surrounding the Chattanooga Airport based on information provided by the AFRCC.

The ELT was located on an airplane inside a hanger in the Airport Security Zone. An apparent malfunction was the cause of the activation. The ELT was deactivated by the team at 0912.

2008 Tennessee Wing Encampment

Tennessee Wing Encampment was held at Fort Campbell for the first time since 2002. This year's encampment offered far more than the ordinary required classes of Emergency Services, Aerospace Education, Leadership and Moral Leadership. It surpassed any expectations of the number of hours of marching in the hot sun or cleaning and re-cleaning of the barracks. The cadets were able to participate in realistic hands-on activities due to the immense support of the Army.

All of us got a look into the world of combat medicine. The cadets sat through a knowledge intensive medical class which closely resembled Basic First Aid training. During the class they learned how to identify and treat the different types of bleeding along with the specific treatment procedures. After the rigorous class, everyone was taken to the simulation room where three injured manikins lay with missing limbs and oozing wounds. The cadets were given time to treat the blinking and breathing manikins with the sounds of gunfire and artillery fire in the background.

Another day entailed a tour and demonstration from the Parachute Riggers and hands on experience with the Army's simulated weapons training system. The Parachute Riggers showed the cadets the many different types of parachutes used for both personnel and for dropping large loads such as food pallets or vehicles. The cadets also saw how the parachutes were packed and the numerous safety precautions taken to ensure that every parachute opens without issue. The simulated weapons training seemed to be the highlight for many cadets. The Army has taken demilitarized weapons such as the M-16 and the M-4 and attached laser shooting devices and compressed air cylinders. This allows for the same training troops would get on a range with

increased safety and reduced cost by saving ammunition. Although similar to a laser tag game, the compressed air also allows for realistic recoil and an authentic experience for the trainees.

The confidence course offered a tough physical challenge and exactly what the name implies, a little more confidence for each cadet. This course required the cadets not only to be physically tough but also mentally tough. The many obstacles seemed very daunting but with the motivation of their teammates and motivation from within themselves they were able to successfully navigate each obstacle and walk away knowing a little bit more about themselves and what they are able to achieve.

The last and probably the most unique activity was the water survival training. Cadets put on their bathing suits and were taken to the pool to learn how to turn their uniforms into floatation devices. They first learned how to blow up their BDU tops like a balloon. Next they learned to tie up their pants and quickly dunk them in the water to create a makeshift life preserver. Lastly, the cadets got to demonstrate this last technique off of the pool's diving board.

Overall, this year's wing encampment not only educated the cadets about the various aspects of the cadet program but taught them a little bit about what the Army does and a little bit about themselves. I feel confident saying that each cadet learned more about CAP, made new friends, and took home memories that will shape their CAP career and hopefully much more.

by: C/LtCol Corey Tuttle

The Tennessee General Assembly



House of Representatives

Rep. Brooks guides legislation through General Assembly to give State Employees in Civil Air Patrol paid leave during service or training



(NASHVILLE, TN), -- The Tennessee General Assembly has approved legislation sponsored by **State Representative Kevin Brooks** (R-Cleveland) to provide a paid leave of absence to state employees and teachers who are members of the United States Air Force Auxiliary Civil Air Patrol and who participate in official training programs or in emergency and disaster services. The legislation applies to services of up to 15 days a year, provided the leave of absence is at the request of the employee's wing commander or wing commander's designated representative.

"This is the least we can do for those who are willing to risk their lives by serving our nation, state, and communities in the Civil Air Patrol," said Rep. Brooks. "I am very pleased that we were able to get this legislation approved in such a tight budget year."

The legislation also protects other rights and benefits of the employees during the leave. This includes seniority rights, insurance benefits, health insurance benefits, creditable service, and all other such rights as if a leave of absence had not been granted.

"We are reminded by the recent hurricanes in the Gulf of Mexico and other natural disasters about the need for emergency training," Brooks added. "The Civil Air Patrol is a critical part of our preparedness response in the event of an attack on our soil or a natural disaster. It is important that these brave men and women are compensated while they are in service or training."

Rep. Kevin Brooks serves the 24th Legislative District in Cleveland, TN and Bradley County. He and his wife Kim are actively involved in the community and local public schools with their two children, Zach at Cleveland High and Elizabeth at Cleveland Middle.

Rep. Brooks has also recently taken on the role of Legislative Squadron Commander.

The next 100 days - - - - -

by: Col Barry Melton

The well advertised 101 “most dangerous days” for 2008 have just come to an end. Thankfully, Tennessee Wing came through the period relatively unscathed. Even though cadet activities, SAREXs, holidays, and vacations filled those 101 days, a shoulder injury suffered by a cadet at the Wing Encampment was the only reported injury during the timeframe. What about the next 100 days?

The next 100 days (September, October, and November) will be filled with CAP activities as well as school attendance, football games, Halloween, Wing Conference, and Thanksgiving. I believe most folks will agree that the last calendar quarter is the busiest time of the year. There will be many occasions to employ Operational Risk Management and be reminded of the safety culture this organization tries very hard to maintain. As you make your year-end plans, (both inside and outside CAP) please take all necessary precautions to maintain your personal safety and the safety of those around you.

I would like to thank our Wing PAO, 2LT Kimberly Bennett for her hard work in getting this Tennessee Wing Newsletter produced and published. It is my hope that the newsletter will improve communication within the Wing and allow you to become more familiar with members across the Wing. It is also my hope that the newsletter, along with the recently released Wing training calendar will keep you informed of upcoming events so you can optimize your training and participation plans.

Finally, I want to invite all members to the Wing Conference which begins 31 October in Gatlinburg. Since we are meeting in one of our Wing's favorite destinations, a change to the normal conference schedule has been made. In lieu of the traditional Saturday night banquet, an

11:30 AM Awards luncheon will be held. This change will allow you and your family to enjoy Gatlinburg Saturday evening. Also, a \$59/night room rate should be very attractive to everyone attending. Please see the Wing Conference article in this newsletter for detailed information.

I hope you enjoy this first edition of our new Tennessee Wing Newsletter – it still needs a name! Any suggestions for the name of the newsletter should be submitted to Lt Bennett by 15 October and the name will be announced at the Wing Conference.

The newsletter will be produced quarterly and the submission guidelines as set by Lt Bennett are as follows:

- Acceptable items for submission: photos with description, article about an event or activity including SAREX's and community service activities.
- Submissions are due the 15th day of each month.
- Who should send submissions: PAO's and Commanders for mission related stories. All other activities by all Senior Members and Cadets. Cadets are encouraged to send articles frequently to give a balanced perspective in the newsletter.
- Ideas for articles: Special awards or recognition of a squadron member, community service events, SAREX stories, Missions, upcoming special squadron events, or cadet activities like ICE or encampment.
- Send submissions to: 2nd Lt Kimberly Bennett, kbennett@tnwg.cap.gov.
- Format for submission: Articles in the text of an e-mail, photographs (best quality) as attachments to the e-mail.

Group 3 Events

Gainesbobo SAREX, 16 Aug, 2008



More than 40 cadets and senior members from Civil Air Patrol (CAP) squadrons in Tennessee participated in an Air Force search and rescue training event at the airport on August 16th. Squadrons from Chattanooga, Knoxville, Nashville and Smyrna took part in the extensive training provided. The training was hosted by the Group 3 Headquarters and planned by Maj Hugh Cameron, who designed the mission using simulated scenarios presented to aircrews, ground teams and base staff with the objective of sharpening their problem solving capabilities if there is an emergency.



Smyrna Composite Squadron Activities

At the Air Force Association's Tennessee Chapter Annual Banquet, the Smyrna Composite Squadron was awarded outstanding CAP Squadron of the year. The photograph below was after squadron members received the Air Force award. The plaque is held up by cadet commander, C/Lt Sam Foster.



The Smyrna squadron has been very busy with activities all summer. In August they supported the Annual Night Out (against crime) with a recruiting team. At the Wing Encampment they had 10 cadets plus 2 senior members in attendance.

In July they had a special night of training with Capt Stoner on BCUT. In June they had a cadet fun night and cook out at the home of Capt Turpin. There were 23 cadets and 8 seniors present.

31 May was Challenge Air at the Smyrna Airport. The squadron provided 16 cadets and 3 seniors to assist primarily with aircraft marshaling duties. Challenge Air is an annual event, pilots flew nearly 100 special needs children during the event.

Tennessee Wing Conference - 31 October through 2 November



Wing Conference - Col Melton

The annual Tennessee Wing Conference takes place Friday 31 October through Sunday 02 November in Gatlinburg. A “family friendly” conference is being planned which allows for plenty of time to explore one of the most popular destinations in Tennessee. The River Terrace Resort is the site for the Conference and is offering rooms for \$59/night to Conference attendees.

Our National Commander, Major General Amy Courter, CAP has **tentatively** agreed to attend and speak at the conference’s General Session. State Senator-elect Doug Overby will be our keynote speaker for the noontime Awards Luncheon. After lunch, concurrent seminar sessions will take place providing information on a variety of subjects, some of which have been suggested by members of the Wing. Also after lunch, the Cadet Advisory Council will be meeting, led by the current Wing CAC chair, Cadet Captain Adam Smith.

Instead of the traditional Saturday evening closing of the Conference, we will continue with Conference activities through about noon Sunday. Beginning with a Sunday morning chaplain’s service, we will conclude the Conference with a “Town Hall” meeting and certificate presentation. The goal is to have you on your way home by 1130 Sunday morning.

A registration form was sent by way of email to all Tennessee Wing members several weeks ago and many registration forms have been received at Wing HQ. The registration deadline to receive the “CAP rate” for lodging is 01 October. Also, registration for the Conference and Awards Luncheon is discounted until 01 October. If you need a registration form and detailed schedule, please email Beverly Huff, our Wing Administrator at: bhuff@tnwg.cap.gov. We hope to see many Tennessee Wing members in Gatlinburg in just a few weeks!



Several members from the Tennessee Wing attended the National Conference August 5-9 in Kissimmee, FL. In the photo above, Col Melton accepts the 2008 SER Disaster Relief Award for Tennessee Wing from CAP national commander Maj Gen Amy S. Courter.

Several of our members from across the state also attended the National Emergency Services Academy.

Capt Stephen L. Kintner from the Kingsport Squadron trained at the Mission Air Crew School and was named 2008 "Outstanding Aircrew Member"

Maj Charles A. James of the Smyrna Composite Squadron trained at the Mission Air Crew School

2d Lt Nordehl Unbehaun of the Knoxville Senior Squadron trained at the Mission Air Crew School

Capt Bruce L. Bennett of the Jackson Madison County Senior Squadron trained at the Mission Air Crew School as an Observer

Capt Steven J. Fedor of the Group 3 HQ Staff was on Mission Air Crew School Staff

Maj Douglas A. Rogers of the Chattanooga Composite Squadron was on staff at the Incident Command Staff School

Capt Daniel A Bowles of the Choo Choo Senior Squadron was on staff at the Mission Air Crew School

Capt Gary L. Fiser, Commander of the Choo Choo Senior Squadron, trained at the Mission Air Crew School

Capt Robert G. Parnell of the Choo Choo Senior Squadron, trained at the Incident Command and Staff School

Capt J. Kelly Williamson of the Choo Choo Senior Squadron was on staff at the Mission Air Crew School

C/Amn Colton R. Exley of the Millington Composite Squadron attended NGSAR Basic Training

Cadet Hayley Jordan Dalton received training at the Advanced Incident Command and Staff School

C/2dLt Samantha M. Brinegar and C/2dLt Timothy C. Brinegar both of the Lewis County Cadet Squadron were also in attendance as kitchen staff.

Group 4 Events

Message from Capt Gary Pickens

In the past few months Group IV and CAP have gotten some media coverage in West Tennessee. We have begun to cultivate some new interest in CAP and hope to capitalize on that interest. The recent publicity translated into new members for the Jackson Madison County Senior Squadron.

A local newspaper in Jackson, published an article about the CAP and its support of the National Weather Service following tornado damage in the state. The Jackson television station broadcast a brief story about the 60th



anniversary of the CAP becoming an auxiliary of the Air Force and covered our recent SAREX held at MKL.

In the months to come, squadrons from Group IV will be involved with local fairs by assisting with vehicle parking, operating recruiting and information booths both at fairs and the 2008 Celtic Fest in Jackson. We will also be attending airport open houses. Most recently, August 23rd Group IV conducted a training and planning day at Savannah, TN..The day consisted of "O" flights for cadets, First Aid training for cadets and seniors and planning for training for the upcoming year.

Group IV representatives have met with and presented the director of Madison County EMA with a copy of CAPabilities. The director said he appreciated the info along with contact numbers for our organization. Thanks to Captain Ken Austin for making the initial contact. Our goal is to make our abilities known to all the EMA directors in West Tennessee.

'Dining-Out' a test for the cadets' chain of command

<http://www.commercialappeal.com/news/2008/mar/06/focus-military-millington-cap-dinner/?feedback=1>

Wonderful article about the second annual "Dining'Out" Ceremony organized by the Millington Squadron. There are also some great photos posted with the story.

Congratulations Senior Members promoted 1 Jan - 31 Aug, 2008

T001 Wing HQ Lt Col William Dritt
 2 Lt Kimberly Bennett
 TN004 2 Lt Arlene Sanchez-Vinas
 2 Lt Charles Bustetter
 2 Lt Frank Lau
 TN005 1 Lt Erica Taylor
 2 Lt Leslie Lovelace
 TN014 1 Lt Charles Irvin
 2 Lt Trevor Benitone
 1 Lt John Churchill
 TN019 Capt David Vaughn
 TN056 Capt Chris Jones
 1 Lt Nathan Lewis
 1 Lt Brian Kinner
 TN093 Capt Paul Hodge
 1 Lt Joshua Stallard
 1 Lt Nathaniel Mitchell
 TN114 2 Lt Johnny Hill
 TN128 Maj William Renaud
 Lt Jennifer Moore
 1 Lt Louis Moore
 1 Lt Brian Hughes
 TN133 2 Lt Stephen Yeager
 TN144 2 Lt Jonathan Williams
 TN148 1 Lt Frank Lajoie
 Capt James Brantley
 2 Lt Michael Gifford
 TN160 1 Lt David Draper
 1 Lt Andrew Kennedy
 Maj Linda Bandy
 1 Lt Carol Bazenet
 Capt Larry Henry
 TN162 Lt Col Tracy Scantland
 TN171 Maj William Hunt
 TN173 1 Lt John Young
 2 Lt Diane VanderVen
 TN176 2 Lt David Ellis
 1 Lt Erika Mourar
 TN185 2 Lt Wayne Freiesleben
 Capt Deanna Allman
 TN187 Capt Ronald Broach
 Capt Kent Bankhead
 Maj Charles Koory
 TN191 1 Lt Pamela Taylor
 Capt Sarah Hunter
 Maj David Hunter
 TN192 Maj Terry Sherlin

Welcome New CAP Members Joining 1 May - 31 July 2008

Kingsport - John M Lufi and Gabriel Skiera
Smyrna - Matthew Armstrong, Daniel Chandler, Kayla Cooper, Alexandra Heyman, Aaron Hopkins, Ryan Hopkinsx, Edward Solima and Charlotte Young
Millington - Yeji Kim, Jesse Price and Johnathan Weisfeld
Morristown - Billy Braxton, Jacob Harris, Christopher Jones, Michelle Matson, and Michael Williams
Tullahoma - Pattie Kelly, Kamaren Bassham, Robert Denoyer, Jordan Green, Matt Langley, Nathan Lewis, Justin Shortt and Brandon Taylor
 Henry County - Junior Laws, Justin Mealer and Austin Weldon
Knox Senior - Luis Crespo, William Hubbard and Vaughn Mann
Sevier County - John Joslin
Marshall County - Calvin England
Middle TN Senior - Laurie Jewett, Ralph Sharow and James White
Memphis Belle - Jared Carson
McGhee-Tyson - Todd Childress, Samuel Shaffer, Casey Smith, Joseph Williams, and Adam Wilson
Group 3 HQ - Nancy Granberry
Gibson County - Adam Goad
Sumner County - James Ayrhart
Murfreesboro - Amy Berent and Alek Oberkirsch
Humphreys County - Stephanie Lewis and Jeffrey Morris
Cleveland - Matthew Blach, Shane Delaney, Bailey Eldridge and Isaac Thurman
Rhea - Kellie Fogus and Jacob McGhee
Saint Edwards - Johnny Contreras, Chaz Hornsby, Regina Hornsby, Marc Miller, Korbin Niehaus, Jackie Sledge and Ana Wakefield
Chattanooga - Regina Broach and Linda Graham
Lewis County - Crista Givens, Ryann Givens, Tomothy Givens, Joseph Hall, and Matthew Hall
Hendersonville - Tyler Oliver
Choo Choo Senior - William Gray

**Congratulations to the following cadets earning
milestone awards 1 Jan - 31 Aug 2008**

Ira C. Eaker Award



C/LtCol Marcos G More
C/LtCol Thomas E Myers Jr

C/2dLt Samantha May Brinegar
C/2dLt Timothy C Brinegar
C/2dLt Alexis R Churchill
C/2dLt Luke J Garner
C/2dLt William H Sanders

Amelia Earhart Award



C/Capt Robert K Reece
C/Capt Cortnie N Williamson
C/Capt Jeffrey A Lewoczko
C/Capt Boyd R Crofton

Wright Brothers Award



C/SSgt Jesse T Peavley
C/TSgt Austin T Parsons
C/SSgt Justin D McCroskey
C/SSgt Aaron S Lee
C/SSgt Brian R Roy Jr
C/SSgt Matthew A Branch
C/SSgt Andrew W Fisher
C/TSgt Chris A Kitchens
C/SMSgt Bryan D Lewis
C/SSgt Eric A Thatcher
C/SSgt David A Broach
C/SSgt Evan J Robinson
C/MSgt Sean A Robinson
C/SSgt James Denoye
C/SSgt Justin Wayne Vagts
C/SSgt Haylee E Hatcher
C/SSgt Daniel F McGee
C/SSgt Shay L Williams
C/SSgt Abigail C Dickerson

Billy Mitchell Award



C/2dLt James Morgan Bailey
C/2dLt Medardo Hernandez
C/2dLt Bennett Franklin Sprowl
C/2dLt Timothy W Wier
C/2dLt Kyle William Buck
C/2dLt Daniel L Montgomery
C/2dLt Jeremy D Sledge
C/2dLt Jeffrey L Hall
C/2dLt Joshua P Murphy
C/2dLt Alexander J Saites

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