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2007 Maine Wing Conference "Cadets-Our Future"

The 38th Composite Squadron hosted the 2007 Maine Wing Conference at the White Birches in Ellsworth. **Capt. Ken Varian** called the conference to order at 0830 and the colors of the United States of America and the Maine Wing flag were posted. **Lt. Jay Pusey** gave the conference invocation. Master of ceremonies, **Maj. Merrie Knightly**, welcomed members, families and distinguished guests. Ellsworth City Councilman, **Mr. Gary Fortier**, welcomed the Civil Air Patrol to Ellsworth and shared some of his positions and responsibilities over his twelve years of service on the City Council. The morning session of the conference began with **Col. Chris Hayden**, Maine Wing Commander, welcoming everyone to the conference and showing the **YEAR IN REVIEW** video. Col. Hayden expressed his gratitude and appreciation to all those that shared in making 2006 a successful year for Maine Wing.



"Cadet Of The Year" C/2nd Lt Tina Davis receives her well earned award from Col Chris Hayden, CC Maine Wing. (Photos by 1Lt Cathie Spaulding)

The morning session continued with the following speakers: **Col. M. Allen Applebaum**, School Programs Director and Pennsylvania Wing Commander, **Lt. Col. John O'Connell**, Northeast CAP-USAF Liaison Commander, **Col. Austyn Granville**, Northeast Region Vice-Commander, **Mr. Ralph Pinkham**, Hancock County EMA Director, **Mr. Robert McAleer**, MEMA State Director, **Col. David Mikelson**, National Deputy Chief of Staff for Training and **Mr. Mac Huchette**, CAP NHQ Director of Program Development.

Conference attendees also had the privilege of hearing from US Army **Capt. Josh Broder**. Capt. Broder is a former 58th Squadron Spaatz cadet who spoke about the impact that Civil Air Patrol had in his life and how it helped him to become a better leader. We concluded the morning session with a presentation from **Capt. Malcolm Burns** of 527 Squadron, St. John NB. Capt. Burns shared slides about the Cadet Canadian program and spoke of the special relationship with Maine Wing.

Lt. Col. Lindon Christie began the afternoon session by asking the audience and cadets questions on aerospace. The cadets were able to pocket some extra cash for every correct answer. After Lt. Col. Christie's challenge we broke up to attend a variety of workshops throughout the afternoon.



"Communicator of the Year" 1Lt Stephen Higgins accepts his award from the Wing Commander.

Awards presented for accomplishments achieved during the 2006 year were: Maj. Calvin W. Maddox Communicator of the Year Award: **1Lt. Stephen Higgins**, Meritorious Service Award: **Lt. Col. John Trask**, Outstanding Squadron support and Service: **Capt. Scott Christie**, Commander's Commendation Awards: **Lt. Col. Lance Lobo**, **Lt. Col.**

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"Squadron Commander of the Year" Lt Col Jim Jordan.

Arthur Philbrick, Maj. Marc Brunelle, Capt. Ted Kryzak, Lt. Col. Ken Goldstein, Capt. Ken Varian, Lt. Chris Connors and Cadet Elise Pusey. Eagle Award: **Lt. Col. Cal Crowley**, Exceptional Service Award: **Lt. Col. Cal Crowley**, Guy P. Gannett Public Affairs Officer: **1Lt Cathie Spaulding**, Safety Officer of the Year: **1Lt. Robert Baker**, Richard A. MacDonald ES Award: **Capt. Dale Fellows**, M. Robert Cantor Service Award: **Capt. Susan Hall**, Sustained Excellence Award: **Lt. Col Ken Goldstein**, Wing Staff Member of the Year: **Maj. Dennis Murray**, Squadron Commander of the Year: **Lt. Col. Jim Jordan**, Senior Member of the Year: **Capt. Joshua Cuetara** and Squadron of the Year: **Augusta-Gardiner Composite Squadron.**

The theme of this years conference was **"Cadets-Our Future"**, in recognition of this, a special mention to the following cadets for their achievements in 2006: Cadet of the Year: **C/2Lt Tina Davis**, General Billy Mitchell Award Recipients: Cadets **Chris Slininger, Stephan**

Blanchard, Elise Pusey, Jessica Hanson and Alex Parks. Congratulations to Cadet Eric Ribiero for receiving the first **Madison Dillingham Cadet Leadership Award** presented to him by Maddie's mother Tia Dillingham and Seth Roberts.

Thank-you to all who helped make the 2007 Maine Wing Conference a success.

1Lt. Cathie Spaulding
Asst. Wing PAO



Lt Col Lance Lobo tries his hand at flying the "Simulator" at the conference.



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Wing Conference: Results of Aerospace Education Cadet Quiz

35th Squadron earned \$60 plus Thunderbird kite
37th Squadron earned \$15
38th Squadron earned \$15
58th Squadron earned \$15 plus Thunderbird kite
AE Display won by 27th Squadron \$25

MAINE CAP OFFICERS WHO HAVEN'T COMPLETED AEPsm (Yeager Award) ARE ENCOURAGED TO COMPLETE THIS SUMMER. Test available on-line, closed book and/or open book. Wing AEO's available to administer.

ROCKETRY 2007

Wing DAE proposes the following:

Squadron cadets completing **STAGE TWO** of National CAP Rocketry Program would be eligible for Wing competition - at least two or more squadrons needed for competition. Wing would supply either level I or Level II rockets "TO BE CONSTRUCTED ESPECIALLY FOR COMPETITION", plus Wing would provide engines and awards/certificates.

Wing would also provide squadrons with a special Gerald Folster Award for **COMPLETION OF STAGE THREE** National CAP Rocketry Program.

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MEWG Drill Team Places Third in NERCC



Proudly displaying their third place award; C/Amn Morgan Gunnell (Bangor/Brewer), C/SSgt Keith Larby (Bangor/Brewer), C/1Lt Christopher Slininger (Bangor/Brewer), C/Amn Andrew Babonis (Downeast), C/2Lt Stefan Blanchard (Team Commander) (Downeast), C/2Lt Tina Davis (Downeast), C/A1C Alex DePrenger (Downeast), C/1Lt Elise Pusey (Downeast), C/MSgt Hannah Pusey (Downeast), C/TSgt Ben Souders (Downeast), C/A1C Elizabeth Volkwein (Downeast), and C/MSgt Matt Williams (Downeast) (Photo by NERCC)

For the first time in many years, Maine Wing was able to send a Drill Team to compete in the Northeast Region Cadet Competition (NERCC). This is the annual competition for Drill and Color Guard Teams from across the Region, where the winner of each Team (Color and Drill) will go on to compete in the National Competition in Washington, DC, this June.

Maine Wing Drill Team came in a very respectable Third Place, which is excellent considering they didn't even start practicing until a month before the Competition!!!! Headed up by the valuable **Captain Laura Bryant**, the Team practiced at every opportunity and made quite an impression on the judges at the Comp by winning 1st Place in Innovative; The Sportsmanship Award (The Gilmore Award); and Overall Drill Team Commander was awarded to C/2Lt Stefan Blanchard.

Special thanks go out to **Lt Jeff Furlong** for being the "other half" of the adult team, and to **Lt Joyce Gaddis** for all of her behind the scenes help.

showed that Maine Wing is the new team to beat next year!!! Keep up the good work and there is no reason our Drill Team can't make it all the way to National in the next Competition.

Captain Susan Hall
MEWG Director of Cadet Programs



MPBN Auction Gets A Hand From CAP



Taking Phone calls and writing down correct information was easy for well trained cadets.

On April 27, 2007 the Augusta/Gardiner Squadron as well as the Lewiston/Auburn Squadron helped by volunteering at the MPBN Auction in Lewiston ME. With 13 cadets and senior officers in attendance, we helped on phones, computers, and two cadets on display showing different products for the auction. We arrived at the studio at 1900, had a brief training, and then worked until 0030. Some of us didn't get home until after 0200. Our cadets looked great and handled themselves with the utmost professionalism. I am very proud of them all. We had a lot of fun and there were many calls



All CAP members looked good on TV and were told so by the many callers.

coming in during the night about how great CAP members looked and

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TV Stars for the Night

that they were glad to see us there. I want to especially thank **Lt Col. Scott Higgins** and the **Lewiston/Auburn Squadron** for accepting my invitation to join the **Augusta/Gardiner Squadron** on this wonderful volunteer night. A special thanks to the parents that came to pick up cadets at such a late hour as well. We have all been invited back next year, so I hope we have

Gould student , participated in the hosting duties as well. Memorial Day continues to be a busy time for our squadron. We worked with a local Boy Scout troop in placing flags at veterans graves at St. John's Cemetery in Rumford. We were proud to march in the parade as well.

*The first Sunday in June saw us as victims in a local mock disaster. The situation was an explosion in a school kitchen. Victims were given cards which told them what their injuries are. With his ski patrol experience, Cadet Topper got to step up to the plate and help out. Cadets Kroger, Halacy, and Williams volunteered as well. This was an outstanding opportunity to network and to serve our community.

*Thank you goes to Chief Arsenault for the year in review power point for our celebration. She arranged for a unique photo cake as well.

*Congratulations to Cadets Ratcliffe and Bourgeois on their graduation from high school.

Commanders Commendation, **Lt. Cathie Spaulding**-Public Affairs Officer of the Year, **Capt. Susan Hall-Cantor** Service Award, **Lt. Col. James Jordan**-Squadron Commander of the Year, Bangor-Brewer Composite Squadron-Commander Commendation for their work on the Harley, Cadets **Parks, Slininger** and **Hanson** on receiving their General Billy Mitchell Award.

Cadets and Officers have been busy attending and participating in the McGuire Air Show, Airman Academy, Scanner Training and the Northeast Region Drill Competition. Your dedication and motivation is inspiring. **Lt. Cathie Spaulding, PAO**

Augusta-Gardiner Composite Squadron

Kudos to the Augusta Gardiner Composite Squadron!

I wanted to take a moment and recognize the Augusta-Gardiner Squadron for an outstanding job on April 9th at the Augusta Armory.

Members of the 240th Engineer Group returned from a one year deployment in Afghanistan that morning. The Squadron was on hand running the canteen providing coffee and doughnuts for the families while they waited. The doors opened very early and everything was ready to go.

Everyone's uniforms looked outstanding and the professional manner was a great credit to the organization. I heard several good comments as I circulated in the crowd.

Again nice job to all involved.

SMSgt Greg Madore
58th Squadron

Sundown Composite Squadron

In April Sundown traveled to Ellsworth to attend the Wing Conference. Our gracious hosts treated us to pizza, training, great speakers and yes, more food! We were proud to win the **Aerospace Display Award**. Thanks goes to Cadets Arsenault and Ratcliffe for their creation. The display focused on UFO's.

Cadets and officers attended an FAA seminar at Gould Academy on spatial disorientation. The speaker chronicled JFK Jr. flight and gave other examples of disorientation. Cadets Kroger, Greenleaf , Topper and Halacy all gave it a try. The cadets especially enjoyed "the chair" which when spun around can give you the same feeling as if in the pilot seat.

Two days later Gould was kind enough to host a recruiting talk. Lt Autrey was generous to make the arrangements for us and spoke with enthusiasm of his first year as a member. Cadet Basic Galen Topper , a

Bangor Brewer Composite Squadron

On April 11th C/2Lt. **Alex Parks** turned command of the Bangor-Brewer Composite Squadron over to **C/SSgt Keith Larby**. Cadet Larby has been an active member of the squadron and is looking forward to leading his fellow cadets into a successful future. Congratulations to the following cadets on their promotions in April and May: Cadets **Whitty** and **Wholly** promoted to C/A1C and Cadets **Croft-Greenwell** and **Pacholski** promoted to C/SAMN. Congratulations are also in order for the following officers and cadets whose achievements were recognized at the Maine Wing Conference: **Lt. Col. Lance Lobo-**



New Cadet commander C/SSgt. Keith Larby



St Croix Composite Squadron



This was a busy three months for the 76th Composite Squadron. Congratulations go out to the following cadets on their promotions. C/Capt **Joseph Martorano**, C/A1C **Michael Muir**, C/A1C **Chris Sprague**, C/SSgt **Kimberly Lane**, C/SMSgt **Felicia Vincent** and C/SSgt **Patrick Lappin** have all completed the requirements for promotions.

On the Officer side, **Maj Dennis Murray** received the "Wing Staff Member Of The Year" at the recent MEWG conference in Bar Harbor. We have also been informed he will receive the "National PAO Award in Atlanta in August. We are very proud of his National efforts to make Civil Air Patrol a household name.

We are currently gearing up to sell Sponsored Wreaths for the upcoming "Wreaths Across America" program which takes place December 15, 2007. Cadets and Officers are approaching individuals and businesses for sponsorships.

For more information on the squadron activities please visit the Maine Wing Website and click on "Public Affairs/Squadron Newsletters/St Croix. Thank you.

Capt Judy Murray, PAO

Civil Air Patrol and Wreaths Across America have joined forces this year to expand the nationwide project with the introduction of "Sponsored Wreaths" for Veterans' gravesites. Civil Air Patrol members will be out in force approaching individuals and companies to sponsor one or more wreaths that will be laid on December 15, 2007. For every wreath that we sell, the local squadron receives \$2.00 towards funding their missions for America. CAP has spent quite a bit of time and resources making this easy for everyone.

There is a website on National CAP that has two videos to view. One video explains a little bit about what happened in 2006 and the other video is a "How-To Guide" explaining how to sell the project to the public. The website is http://www.capchannel.com/wreaths_across_america. Anyone can access this site and you do not have to have an E-Services account.

The Website explains the project in detail and there is even a downloadable order form that anyone can use to sell the sponsorships. We are available to answer questions and help in any way we can to make you successful in this project. If your squadron has a big event coming up and you would like to have the booth available, please contact **Maj Wayne Merritt** at (207) 483-2039 or **Maj Dennis Murray** at (207) 427-3421 so we can reserve the booth for you.

Our nationwide goal this year is to place 500,000 wreaths on Veterans' gravesites. That works out to about 10 wreaths per Civil Air Patrol Member.



These two booths have been traveling around the country promoting the partnership between Civil Air Patrol and Wreaths Across America.

No Reports for the following Squadrons

Cumberland County Composite Squadron (See Newsletter)	Lewiston-Auburn Composite (See Newsletter)	Waterville Composite Squadron (None Submitted)
County Composite Squadron (See Newsletter)	Machias Valley Composite Squadron	Downeast Patrol (See Newsletter)

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

EVAL UPDATE

As Maj Brunelle has informed everyone, March 24, 2007 saw the bi-annual USAF Evaluation of our SAR and HLS training at 35th Squadron HQ located on Bangor ANG Base. This was an intense day with the USAF evaluators throwing numerous unusual scenarios at the team to test them to their limits.

Our team held up perfectly and as a result was awarded the grade of **"EXCELLENT!"**

None of this would have been possible without the dedication and support of those who participated in this very exciting and worthwhile day. We had a great turn of our cadets, ground teams, communications teams, aircrews and a world class ICP team. I can't name everyone who participated, but I will single out certain people who gave their all to make this a successful EVAL. They were: **Maj Marc Brunelle** (IC and MEWG DO), **Maj Wayne Merritt** (GOBD & MEWG ES), **Lt Col Lance Lobo** (Planning Section Chief), **Lt Col James Jordan** (AOBD), **SM Peter Cook** (Assist AOBD), **Maj Don Saucier** (2nd IC), **Lt Col Mike Pellerin** (CBD), **Lt Bob Baker** (Safety), **Maj Dennis Murray** (MIO), **Capt Paul Connors** (Logistics), **Capt Andrea Hayden** (CISM), **Maj Ed Lower** (Flightline Director), **Maj Susan Hall** (Transportation Officer) and the many support officers and cadets. Two other MEWG members must not be forgotten, even though they acted as "trusted agents" for the USAF, they were **Col Mitch Sammons** and **Maj Merrie Knightly** who played the parts of the lost ice fisherman and the downed pilot.

Without question, I wish to thank all the members of the MEWG 35th Squadron for providing their outstanding HQ facilities to conduct this successful EVAL 2007.

Col (Chris) Hayden CAP

Commander

Maine Wing, Civil Air Patrol



MEWG Encampment/Honor Guard Academy 2007



The dates for Encampment/Honor Guard Academy are **July 19-29, 2007**, on the Bangor Air Guard Base. The cost is only **\$175** for 10 days of fun, excitement, learning, flying, building friendships, and being a part of the best Wing Encampment/HG in the Country.

Honor Guard Academy will be running at the same time/place as Encampment. **One of the requirements for HG is that you have to have attended at least one Encampment.**



Please Get Your CAPF31 and Money in As Soon As Possible --I KNOW YOU DON'T WANT TO MISS A GREAT OPPORTUNITY TO BRAG TO YOUR NON-CAP FRIENDS ABOUT WHAT THEY MISSED OUT ON DURING THE SUMMER!!!!!!

If you have any questions, please let me know.

(Encampment/HG Staff--you will be starting on Sunday, July 15)

Captain Susan Hall, MEWG DCP

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Memories and friendships are made at Encampments and Honor Guard Academy, not to mention the vast amount of knowledge you will gain by participating in these programs. Sign up today while it is on your mind. --Editor



Maine Wing Radio Communicators Take Notice.

As of 1500 Hours Local May 30 2007 the Maine Coastal Repeater, Channel 7 on the Maine Wing Standard Channel Plan, is Out of Service. This is due to major infrastructure construction taking place at the communications compound where the MCR is located. We will notify you when the Maine Coastal Repeater is returned to service or other developments take place. If you are operating in that part of the state and need repeater service please attempt to use the Bangor Area Repeater, Channel 9 of the Maine Wing Standard Channel Plan. In the event of an actual emergency Maine Wing stands prepared to release the Maine Wing Mobile Communications Vehicle and send it to the area to become the communications and command center.
LtCol. Mike Pellerin, Maine Wing Director of Communications.



MEWG Supports NJWG at McGuire



As you know, some 1,000 cadets and officers from Northeast Region joined over 200 others from the Navy Sea Cadets, AFJROTC and Navy JROTC programs to support the air show at McGuire Air Force Base in New Jersey. They did FOD walks, cleaned up trash, directed traffic, sold programs, helped with recruitment at static displays, performed as part of an honor guard and much more. Many of the participants got a chance to meet the USAF Thunderbirds demonstration team during a Friday night pre-show party, and many of those photos are on line. Of course, many of them were taken with former CAP cadet Maj. Nicole Malachowski, Thunderbird #3.

Maine Wing sent a contingent of over 60 cadets and officers for this two day event to support the New Jersey Wing. We arrived too late to participate in the Thunderbird party and almost missed the welcoming food party. After much confusion, things began to fall into place and all cadets and officers were placed in their rooms around 0130 Saturday morning. Although it was considered a mad house by all attendees at first, everyone pulled together and made the show go off as planned. As Lt Col Jim Jordan would say "It is liking herding cats." We came as a

separate group but by Sunday we were all one in Civil Air Patrol.



**CAP pulled together to make the Air Show a success.
(Photo by Maj Susan Hall)**



**Civil Air Patrol turned out in Mass to support the McGuire Air Force Base Thunderbird Air Show.
(Photo by 1Lt Stan Rogacki)**

To see all of the photos, from the show you can go the NJWG website at njwg.cap.gov, scroll down to the flyer for the air show, click on it and click on the link for "Airshow Photos." If you click on the camera beside the link the photos of that member will appear for viewing. The idea was to make as many photos as possible available as quickly as they could following the show. Some of them were taken by the NJWG public affairs photo crew and some were donated by members from other wings for which they are grateful. The photographers were a mix of abilities, from cadets up to professionals -- one of whom was a non-CAP volunteer, the father of a PAWG cadet.

Thank you to all who participated in this event. –**Editor**

Emergency Services At Its' Best

June 12, 2007 MEWG CAP demonstrated its value to the Portland Int'l Jetport management and first responders during its biennial disaster drill. The scenario called for the simulated crash of an airliner on runway 36 with an ensuing fire and multiple casualties. The ME058 squadron provided perimeter control for emergency vehicles while maintaining proper movement of personnel in and around the designated security areas of the airport.

ME058 cadets looked sharp and were an integral part of our team gaining the respect of all involved.

Additionally an aircrew flying N740CP orbited overhead sending images of the scene via slowscan. There were EMS vehicles representing thirty communities and fire fighters from Portland and So Portland. Amazingly there were no interruptions to normal air traffic at PWM and CAP plays a very important role in the which we hope never has to be called upon.

I wish to thank the 24 members who participated and did such a great job!

Another fine example of CAP performing missions for America.

Marc Brunelle, Maj

CAP MEWG

Director of Operations



OPERATION DIRIGO WATCH

The Maine Air National Guard 265th Combat Communications Squadron of So. Portland planned the four day exercise named Dirigo Watch to demonstrate their communications capabilities to Maine State officials in the event of a major emergency. In addition the 265th invited other players including MEWG CAP to participate in cooperation of the exercise.

This was an excellent opportunity to show MEWG CAP interoperability with MANG 265th in the area of communication and aerial recon imagery. We demonstrated MEWG CAP capabilities and inter-operability to Maine Emergency Management (MEMA) and the media.

The MEWG MCV was on site all week and its capabilities including slow-scan were exercised in various ways. The G-1000 equipped C182 based in Portland was expertly flown by departing in instrument conditions in order to reach the photo sites in central Maine and six slow scan images were successfully transmitted.

The exercise was valuable in demonstrating MEWG proficiency and continuing to foster our relationship with Maine Emergency Management Officials.



Eyes in the Sky was used to demonstrate CAP's capabilities.

Marc Brunelle, Maj

CAP MEWG

Director of Operations



I would like to brief you all on the following item of interest.

This past weekend MEWG personnel tracked an EPIRB in Trenton, Maine (Bar Harbor area) to the home of two individuals who had come to possess the item through their job at the local transfer station. The USCG searched from Thursday evening until Friday at which time we were tasked at 1730 hours. An aircrew and ground team search until nearly midnight when we suspended the search due to the darkness and other conditions. The search resumed in the morning and the offending EPIRB was finally silenced by the end of the day after being found at a home named the "**Funny Farm.**" This was a very colorful and interesting search for our members to say the least. Thank you to everyone who helped and especially **Lt Col Lance Lobo** for accepting the IC role on the second day.

“U.S. Civil Air Patrol” Explained

The only difference between "Civil Air Patrol" and "U.S. Civil Air Patrol" is one of style, not substance, top CAP officials say.

After CAP National Commander Maj. Gen. Antonio J. Pineda noted that other nations also maintain their own Civil Air Patrols, National Headquarters began exploring the possibility of using "U.S." in first full references to the organization's name. "It's just a branding initiative," said CAP Executive Director Don Rowland. "We're not changing the charter. ... We're not really changing anything."

Using "U.S. Civil Air Patrol," Rowland said, is "the equivalent to GE used in reference to General Electric." Gordon W. Odell Jr., CAP general counsel, used a similar comparison. "There's an organization we know as 'IBM,' Odell said." Its name is International Business Machines Inc. IBM is a trade name." "U.S. Civil Air Patrol is a trade name just as IBM is a trade name. Use of the trade name does not change who or what we are," he said.

The official name of Civil Air Patrol as established in Administrative Order No. 9 on Dec. 1, 1941 remains the same, said Odell. Identification of the organization as U.S. Civil Air Patrol for marketing purposes entails no further executive orders or changes to the organization's constitution or bylaws. Official signature blocks will remain "Civil Air Patrol."

The new approach will be reflected on the Battle Dress Uniform tape and some CAP nametags. The March 2007 National Board approved changing the BDU tape to "U.S. Civil Air Patrol" effective immediately with a mandatory wear date of March 1, 2010.

On May 23rd, the National Executive Committee also approved changes to the name tags worn by senior members on the new corporate uniform. Members may begin wearing these name tags immediately with a mandatory wear date of March 1, 2008. U.S. Civil Air Patrol will be the first line on:

- the blue two-line nametag worn by senior members on the new CAP distinctive corporate uniform (white aviator shirt and blue slacks) above the member's surname and
- The silver two-line nametag worn by senior members on the new CAP distinctive corporate service coat.

Other name tags will remain unchanged.



HOT OFF THE COMMANDER'S "Blog!"

May 20, 2007- USAF Academy Cadet 1C **John Kryzak** (son of Capt Ted Kryzak) and former 58th Squadron cadet will be attending his Academy Ring Dance next week and has been selected to attend the USAF flight school upon graduation in 2008. John Kryzak is majoring in Aerospace Engineering and graduating with the 50th class of the USAF academy. The president of the United States will be the keynote speaker at his graduation. John has been a Glider instructor pilot since the fall of his sophomore year and will be attending powered flight school this summer. John has been on the Deans List and the Commandants List throughout his first three years. Congratulations to Cadet John Kryzak for making us all proud

May 20, 2007- Just received a call from Lt Col Ed Vajda of MEWG 58th Squadron informing me that Capt Beau Provost CAP (1Lt Beau Provost USAF) has just graduated from F-16 pilot school at the top of his class and sharing with only one other the top position at Top Gun school. He has now been assigned to an F-16 Squadron in Germany. Capt Provost was a cadet at 58th Squadron through 2001, graduated with a bachelors degree in aeronautics from Emily Riddle, and after a year or so hiatus he was accepted by the USAF flight school where he also shone as top in his class from C-172 to T-38.

May 16, 2007- It gives me the greatest pleasure to announce the selection of Major Dennis Murray, MEWG/PA as the National Public Affairs Officer of the Year. Major Murray was the recipient of the Maine Wing Guy P. Gannett PAO of the Year in the spring of last year, the NER PAO of the Year in the fall of last year and has been singled out by National HQ as the most outstanding PAO nationally this year by awarding him the Col Robert V. Payton PAO Award. Major Murray will be honored at the Summer National Conference in Atlanta GA Augusta 9-11.

Commander's Corner



Col Chris Hayden
MEWG Commander

This year we are making a lot of changes, acquiring a lot of new and additional equipment and are raising our profile within the Region and in the eyes of our local, state and national agencies. All this has been made possible by the tremendous effort of everyone in Maine Wing.

Back in January, Major Paul Connors entered a competition for a grant from his employer, VISA International, based on the effort and value of his contribution to his selected volunteer organization. Not surprisingly, he won and as a result Maine Wing received a \$2,500 check. It was this grant that enabled us to purchase the 3 new digital L-Pers which have since been distributed to the squadrons.

Just a few weeks ago, Lt Col Pellerin, Major Murray, Major Merritt, Capt Fellows, 1Lt Hukki and 1Lt Fellows drove 3,000 miles round trip to pickup and deliver our two new 30 foot FEMA trailers. One trailer will soon be serving as a new Squadron HQ for the 75th Squadron at the Machias CAP Air Station and the other will be fitted out as our new mobile incident command post and communications center.

This month, or so, we should be receiving a new passenger van and in November we will be receiving our second G-1000 glass cockpit C-182T.

In May we started our additional monthly training classes called "Skills Training". Last month we held the SDIS ground school and this month we introduced and held the digital L-Per class. These new classes will enable everyone to widen their mission qualifications in a classroom environment and then put their new skills to the test at our monthly SAREX. With an increase in our basic training, we can all look forward to new and exciting objectives and sortie types for our upcoming SAREX's.

Our cadets have brought about another exciting change by entering the NER Drill Competition and bringing home third place. For me, this marks a great leap forward for our cadets. Let keep them going and next year I know they will bring home first or second place. Another exciting addition we are introducing for the cadets is the formation of the Maine Wing Mass Band. Each squadron is working on forming a unit band of 3 to 10 participants and during Wing events such as Encampment Pass and Review they will combine as our wing mass band. Hearing of our cadets' victory at the drill competition and the formation of our unit bands, the Air Cadets in Canada have challenged us to a competition in New Brunswick in March 2008.

A big THANK YOU to all Maine Wing members for all you do to help us perform our "Missions For America." I am proud to serve **with** you.