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New Jersey Air Show

NEW JERSEY – More than 1,000 U.S. Civil Air Patrol members turned out in full force, complemented by volunteers from other organizations, to supply much of the manpower for the May 12-13 McGuire Air Show and Open House.

CAP members from the New Jersey Wing and Northeast Region and more than 200 members of affiliated organizations -- including the U.S. Navy Sea Cadets, Air Force Junior ROTC and Navy Junior ROTC -- manned parking lots, picked up trash, sold food and programs and performed debris walks

at the show. Honor guards performed at VIP areas and also at a CAP display recruitment area.

Logistics for accommodating such a massive number of senior members and cadets proved difficult. "Although CAP's support of the air show was a great success in the eyes of the Air Force, a weekend event involving more

than 1,200 volunteers is bound to encounter organizational and logistical difficulties, and this was no exception," said Lt. Col. Robert Jennings, New Jersey Wing vice commander. "What reflects well on CAP and our members is the way they all pulled together to solve issues as they arose in order to continue executing the mission."

There was plenty to enjoy during the challenging weekend. CAP cadets enjoyed a pre-show party on the flight line with active duty servicemen, as well as the Air Force Thunderbirds demonstration team, which signed autographs and posed for photos for hours.

The same night, command staff gathered the cadets into a formation of hundreds for McGuire Air Force Base's commander, Air Force Col. Rick Martin. He thanked the CAP members, as well as their colleagues from the partner organizations, for their tremendous support of the air show.



Thunderbird No. 3, Air Force Maj. Nicole Malachowski, a former Civil Air Patrol cadet, receives a first-person view of a close-order drill by the New Jersey Wing's color guard, courtesy of Cadet Master Sgt. Jessica Winkler (left) and Cadet 2nd Lt. Melissa Marcial. (Photo by 1st Lt. Mike Miller, NJ Wing)

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On May 12, cadets and seniors alike enjoyed talking with Thunderbird No. 3, former CAP cadet Maj. Nicole Malachowski, who also gave a special interview to Cadet Staff Sgt. Kate Brien of the Air Victory Museum Squadron. Brien had been hand-picked for the encounter because of her desire to someday be a pilot.

That evening, a pool party and outdoor barbecue were held at neighboring Fort Dix.

A New Jersey Wing public affairs crew has pooled thousands of photos from the weekend, with numerous donations from other CAP members. Photos from the Airshow weekend can be viewed at: encampment.njwg.cap.gov/airshow/index.htm. A video of the air show experience is expected to be ready this summer.

An after-action review was conducted to determine what went well and document the lessons that commanders learned.

**1st Lt. Mark Swanson
Director of Public Affairs
New Jersey Wing**



Cadet Staff Sgt. Kate Brien of the New Jersey Wing's Air Victory Museum Composite Squadron interviews Air Force Thunderbird No. 3, Maj. Nicole Malachowski, at the McGuire Air Show and Open House.

(Photo by 1st Lt. Mike Miller, NJ Wing)



Cadets muster for formation under the wing of a KC-10 refueling aircraft after a pre-show party May 11 for the McGuire Air Show and

**Open House.
(Photo by Capt. Robert Ellwood, NY Wing)**

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Flanked by cadets at the McGuire Air Show at McGuire Air Force Base, N.J., Air Force Thunderbird pilot Maj. Samantha Glinski Weeks talks on a cell phone with the New York Wing's Lt. Col. Steve Perta, thanking him for the boost that Civil Air Patrol had given her as a cadet in her pursuit of an Air Force career. Photo by Capt. Bob Ellwood



Northeast Region Annual Conference



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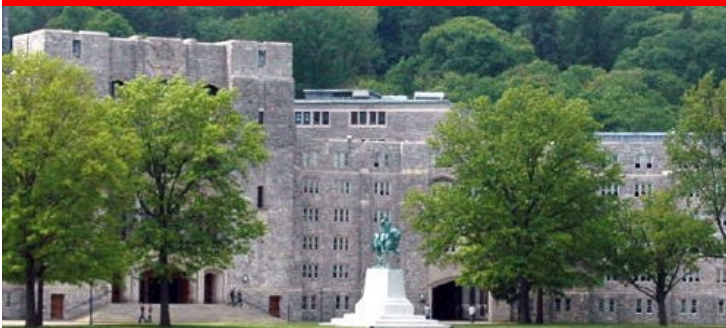
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Two General Spaatz Awarded On Same Night

By Major Penny Hardy
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Rochester, NH. In a first time ever ceremony, at least for New Hampshire Wing, two cadets from the same squadron received their Gen. Carl A. Spaatz awards on the same night.

The ceremony was held at the Highlanders Squadron meeting at the Rochester Community Center on December 28, 2006. In the presence of their peers, friends and families members of the NH Wing staff and others, **C/Col Heather D. Barrington**, now a Cadet First Class at the USAFA and **C/Col Mark A. Leno III** now a junior at Gettysburg College received the coveted Spaatz awards.

Along with their Spaatz awards each cadet received a citation from **NH Governor John Lynch** and an engraved clock from the NH Wing. The gubernatorial citations were presented by State Representative **John DeJoie** standing in for the governor.

In receiving the Spaatz award Cadet Leno achieved his goal of passing all achievements from Curry to Spaatz without failing a single time. He is a political science major in college with a minor in history. He studied at the International Hellenic and Mediterranean Studies School in Athens, Greece in the fall of 2006 and has been on the dean's list every semester at Gettysburg. In CAP he was an IACE cadet to Australia in 2004 as well as NHWG Cadet of the Year and cadet encampment commander that same year. He is a graduate of cadet officer school and NER leadership school. He took first place in the NER Speech contest in 2003. He was a member of the drill team for several years.

Cadet Barrington will graduate this June from the USAFA and go on to pilot training. She has completed her first solo and cadet flying class. She is an officer in the Honor Guard at the academy, and was commandant of cadets in 2006. She is a behavioral science major. She also is a past Cadet of the Year for NH as well as cadet encampment commander in 2002. She was squadron cadet commander in 2001 and chair of the advisory council.

The New Hampshire Wing has less than a dozen cadets who have received the coveted Spaatz award so having two cadets from the wing as well as from the same squadron receive them was a major event. In the absence of Wing Commander, **Col. Don Davidson** who was attending the Nevada winter encampment, **Lt. Col Bill Moran** represented the wing. **Col Dale Hardy**, former NH Wing Commander presented Leno with his award while **State Director Sidney Girardin** presented Barrington with hers. Girardin was instrumental in Barrington receiving a chance to test as she was in Texas working with basic cadets at the time.



**New Spaatz Cadets Heather Barrington
and Mark Leno III.**
Photo Maj. Penny Hardy

Two Lone Eagle Cadets (Brother & Sister) Named NJWG Cadets of the Year

The New Jersey Wing selects a Cadet of the Year in each phase of the Cadet Program. At the 2007 NJ Wing Conference on Saturday, March 31, **Cadet 1Lt Stasia Rogacki** was named Phase II Cadet of the Year. **Cadet Capt Stephen Rogacki** was named Phase III Cadet of the Year. Both cadets are children of Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Rogacki of North Caldwell, NJ.

1Lt Stasia Rogacki is currently Cadet Executive Officer for the Lone Eagle Composite Squadron. She is an active ground team member and Cadet Advisory Council (CAC) representative. She is freshman at Mt. St. Dominic Academy, Caldwell, NJ.

Capt Stephen Rogacki is Cadet Commander for the Lone Eagle Composite Squadron. He is the NJ representative to the NER CAC and also an active ground team member. He is a sophomore at Seton Hall Prep, West Orange.

These cadets were selected for their active participation in Civil Air Patrol, demonstrating outstanding leadership, their extracurricular activities, and having attained academic excellence in school. They and other nominees from each squadron met with the NJWG selection board, which evaluated each cadet and selected the Wing Cadet of the Year for each phase.



(L-R: Cadet 1Lt Stasia Rogacki, Cadet Capt Stephen Rogacki)

Photo by: Stan Rogacki, 1Lt CAP

Stan Rogacki, 1Lt CAP

Tonawanda, NY--Members of Niagara Falls Squadron #1, Southtowns Squadron, & Western NY Group attend the US Dept of Homeland Security Weapons of Mass Destruction Awareness course sponsored by Peace Officer Training Academy of Belmont, NY. The 1 day course highlighted terms, definitions, and characteristics of biological, chemical, radiological agents, and explosives. Additionally the students also learned about indicators of potential terrorist acts and potential terrorist targets.

Seated: 1st Lt David Wharton (WNY Group), Capt George Greene (Niagara Falls Squadron #1), 1st Lt Craig Budney (Niagara Falls Squadron #1) 1st Row: Captain Diane Rothberg (Niagara Falls Squadron #1), Maj John Risio (commander, Niagara Falls Squadron #1), Cadet Jose Torres, Cadet 1st Lt. Kerrie Nimmo (Niagara Falls Squadron #1), Cadet William Fitzpatrick (Niagara Falls Squadron #1) 2nd Row: Chief Dennis Brennan (Peace Officer Training Academy), Cadet Philip Wharton (Southtowns Squadron), Chief Vince Pascale (Peace Officer Training Academy)



Photo & story by Capt. J. Sager, CAP
PAO TAK Squadron

Norwich University Enters into Partnership with Civil Air Patrol

By: Maj. Penny H. Hardy

On May 17th an agreement between Norwich University, VT, and Civil Air Patrol (CAP) was signed that will provide CAP with the use of the Norwich University campus as a location for cadet encampments in the Northeast Region of CAP. The formal agreement was signed by Col. Donald Davidson, NH Wing CAP Commander and Rear Adm.(ret) Richard Schneider, President of Norwich University.

This partnership was conceived over six months ago through the efforts of LTC Walter Brown, CAP, a Norwich alumnus. Brown is a member of the NH Wing staff and serves as its Homeland Security officer. In addition to LTC Brown and Col. Davidson, other CAP members attending the signing were: Col. Ann Clark, VT Wing Commander, National Deputy Chief of Staff for Training Col. David Mikelson, Capt. Denise Chasse, NH Director of Cadet Programs, and Cadet Encampment commander, Cadet Maj. Kailyn Chasse.

For the past several years the summer cadet encampments were held at the NH National Guard training site in Center Strafford, NH. Starting with the 2007 NH Wing encampment which will also be attended by a contingent of cadets from the Vermont Wing, this historic partnership will provide attendees with major resources for use in a military academy environment.

The attendees will have resources such as the climbing wall, rappelling tower, Olympic pool including water survival skills, running tracks, basketball courts, field with bleachers for graduation ceremonies, as well as the dining hall. The dormitory will be large enough to house the encampment attendees as well as those attending the NCO Academy and SAR School at the same time.

The Vermont Wing, CAP will supply a chaplain for the encampment moral leadership training as their chaplain is also the Norwich University chaplain. The NU staff will be available to assist the encampment staff with training, feeding and housing cadets and senior staff.

It is hoped that future possibilities would allow for the facilities to be made available annually for a number of Northeast Region wings to hold encampments throughout the summer. This agreement may also pave the way for other military institutions to host CAP encampments around the country.



Col. Ann Clark, VT Wing Commander, Col. Donald C. Davidson, NH Wing Commander, Cadet Major Kailyn Chasse, Cadet Encampment Commander, Rear Adm.(ret) Richard W. Schneider, President of Norwich University, Col. David Mikelson, CAP Nat'l. Deputy Chief of Staff for Training and LTC Walter Brown, CAP NU alumnus

Paul Marsters, Captain CAP Returns from Search and Recovery Duty in Vietnam

**By: Lawrence Scherpa, 2nd Lt CAP
PAO Westover Composite Squadron MA015
All photos provided by Paul Marsters**

When was the last time you heard someone say that they had just returned from a tour of duty in Vietnam? For most of us it has been a while, if ever. But that is not the case for the Cadets and Seniors of the Westover Composite Squadron of the Massachusetts Wing of the Civil Air Patrol.

Air Force Reserve Master Sergeant Paul E. Marsters, who is also a Captain in the Civil Air Patrol and the Emergency Services Officer for the Westover Squadron recently returned from a 45 day temporary duty assignment in Vietnam. Master Sergeant Marsters, a 20 year veteran of the Air Force Reserve and

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chief of air crew training at the Westover ARB for the past 13 years was assigned to the multi forces JPAC, the Joint POW/MIA Accountability Command sent to Vietnam to locate and repatriate the remains of air crew and other military personnel that still remain in Vietnam. Life Support Investigator Marsters said that most of the efforts of the 21 member search team were focused on the Son La province in North Vietnam where American Aircraft came under heavy fire during the Vietnam War. Specifically the recovery team was investigating the crash site of an Air Force F-4 Phantom II shot down by the North Vietnamese over Moc Chau in April of 1967. Marsters noted that in that part of Vietnam “the terrain was rugged and it would be very difficult to survive and evade capture by the enemy.”



Marsters reported that while no human remains were recovered on this mission, over 37 possible fragments of life support related equipment were found and will be analyzed for clues that may lead to future identifications. Marsters’ Air Force experience as a jet mechanic and air crew life support craftsman proved invaluable in the identification of many of the artifacts.

Marsters, who volunteered for the duty, has received advanced training in search and rescue, survival, evasion and resistance along with technical training in the use of life sciences equipment investigation. Marsters worked closely with a Central Identification Lab anthropologist assigned to the mission.

While on duty in Vietnam Marsters reported that “There was no animosity towards us at all. The people were friendly and the kids were all learning English in school.” Local Vietnamese were also hired to assist the search and recovery team and the people were “more than willing to help us out.” The mission was conducted under the direction of the Vietnamese military. Marsters observed that there is no middle class in Vietnam and that the people have to be industrious to provide for themselves what most Americans would consider to be the basics of life.

One of the more enduring memories of the trip was a visit to the “Hanoi Hilton, now a museum, but at one time a notorious detention center for downed American airmen. Marsters, pictured at right at the entrance to the “Hanoi Hilton”, found the experience to be “pretty intimidating and pretty humbling” Another memorable moment for Marsters came during his long journey home. Marsters was at Pearl Harbor, Hawaii on December 7th – the anniversary of the Japanese attack. Marsters had the unique opportunity of meeting survivors of the attack during the remembrance ceremonies that took place on that day.

For his efforts on the recovery team, Sergeant Marsters earned the JPAC command Senior Enlisted Leader Coin for Excellence, the Anthropology Coin, and the JPAC Command Life Support Investigator Coin.

He has also earned the thanks and admiration of the Cadets and Seniors of the Westover Composite Squadron.



Oneonta Cadet Squadron (NER-NY-189) Partners with US Army Counterdrug Task Force

On 1 April 2007, the Oneonta Cadet Squadron partnered with the US Army Counterdrug Task Force at a local 5K run/walk event. The Army asked CAP to assist by helping climbers don the safety harness and helmet correctly. Two of the CAP members participated in the run (Lt Huck and C/Clune) and two, after signing official release forms, made the 35 foot climb to the top of the wall.

The Oneonta Cadet Squadron does not typically participate in the DDR program as they are not located near a military facility, but nonetheless was given this opportunity. Per Maj Mark Cashin, NY Wing DDR Administrator, "You are the only one in the wing that has done anything so far."

The event is an annual 5K run/walk sponsored by SADD, Students Against Destructive Decisions. A total of 28 climbs were made before rain forced the closing of the wall.

Submitted by: Judith L Hewett, Maj, commander, Oneonta Cadet Squadron



Photo: L-R Maj Judith Hewett, CAP; SFC David Ford, C/TSgt Molly Clune, CAP; Capt John Sandefur, US Army; C/Capt Bethany Hewett, CAP; SPC Angelia Taylor, US Army, C/A1C Thomas Mundy, CAP; 2nd Lt. Donald Mundy, CAP. Not in photo: 1st Lt. Gregory Huck, CAP



NER Recurrent Communications Training Program

The Northeast Region Communications Training Section is currently providing a monthly Communication Training Quiz. The quiz is intended to be an ongoing training tool keep our members up to date with Communications rules, regulations and procedures. We also offer quiz training of Basic Electricity and Communications Safety. Currently, we are reviewing the new CAPR-100-3.

The informational quiz is for use at all unit levels. E-mailings are sent on or about the first day of each month. If you do not receive the Quiz, please contact your unit's Communications Officer, or, if you would like your name to be included in the Mailing List, please send your name, rank and E-mail address to:

WUnclewe@aol.com

Lt. Col. William Houting, CAP
Northeast Region Communications Training



NY Wing Cadets Are Region's Color Guard Champs

New York Wing's Color Guard Champs are now the Northeast Region champions. They took the title during competition held May 26-27. The champion team from the wing's New York City Group now goes on to national competition. Photo of team from NY Wing competition shows, front to rear, Cadets Annie Becerra, Kenneth Bobby, Alexander Duarte and John Holguin.

Photo by Lt. Michael Lee, PAO.



New Jersey Wing recognizes Top Officers, Cadets & Squadrons

By 1Lt. Mark Swanson, NJWG OAO

FT DIX, NJ -- The New Jersey Wing Annual Conference at Ft. Dix, March 30-April 1, culminated in the announcement of a wide array of honors for members and squadrons, presented by the wing commander, Col. Robert McCabe. The following honors were handed out:

- **Certificate of Appreciation** – Maj. Fred Karl, USAF Reserve NELR
- **Cadet Competition Ribbons** – C/TSgt. Kathlyn Brien, C/SSgt Alex Burkhardt, C/MSgt. Coleman Calhoun, C/Amn David Conklin, C/SrA Ezekiel Conover, C/Amn Joe Coppa, C/SSgt Andrew Kelly, C/Amn David King, C/Amn Joseph Klinger, C/Amn Kevin Miller, C/2Lt Carlos Pineda, C/CMSgt Michael Quinn, C/CMSgt Akil Romany, C/2Lt Vincent Russ, C/SrA Jocelyn Williams.
- **Color Guard Competition Ribbons** -- C/CMSgt Rafael Alicea, C/SSgt Devin Arroyo, C/CMSgt William Gormley, C/TSgt Stanley Piotrowski, C/A1C Douglas Skinner, C/Amn Justin Weaver.
- Sr. Escorts for the Cadet Competition – 2Lt. Shirley Campbell, Capt. Michael Carter, Capt. Helen Clemente, 2Lt. Charles Hardy, 1Lt. Ryan Leach, Lt. Col. Michael Sperry.
- **Brig. Gen. Charles E. “Chuck” Yeager Award** – Capt. James P. Demos, Capt. Mario Duval, Lt. Col. Wayne G. Fox, 1Lt. Pamela D. Lewis, 1Lt. Robert L. Lippman, 2Lt. Friedo A. Meyer, 2Lt. Ernest J. Schirmer, Capt. Michael J. Sylvester, Capt. Raymond E. Valdez, 2Lt. William H. Whitman, Jr.
- **Amelia Earhart Award** – C/Capt. Nicholas Longhi, C/1Lt. Stephen Rogacki.
- **Grover Loening Award** – Capt. Katja Abegg, Maj. Joe McGuire, Maj. Carl Ulmer.
- **Cadet of the Year Phase I** – C/SSgt. Robin Y. Kim
- **Cadet of the Year Phase II** – C/2Lt. Stasia M. Rogacki
- **Cadet of the Year Phase III** – C/1Lt. Stephen E. Rogacki
- **John V. “Jack” Sorenson Cadet Programs Officer of the Year** – Maj. Jennifer Pope
- **Logistician of the Year** – Capt. Michael Huelsenbeck
- **Communicator of the Year** – Capt. James Pollock
- **PAO of the Year** – 1Lt. Mark Swanson
- **MLO of the Year** – Maj. Madeline Maldonado
- **Squadron Chaplain of the Year** – Capt. John Allegri
- **Senior Chaplain of the Year** – Capt. Karen Onesti
- **Commander of the Year** – Maj. Samuel Williamson
- **Safety Officer of the Year** – Maj. Lou Bainbridge
- **Squadron of Merit** – NJ103, Gen. Jimmy Stewart Composite Squadron, Commander Capt. Jose Avila
- **Cadet of the Year** – C/Maj. Nicholas H. Attardo
- **CAP Officer of the Year** – Lt. Col. Richard Olszewski



New Jersey Wing recognized Lt. Col. Richard Olszewski as its CAP Officer of the Year at an annual conference held March 30-April 1 at Ft. Dix, NJ.



One of the highlights of the recent NJ Wing Conference was a tour of a C-17 transport at McGuire Air Force Base, hosted by the 305th and 514th Air Mobility Wing. The tour provided old CAP friends a chance for a quick reunion as C/ Col. David Maver of Schweiker Composite Squadron and USAF A1C John Burckley, a former Schweiker member, met on board. Burckley is a C-17 loadmaster. With Burckley and Maver are CAP Maj. Mark Burckley, at right

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- **Brewer Aerospace Award I** – C/1Lt. Carlos Pineda
- **Brewer Aerospace Award II** – Capt. Eugene W. Harris
- **Brewer Aerospace Award III** – Maj. Fred Karl, USAF Res. NELR
- **Brewer Aerospace Award IV** – Lt. Col. Stanley Troyano
- **Paul E. Garber Award** – Capt. Katja Abegg
- **Commander's Commendations** – Capt. Katja Abegg, Capt. Michael Carter, Maj. Anthony P. Farina, Capt. Eugene W. Harris, Capt. Richard M. Karesh, SM Carla A. Laird, Capt. Michael J. Pagan, Maj. Richard A. Simon, 1Lt. Mark S. Swanson, Maj. Steven M. Tracy, Maj. Carl Ulmer, Capt. Alan E. Wegner.
- **Certificate of Recognition for Lifesaving** – Capt. Katja Abegg, Capt. Karen Onesti.
- **Meritorious Service Award** – Ch. Lt. Col. George F. Kelly, Maj. Jennifer Pope, Lt. Col. Travis Pope.
- **Gill Rob Wilson Award** – Lt. Col. Henry L. Bruno
- **Gen. Carl A. Spaatz Award** – C/Col. David Maver.



New York Wing, Civil Air Patrol (CAP), inducts Representative (R-NY) Thomas Reynolds (20th Congressional District) into CAP's Congressional Squadron with the rank of Lieutenant Colonel.

Representative Thomas M. Reynolds was inducted into the Civil Air Patrol (US Air Force Auxiliary) June 4, 2007 at his Williams-ville, NY office. Present were Lieutenant Colonel Andrew J. Liddle, NY Wing Government Relations Advisor, Lieutenant Colonel Terry Le Feber, NY Wing Director of Logistics, Major George Fillgrove, commander of Western NY Group, and Lieutenant Colonel Charles Jones, deputy commander Western NY Group.

Representative Reynolds was inducted into the volunteer civilian, auxiliary of the US Air Force to recognize his strong commitment to national defense and homeland security. Representative Reynolds previously served in the New York Air National Guard from 1970 to 1976.

The Civil Air Patrol handles 95 percent of inland search and rescue missions, with approximately 75 lives saved each year. CAP volunteers are generally the first on the scene transmitting satellite digital images of the damage within seconds around the world and providing disaster relief and emergency services following natural and manmade disasters, including such events as 9/11, Hurricane Katrina, Texas and Oklahoma wildfires, tornadoes in the south and central U.S., North Dakota flash flooding and the October 2006 earthquake in Hawaii, as well as humanitarian missions along the U.S. and Mexican border. In addition, CAP members are dedicated to counter drug reconnaissance and to teaching a new generation about aviation and its impact on our future. The Civil Air Patrol Cadet Program also ensures our youth receive some of the finest leadership training the nation has to offer.

**Photos & story by:
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Lieutenant Colonel Charles Jones, Deputy Commander Western NY Group, Major George Fillgrove, Commander of Western NY Group, Representative Thomas M. Reynolds (RNY), Lieutenant Colonel Andrew J. Liddle, Lieutenant Colonel Terry Le Feber



Dinner Cruise Features SEMO Speaker, Top Awards New York Wing Goes Naval

By: 1st Lt. Bob Stronach and Capt. Jim Ridley Sr.

New York became one of the first wings to go naval as some 200 senior members, cadets and guests boarded the “Lac du Sacrement,” the largest cruise ship on Lake George, for the Wing Conference Banquet on May 5. “We’ve added our first naval vessel to New York Wing fleet,” quipped Wing Commander Col. Kenneth Andreu.

The conference, held in Ft. William Henry Resort, was adjacent to the historic fort of the same name, made famous by James Fenimore Cooper’s “Last of the Mohicans” for its dramatic battle in 1757 during the French and Indian War. In addition to cruising the length and breadth of Lake George, the banquet featured honor guard antics, top senior and cadet awards, and a talk by John R. Gibb, director of the State Emergency Management Office (SEMO).

The dinner cruise capped a day of assemblies where the wing commander called upon members to “raise the bar” by setting goals and accepting challenges with enthusiasm. Some of the challenges and goals, he said, include:

- Getting more use of aircraft so that the wing can place itself in a position to obtain more of them.
- Expanding numbers across the wing through recruiting efforts at every level.
- Creating new squadrons where there are none currently.
- Adopting more middle schools per CAP’s Middle School Initiative.
- Eliminating aircraft incidents.
- Allying with more National Guard units.
- Growing the Counter Drug Program.



Col. Kenneth Andreu challenged NY Wing members to “raise the bar” of performance.

Photo by 1st Lt. Bob Stronach

With expansion of wing membership a priority, Colonel Andreu has set monetary awards for unit recruitment and establishment, and feels that a goal of a 25% increase per unit is feasible. These challenges will be listed and updated on the New York Wing web site.

The banquet speaker, SEMO Director Gibb, congratulated the Civil Air Patrol on its 65 years of service to the state and nation, and noted that when the State Emergency Operations Center is activated, it houses a number of agencies, including CAP. Because of that, he said, it is important to have accurate information of CAP’s capabilities. The center was activated during last summer’s disastrous flooding in a number of New York counties, he said, and he referred to New York Wing’s flood mission in Otsego County, where an aircrew pinpointed blockage in a creek that was causing waters to back up and threaten homes. He said SEMO was looking forward to “a type of partnership with CAP.”



NY Wing members enjoy a unique wing conference banquet in the form of a dinner cruise on Lake George.

Photo by Lt. Col. Paul Maze.



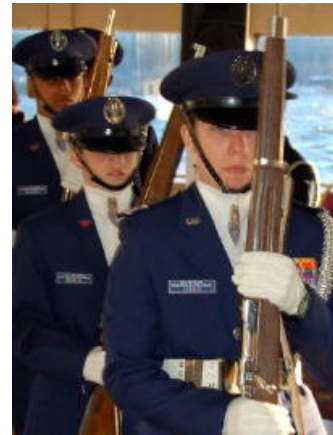
Elizabeth Anger is New York Wing’s Cadet of the Year. Photo by Lt. Col. Paul Maze

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Another special guest, State Assemblyman and Wing Legislative Squadron member David Townsend, received the Legislative Officer of the Year Award. The number of legislators in the Legislative Squadron was gradually growing, he said, noting: "The more we know about CAP in the Legislature, the easier it is for us... to get legislation passed to provide funding."

Cadet Maj. Elizabeth Anger of Western New York Group was named Cadet Officer of the Year, receiving a four-year scholarship (\$2,500 a year). Exceptional Cadet Officer Award went to Cadet Capt. Natasha Cohen of South Eastern Group, which includes a one-year \$1,000 scholarship. Senior Member of the Year was Lt. Col. James Pierson, and Wing Staff Officer of the Year was Lt. Col. William Hughes. Western New York Group, commanded by Maj. George Fillgrove, was named Group of the Year. As the ship got underway, South Eastern Group's North Castle Composite Squadron Honor Guard marched in harmony almost to the point of dancing, twirled rifles and even threw them to one another, to the rousing applause of banquet-goers.



North Castle Composite Squadron Honor Guard's performance kicked off the Dinner Cruise. From front to back are **C/Capt. Natasha Cohen, Honor Guard commander; C/ Airman Nick Miraglia, and Cadet/Senior Airman Jason Dela Rosa.** Photo by SM Mark Hoover



Cadets Honor Veteran and NYC Fireman Never Forgotten, from Korea to 9-11

By Capt. James A. Ridley, Sr., PAO

FARMINGDALE, NY –As members of the Col. Francis S. Gabreski Squadron left the recruiting station they set up on the Jones Beach boardwalk during the Memorial Day Weekend's Air Show, they had one final duty to perform. One of the Squadron's officers had requested a brief ceremony to honor his father who was interred at St. Charles Cemetery in Farmingdale NY. Two cadets from the Gabreski Squadron color guard volunteered to perform the ceremony at the grave of the Air Force airman who served in the Korean War. After finishing the ceremony the group began to leave, when the senior officer noticed a gentleman placing flowers on a grave nearby. He approached the gentlemen who was wearing a NY Fire Department 9-11 t-shirt and asked if the grave he was tending to was that of a loved one. "Yes" replied the gentleman, "he was my son and he was a NYC fireman who died in one of the towers." The senior officer then asked if the cadets could honor his son's grave and salute his son's final resting place. "I would like that very much" said the gentleman with his eyes welling up with tears. C/CMSgt Stephanie Filiberto and C/MSgt Joshua Medina shouldered arms and marched reverently to the gravesite. They went to present arms and rendered a brief salute before marching off. The gentleman thanked the cadets and asked one last favor. He explained that his wife could not bring herself to visit the gravesite. He asked, "Would you go to my wife who is sitting in the car over there and tell her what you did for our son?" As the cadets approached the car and before they could even say anything, the woman smiling through her tears said to them "Thank you. I saw what you did for my boy and I appreciate it very much." The emotion of the whole situation played on the cadets who were silent for some time during the ride home, letting what happened to sink in. On Memorial Day Weekend, when many people barely acknowledge the purpose of the holiday, these cadets honored a Korean War veteran on behalf of a grateful son as well as a home town hero for his grieving parents. This has truly been a memorable Memorial Day for all concerned.



Maine Wing

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.

Marc Brunelle, Maj
CAP MEWG
Director of Operations



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)

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CAP Cadet Named Marine of Year

By Captain J. Sager, PAO

BUFFALO, NY-- Cadet 2nd Lieutenant **AI Mehlretter** of TAK Composite Squadron was named Marine of the Year as Western New York Armed Forces Week began on May 6. Cadet Mehlretter is a Lance Corporal in the US Marine Corps Reserve, serving with Company I, 3d Battalion, 25th Marines. He enlisted in the Marine Corps Reserve in 2005. Mehlretter was recognized for volunteering for, coordinating, and conducting more than 12 Color Guards, 14 Military Funerals, and 9 Community events during his personal time. He was also awarded the Navy & Marine Corps Achievement medal. Mehlretter attends Erie Community College and is majoring in Criminal Justice.

He states: "I attribute my success in the Marine Corps to the skills and values I learned in Civil Air Patrol."



**CAP Cadet and
Marine of Year
AI Mehlretter**

Western NY Squadrons Assist at Canadian Air Show

By 1st Lt. Doug Justham, PAO

Sixteen cadets and senior members of the Jamestown Composite Squadron joined with ten cadet and senior members of the Niagara Falls and Buffalo area TAK squadrons to spend June 8-10 at the Friendly Foes over the Falls, Niagara Falls, Ontario air show. While there the cadets provided assistance in guarding vintage war planes, maintaining overall security in parking areas and color guard duties in numerous presentations.

The air show provided a great learning opportunity, as over a dozen vintage war birds from both WWI and WWII were flying at the show. Members also had an opportunity to speak with numerous living historians in period battle dress who demonstrated various Axis and Allied troops weapons, uniforms and living conditions during the wars. The weekend provided a unique bivouac experience for the squadrons as all CAP tents were inter-mixed with those of the living historians' "war camps". The squadrons were also able to meet and perform with the Canadian Air Cadets. The two groups enjoyed discussing the differences and similarities of the programs.



CAP Cadet provides security for vintage warbird at Canadian air show

Coming Events

2007 Wing Conference to be held at West Point

Now is the time to start register and make plans to attend the 2007 Northeast Region Conference which will be held at West Point. See page three for more details. We look forward to seeing you there.

First Ever CAP PAO Academy

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What: First ever CAP PAO Academy

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If you have upcoming events that need to be shown in this area, please send the information to Maj Dennis Murray at dmurray@mewg.cap.net or to dwmurray1@verizon.net If you must send by USPS send to P.O. Box 220, Baileyville, ME 04694. Thank you. -Editor




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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 will benefit 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 us help, please contact **Maj Wayne Merritt** at (207) 483-2039 or **Maj Dennis Murray** at (207) 427-3421 so we can get your questions answered before the event.

Our nationwide goal this year is to place 2,500 wreaths in each state and national Veterans’ cemeteries nationwide in addition to those going overseas and the donated wreaths from Worcester Wreath Company. 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



Civil Air Patrol Northeast Region Completes Search and Rescue Competition at Air Reserve Base

Chicopee, Mass. — The Northeast Region of the Civil Air Patrol, the U.S. Air Force Auxiliary, which is headquartered at McGuire Air Force Base in N.J., hosted a comprehensive Search and Rescue Competition known as SARCOMP over a three-day period from Friday, June 15 to Sunday, June 17th.



Participants and organizers alike heralded the competition as a huge success. Col. Robert Diduch, the NER Commander out of McGuire, commented that the staff that planned the exercise “did exceptionally well and did a great job, as did all the competing teams.” The purpose of this Search and Rescue Competition (SARCOMP) was to further enhance excellence, mobility readiness, esprit de corps, and mission skills through open competition. Such exercises motivate participants to train to be the best.

Awards were given out in several categories: Air Crew, Ground Team, Incident Command Staff and overall best Wing. First place in the competition for Ground Crew was awarded to the New Hampshire Wing, first place for the aircrew went to the Massachusetts Wing and the first place award for ICS was presented to the Pennsylvania Wing. Massachusetts won first place among all the wings in attendance. These plaques were handed out at the conclusion of the competition by Brigadier General Wallace “Wade” Farris, Jr, the commander of the 439th Airlift Wing, who spoke of the value the CAP volunteers bring to the citizens of this country and to the Air Force in general. Brig. Gen. Farris also commented that be-



ing a pilot himself he is pleased to know that if he were ever missing that “CAP personnel like these would be out there searching for him.” Before leaving the stage, CAP Lt. Col. Joe Abegg, the Incident Commander who led the team that planned and executed the competition, presented Brig. Gen. Farris with two plaques, one for the base and one for himself with the gratitude of the entire NER for hosting the event.

One unanticipated award was presented during the ceremony as well. C/Lt. Col. Eric Perron of the NH Wing was awarded one of CAP’s highest decorations, the Life Saving Medal, which he earned ironically while making his way to the SARCOMP this weekend. Cadet Perron witnessed an accident involving two motorcycles in which one of the victims suffered a severed leg. Cadet Perron stopped the victim’s bleeding and kept her stable until emergency service vehicles arrived, thus saving the woman’s life.

**Story and Photos by: James Ridley, Sr., Captain
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Former Doylestown cadet awarded with CAP Honor Roll and Marshall Scholarship.

Former Doylestown Squadron 907 cadet (PA Wing) and U.S. Air Force Academy Cadet 1st Class **Christopher Campbell** was selected for the Civil Air Patrol Honor Roll, the award that recognizes the CAP cadet graduating with the highest honors in his class. Campbell has exceeded all expectations. He credits some of his success to his activities in CAP. He and his proud parents thank all those in CAP who helped make his success possible. Campbell was also awarded the Marshall Scholarship, the East Language Minor Award, and is a candidate for the Aeronautical Engineering Department top graduate award.

The Marshall Scholarship will finance Campbell's study for a graduate degree in the U.K. "I have always tried to excel in everything that I do, including academics," said Air Force Academy Cadet 1st Class Christopher Campbell originally from New Hope, PA. "In my sophomore year, I knew I wanted to attend graduate school, and I set a goal for myself to earn some sort of scholarship. I never believed I had a chance to win a Marshall Scholarship."

Campbell holds a 4.0 GPA in both his aeronautical engineering major and his Japanese Language minor. In order of merit, he ranked fifth out of 1,005 cadets in the class of 2007 based on academic, military, and athletic performance and has risen in numerous leadership and research positions.

With forty scholarships awarded annually and open to undergraduate students across the country, the competition for the Marshall scholarship is fierce. With this scholarship, Campbell will pursue a two-year program for a masters of science in artificial intelligence and control technology at the University of Cambridge. "I would like to apply my research to unmanned aerial vehicles, vastly improving their capabilities and usefulness in the field," he said. "I hope to become a test pilot, at which point I can put these new technologies to trial, and someday an astronaut designing the systems that will take us back to the moon or even to Mars."

Created on July 31, 1953, by the British Parliament when the Marshall Aid Commemoration Act was established, the scholarships serve as a living gift to the United States of America in recognition of the post World War II European recovery effort most commonly known as the Marshall Plan.

Widely considered among the most prestigious awards a graduating American undergraduate can receive, the Marshall Scholarships serve to provide highly qualified students with two fully funded years of study, with a possible third year extension, at any university in the United Kingdom. In addition to pure academic pursuits, the program serves to provide the future leaders of America with an insight into the "British ideals and way of life" and strengthen the "unique relationship" that exists between the United States and the United Kingdom.

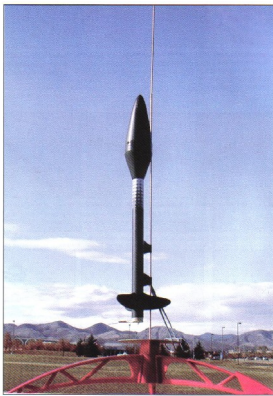
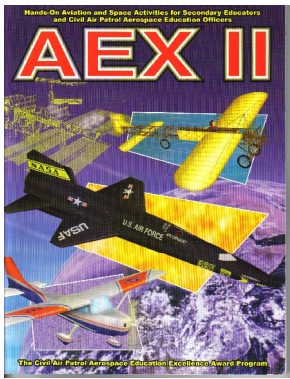
"...I nearly fell over in shock." said Campbell, "... I'll be spending two years in England studying. I hope to serve as an ambassador for both the Academy and the United States. I can't wait to learn how to play cricket!"

**Annette Carlson, 1Lt CAP, PAO
Doylestown Composite Squadron 907**



UAAFA Cadet 1st Class Campbell in a F-16 at Lockheed-Martin, Ft. Worth, TX during a summer 2006 research project. Photo credit: Bob Campbell

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Questions, Issues, Problems, Need info, Want to volunteer to work at the AEO Academy or Got some great AE tip/project/activity? Let me know!

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