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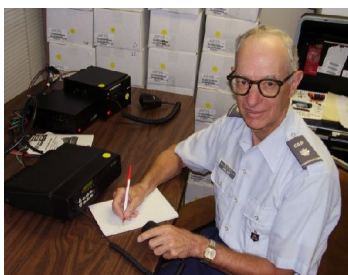
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If it's happening in the Wing, it's news to us!

Lt. Col. Weiland Communicator of the Year

By Capt. Bye R. Grapher
Mild-Mannered Reporter

Illinois Wing Commander, Col. Gordon A. Larson, announced that Lt. Col. James P. Weiland (Red Fox 17) was named National Communicator of the Year.



Lt. Col. Weiland, a fifty-year member, has long been a fixture in the Wing, Region and National communications milieu [ed. note: Wrc got a new thesaurus!]. While a CAP cadet, he earned his FCC Novice license. His

first ROP card was issued by 2d. Lt. Guglielmo Marconi. In 1997, he earned his FCC Amateur Extra Class license.

In August of 1988, Lt. Col. Weiland was appointed Illinois Wing Director of Communications. He presently serves the Wing as both Licensing Officer and Radio

Maintenance Officer. Recently he was given the additional duty assignment of Great Lakes Region net control station.

During his CAP career, Lt. Col. Weiland served in the cadet section including several stints as the summer encampment commander, and Director of Cadet Programs. He has participated, in one capacity or another, in 59 encampments. His encampment ribbon, with clasps, weighs 25 pounds.

Lt. Col. Weiland, a resident of Evanston, Ill., has a master's degree in Computer Science from Northeastern Illinois University. He retired from Zenith Electronics after 27 years as Project Engineer. In addition, Lt. Col. Weiland is an Air Force veteran having served on active duty from 1960 to 1963.

New Fashion Accessory Unveiled

By Maj. Teri Cloth
Fashion Editor

Illinois Wing Headquarters has introduced a new baldness suppressor available to those serving on Wing Staff. The suppressor is cleverly disguised as an ordinary unit baseball cap.



Staff members may purchase this ingenious device for: \$15.00 for one hat, or \$50.00 for two. All payments should be made in small, unmarked bills and sent to Lt. Col. Rick Oeth.



According to Lt. Col. Oeth, "You don't have to be bald to utilize this device. By wearing one you can keep people guessing!" Batteries are not included. All sales are final!

Illinois Wing reCAP...We're baaaackkk!

By Lt. Col. Johannes Gutenberg
Publisher

After an absence of several years, the editorial, production, art, and legal staff of the *Illinois Wing reCAP* have returned. It seems that since our last publication, the Wing Headquarters has moved several times. During one of the moves, we were sent out on

assignment and when we got back, the headquarters was gone! After launching an intensive investigative effort, we located the new Wing Headquarters hiding out at DuPage County Airport. If it wasn't for someone putting up a sign, we never would have found the place. Now that we're back, your underground newsletter staff will take over from the lame-o's in Public Affairs and bring you all the news that fits. To insure that we are not left behind again, the *reCAP* staff will be sleeping in the hangar attached to the Headquarters.

We have some catching up to do:

- Is Col. Steve Peters still the Wing Commander?
- Is Brig. Gen. Rich Anderson still NHQ's Total Quality Management Enforcement Officer? (Up your TQM!)
- Is Lt. Col. Joe King still a svelte 180 pounds?

- Is Lt. Col. Connie Kelly starring in a new celebrity reality show, "Dance your Brass Off"?
- Can we carry forward tax credits from a previous tax year?
- How do you pronounce Maciejewski?
- How old is the tuna salad in the refrigerator?
- Did the Wing steal the Illinois State Police aircraft parked in our hangar?
- Is Cadet Tim O'Meara in jail yet?
- Is anyone still taking bets on whether a female will ever become national commander?

Stay tuned for future *reCAP* issues...you've been warned! Be on the lookout...our Cartoon Editor is still AWOL.

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[whatever that means]

Ground Teams Support American Red Cross

By 1st. Lt. Jeffrey Gustafson, Capt. Michael Miley, Lt. Col. Ted Lohr
Mission Information Officers

For three weeks, Illinois Wing ground teams supported American Red Cross Disaster Relief efforts in flood-ravaged communities along the Mississippi River.

Primarily, teams were trained by the ARC in performing damage assessment of buildings in selected areas. The mission stretched out over three weeks since it took a long time for water to recede in certain areas. Teams would return home and then be recalled when it was safe to enter into the affected areas.



The main base was located in Quincy, Ill. Teams performed damage assessment in several counties including Hancock and Henderson.

In certain instances, teams were called upon to inspect "hot spots". A hot spot is an ARC designation for a property where the owner requested an assessment of the interior of the structure.



When not assigned to damage assessment taskings, teams helped the ARC with the distribution of needed supplies to residents affected by the floods.

Mission Information Officer, Capt. Mike Miley, compiled a website where photographs posted by an onsite MIO, 1st. Lt. Gustafson, and Lt. Col. Lohr, can be viewed. The site address: <http://gallery.mac.com/miley/100073>.

The ARC frequently expressed their thanks to mission Incident Commander, Maj. Bob Taylor, for the support of CAP ground teams.

NIMS ICS-300 Training

By Capt. Robert Becker
Commander Elgin Composite Squadron

The Kane County office of Emergency Management is hosting an ICS 300 class on 28-30 July at the Sugar Grove Fire Station (immediately adjacent to Aurora Airport). Class times are roughly 8:00am to 5:00pm. CAP is being offered up to 15 spaces in the class. There is no charge for the

course but registration is required - no walk-ins. The class includes team-based role-playing exercises based on several different incidents and a graded exam on the last day.

For any who are not familiar, ICS 300 is currently expected to become required by 31 December 2008 for most supervisory positions (Section Chiefs, Branch Directors, Incident Commanders, Unit Leaders, etc.) as well as Information Officers, Safety Officers and Liaison Officers. See

http://level2.cap.gov/documents/2008_04_10_NIMS.pdf for details.

My contact is in the process of moving so I may not get the official registration form for a day or two, but wanted to get this out so you can share with your squadrons and interested people could get it on their calendars. I will give Group 14 a few days head start, then offer to the rest of the wing if we don't fill all the spaces.

I will forward the registration and any other details as soon as I get them. Let me know if any

questions in the mean time and also if you have anyone wanting to attend so I can monitor our utilization on the spaces available. Contact Capt. Robert Becker (630) 631-7186 for additional information.

Dates and Locations of ICS-300 Courses in 2008:

- August 25-27, Carpentersville Fire Station #3 – Sleepy Hollow & Grandview
- September 15-17, Sugar Grove Fire Station – 25 S. Municipal Drive
- October (date and location TBD) – to be held on two consecutive Saturdays for volunteer responders
- December 1-3, Carpentersville Fire Station #3

Central Illinois 2008 SLS/CLC Professional Development Courses

By Maj. Richard A. Maciejewski
HQ Illinois Wing/DA/ETS

Group 9 will host the Central Illinois 2008 SLS/CLC Professional Development Schools 23-24 August 2008 at the Clinton Power Station Training Facility near Clinton, Illinois (approx. 30 miles south of Bloomington, IL). Capt. Jeremy Hendricks has been selected as SLS Director, Capt. Lori DeVore the CLC Director, and Capt. Ted Deming is the Project Coordinator.

These courses not only are requirements for Senior Member Professional Development level completions, but also provide useful and helpful information for your CAP career. The courses are open to all senior members who have completed level I and have entered a specialty track. Prior graduates are also welcome to attend as a refresher since these courses have been updated over the years and are completely different from the courses 5 or 10 years ago.

Uniform of the day is:

- AF blue short sleeve shirt (no tie) and blue uniform trouser/skirt, or

- Corporate white short sleeve shirt (no tie) and blue uniform trouser/skirt, or
- Corporate white short sleeve shirt (no tie) and grey trouser/skirt, or
- Business casual (polo or dress shirt, no tie, and dress trouser/skirt
- No flight suits, BDU's or blue jeans will be allowed.

Course fee is \$20.00 and covers student materials, Saturday lunch and Sunday lunch. Specific course details, driving directions, etc will be provided in your acceptance package. Please preregister no later than 18 August 2008 by mailing your \$20 check (made payable to Civil Air Patrol) and CAPF 17 Application for Senior Member Activities to Capt. Jeremy Hendricks, CAP, 1007 South Livingston St, Bloomington IL 61701-6336.

Should you have any questions please contact:
SLS---Capt. Jeremy Hendricks, CAP, 309-750-3651, glril_cc@earthlink.net
CLC---Capt. Lori DeVore, CAP, 309-829-5744, Lori_devore@verizon.net

Group and Squadron Commanders are asked to please distribute this information to all members within your units and encourage attendance.

Loening Award Presented New Spaatz Cadet

By: Prof. D. Velopment
Consulting Egghead

During the June Wing Staff Meeting, Wing Commander, Col. Gordon Larson, presented Lt. Col. John A. Baker with the Grover Loening Award. This award recognizes Lt. Col. Baker's successful completion of Level III, the Management phase of senior training. Lt. Col. Baker is



a member of the Quad Cities Composite Squadron where he serves as the unit's Medical Officer. He is also a retired Navy Captain.

Chief of Staff, Lt. Col. Rick Gale, announced that Illinois Wing's newest Spaatz Cadet is C/Col. Daniel C. Riordan of the Forest Park Composite Squadron. More information will follow in the next *reCAP*.

June 2008 Wing Staff Meeting Notes

By Maj. Jonh Smittth
Speling Editor

Note: The items presented in this report are not in chronological order.

Wing Commander

- The CC expressed his appreciation of the cadet honor guard provided by the Ohio Wing for his twin brother's funeral in June. He showed pictures of the cadets standing at their posts. Cadets rotated honor guard duties every 15 minutes. All eyes were on them during the changeover.
- Staff Directors were reminded to provide maximum service to field units. Directors are to focus on the quick resolution of questions and problems.
- National Headquarters announced that Lt. Col. James P. Weiland was named Communicator of the Year (see article).

Vice Commander

- Created spreadsheet to calculate profits from baldness suppression device sales.
- The JFE has been renamed the Johnson Flight Academy (JFA). Any special recognition bestowed upon JFA attendees will be known as Academy Awards.
- In a letter signed by Brig. Gen. Courter, Col. Larson was notified that the Illinois Wing was selected for recognition as the Great Lakes Region winner of the Search and Rescue Award. We're not sure how we were selected for this award. The GLR DO speculates that it might have come from the CAP-USAF Great Lakes Liaison Region. More info to follow.

Chief of Staff

- Staff director budgets are due immediately. Include projected figures for both income and expenses for each directorate.
- Directors who cannot attend wing staff meetings should let the CS know in advance. They are asked to email an update of activities and other items that pertain to the wing.
- Wing staff work night is still Thursday evening (except for the Thursday preceding a Wing Staff Meeting). Wing Directors, and their staff members, are asked to be at Wing HQ so that field commanders and staff counterparts can call to discuss Wing business. Directors who cannot attend the evening work sessions should let the CS know in advance.
- Capt. Michael Yaworski (IL-282) is the new Wing Recruiting and Retention officer.
- On July 19th, Capt. Mike Poteete steps down as director of Aerospace Education
- Besides AE, staff positions of Cadet Programs and Personnel are open. Members interested in these positions should send a CAP résumé and letter of interest to the CS.
- Next Wing Staff meeting scheduled for July 19, 2008.
 - 0900 – 1000 Finance Committee Meeting
 - 1000 – 1015 Safety Briefing
 - 1015 – 1130 Staff Work/Meeting Time
 - 1300 – 1430 Wing Staff Meeting
 - 1430+ Additional Work/Meeting Time
- HQ personnel are not cleaning up after themselves. Food, drink cans, etc. are being left on desks and in the conference room. Please pick up any mess and empty full garbage cans in the dumpster.

Wing Administrator

- Debbie Schulteis will be taking several personal days off during the remainder of the summer.

Personnel

- The Wing has a standing promotions and awards review board. Submit all award requests to the DP (currently the CS until a replacement is appointed).

Administration

- It is urgent that all Wing Staff Directors meet with the DA to update their personnel records ASAP. It is each staff members' responsibility to insure that their records are up-to-date.

Safety

- There were three minor incidents at the 2008 Lt. Col. Raymond J. Johnson Flight Academy. All of the paperwork has been submitted and the incidents are considered closed.
- Cadets are needed to provide flight line security on August 22-24 in DeKalb, Ill. The CS requested that an ILWGF 301 be submitted.

Emergency Services

- The Wing is participating in a ground team mission in support of the American Red Cross (see article).
- ES Officer will be attending National Staff College and the second week of NESA. 37 people from Illinois Wing are registered for NESA this year.
- Emergency services personnel are encouraged to take the ICS 100 and 200 level courses. Upon completion, the member should notify the Wing ES immediately. Lt. Col. Oeth is qualified to teach ICS 300.

Public Affairs

- The "In Your District" program is ready for launch. Unit commanders will receive a packet of instructions on how to inform the Wing PA of promotions, awards, etc. in their unit. A special announcement will be mailed to federal and state legislators who represent the award/promotion recipient. The program is designed to increase the Wing's exposure to elected representatives.
- The PA has prepared a policy, per the directive issued by the National Commander, that will name an alert Mission Information Officer for each month. The alert Incident Commander will be made aware of the identity of the alert MIO and should keep him/her apprised of mission developments. The MIO will at least issue an internal email to all Wing members advising them of all missions involving Illinois Wing.
- The Illinois Wing will be participating in a year long program called Science Chicago. Additional details will be forthcoming in the near future.

Aircraft Management Officer

- Currently only three aircraft are down for routine maintenance. One is a Wing glider that sustained damage to a wing during the Johnson Flight Academy.
- During scheduled maintenance all remaining Airborne Position Reporting Systems (APRS) will be removed from Wing aircraft. The new radio technology no longer supports the installed APRS equipment.
- A network of Fixed Base Operators (FBO) across the wing has been established to perform routine 50 hour oil changes. Some charge only for labor. The CC requested that an aircraft Point of Contact (POC) handbook be created to standardize all aircraft management functions.

Communications

- The new ROA test is available on the National Headquarters website.
- The new tech level test conforms to CAPR 100-1.
- Lt. Col. Weiland is a member of a newly formed HF radio working group.
- There is a new H-1 report, Communications Quarterly Report, that requires input from the field to keep up-to-date. Individual members must report the acquisition and disposal of:
 - HF base stations
 - HF mobile stations
 - VHF base stations
 - VHF mobile stations
 - VHF portable stations
- Personally owned equipment must be included in the report. The acquisition of new radios will be easy to track since they have to be licensed by Wing. But, members who dispose of personal equipment must advise the Wing DC. Information may be sent via email to Lt. Col. Weiland.
- The present inventory includes:
 - 16 HF base stations
 - 05 HF mobile stations
 - 06 VHF base stations
 - 04 VHF mobile stations
 - 79 VHF portable stations
- 18 basic and 1 advanced ROA cards were issued in the second quarter, 2008.

Logistics

- Present, but no information to report.

Transportation

- All vehicle binders have been updated by 1st. Lt. Bunny Sies. She was commended for having done an outstanding job.
- Discounted oil changes for CAP corporate vehicles only is available from Sears Automotive. The cost is \$19.99 less a 7% discount. Coupons for Jiffy Lube discounts for both corporate and private CAP vehicles are available from transportation.
- Of 13 corporate vehicles, only one is INOP (1132). Some units are returning vehicles to wing due to high fuel costs. The transportation website will be updated to reflect all changes in vehicle status and locations.

Aerospace Education

- On June 4th a letter was sent to Spaatz Cadets notifying them that they automatically qualify for Yeager Award credit after filing the proper paperwork.
- Mid-year unit reports are due. So far only five units have responded.
- An updated unit AE list will be circulated.

CISM

- Maj. Marsha Strahl (GLR CISM) is conducting a CISM course at the GLR Staff College.

Professional Development

- A commanders course for current and future commanders is being planned. Wing Staff Directors will be asked to participate as instructors.
- A welcoming message by the Wing Commander will be distributed on DVD and played at all Senior Training sessions.

Recruiting & Retention

- The Wing's new R&R Officer, Capt. Michael Yaworski, is credited with recruiting 37 new cadets at the Lake in the Hills Composite Squadron.

Information Technology

- The new computer projector has been installed in the Wing Headquarters conference room.
- Six Pentium 4 computers with MS Office have been installed at Wing HQ. Staff members using old desktop PC's at Wing should back up and remove their data. The old PCs will be turned in to the DRMO.
- Another server will be set up at Wing as a back up to the existing server. Several staff directors are making use of the servers. Soon the field will be able to access information remotely.
- A new Wing website is under development.
- IMU training will be conducted at comm school in conjunction with the summer encampment.

Important Dates

28 JUL – 03 AUG	EAA AirVenture , Oshkosh, Wis.
01 – 03 AUG	King of the Rock , Rock Cut State Park
06 – 09 AUG	CAP Annual Conference & National Board Meeting , Kissimmee, FL
16 – 17 AUG	Chicago Air & Water Show (Blue Angels)
23 – 24 AUG	SLS/CLC, Clinton, Ill.
20 – 21 SEP	Open house & airshow, Scott AFB, Ill. (T-Birds)
16 – 18 OCT	NCASE , Washington, DC
01 NOV	Illinois Aviation Hall of Fame 2009 Nominations Due
08 – 09 NOV	SLS/CLC , Scott AFB, Ill.
06 MAR 2009	Illinois Wing PA's Birthday