



CIVIL AIR PATROL, MONTANA WING “TRANSPONDER”



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Civil Air Patrol - Citizens Serving Communities: Above and Beyond

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WING TIPS

- **HOTTEST NEWS:** NHQ expects Senate approval of the Congressional Gold Medal to honor WWII-era CAP members during the first week of April! The bill continues gaining sponsors in the House and it is expected to have enough for a vote in the near future. Approval of both houses is required to award the medal
- **HOT NEWS:** Governor Schweitzer named Brigadier General Joel Cusker as Montana’s Acting State Adjutant General and head of the state’s Department of Military Affairs on 7 March. BG Cusker replaces BG John Walsh who resigned from those posts earlier that day
- The revised CAPR 35-8, 13 March 2012, *Membership Action Review Board*, is on the publications page at: www.capmembers.com/media/cms/R035_008_B5088B41928F7.pdf
- Google Alert - Civil Air Patrol: Bob Allen, March 17, 2012 [Edited] Sykesville’s Town Council voted unanimously to approve a final design for a monument to honor local military veterans. The design for the Sykesville Military Monument is by a Reisterstown architectural landscape firm and incorporates elements from proposals by the Maryland College Institute of Arts and suggestions by local residents. The memorial will include a patio with a curving memorial path, benches and lighting. The central design will be five-pointed star, each point containing a bronze star recognizing each of the five branches of the U.S. armed forces. One resident wanted to include a mention of the Civil Air Patrol. The Sykesville Military Monument, to be built on the Town House front lawn, has generated a lot community interest.
www.baltimoresun.com/explore/carroll/news/community/ph-ce-military-monument-0318-20120317.0.93915.story
- Google Alert - Civil Air Patrol: The PostStar, Glens Falls, NY, 18 March 2012 [Edited] Two F-15 fighters from the Massachusetts Air National Guard’s 104th Fighter Wing will exercise over northeastern New York Wednesday. Fighters will conduct interceptions over the Glens Falls and Ticonderoga areas. The training will be conducted in conjunction with the Civil Air Patrol, which will be flying low-speed civilian aircraft and serve as an interception target for the Air Guard fighters. The exercise is conducted in partnership with New York’s Air National Guard’s Eastern Air Defense Sector. The training ensures the Massachusetts Air National Guard is prepared to defend northeastern air space against any threat.
<http://poststar.com/news/local/air-national-guard-jets-to-exercise-over-region-wednesday/>
- The revised CAPR 1-1 (Formerly CAPR 35-10), *Ethics Policy*, dated 15 March 2012, is now available for review and downloading at [CAPR 1-1, 15 Mar 12, Ethics Policy \(Converted from CAPR 35-10\)](#)

- **COLORADO TEAM TAKES 2ND STRAIGHT CYBERPATRIOT NATIONAL TITLE.** The Civil Air Patrol defended its Commander-in-Chief Cup today, capturing the top spot again in the championship round of CyberPatriot IV: The National High School Cyber Defense Competition. Cadets from the Colorado Springs Cadet Squadron bested 11 other All Service Division finalists to lay claim to the national title. The Colorado Wing team is the second straight CAP team to capture the Commander-In-Chief Cup. Last year, cadets from Florida Wing won CyberPatriot III.

CyberPatriot IV began Oct. 28 with over 600 teams registered in the All Service Division, which pitted teams from CAP and from junior ROTCs from the Air Force, Army, Navy and Marine Corps against each other. In all, more than 1,000 teams signed up to participate, from all 50 states, U.S. Department of Defense Dependent Schools in Europe and the Pacific, and Canada. A record 218 teams from CAP competed in at least one of the first three virtual rounds of competition before the four finalists made it to the fourth and final round.

CyberPatriot is a unique annual competition geared toward teenagers that replicates real-life cyber security situations faced by computer administrators. It provides students hands-on learning about cyber security while exciting, educating and motivating them to be America's next cyber defenders. To win this year's competition the cadet team successfully defended virtual networks from a professional aggressor team.

FOLLOW-UP: Northrop-Grumman Corporation Awards Scholarships to CyberPatriot IV Competition Winners. Falls Church, Virginia-based contractor Northrop-Grumman, the SAIC Corporation and the URS Corporation jointly sponsored the U.S. Air Force Association's CyberPatriot IV competition held in Washington DC. The Northrop Grumman foundation awarded scholarships to the students on winning teams in the national cyber-security competition. The Colorado Springs Cadet Squadron won the competition's all-service division made up of twelve teams from junior reserve officer training corps and the Civil Air Patrol.



Montana Wing Vice Commander Lt Col Chuck Lynch (center) was presented with the Paul E. Garber Award for completing Level IV (Command & Staff) of the Senior Member Professional Development Program and the prestigious A. Scott Crossfield Aerospace Education Master Educator Award. Making the presentation at the Winter National Board conference are CAP National Commander Major General Carr (right) and Wing Commander Colonel Cahalen (left). Photo by: Susan Schneider, CAPNHQ Photographer



GARBER AWARD



CROSSFIELD AWARD

- The March 2012 "Safety Beacon", the official safety newsletter of the Civil Air Patrol, is now available online at: www.capmembers.com/media/cms/Safety_Beacon__March_2012_2E57B4C55C5C5.pdf
- From eServices News: CAP is required to submit an annual report of Drug Demand Reduction (DDR) Program activities and spending to the Air Force Surgeon General. In 2011, 221 squadrons submitted 977 After Activity Reports. The activities reached 19,122 cadets, 14,913 senior members, and over 2.5 million community members. The 2011 DDR Annual Report is available online at: www.capmembers.com/ddr
- Interim Change Letter, 12 Mar 12, *Changes to CAPM 39-1, CAP Uniform Manual*, is on the publication page at: www.capmembers.com/media/cms/2012_03_12_Uniform_Manual_EDA9CCE9FE03A.pdf
- From eServices News: A new tool for Cadet Advisory Council training, the "Leadership in Committee" special reading, was released online today. From Chapter 10 of the Learn to Lead textbook, it's a good tool to train CAC cadets and review Robert's Rules of Order. Download it from: www.capmembers.com/library

- Wing Commander Col Cahalen and Vice-Commander Lt Col Lynch were in Washington, DC in early March to attend the CAP Winter National Board conference. Col Cahalen and Lt Col Lynch also took part in CAP's annual Legislative Day where CAP's top leaders meet and brief federal legislators. Col Cahalen and Lt Col Lynch met Senators Baucus and Tester to brief them on the Civil Air Patrol and specifically on the CAP in Montana. Photos by Susan Schneider, CAPNHQ Photographer



**COL CAHALEN, LT COL LYNCH AND MG CARR
MEET WITH SENATOR MAX BAUCUS**



**COL CAHALEN AND LT COL LYNCH
MEET WITH SENATOR JOHN TESTER**



**CAP NATIONAL COMMANDER MAJ GEN CARR, MONTANA SENATOR MAX BAUCUS,
AND MONTANA WING COMMANDER COL HERB CAHALEN
SENATOR BAUCUS WAS PRESENTED HIS CERTIFICATE OF MEMBERSHIP IN THE CAP CONGRESSIONAL SQUADRON**

- Google Alert - Civil Air Patrol: Natalie Lopez, 27 March 2012, NBC Washington. The North American Aerospace Defense Command scheduled a training exercise in the D.C. area to refine NORAD's intercept and identification operations. On Wednesday into Thursday morning, NORAD will conduct exercise Falcon Virgo 12-06 - exercise flights designed to refine NORAD's intercept and identification operations and to test the NCR Visual Warning System. The exercise will include Civil Air Patrol aircraft, Air Force F-16s and a U.S. Coast Guard HH-65 Dolphin helicopter. The flights have been conducted since the start of Operation Noble Eagle after the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks and are carefully planned and controlled to guarantee rapid response capacity. The exercises are a series of training flights done in coordination with the Federal Aviation Administration, the National Capital Region Coordination Center, the Joint Air Defense Operations Center, the Civil Air Patrol, U.S. Coast Guard, and Continental U.S. NORAD Region's Western Defense Sector.

<http://www.nbcwashington.com/news/local/NORAD-Exercise-Flights-144410815.html>

- Google Alert – Civil Air Patrol: Tsunami test goes off with few glitches, by Jessica Cejnar, Times-Standard, 3/29/2012. Sirens were heard on the North Coast as local emergency management officials conducted the first regional tsunami test since the magnitude 9.0 quake in Japan in March 2011. The test included a broadcast on NOAA weather radio and on local television and radio stations, reverse 911 calls, a plane flyover and the activation of North Coast sirens. It wasn't without technical glitches. Some sirens failed to activate. The recorded alert was broadcast over most radio and television stations, but some radio stations were forced to manually broadcast their own alert. Also, part of the message broadcast by a Civil Air Patrol plane was missing. The tsunami test coincided with National Tsunami Preparedness Week.

www.times-standard.com/localnews/ci_20280439/tsunami-test-goes-off-few-glitches-scientists-see

STAFF NOTES



ASK THE INSPECTOR GENERAL

Lt Col Karen Semple, CAP, MTWG/IG

Q: “When is my unit having their Subordinate Unit Inspection (SUI)? I heard it’s sometime this year.”

A: Thank you very much for this question. The Wing SUI schedule was recently revised and this is a good opportunity to share it with everyone. These dates are tentative and will be re-confirmed with the respective unit commanders 60 days before the scheduled date. I will negotiate with unit commanders of the unit lacking specific dates as their SUI draws closer.

<u>Date</u>	<u>Unit</u>
16 Jun 12	Beartooth Composite Squadron
30 Jun 12	Thunderbird Mountain Flight
10 July 12	Butte Composite Squadron
Aug 12	Flathead Composite Squadron
Sept 12	Lewis and Clark Composite Squadron
Oct 12	Missoula Composite Squadron
Nov 12	Big Sky Composite Squadron
Nov 12	Malmstrom Composite Squadron

As soon as the newly revised Subordinate Unit Inspection Guide is released by NHQ/IG, it will be updated by the Wing IG Team (with wing/region items pertaining to policies and supplements added) and sent to unit commanders ASAP. These are the “test questions” where the inspection interviews begin. You can consider it an open book test! ☺

Unit members are strongly encouraged to use the guidance given in CAPR 123-3, Attachment 2, to prepare their positions for inspection by creating an Assessment Book, complete with supporting documentation to verify the answers given to questions for their assigned position. In a nutshell: Section 1 of the Assessment Book will contain the Table of Contents; Section 2 will have a biography of the individual with only items that support why this individual is qualified to fill the assigned CAP duty position – it is not a job resume! We don't wish to

know who you worked for while in high school or where you worked outside CAP, unless that information has a direct bearing on your ability to fulfill your specific duty assignment. (For example, a CPA assigned as Finance Officer or a Pilot assigned as Aerospace Education Officer – that is very relevant biographical information.) Section 3 will contain the interview inspection questions and the answers written out after each one. Section 4 is to contain all supporting documentation to verify your answers.

In an effort to streamline the inspection interview process, a procedure used by National Compliance Inspection Teams to inspect wings is being implemented within Montana Wing for the 2012 inspection cycle. Unit commanders will be asked to forward all unit staff biographies (of positions with a tab in the inspection guide) and Section 3 answers to the IG **not later than 14 days prior to the scheduled inspection**. That information will then be disseminated to the inspectors assigned to inspect those positions for review before the inspection. In this way inspectors can better prepare for their interviews and inspection time will be optimized.

The IG has been visiting units to assist members via “show and tell” the assessment book process and elaborate on the SUI Guide to demystify them and answer questions. My job is to do all I can to ensure compliance. I’m here for you! I can’t answer a question that is never asked.

If you have a question about SUI (or CI for Wing Staff) preparation, please email me at: IG@mtwg-cap.us



WING MEDICAL OFFICER'S NEWSLETTER

Dr. Sharon Nichols, Maj, CAP, MTWG/HS

Last month, we began discussion the topic of exercise. This month, we'll further expand the discussion. Most people don't need any special evaluation before beginning an exercise program. Of course, there are exceptions to any rule. People with diabetes or multiple risk factors for heart disease need an exercise stress test prior to beginning regular exercise. This stress test consists of walking on a treadmill while attached to an electrocardiography machine. It may be done with an echocardiogram to further evaluate the heart function. Speak to your primary care provider before you jump into exercise.

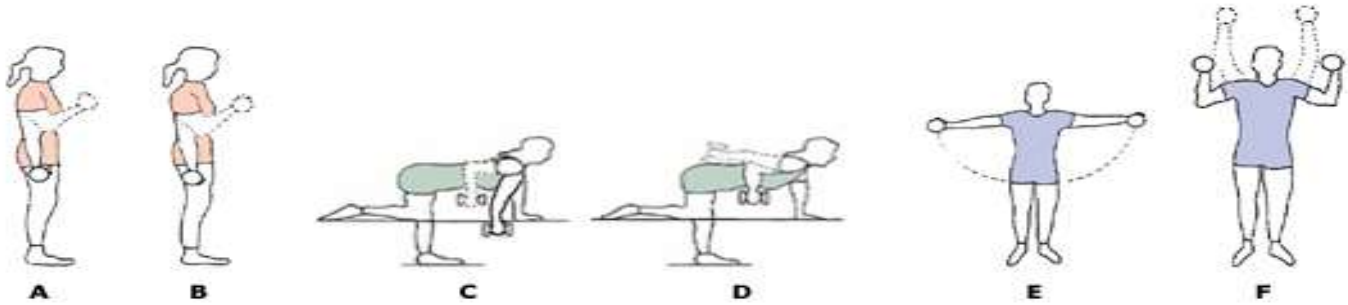
An exercise program should include a mix of aerobic exercise, strength training and stretching. Of course each exercise plan should begin with a warm up and end with a cool down. Your eventual goal should be to exercise at least 30- 45 minutes for five days per week. Walking, running, cycling and rowing are popular aerobic activities. People with arthritis benefit from low impact aerobics like swimming which causes less stress on their joints. Water aerobics is a great choice for those who are far from their ideal body weight. If you choose to walk as your aerobic activity you should work up to walking 10,000 steps per day which equates to 5 miles. It is helpful to use a pedometer to count your steps if you are going to use this method. Start by completing a comfortable amount of aerobic activity and increase it 10 percent per week until you reach your goal.

Resistance training can be done using exercise bands, machines or weights. These exercises should be done at least twice a week with 48 hours of rest between sessions. This type of exercise is referred to in terms of “reps” and “sets”. A “rep” or repetition is a complete flexion and extension of a muscle group. A “set” is a number of “reps” done without resting. You should complete one set of exercises with 8-12 reps for each major muscle group. Optimally, begin with light resistance and increase over time as your muscles strengthen. Technique is important in these exercises so consult an expert if you're unsure.

Stretching of every major joint is part of a total exercise plan. Muscles should be warmed up before stretching is attempted. Stretching should be held for 10-30 seconds and bouncing should be avoided. The warm up and cool down consist of low impact aerobics for 5-10 minutes. The warm up allows for a gradual increase in heart

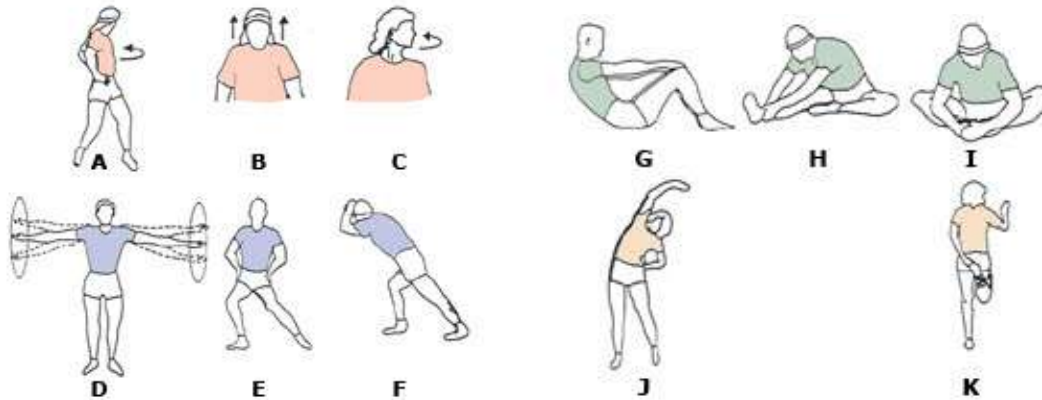
rate and blood flow to the muscles and decreases injury risk. The cool down helps clear the body of lactic acid and helps prevent muscle cramps and light headedness. It goes without saying that one should stay well hydrated during exercise.

UPPER BODY WEIGHT ROUTINE



(A) Curls/palms up (B) Reverse curls/palms down (C) Bent knee over rows (D) Tricep kick-backs (E) Side lift (F) Military press

STRETCHING EXERCISES



(A) Back stretch (B) Shoulder shrug (C) Neck stretch (D) Arm circles (E) Standing groin stretch (F) Calf stretch (G) Modified sit-up (H) Hamstring stretch (I) Sitting groin stretch (J) Side stretch (K) Quadricep stretch.

For more information, please use the following reliable websites:

- National Library of Medicine (www.nlm.nih.gov/medlineplus/healthtopics.html)
- Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (www.cdc.gov)
- American Heart Association (www.americanheart.org)
- American Council on Exercise (www.acefitness.org)



AEROSPACE NEWS

Lt Col Kaye Ebelt, CAP, MTWG/AE

Take Off With Aviation Education: Eleven Montana Teachers from Laurel, Bozeman, Belgrade, Cut Bank, Lambert, Missoula, Valier, and Willow Creek, took part in the “Take Off With Aviation Education” workshop sponsored by the Montana Aeronautics Division. Pilots Hank Galpin and Ray Sanders began the program with their highly entertaining presentation “Travel Air Adventure - Barnstorming the Midwest.”

Lead Instructors David Hoerner and Kaye Ebelt guided the teachers through the basics of aerodynamics with help from several Montana aviation experts. Bill Burkland presented “Aerodynamics 101” using his hands to demonstrate how aircraft fly. Luke Humphrey gave a practical demonstration of Newton’s 3rd Law of Motion with participants using foam gliders. Larry Chambers shared his B-17 story “Ye Old Pub”. Also attending his presentation were students from the Montana Aviation Mechanic Schools’ Aircraft and Powerplant Training Program in Helena. Jeanne MacPherson gave an outstanding presentation called “Yaw, Pitch and Roll from the perspective of an aerobatic pilot.”

The teachers then put their new aviation knowledge into practice. Each was assigned an aviation station to prepare for students. Attending this year were 4th Grade Students from Emily Dickinson Elementary School in Bozeman. These students recently won an essay contest to name NASA’s Lunar satellites. They came up with the names “Ebb” and “Flow.” The students rotated through several stations. FAA Representative Jeff Simmons instructed them how to take off using a flight simulator. Other stations included conducting wind tunnel tests, flying the world’s record holding paper airplane, taking off with Delta balsa wood airplanes, simulating a final approach using voice activated headsets to make radio calls, learning about famous aviators and their airplanes, participating in an aviation Jeopardy game, and learning basic principles of lift. One student remarked: “This was the best day of my life! This was so awesome!” Another said, “Flying is so much fun! I’m going to ask my mom and dad if I can do this!”

Friday afternoon was spent learning the basics of navigation with teachers preparing a cross-country flight from Missoula to Glacier. They were paired with licensed pilots to assist with their flight planning. Next was a visit from Big Sky Density Flyers, the first Montana teachers to be selected to fly in microgravity. Team members, Carol Morgan, Sandy Murphy and Kaye Ebelt shared a student created video showing their physics experiment and their team in microgravity.

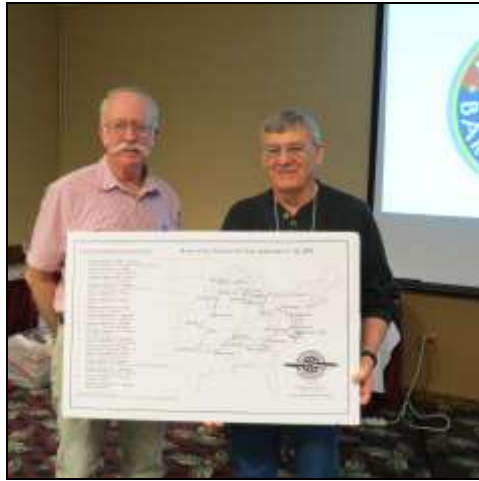
David Hoerner presented, “Search & Rescue” presentation on how Montana uses trained pilots around the state to assist with search and rescue. He showed several slides showing an aerial view of crash sites. He challenged the teachers to see if they could find the location looking for things that don’t fit the natural pattern of the area.

The workshop’s final day was devoted to preparing the teachers for their flights. Pete Graff and David Hoerner gave a thorough briefing on the traffic pattern, radio calls, emergency locator beacons and preflight inspection. The culminating activity was the teacher flights. Teachers took to the sky and were smiling when they landed. Thank you to pilots Pete Graff, David Hoerner and Greg Brainerd.

Thank you Montana Aeronautics for inspiring educators and students by providing this amazing opportunity to learn, apply and experience flight!



“TAKE OFF WITH AVIATION EDUCATION” PARTICIPANTS AND INSTRUCTORS



HANK GALPIN AND RAY SANDERS



KAYE EBELT AND DAVID HOERNER



JEANNE MCPACPHERSON



PETE GRAF

SQUADRON HIGHLIGHTS

BEARTOOTH COMPOSITE SQUADRON (MT-008, BILLINGS)

(Items Submitted by Capt Bruce Kipp)

- Congratulations and welcome to Cree Stewart, our squadron's newest Senior Member. She joined CAP in October 2004 and rose into the cadet noncommissioned officer ranks before transitioning to SM status
- The Laurel SAREX on 10-11 March was a great success! Beartooth Composite Squadron did a great job of organizing the event and providing for the well-being of the participants. The Lieutenants Lariviere ensured everyone was well-fed and well-hydrated. A special thanks to the US Armed Forces Reserve Center in Billings for providing billeting space for the personnel from Bozeman.

Hats off to the IC Staff, especially to Lt Col Pete Graf, Lt Col Nolan Teel and Maj Martin Surdahl for a well-run SAREX and an even better run real-world search-and-locate mission (see below). A special thanks to the aircrews for their faultless flying and aerial photography. Many thanks to the senior members who attended for personal training and to the more "senior" seniors who passed on their knowledge and experience to everyone.

Kudos to the Big Sky Composite Squadron personnel. Their Ground Team was extremely professional and performed their tasks in an exemplary manner. Their high spirits and muddy boots after their last mission was testimony to their efforts. A special thanks to 1st Lt Spencer Gilchrest for jumping in at the last minute to help out as ground operations director.

At 0930 on Saturday, 10 March, right before the command briefing was to have taken place, Montana Wing was notified by Montana Aeronautics Division that an emergency locator transmitter (ELT) had become active about eight miles southwest of Laurel, MT. The Incident Command team shifted smoothly from a SAREX to a real-world search-and-locate mission. An aircraft was launched from Laurel Airport to search for the beacon based on coordinates provided by the Air Force Rescue Coordination Center at Tyndall Air Force Base, Florida and relayed to CAP by Montana Aeronautics Division. The Ground Team from Big Sky Composite Squadron was sent to the approximate location. Within an hour of initial notification the aircrew had located the beacon and directed the Ground Team to the site, a grass-strip airfield. The Ground Team, with the help of an individual at the airfield, quickly found the specific hanger where the ELT was located. The team then notified the owner of the aircraft who silenced the ELT. The real-world press release prompted Billings television station KULR-8 to send a cameraman to the SAREX Command Post for interviews and to film the activity.



SAREX 10 MARCH 2012 AT LAUREL AIRPORT, LAUREL, MONTANA



MALMSTROM COMPOSITE SQUADRON (MT-012, GREAT FALLS)

(Items Submitted by Lt Col Teel and Capt Kipp, clip-art by Capt Kipp)

- Maj Andrew Treiman, formerly commanding officer of the Malmstrom Composite Squadron, has been appointed as the new Professional Development Officer for the Rocky Mountain Region

Senior Member Promotions:



Congratulations to Senior Members Edward Kurdy and Jake Webb for completing the requirements for Level 1 of the CAP Senior Member Professional Development Program. In recognition thereof they were promoted to the rank of Second Lieutenant. Ed is a retired Air Force Master Sergeant and Jake, a former Mitchell Award cadet, is an active duty Air Force Technical Sergeant. The squadron is proud to have them with us and thanks them for their service to our nation

Cadet Officer Promotion:



Congratulations to Cadet Chief Master Sergeant Tasha McKelvey who has completed the requirements for the General Billy Mitchell Award and was promoted to the rank of Cadet Second Lieutenant



MISSOULA COMPOSITE SQUADRON (MT-018, MISSOULA)

(Item Submitted by 1st Lt Jenny Jensen)

- The Missoula Composite Squadron's Cadet Color Guard greeted newly naturalized American citizens at a swearing-in ceremony on 22 March. The oath of citizenship was administered to 28 people from 18 countries by U.S. District Court Judge Dana Christensen in his chambers at the Missoula Federal Building. In addition to presentation of the colors and the Pledge of Allegiance a congratulatory message from Dave Wanzenried, State Senator for Missoula city and county, was read. Members of the local Daughters of the American Revolution chapter presented a small American flag to each new citizen. Entertainment was provided by the St. Joseph School honor choir. The ceremony was observed by over 200 family and friends. The squadron would like to thank Ms Breann Griffin, Assistant at the United States District Court, for coordinating the Cadet Color Guard's appearance. The employees of the Federal Building were so impressed with our cadets that they would like to have us back to participate in the three ceremonies held each year. Missoula Composite Squadron commander 1st Lt Jenny Jensen was also present at the ceremony



LEFT TO RIGHT: CADETS BRAULT, WAKKINEN, GRAY, PHILPOTT, HOWE, POWELL, GRAY, MCKINNEY

BUTTE COMPOSITE SQUADRON (MT-031, BUTTE)

(Items submitted by Lt Col Bill Bowden)

- The squadron had a busy weekend on March 3 and 4. Members traveled to Three Forks for aerospace and emergency services training. The activity was based at the Headwaters Flying Service at the Three Forks Airport. LtCol Paul Goedert and LtCol Bill Bowden taught basic map reading and triangulation to locate ELTs. Using their new skills, cadets located a practice ELT. The cadets also had some "night ops" where they located

another ELT and a victim. The “victim” was given first aid and transported to the “mission base.” The cadets’ utilized their ingenuity to make emergency shelters. The only material that could be used was what was in 24 hours packs and items in the immediate area. LtCol Goedert, an A&E mechanic, conducted a class on aircraft construction and maintenance. Aircraft in the hanger were used to illustrate the concepts taught. Many thanks to Cory Folkvord, at Headwaters Flying Service, for his hospitality!



LT COL GOEDERT GIVING THE AIRCRAFT MAINTENANCE CLASS

- An important skill for success is public speaking. To develop this skill in the squadron’s cadets the local Toastmasters club is presenting their “Youth Leadership Course” to the unit. The course provides training in giving and evaluating speeches of all types. After the first class a number of Senior Members joined the cadets in the training. So far they have completed three weeks of the eight-week course. The participants will deliver their “Capstone” speech during the eighth week. Parents are invited to attend these presentations. Cadets take turns as President, Toastmaster, Topic Master, and timer/”aaah” counter. Linda Palagi, the course instructor, has done an excellent job teaching the course. She was somewhat familiar with CAP since she met C/2dLT Josh McCaffery at Butte High School. Cadet McCaffery is a national award winner in extemporaneous speech.



**C/MSGT ALAINA MALLARD
GIVING HER FIRST SPEECH**



**C/TSGT WILLIAM LINK
PRESENTING HIS OPINION ON KNIFES**


- The 2012 Butte Composite Squadron’s annual Awards Banquet was held at the Quality Inn & Suites in Butte on March 27. The event celebrates the accomplishments and activities of the squadron during the previous year. Ms Jo Ann Piazzola from the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) was the guest speaker. She described the DAR and its programs. She also thanked the cadets for the numerous color guards provided for the Nationalization Ceremonies held twice a year in the Federal Building in Butte. Montana Wing Chief of Staff Lt Col Paul Goedert also gave a talk entitled “Kids or Cadets.”



The squadron is very proud of 1Lt James Beck and C/2nd Lt Ben Suttey who received the Cap Lifesaving Award. Extreme heat caused medical problems at the 2011 Idaho Wing encampment, a number of the cadets developed heat stroke. Cadet Suttey and then Cadet Beck gave first aid to victims until they received professional medical care. C/2nd Lt Ben Suttey (left) and SM James Beck (right)



Senior Member Promotion:

 Congratulations to James Beck who was promoted to the rank of 1st Lt. Beck was previously a C/LtCol and Cadet Commander of the squadron

Cadet Officer Promotion:



Congratulations to Shaun Kelso who earned the General Billy Mitchell Award and promotion to the rank of Cadet 2nd Lieutenant. Cadet Kelso had to complete seven leadership tests, six aerospace tests, ten physical training tests, a safety test, three comprehensive exams, write an essay, give a speech, and attend an encampment in order to meet the requirements for the award. In addition, he had to fulfill all of the responsibilities of a cadet noncommissioned officer



Cadet Noncommissioned Officer Promotions:



Congratulations to C/TSgt William Link, C/TSgt William Cheman, and C/SSgt Travis Tenold on their promotion to the rank of Cadet Staff Sergeant and receipt of the Wright Brothers Award.



Cadet Airman Promotions:



Congratulations to C/SrA Amanda Page on her promotion to the rank of Cadet Senior Airman and receipt of the Mary Feik Award!



Congratulations to Cadet Airmen Dawson Cormier, Colin Crase, Jacob Page, and Rachel Silva on their promotion to the rank of Cadet Airman and receipt of the Curry Award!



Squadron Kudos:



Congratulations to 1st Lt Anthony Partlow and 2nd Lt Tim Eichner who were awarded the Red Service Ribbon. C/TSgt Erik Eichner received the Red Service Ribbon with Clasp



Certificates for completing the American Heart Association Heart Saver First Aid and CPR/AED class were awarded to C/B Jessica Beck, C/Amn Dawson Cormier, C/TSgt Erik Eichner, C/TSgt William Link, C/SrA Amanda Page and C/B Jasyn Wheeler



Flight Line Marshaling Certificates were awarded to C/CMSgt Alaina Mallard and C/SrA Amanda Page



In celebration of their first flight in an aircraft, C/Amn Dawson Cormier and C/Amn Rachel Silva received their First Flight Certificate



A certificate for special service as Color Guard Commander was awarded to C/TSgt Erik Eichner. He arranged and coordinated numerous color guards for the Nationalization Ceremonies in Butte and the Fourth of July Parade



Camp Castle Rock Ground Team Training Certificates were presented to 1st LT James Beck, C/TSgt William Cheman, C/B Jeffery Cronk, C/TSgt Eric Eichner, C/TSgt William Link, C/CMSgt Alaina Mallard, C/SrA Amanda Page, and C/SSgt Travis Tenold



Congratulations to C/SSgt Travis Tenold who received the Air Force Association Award for the Outstanding Cadet of the Year



Congratulations to C/TSgt William Link who received the Air Force Sergeants' Association Award for the Cadet NCO of the Year



Congratulations to C/2nd Lt Shaun Kelso who received Veterans of Foreign Wars Cadet Officer Award



Congratulations to C/CMSgt Alaina Mallard who received Veterans of Foreign Wars Cadet NCO Award



Congratulations to Cadet Jeffery Cronk who was recognized as the Most Improved Cadet

FLATHEAD COMPOSITE SQUADRON (MT-053, KALISPELL)

(Item Submitted by 2nd Lt Dale Rodwick, clip-art by Capt Kipp)

- Maj Fantino's son visited the squadron to conduct an informative, fun Aerospace Education session. An avid radio-controlled model aircraft flyer, he brought several of his RC helicopters with him. Our squadron benefited greatly from his club's recent gift that included three RC helicopters, and controllers.



FLATHEAD COMPOSITE SQUADRON AEROSPACE EDUCATION NIGHT

- Squadron Web Administrator 2nd Lt Dale Rodwick provided the cadets and seniors with an informative tutorial on the squadron Website. Members observed the many benefits of this site and how its regular use will help membership grow
- C/1st Lt Elizabeth Rodwick has issued a Wreaths Across America “Cake Challenge” for all cadets to beat. Sell more wreaths than the challenger and win a cake baked by Rodwick with choice of frosting! To win the individual must sell over 10 wreaths

- We never knew FUN NIGHT could be so much fun! The cadets joined together for many team building exercises. Numerous goals had to be accomplished through teamwork. Maj Fantino graciously furnished all of the necessary items and led the evening's events. The public was invited, later we all performed teamwork on numerous pizzas!

- The squadron has been working overtime with the many pilots we have in an effort to bring our airplane to its new home at the Kalispell City Airport

- Uniform Month led to night of learning. C/2d Lt Christopher Rodwick was our Uniform Demonstration Model. He wore various CAP uniforms in a manner that was either a little wrong or blatantly wrong. Cadets had to accurately identify the issues and explain how to correct the problem

- After the uniform discussion, we moved to the drill pad for a session on Aircraft Marshaling & Hand Signaling. All current squadron personnel, and many prospective members, engaged in the action with C/2d Lt Rodwick leading the class

Cadet Officer Promotion:



Congratulations to Christopher Rodwick on his promotion to the rank of Cadet First Lieutenant

Cadet Promotions:



Congratulations to Cadets Eric Cunningham and Gabriel Knudsen on their promotion to the rank of Cadet Airman First Class and receipt of the Arnold Award



Squadron Kudos:



Congratulations to C/1st Lt Elizabeth Rodwick on her selection as Cadet Officer of the Month



Congratulations to C/Amn Gabriel Knudsen on his selection as Cadet of the Month



Congratulations to 2nd Lt Dale Rodwick for completing the CAP Officer Basic Course

LEWIS & CLARK COMPOSITE SQUADRON (MT-060, HELENA)

(Items Submitted by Lt Kim Sloss, Lt Col Kaye Ebelt, clip-art by Capt Kipp)

- Correction: The Wing eNewsletter for February-March 2012 incorrectly stated MT ARNG 1LT Mark Thompson is the DCC for Lewis and Clark Composite Squadron. 1LT Thompson was formerly DCC, SM Riley Relfe is the DCC for the squadron

- At their meeting on March 20, the Lewis and Clark Composite Squadron reviewed and discussed the recent update to *CAPR 1-1 Ethics Policy*



On 31 January, Lewis & Clark Composite Squadron attended *Avalanche Safety* training held by Exploration Works, the museum of science and culture in Helena, in partnership with the Gallatin National Forest Avalanche Center in Bozeman. This training was timely and especially valuable to squadron members as several people have already lost their lives in avalanches in Montana this winter.



On 22 March members of Lewis & Clark Composite Squadron attended the final showing of the movie *Red Tails* in Helena. The film is the story of a group of African-Americans who trained as pilots in the Tuskegee program. It tells of the challenges they faced during their training and the segregation and discrimination. After training they were sent to Europe during WWII but were mostly kept on the ground at first. Finally sent into combat they achieved a remarkable record.

Senior Member Promotions:



Congratulations to Senior Members Jeanne Page and Daniel Kreutz for completing the requirements for Level I of the Senior Member Professional Development Program. In recognition thereof they were promoted to the rank of Second Lieutenant in February

Senior Member Professional Development:



Congratulations to 1st Lt Kim Sloss for completing the requirements for Level III of the Senior Member Professional Development Program. In recognition thereof she received the Grover C. Loening Award



Cadet Noncommissioned Officer Promotions:



Congratulations to Cadet Brendan Sloss on his promotion to the rank of Cadet Chief Master Sergeant and receipt of the Goddard Award



Congratulations to Cadet Brent Neace on his promotion to the rank of Cadet Technical Sergeant and receipt of the Rickenbacker Award



Cadet Airman Promotions:



Congratulations to Cadets Steven Murphy and Rachel Nelsen on their promotion to the rank of Cadet Senior Airman and receipt of the Feik Award



Congratulations to Cadets Nicholas McVey-Touchette and Joseph Trapp on their promotion to the rank of Cadet Airman and receipt of the Curry Award!



THUNDERBIRD MOUNTAIN FLIGHT (MT-067, PLAINS)

(Items Submitted by SM Joe Santucci, photo by Lt Col Chuck Statum)

- Congratulations and welcome aboard to Joseph Santucci, Thunderbird Mountain Flight's newest Senior Member and congratulations on his appointment as the squadron Public Affairs Officer
- In mid-March the Plains unit hosted a Squadron Leadership School (SLS) and a Corporate Learning Course (CLC) for units in western Montana; part of CAP's Senior Member Professional Development Program. The SLS on 10 March was directed by Maj Sharon Nichols. The CLC on 11 March was directed by Capt Dawn Lynch. Both course directors were assisted by Lt Col Chuck Lynch, Lt Col Paul Goedert, Lt Col Chuck Statum, Lt Col David McGavock and Capt Jane Goedert. Students for the courses were Maj Frank Fantino, 1st Lt Ken Good, 1st Lt Chris Peterson, 2d Lt Maureen Rickard, and SM Joe Santucci. In addition, Maj Sharon Nichols took part in the CLC. All students earned certificates of completion for the courses. Many thanks to the faculty for contributing their time and expertise The squadron expresses its grateful appreciation to Clark Fork Valley Hospital in Plains for providing use of their facility



STUDENTS AND FACULTY AT THE MTWG 2012 SLS AND CLC



Several members of the flight assisted Lt Col Lynch in an unofficial search and rescue mission Sunday, 20 March. The mission was to find one of the Lynch family pets. But not just any pet. Howie is the official mascot for the unit. Howie managed to get lost in the woods near Plains. Though not officially sanctioned, this search and rescue was highly successful. Howie was found and returned safely home. Thanks to all who participated

Cadet Officer Promotion:



Congratulations to Kristi Allison Nichols, daughter of Maj Sharon Nichols and SM Joseph Santucci. She successfully completed all testing requirements to earn the General Billy Mitchell Award and for promotion to the rank of Cadet Second Lieutenant



Plains Unit Kudo:



Captain Dawn Lynch has been nominated for membership in the National Nursing Honor Society, Sigma Theta Tau. She completed her Master's Degree in Nursing at Walden University of Baltimore, MD with a 4.0 grade point average. Sigma Theta Tau, an international organization founded in 1922, is the second largest professional nursing organization in the world and is active in over 90 countries and territories. Their purpose and focus is to support the learning, knowledge and the professional development of nurses committed to making a difference in health worldwide. Capt Lynch will be inducted into the society on Friday, April 13 at a ceremony during a statewide Professional Nursing Leadership Conference in Bozeman, MT. The unit congratulates Capt Lynch on this significant achievement

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