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Cadets enthusiastically immerse themselves in aviation. From across the Northeast, and beyond, they attend the Glider Center of Excellence in Vermont. And units such as Leroy R. Grumman Cadet Squadron arrange rides on military aircraft, like an HC-130 belonging to the 106th Rescue Wing at Gabreski Air National Guard Base on Long Island.

Photo by 1st Lt. Diana Hayes



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REGION CONFERENCE SOARS TO NEW HEIGHTS

BIENNIAL EVENT BOASTS ASTRONAUT, NASA SCIENTIST, CAP LEADERS

The biennial NER Conference is hitting a number of firsts, soaring to new heights, under the leadership of Plans and Programs Officer Maj. Jim Ridley and NER Commander Chris Hayden.

It's taking place Oct. 12-14 on Long Island, a cradle of aviation where aviation pioneers rose to fame.

It consists of two concurrent conferences -- one for senior members (at Long Island Hilton) and one for cadets (at the Air Power Museum).

It boasts special guest speakers from NASA:

- **Astronaut Story Musgrove**, a keynoter for both the banquet and cadet conference.

- **NASA Scientist Mark Clampin**, a keynoter for the general assembly as well as the cadet conference.

It features guest lecturers from FEMA, the FBI, State and New York City Emergency Management Offices.

It includes specialty courses flanking the conference like bookends, allowing participants to come early and stay late to get the training they want:

This issue of NINER debuts at the Northeast Region Conference, taking place Oct. 12-14 at the Long Island Hilton in Melville, NY.

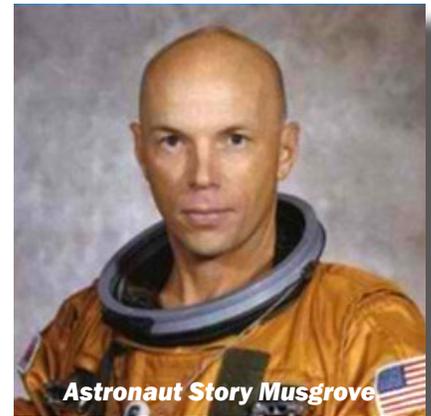
- three-day Aerospace Education School, Oct. 11, 12 and 14.

- two-day Corporate Learning Course (CLC), Oct. 12 and 14.

- two-day Squadron Leadership School, Oct. 12 and 14.

It boasts a military banquet with live entertainment provided by the 319th Army Band, plus a performance by USAF Honor Guard's four-person drill team from Washington, D.C.

In addition, the conference has two guests of honor: CAP National Commander Maj. Gen. Charles L. Carr and National Vice Commander Brig. Gen. Joseph R. Vazquez.



Astronaut Story Musgrove



Scientist Mark Clampin



Maj. Gen. Charles Carr



Brig. Gen. Joseph Vazquez



NER STEPPING UP MISSIONS AND TRAINING

Commander's Message by Col. Christopher Hayden

In this coming new fiscal year CAP and CAP-USAF will be implementing some major changes that will impact the way we have operated for the past decade. First, we have just lost our State Directors who have been our front line supporters and the people who have made possible our good relations with the bases in the Northeast and have enabled us to professionally perform our duties as the Air Force Auxiliary. To assist the wings with maintaining these relations and duties, we have introduced a new region level position known as Wing Coordinators. In the Northeast Region only one of the former State Directors will be continuing; however, that position has changed and is now known as the Assistant Director of Operation or ADO. Second, CAP has made several major changes in its corporate governance. Our National Commander is now the CEO and the Executive Director is now



Col. Christopher Hayden

the COO. The election of the National Commander has been replaced with selection by the Board of Governors, and the National Board and National Executive Committee are now the Command Advisory Group and CAP Senior Advisory Group.

Over the past year the NER has excelled as a leader in regional level operations, the regional glider and power flight academy programs and the development of new missions. We held two multi-wing exercises which have resulted in the development of the Area Coordination Program and outstanding co-

operation between our wings. Our glider program has become the standard across all the regions thanks to our dedicated glider teams under the direction of Col Linker. This year we held four cadet glider academies, two in the south of the region and two in the north. As a result of this very successful program we will be receiving a winch launch system and two more gliders. The winch launch system will give us a mobile capacity that will enable us to bring glider flying to many more parts of the region. This year we held our fourth National Powered Flight Academy in Maine under the directorship of Colonel Leclair. I wish to thank all the wings that provided aircraft for this week-long academy and ask them to please reserve the dates to help again next year. We have added many new missions to our program including fire watch, bug watch, low level route surveys and air defense intercept training.

This coming year holds several new challenges for everyone. Our greatest concern is the possible loss of up to ten of our aircraft. This loss is the equivalent of all the aircraft in two wings. The only way we can combat this loss is by increasing the depth of our ES qualified personnel, especially our number of mission pilots and observers. Over the next year we need to increase our average number of mission pilots per aircraft from 2-3 to 4-5. To help achieve this goal, the NER will be holding a week long Mission Aircrew School and will be focusing on helping the wings train members in all the Emergency Services Specialties.

Most importantly our concern is being sure you as our members are getting the training and opportunities that make your membership worthwhile and fulfilling. Thank you all for you do for Civil Air Patrol, our communities and our nation.

NEW YORK EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT SEES CAP AS PART OF TEAM



Steven Kuhr

By Capt. Robert Stronach

LAKE GEORGE -- Noting that the "robust capability of the Civil Air Patrol" came to New York's attention in the wake of last year's Hurricane Irene and Tropical Storm Lee, the state's director of emergency management told the New York Wing Conference May 5 that he was offering CAP a seat on the state's Emergency Operations Center.

"You're part of our team," said Steven Kuhr, who spent 20 years with New York City's emergency management office and Fire Department prior to being appointed the state OEM director by Gov. Andrew

Cuomo. Since recently meeting with Wing Commander Col. Jack Ozer, he said he had already called on CAP aircrews to perform wildfire missions for the Department of Environmental Conservation.

"That's an example of the very aggressive way we're planning to use the Civil Air Patrol."

Kuhr noted that he had Colonel Ozer and Wing Emergency Services Director Maj. Darren Cioffi give a capability briefing to key players involved in the Emergency Operations Center (among them, National Guard, State Police, state duty officers, Environmental Conservation, Department of Transportation and fire officials).

NER LEADERS VISIT GLIDER CENTER OF EXCELLENCE

For Cadets, Glider Academies Are Simply ‘Awesome’

By 1st Lt. Diana Hayes

SPRINGFIELD, VT – Northeast Region Commander Col. Chris Hayden and Glider Centers of Excellence Director Col. Jim Linker reviewed the inflight and ground support action at Hartness State Airport in Springfield, VT during two days of the Northeast Region Glider Centers of Excellence third of four academies. The Springfield Academies were hosted for the third year by the Cata-mont Composite Squadron, VT-007, based at the airport. Academies 1 and 2 are held in Pennsylvania in July.

Cols. Hayden and Linker met with several pilots and with Cata-mont Commander Lt. Col. Tom Hayes, who was overseeing ground operations and logistics of cadet care. The gliders, a Schweitzer SGS2-33A and a Super Blanik L-23, which are based at Hartness State Airport, had been towed to Pennsylvania in July. Both gliders were returned, and a second Blanik from Pennsylvania joined them the day before the opening of the first Springfield program. The assembling of these gliders was the second order of business for the opening of the academy and followed on the heels of cadet orientation given by Lt. Col. Charles Freeman, who directs the cadet aspects of the flight component. Glider pilots Major John Williams of Massachusetts Wing and Lt. Col. Phil Jones of New Jersey Wing arrived to assist with orientation activities.

Cols. Hayden and Linker were given a rundown of the



Cadet “wing walker” supports the glider’s wing and signals the tow pilot when to move forward for takeoff. INSET: Cols. Jim Linker and Chris Hayden inspect glider. Photos by 1st Lt. Diana Hayes.

performance capabilities of each glider by Lt. Col. Freeman. Both men are pilots and have a great interest in making the glider academies an outstanding experience for cadets and the all-volunteer staff, who devote weeks and months to the program with energy and commitment.

The Region visitors observed the cadets practicing flight line duties. They must make preflight checks before each tow. The tow ropes are checked and the gliders are given a once over. Have any obstructions occurred on the runway? Is the runway being shared with general aviation? Often it is. The 12 cadets, divided into three ‘flights’, must position each glider on the runway, assist with strapping in the cadet trainee, make sure the canopy is secured and the tow rope correctly attached. A cadet ‘wing walker’ supports a wing and has learned arm signals to

let the tow pilot know when he can begin to move his plane, the Maule, forward and get the glider airborne. Upon landing the cadets on the ground must be ready to help the cadet flight member exit and secure the glider or get it ready for another flight. This progression of activity is repeated throughout daylight hours into the evening. Training flights are expected to last about 15 minutes soaring time once launched from the tow, but perfect weather conditions including thermals that are caught in the midst of a climb can cause a flight to go on much longer.

The academy goal is to get 12 cadets 20 flights each in seven days. How quickly this happens and if it happens is weather dependent, but the record for both Pennsylvania and Vermont in the last two years has been excellent. The final day of the last Springfield academy in 2011 had to

be dropped due to the massive hurricane, Irene, which pummeled the Northeast, but with plenty of warning all 240 flights were completed and graduation took place a day early.

Pennsylvania Academy Director Capt. Paul Finestone was quick to point out, “Our goal for the cadets is not to get them to pre-solo, or even solo though they are surely focused on that. And we love it when it is right. The academies are meant to teach them the discipline of aviation, of safety and undivided attention to detail and to have a great time just learning to soar. We are proud to pin those silver wings on at the graduation ceremony, but they have to be EARNED!”

And to quote several cadets, “An awesome time. Awesome!” The Springfield 2012 Academies had five 2011 returning cadets. It must be that soaring 20 times in a week is its own reward.

NER CADET LEADERSHIP SCHOOL DURING DECEMBER WINTER BREAK

The winter session of the Northeast Region Cadet Leadership School (RCLSW) takes place Dec. 26 to Jan. 1 at the National Guard Regional Training Institute, Center Strafford, NH.

Application deadline is Oct. 17. Cadets may apply in person at the Region Conference or online at rclsw.nhcapcadets.org.

Prerequisite: Cadet Senior NCOs to cadet majors, graduate of a basic encampment.

Cost is \$125 with \$50 due at time of application.

Completion of this course allows cadets to attain their Eaker Award (c/LtC). Activities run the spectrum from lectures on planning and management, hands-on



leadership challenges and exercises, case studies and discussions on failed leadership, visits and discussions with retired and active military officers, and more.

For junior NCOs there is an NCO Academy running concurrently with RCLSW. Visit the activity website for more information: ncols.nhcapcadets.org

Senior support needed. Any adult member (or parent) interested in assisting with this activity should contact the school commander.

Questions may be addressed to School Commander Maj. Joshua McGary at jsmcgary@yahoo.com.

“Like” RCLSW on Facebook for updates and information.

3 NER CADETS AT CIVIC LEADERSHIP ACADEMY IN D.C.

It's an annual rite of late winter for Civil Air Patrol cadets – at least for the 24 lucky enough to be chosen to participate in CAP's Civic Leadership Academy, which is held each February in Washington, D.C., in conjunction with CAP's Legislative Day and Winter National Board meeting. The weeklong academy is one of the nation's premier civic education activities, providing top cadets with a head start on public service careers.

Three of the cadets were from the Northeast Region:

- **Cadet Lt. Col. Bryan Park**, Gen. Jimmy Stewart Composite Squadron, New Jersey Wing.

- **Cadet 2nd Lt. Ryan Moran**, Allentown Composite Squadron, New Jersey Wing.



- **Cadet 1st Lt. Ezekiel Mathur**, Northeast Philadelphia Composite Squadron 104, Pennsylvania Wing.

“It is the opportunity of a lifetime,” said Maj. Gen. Chuck Carr, CAP national commander. “The cadets leave this activity with a well-rounded understanding of government leadership, public service and the principles that guide our nation. In turn, we expect them to apply those

principles to their lives and be thoughtful participants and leaders in America's future.”

In addition to a blend of field trips, lectures, seminars and assigned readings from historic and current sources, the cadets visit the U.S. Capitol; the Supreme Court; the State Department; Arlington National Cemetery, laying a wreath at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier; the CIA; the Pentagon; the FBI Academy

in Quantico, Va.; legislative offices; and the Smithsonian Air and Space Museum, as well as the World War II, Korean War Veterans, Vietnam Veterans, Women in Military Service and Lincoln memorials.

At each location they hear from VIPs who provide insights designed to deepen the cadets' understanding of government in action. Their tasks culminate with a final project – a presentation on their experience to their peers in their home squadrons and wings.

“The cadets are not just learning about government but are interacting with their government, learning the power of one individual and a small group becoming agents for change,” said Lt. Col. Bill Brockman, activity director.



FAA HONORS NY WING MEMBER

Maj. Grant Sussy, a member of New York Wing's Catskill Mountain Group staff, made the headlines in NewsDay and the Goshen Chronicle July 31 when the Federal Aviation Administration presented him with the Eastern Region Administrator's Award.

Sussey, the general manager of Orange County Airport, was

cited for being a consummate professional when an aircraft crashed shortly after takeoff. He immediately notified the FAA and local authorities, provided critical information regarding the crash circumstances, equipment to clear a path through the thickets to access the aircraft, and video evidence to aid in the investigation.

CONN. WOMAN RECALLS WWII SERVICE STRATFORD SQUADRON HONORS HER AT BANQUET

In the summer of 1944, Judith Calandrelli Lippolis spent 20 hours flying high above Danbury, Conn., in a two-seat, Piper Cub, The Hour online newspaper reported last January. The then 18-year-old girl spent many more hours hitchhiking back to South Norwalk every weekend, where she lived with her Italian family and served as a member of Civil Air Patrol

At the Norwalk Armory, as World War II raged overseas, Lippolis (then Judith Calandrelli) was among 30 young women learning to navigate, fly and recognize the markings of German

planes and boats that might be creeping along the horizon.

“We felt like we were part of the war effort,” said Lippolis, now 85 and, after nearly seven decades, finally enjoying recognition for her work. During a January banquet for the Stratford Eagles Civil Air Patrol squadron, Lippolis accepted praise on behalf of Flight A, the all-female group of cadets from Norwalk.

How Lippolis came to share her decades-old story can be attributed to Alec Albright, a 14-year-old cadet in the Stratford squadron who has been working to have the Congressional Gold Medal awarded to World War II CAP members.



Judith Calandrelli Lippolis, above, and in her CAP uniform during World War II, right.



CONN. MEMBERS PROVIDE HONOR GUARD AT ARCHAEOLOGICAL DIG

By Capt. Peter Milano

DANBURY, CT – Members of the 399th Danbury Composite Squadron served as honor guard over an archaeological dig in Wooster Cemetery where the remains of Albert Afraid of Hawk were being exhumed for return to his family in South Dakota.

Albert Afraid, a member of the Oglala Lakota tribe, was born about 1898 on the Pine Ridge Reservation in South Dakota.

He traveled as a performer with Buffalo Bill’s Wild West Show, which was in Danbury on June 28, 1900. After the show, Alfred and other performers became ill from what is suspected to have been food poisoning. Only Albert succumbed to the illness. William F. “Buffalo Bill” Cody paid for Albert’s grave, which remained unmarked and unknown until 2008 when cemetery records were found identifying the site.



399th Danbury Composite Squadron members on the first night watch in Wooster Cemetery, Danbury, CT: (l to r) C/Staff Sgt Scott Padron, Squadron Commander Maj. Jim Vigar, and C/2nd Lt. Elizabeth Bell. (Photo by Capt. Peter Milano)

On August 15, 2012, after days of digging, Connecticut State Archaeologist Nicholas F. Bellantoni unearthed Albert’s remains.

It was at this point that Maj. Jim Vigar, commander of the 399th Danbury Composite Squadron, was contacted by

the Danbury mayor’s office for support to ensure the integrity of the site.

Over four nights, on 12-hour shifts, cadet and senior members stood watch over Albert’s remains.

“It has been an honor for our squadron to be able to assist in

the return of Albert to his family,” said Major Vigar.

“This is a perfect example of service before self. Cadet and senior members of the 399th Danbury composite Squadron stepped up to serve, knowing how important this was to Albert’s family.”

CONN. WWII PILOT NOW REMEMBERED AT MUSEUM

NER HISTORIAN RECOUNTS STORY OF LT. ANDRE MAYE

by Col. Fred Herbert
NER Historian

At Connecticut Wing conferences, the master of ceremonies would ask:

“Col. Herbert, is the wing assembled?” I would respond: “All are present or accounted for, with the exception of Lt. Welles Bishop, died during a wartime mission, September 1943, flying coastal patrol out of Bar Harbor, and, Lt. Andre E. Maye, died doing a wartime mission, 1943, flying courier service out of Bradley Field.”

At the beginning of World War II, just after the 38th anniversary of the Wright Brothers flight at Kitty Hawk, Lieut. Maye joined the Civil Air Patrol. He had already received his pilot’s license and owned his second aircraft.



Lt. Andre Maye
1942 CAP ID photo

The US military did not have trained aircrews or aircraft necessary to carry out the early wartime functions of anti-submarine surveillance, target towing, searchlight tracking, and transportation of documents, supplies, and personnel between contractors’ facilities and military installations. Civilian pilots,

using their civilian aircraft, flying for CAP, performed these functions.

Lieutenant Maye joined CAP’s courier service in January of 1942. When flying an aircraft mechanic from Bradley Field to Grenier Army Airfield in Manchester, New Hampshire, September, 1943, he encountered engine problems and he and his passenger were killed in a crash landing.

After discovering a possible relative of Lieutenant Maye -- Andre E. Maye, in Cheshire, CT -- I mailed a letter to him, explaining my research and asked him if he were a relative, and if so, did he have any of the lieutenant’s artifacts. Andy called me, said he was one of Lieut. Maye’s sons, and that there were war artifacts

that he would give to the CAP for display (including a magnificent jacket, or “military blouse,” that his widow, Anna Maye, now 98, had kept in perfect condition).

CAP and the New England Air Museum held a dedication ceremony Sept. 9 for a display of Lieutenant Maye’s artifacts at the museum, located at Bradley International Airport in Windsor Locks, CT.

In addition to the jacket, the display includes such items as the front page of the Gardner, Mass. newspaper containing an article of Maye’s death, CAP documents, and pilot’s log book.

The Maye family was ecstatic. It was wonderful that Anna Maye, Lieutenant Maye’s widow, could attend the ceremony.



CAP dignitaries attending the dedication at the New England Air Museum included, from left, Col. Bryan Cooper (NER director of recruiting and retention), Lt. Col. Axel Ostling (CAP historian team), Col. Merrie Knightly (NER vice commander north), NER Commander Col. Chris Hayden, Leonard Blascovich (CAP historian emeritus), Lt. Col. Karen Cooper (NER director of aerospace education), Col. Cassandra Huchko (CT Wing commander), and Col. Fred Herbert (NER historian).

MASS. SQUADRON HEARS SPECIAL SPEAKER

FORMER AIR FORCE SECRETARY EMPHASIZES CORE VALUES

By Capt. Reid J. Leonard

MASSACHUSETTS – When members, family, friends and guests of the Hanscom Composite Squadron gathered for a traditional dining-out mess to celebrate the 2011 activities and accomplishments, the occasion was made even more special by the keynote speaker – Dr. Shelia E. Widnall, secretary of the Air Force from 1993 to 1997.

Widnall emphasized the importance of core values to guide both professional and personal conduct. As Air Force secretary, she promulgated the service branch's current core values: "integrity first, service before self and excellence in all we do." Those concepts form the basis for Civil Air Patrol's core values: "integrity, volunteer



Former Air Force Secretary Shelia Widnall addresses Hanscom Composite Squadron. Photo by Capt. Reid Leonard.

service, excellence and respect."

Recalling her childhood near Tacoma, Wash., Widnall said her interest in aviation was kindled by watching military aircraft arrive and depart from nearby McChord Air Force Base. That fasci-

nation led her to graduate degrees and a tenured faculty appointment at MIT in aerodynamics and astronautics, where she has also served as chairwoman of the engineering faculty and associate provost.

Appointed as secretary

of the Air Force in 1993 by President Bill Clinton, Widnall was the first female to serve in that role. She was a strong supporter for modernization of the Air Force and also promoted measures to improve the quality of life for personnel and their families.

Addressing the Hanscom cadets, Widnall stressed the need to build a strong network to help one achieve professional success. She encouraged each cadet to seek a mentor and, in turn, to serve as a mentor to those who follow.

After her speech, Widnall presented the Gen. Billy Mitchell Award to Cadet 2nd Lt. Julianne Braden, a sophomore and Navy ROTC midshipman at Georgia Tech.

The squadron presented a plaque to Widnall to commemorate her participation in the event.

NY WING PILOT SPOTS BODY OF MISSING WOMAN

By Capt. Robert Stronach

ITHACA, NY -- A massive weekend search for a missing 82-year-old woman ended Monday afternoon, March 5, when a Civil Air Patrol pilot spotted her body in a field in the Town of Lansing about two-and-a-half miles northwest of Ithaca-Tompkins Regional Airport.

"I circled overhead and notified a search team that was in the area," reported Capt. Vincent Monticello. "A forest ranger arrived and confirmed that it was the missing woman, who was deceased."

Johanna Kirkwood, who suffered from dementia, had been missing from her home since noon Saturday, the Tompkins County Sheriff's Department said. Undersheriff Derek Osborne said law enforcement, under the leadership of state forest rangers, conducted extensive ground searches.

Weather prevented aerial support until Monday, when mission pilots Monticello and Lt. Col. Larry Brinker went up in a plane in the morning. Monticello went up again in the afternoon.

"About 45 minutes into the

flight, at about 3:30 p.m., I spotted something in a field that I thought could be Mrs. Kirkwood," he said.

Tompkins County Emergency Management Director Lee Shurtleff told searchers that the woman "was located in an area between East Shore Drive and Triphammer Road, having been spotted by the Civil Air Patrol."

Shurtleff reported that some 500 searchers had logged in at the Emergency Response Center, including 200 from local fire and EMS agencies. He said there were search crews from as far away

as Long Island and New Jersey, who were part of a search-and-rescue federation that works with the Department of Environmental Conservation forest rangers.

"The scope of the incident by far exceeded anything seen here in recent years, and while not the outcome we had worked for, it nonetheless demonstrated the tremendous capability of our many agencies and partners," Shurtleff said.

"Our key principles of cooperation, coordination and communication were evident and abundant."

MAINE WING AIRCREWS PERFORM FIREWATCH MISSIONS



ABOVE: Col. Dan Leclair, Maine Wing commander, pre-flights before he departs on his Fire Watch from Auburn/Lewiston Airport.

ABOVE LEFT: Capt. Dave Barker checks aircraft before his Fire Watch flight in Augusta.

LEFT: Captain Barker flies the Fire Watch over Sebago Lake in southern Maine

AIRCROWS PARTICIPATE IN FIRE WATCH TRAINING WITH MAINE WARDEN SERVICE

By Capt. Mary Story

Maine Wing aircrews arrived at the Old Town Airport in April to participate in Fire Watch refresher and training along with members of the Maine Warden Service.

vice.

Air crews have been assisting the Warden Service since 2009.

Aircraft from CAP find fires faster, so the fires are smaller, use fewer man hours, and fires under control

cannot consume as many resources such as timber, homes and even lives.

Maine Wing pilots continue the fire patrols on five state-wide routes.

Maine Warden Service officials say they are very pleased

with the professionalism shown by the Maine Wing aircrews.

Air crews from Portland, Auburn/Lewiston, Augusta, Bangor and Caribou were on call 24/7 for the 2012 fire season.



Maine aircrew members who took Fire Watch training with the Maine Warden Service.

NH SQUADRONS INVITE PUBLIC TO TOUCH A PLANE

CAP PARTNERS WITH 'RUN FOR THE FALLEN'

By Maj. Penny Hardy

In May New Hampshire Wing's Seacoast and Manchester Squadrons sponsored a Touch-A-Plane event at Port City Air near the Pease ANG Base to foster awareness of Civil Air Patrol. The squadrons partnered with Run for the Fallen NH to split the proceeds between the two organizations.

As part of her senior project for her Associate in Applied Science degree in Community Leadership at the University of New Hampshire, Lori Parent, mother of the Seacoast Squadron Cadet Commander Adam Parent, organized the event with help from the squadron's senior members. She said the reason she wanted to do this was because CAP has done so much for her son and she wanted to give back to CAP.

The squadrons showcased much of what they do with DDR, Emergency Services, Communications and recruiting areas. It was planned to have six aircraft on display, but due to a heavy fog and



New Hampshire cadets are ready to talk aviation as they encourage the public to get up close to a variety of aircraft. Photo by Maj. Peter Blais.

low ceilings only three aircraft were able to get there. The cadets helped the attendees get a close-up look at the airplanes. They also did a bit of drill to show off their expertise.

In addition to the CAP displays, the National Guard

had a display booth with a mini aircraft, and Run for the Fallen displayed their information on how they have a run each year to support those who have lost friends or family members in the service. There was also a face

painting booth.

Last but not least was a fire truck from Exeter and one from the Pease Fire Department on display along with food vendors. The latter gave a portion of their proceeds to CAP and Run for the Fallen.



AERIAL PHOTOS ALLOW NH TO WARN PUBLIC

Thanks to aerial photos by New Hampshire Wing aircrews in February that showed treacherous ice conditions on Lake Winnepesaukee, the state Fish and Game Department warned the public to use caution before venturing onto the ice, especially with the start of the Meredith Rotary Ice Fishing Derby on the state's largest lake. The photos, such as the one at left, showed numerous cracks and large river-like strips of open water.

NY MISSION BASE ENHANCES ARMY GUARD'S RESPONSE AVIATION UNIT DEPLOYS TO GRIFFISS AIRPORT FOR DISASTER RELIEF

By Lt. Col. Steve Perta

Last year New York Wing underwent its USAF Evaluation Exercise, which examined the wing's ability to execute search & rescue, disaster relief and Homeland Security tasking. Operating from Command, Control and Communications (C3) facilities at the Griffiss International Airport in Rome, NY, the wing scored an outstanding on this evaluation.

Little was it known that those capabilities soon would be called upon -- when the Northeast was ravaged with back-to-back storms, Hurricane Irene and Tropical Storm Lee. While numerous wings were tasked with many disaster relief missions, a unique event took place within New York. The Illinois Army National Guard was activated to deploy a Disaster

Relief Aviation Regiment, using Griffiss International Airport in Central New York as a staging area.

From this location, army helicopters would deploy to support flood relief operations into adjoining states such as Vermont. New York Wing was asked to host the Operations Center for this Regiment as part of the Airport's Emergency Plan.

CAP mission base facilities would host the Regiment's Command and Control functions while the FBO provided ramp and re-fueling support and the Airport Commissioner's Office worked billeting and other logistical activities. In particular, CAP VHF and HF radio communications equipment were used by the guard to maintain communications with helicopters that were deployed on sorties. The CAP turn-key facility

containing radio equipment, networked computers with internet capability, command, briefing, and operational facilities allowed the Army Guard to arrive and immediately begin operations without logistical set-up delays.

CAP support personnel included Lt. Col. Gerald Marketos, Maj. Charles Hereth, Capt. John McKeown and other members of Central New York Group. As the operation was wrapping up and the Aviation Regiment was preparing to depart back to Illinois, a Blackhawk helicopter developed a mechanical issue that grounded it. A CAP Aircrew consisting of Lt. Colonel Marketos and Captain McKeown was tasked to fly the failed mechanical part along with an Army Guard mechanic to the Rochester International Airport in Western New York, where a simi-

lar Army Guard Blackhawk unit was stationed. There the defective part was overhauled while the CAP aircrew waited, and once repaired, the aircrew flew the Guard mechanic and part back to Griffiss. The repaired mechanical part allowed the final helicopter to depart for home.

In a report to Oneida County officials, then-Aviation Commissioner Vernon Gray noted: "Our plans and preparations to support such an event, in cooperation with the New York Wing of the Civil Air Patrol (CAP) and the FBO, proved to be quite sufficient to the task. We were able to make the Army's transition to conducting operations here very smooth, and they were immediately able to concentrate on their mission... Congratulations on a job well done."



CAP aircrew poses for photo with Headquarters, 1st Battalion, 106th Aviation Regiment, Illinois Army National Guard.

Photo by Spec. Starr Ivey

NY SAR ACADEMY BRINGS TOGETHER 4 AGENCIES

by Maj. Sharon Brana

Civil Air Patrol members were called on to search for eight missing persons lost and wandering through Huntington's West Hills Park after a van accident.

Also participating in the search were the Melville Volunteer Fire Department, the Huntington Community First Aid Squad, and Long Island Search and Rescue K9 teams.

Luckily, the search was part of an exercise conducted by New York Wing Search and Rescue Training Academy in West Hills Park. The mock victims came from the Melville and Huntington agencies.

In all, 62 participants were involved, including a pair of search and rescue dogs, as were two ambulances, one fire rescue truck, two John Deere Gators – six-wheeled all-terrain vehicles used for extrication of victims – and two mobile communications units linking the local emer-



NY Wing members sign in and check equipment at the wing SAR Academy. Photo by Capt. Wayne Smith.

gency units and CAP.

The CAP members were training students from the Long Island and South Eastern groups, along with one cadet from the Maryland Wing. A pair of Long Island Search and Rescue members completed their Remote Wilderness Field Medic training at the academy.

The participating agencies were tasked with working together to locate, treat and retrieve the simulated victims, who were made up with moulage and positioned in various locations.

Those involved were all Na-

tional Incident Management System-trained, and the exercise was a rare opportunity for them to put their training into practice. A unified command was set up, with each agency having an incident commander directing his own people, with the individual incident commanders in turn forming a coordinated multi-agency task force.

One of the most important outcomes was that the simulated victims were rescued expeditiously, said Capt. Dave Collins, operations section chief for the exercise as well as for the training acad-

emy. In addition, Collins said, "communication worked well, and that is the most difficult part."

"This was very different and interesting working together with the other agencies," Capt. Jeff Sukoff of the Melville fire department said afterward, adding that he plans to further his department's relationship with CAP and the Huntington agency.

Added Deputy Chief Tim Ebert of the Huntington Community First Aid Squad, "This was very good ... I learned a lot about CAP. I had actually never heard of them before."

NY CREWS TRAIN WITH FOREST RANGERS, COUNTY SEARCH & RESCUE

By Lt. Dan Babcock

NEWFIELD, NY – South Central Group search-and-rescue teams trained with New York State Forest Rangers and Tompkins County Search and Rescue in May. Air and ground crews departed for a rendezvous point in the Connecticut Hill State Forest in the town of Newfield. On the first sortie, aircrews directed the ground team to some obscure manmade objects. Ground crews set up a search pattern while aircrews provided direction from above



One aircrew included pilots Capt. Vincent Monticello and Lt. Col. Larry Brinker.

via air to ground radio. After completing this mission, the aircrew returned to Ithaca

Airport to swap crew members while the ground team prepared for the second and

more challenging mission. For the second mission, crews were searching for two role players who were bedded down in two separate fields. One simulated a lost person and the other, deceased. After about five minutes of searching, aircrews spotted the first victim and directed Ground Team #1 in for the rescue.

Not long after, aircrews spotted the second victim on the edge of a field approximately three quarters of a mile from the first and directed Ground Team #2 in for the recovery.

PA MEMBERS JOIN MULTI-WING TRAINING EXERCISE

By 2nd Lt. Jennifer Lichlyter

HARRISBURG, PA -- Squadrons throughout Pennsylvania participated in a multi-state training exercise (TRAEX) in August.

Six aircraft flew 23 sorties throughout the Commonwealth, and three ground teams were launched in the Harrisburg and Philadelphia areas to assess damage caused by a fictitious "derecho," a wide-spread, violent wind storm causing extensive fire, flood and tornado damage throughout Pennsylvania, New York and New Jersey.

"Aerial imagery was a primary mission for this



Aircrew comes in for landing over Cumberland, PA

TRAEX," said Lt. Col. Bob Meinert, incident commander for this event. "CAP has demonstrated we are good at it, and a very cost-effective resource to assist local, state and federal agencies."

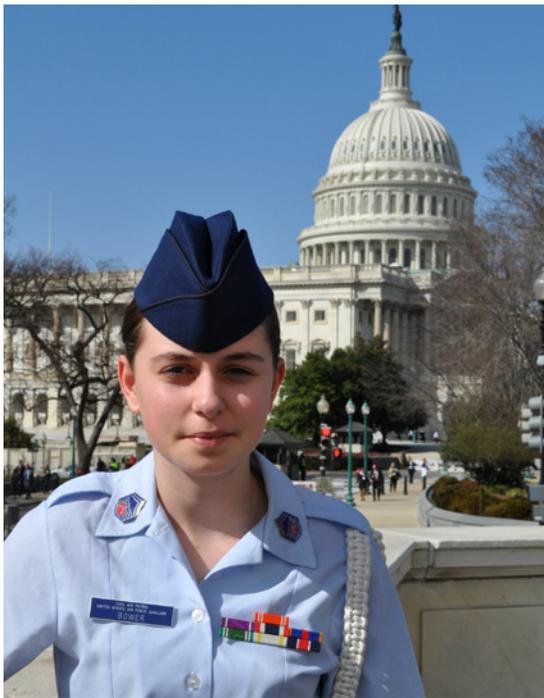
In addition to training

members for actual emergency situations, the Northeast Region was assessing the effectiveness of a Northeast Region Area Command program designed to coordinate emergency service assets to respond across multiple

states, in the event of a large-scale disaster.

The Incident Command Post for Pennsylvania was located at Capital City Airport in New Cumberland, Pa.

Also, PA Group 2 Communications Officer Maj. Don Inscho, and Maj. Skip Walls, Assistant Communications Officer from Lancaster, Pa., Squadron 304 established a mobile communications unit with the latest radio technology to allow air and ground teams to communicate with each other, the Incident Command Post, and the Northeast Region Area Command Center. This was the first time they used the new mobile communications unit.



LEGISLATIVE DAY IN WASHINGTON

Civil Air Patrol members from all 50 states as well as the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands converged on Capitol Hill on March 1 to brief congressional members on how CAP's primary missions of emergency services, aerospace education and cadet programs make a difference in their communities. Twenty-five members of the Pennsylvania Wing representing 18 of the Commonwealth's 19 congressional districts participated in the annual networking event on Capitol Hill -- including Cadet Senior Master Sgt Jessica Bower, Harrisburg International Composite Squadron 306.

Photo by 2nd Lt. Jennifer Lichlyter

PA OFFICER PENS SECURITY BOOK

HARRISBURG, PA – Dr. Daniel J. Benny of Harrisburg, a Civil Air Patrol major who holds the security discipline chair with Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University Worldwide, is the author of a new book published by CRC Press – *General Aviation Security: Aircraft, Hangars, Fixed Base Operations, Flight Schools and Airports*.

Benny, assistant safety officer with Capital City Composite Squadron 302, says it's the first textbook written on general aviation security.

PENNSYLVANIA TOWN HONORS CAP, FIRST RESPONDERS

YORK, PA - Jackson Township supervisors honored first responders, including the Civil Air Patrol, for their cooperation and professionalism during the response to two plane crashes in the area, the York Daily Record reported May 3.

Each was awarded framed copies of a resolution honoring their work. The York Squadron was among those being honored, along with several fire departments and rescue squads.

On Dec. 22, 2011, and then again on Jan. 29 this year, single engine planes crashed in fields near and on approach to the York Airport, in the township, resulting in the pilots' deaths.

The resolution congratulates the responders, who it states diligently recovered the victims and secured the crash scenes until investigators from the Federal Aviation Administration and National Transportation Safety Board arrived.

NEW YORK MEMBER HELPS SAVE LIFE ON AIRLINER ACTS AS FIRST RESPONDER FOR HEART ATTACK VICTIM

By Capt.Carolynn Fillgrove

A Jamestown Squadron senior member has been honored by Western New York Group with a Certificate of Recognition for Life Saving.

Second Lt. Michael E. Seeley was on a U.S. Airways flight en route to Charlotte, N.C., from Aruba on June 27, 2011 when an elderly passenger suffered a minor heart attack and was unconscious. Lieutenant Seeley, a licensed Emergency Medical Technician, found himself to be the



Lt. Michael Seeley

first responder. He assessed the patient, administered oxygen, and stabilized him. Then using limited first aid supplies (a blood pressure cuff), he improvised with an iPod ear piece to make a broken stethoscope

functional. With these tools, he continued to monitor the patient's blood pressure, heart, and lung sounds throughout the rest of the flight.

When the patient became responsive, Lieutenant Seeley helped move him to another area of the airplane to permit the man to lie down with his feet slightly elevated. Once there, the patient's vital signs improved slightly and he was given orange juice in moderation. Because changes in position resulted in diminished vital signs, the lieutenant

instructed the patient to remain lying on the floor for the remainder of the flight.

Although the patient showed slight improvement, the flight was given medical emergency priority status direct to Charlotte. With the lieutenant's continued assistance, the patient remained stable for the rest of the flight. Upon arrival, the patient was transferred to paramedics who took over care.

A Chautauqua County Sheriff's deputy, Lieutenant Seeley joined CAP in 2010 and is the squadron's safety officer.

86 PARTICIPATE IN PA SAREX

By 2nd Lt. Jennifer Lichlyter

LANCASTER, PA – Squadrons in south central Pennsylvania held a search and rescue training exercise (SAREX) on May 12 at the Lancaster, Pa. airport.

Eighty-seven senior and cadet members employed a number of techniques to locate a simulated missing aircraft, and safely evacuate the injured survivors.

"This was realistic training so

our members will be prepared when they respond to an actual emergency situation. We want them to know what to expect." said Lt. Col. Charles M. Bechtel, incident commander for the event. Personnel received training in leadership, air and ground searches, cross-country navigation, map reading, communications, incident command, evacuation of survivors, liaison with other agencies, and other critical skills.



C/CMSgt Josh Rutt marshals in one of four aircraft used during the SAREX. Photo courtesy of Lancaster Sunday News

RHODE ISLAND CADETS OUT IN FORCE FOR NATIONAL GUARD AIR SHOW



Rhode Island Wing cadets were out in force this past June providing support for the National Guard Air Show at Quonset State Airport.

NOTABLES AROUND THE NORTHEAST



NJ CADETS COMMEMORATE SHUTTLE PROGRAM

Cadets from New Jersey's Lone Eagle Composite Squadron of Peapack-Gladstone and Curtiss-Wright Composite Squadron of Fairfield commemorated the legacy of the NASA Space Shuttle program Sept. 29 by launching a series of hand-made space shuttle model rockets -- in the order of actual shuttle missions. 1st Lt. David Simpson, 2010 New Jersey Aerospace Education Officer of the Year, guided the cadets.

PA CADET CAN'T BELIEVE SHE MET FIRST LADY MICHELLE OBAMA

When First Lady Michelle Obama visited Pittsburgh in April, arriving at the 911th Airlift Wing of the Air Force Command in Moon, she began to warmly greet nearly two dozen military families -- including Pennsylvania Wing Cadet Tech. Sgt. Tiara Maloni of Golden Triangle Composite Squadron 603. Cadet Maloni reacted in joyous disbelief when the first lady hugged her and took a moment to chat.

CADETS PRESENT COLORS FOR NEW YORK JETS

Cadets of New York Wing's Broome/Tioga Composite Squadron had the honor of serving as color guard for the New York Jets Football Team. Cadets Keenan Jensen, 17, Samuel Carmen, 17, Daniel Hector, 20, and Colin Button, 15, presented the nation's colors for a packed stadium at the Jets versus Carolina Panthers game, Sunday, August 26, at MetLife Stadium, East Rutherford, New Jersey. "Walking out onto that field in front of 50,000 people was one of most incredible experiences I've ever had, and I can't wait to do it again!" said Hector.

-- Lt. Dan Babcock

