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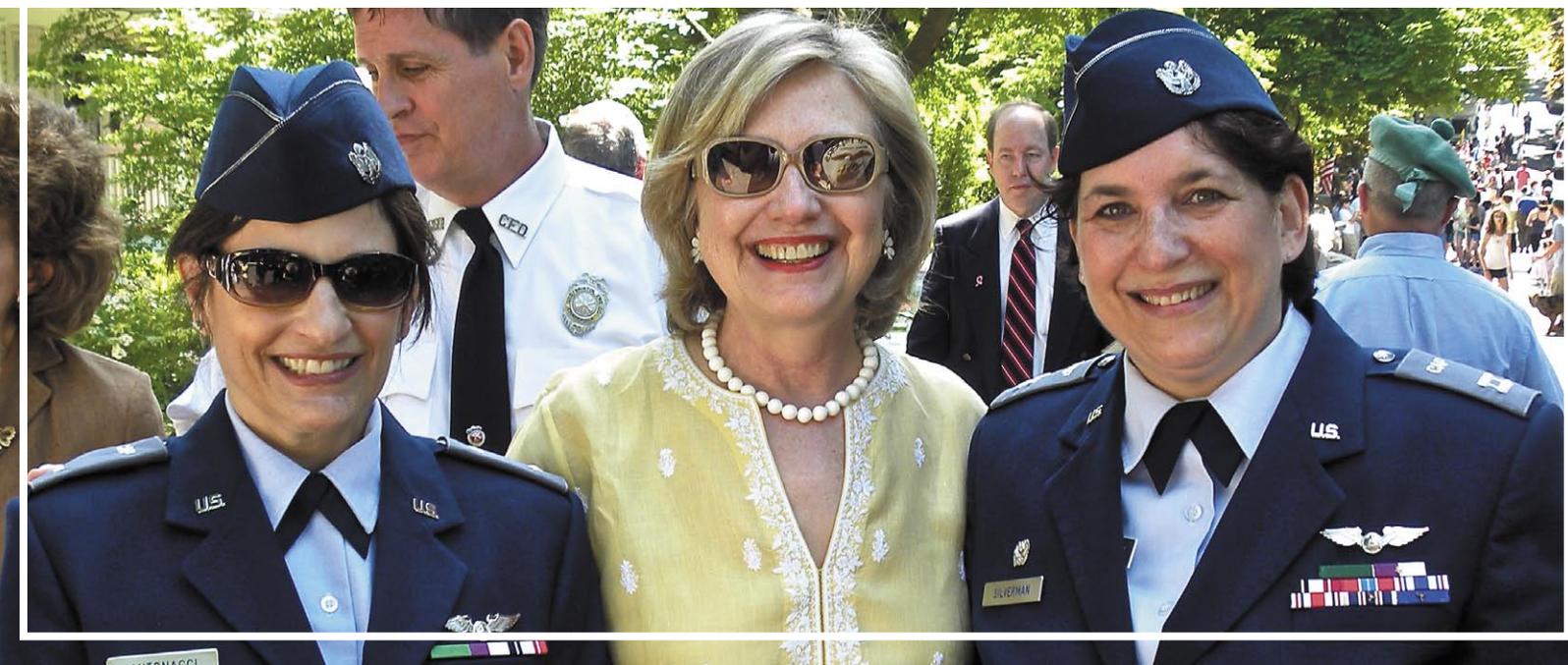
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Helping out at air shows and marching in parades to remember the sacrifices of war veterans are two of the more satisfying duties of Civil Air Patrol squadrons around the region. New York Wing members found it exhilarating to support the elite aviators of the Blue Angels, shown on the cover performing precision aerobatic maneuvers, while other New York members found it equally exhilarating to meet Bill and Hillary Clinton in a small town parade. Secretary of State Hillary Clinton graciously posed with 1st Lt. Janet Antonacci-Celia and Capt. Jill Silverman.

SMALL TOWN MEMORIAL DAY PARADE OFFERS BIG MEANING

New York Wing Members Meet Bill and Hillary Clinton

By 1st Lt. Janet Antonacci-Celia

The sun stood at attention high overhead, commanding the temperature well into the eighties. But even the weather's assault could not suppress the spirit of the day or that of the members of Civil Air Patrol's Westchester Composite Squadron who joined scores of others in a patriotic march through the town of New Castle, NY on Memorial Day.

Uniforms from every branch of the military filled the streets of the staging area, along with first responders, boy scouts and girl scouts. A militia of Revolutionary War-garbed soldiers twirled their muskets. Clusters of veterans from wars past fidgeted in jackets made a little bit snug with the weight of years. Girl scouts, all patches and ponytails, stood at their best little girl attention, oblivious to the humidity that hung heavy like a tarp over the street, as squirming adults willed themselves not to sweat. But, while even the strongest reserve was beat by the heat, the meaning of the day was not. In the end, this was not so much a day about uniforms, as it was about the unity of spirit that draws Americans together.

Even New Castle's most prominent residents, former President William Clinton and Secretary of State Hillary Clinton, in a meaningful weekend homecoming, joined in the march. All formality aside, the power couple answered to "Bill" and "Hill", posed for pictures



Former President Bill Clinton posed for photo with 1st Lt. Janet Antonacci-Celia and Capt. Jill Silverman. So did former First Lady and Secretary of State Hillary Clinton (cover). Captain Silverman took the opportunity to present CAP Challenge Coins to the Clintons,

and chatted up locals, clearly present not in their roles as dignitaries, but as neighbors coming together in the act of remembrance.

Graciously posing for a photo op with Squadron Commander Capt. Jill Silverman and Lt. Janet Antonacci, Madam Secretary commented that, "The world is a very unsettled place right now." But for the moment, her manner was relaxed as she was presented with a CAP Challenge Coin by Capt. Silverman, the squadron's first female commander. "It was a thrilling moment, there was genuine warmth there," said Capt. Silverman, who also presented the former president with his own Challenge Coin along with an invitation to attend a squadron meeting at Westchester County Airport.

Commanders ordered

groups to form up. Scuffling boy scouts, all bony knees and bruises, heeded scoutmasters and tumbled in line. CAP members took their place behind veterans of the Viet Nam War, and all stepped off. As blaring brass bands competed with bagpipes, it was every bit a Rockwell image. Small hands waved miniature flags and adults cheered, painting a picture of collective patriotism.

At the parade's conclusion, marchers and spectators gathered under shade trees at the Chappaqua Train Station, as veterans read the names of New Castle's fallen heroes. Silvered heads bowed a silent goodbye to buddies left behind in Korea, Viet Nam, Europe, and Asia.

Third year Harvard student and ROTC member Victoria Midigal formed an

Honor Guard with a pair of girls scouts, one with a patch that read "S'mores." Together they placed a commemorative wreath on the town's war memorial. Bag Pipes burst with "Amazing Grace." Heads again bowed to this tune that has taken on the tortured strains of 9/11, so often was it played in the days after the Towers fell. Wrapping up, the booming salute of a musket blast echoed off the station's stone walls. Revolutionary Soldiers briskly marched into the middle of the square, to "mourn arms." Touching muskets to toes with heads lowered, there was a moment of silence.

The last two words of the parade marshal's closing comments hit home, no less powerful than the boom of the musket.

"Never Forget."

NORTHEAST REGION LEADING THE NATION

Commander's Message by Col. Christopher Hayden

Northeast Region is as strong as ever and we are leading the nation with our accomplishments. We were first to complete the repeater installations and are the first to initiate the Glider Center of Excellence program.

For the past two years, all the regions have been struggling with the Narrowband Digital FM Transition which has included the installation of over 500 new and replacement repeaters nationwide. Under the direction of the NER/DC, Lt. Col. Andrew Feldman, the Northeast Region worked as one and this month completed the job ahead of all the other regions.



Col. Christopher Hayden

At the end of August, the Northeast Region Glider Center of Excellence program was officially started. Under the direction of Capt. Paul Finestone and Col. Dale Hardy, the program promises to increase the number of glider flights by over 150% in the first year.

Most importantly this program opens up the opportunity for every wing to plan a glider camp, which can include Orientation Flights and glider pilot training.

In addition, the glider academies will continue, but with two gliders and one Maule as standard and four gliders and two Maules for larger academies.

In 2011 we plan to establish two official Region Cadet Leadership Schools, one north and one south, that combine the best practices of our wings who have held wing level RCLS in the past.

At present PA and NJ Wings are discussing combining their RCLS' to form

the NER RCLS South. In the North we are looking at two locations and a team to run NER RCLS North. Both will be held on different dates allowing cadets to choose from two dates and two locations.

As your Region Commander, I cannot be more proud of our members. In early August we held a region-wide SAREX/COMEX based on a hurricane striking the East Coast. Even though this exercise may have appeared pointless, it provided us with feedback that became vital when the real thing threatened us all at the beginning of September.

COL. MORAN TAKES COMMAND OF NEW HAMPSHIRE WING

By Maj. Penny Hardy

NEW HAMPSHIRE – Col. Bill Moran, a retired U.S. Air Force colonel and record-setting experimental test pilot, is the new commander of the New Hampshire Wing. He succeeded Col. Donald Davidson in a change-of-command ceremony on Sept. 11.

Moran honed his Civil Air Patrol leadership skills in the Hawk Composite Squadron, which had one pilot when he became commander in 2003 and eventually saw that number increase to 20. He was named the wing's squadron commander of the year in 2004, a year before he became wing vice commander.

During this time Moran – a CAP mission pilot, instructor pilot and check pilot – also flew for Alpha Flying Inc. out of Portsmouth.



Col. Bill Moran

A 1972 graduate of the University of Rhode Island, Moran attended Air Force Officers Training School, where he was a distinguished graduate, and then flight training school. He served in the Air Force for 26 years, flying the Boeing B-52-G; Cessna T-37 Tweet; FB-111-A, F-111A, F-111D and F-111E Aardvarks; and B-1A

and B-1B Lancers.

He was an instructor pilot, check pilot and an operational test and evaluation pilot. His service included assignments to the Strategic Air Command staff and the U.S. Pacific Command staff in Hawaii. He completed his Air Force career as vice commander of the Air Warfare Center at Nellis Air Force Base, Nev.

While commanding the 46th Bomb Squadron, Moran led his B-1B unit to 12 "Time to Climb" Aviation World records and was the pilot on the first three world-record flights. His record time from takeoff to 20,000 feet was 1 minute, 42 seconds. After totaling more than 300 hours of B-1B flight test time he was selected for membership in the Society of Experimental Test Pilots.

HARDY IS U.S. PAO OF YEAR; OTHERS ALSO TAKE HONORS

Maj. Penny H. Hardy, New Hampshire Wing PAO, has been named National Public Affairs Officer of the Year. She also is Northeast Region PAO of the Year.

NER also won national recognition with 2010 Maj. Howell Balsem Public Affairs Awards:

- Award of Excellence for media coverage went to Maj. James Ridley, NER and NY Wing PAO.

- Certificate of Merits for writing for media and PowerPoint Slide Presentation also went to Ridley.

- Certificate of Merit for photography was awarded to SM Maria Balarin, New Jersey Wing.

CAP MEMBERS SUPPORT ELITE AVIATORS

Navy's Blue Angels Headline New York Air Show

by 1st Lt. William J. McGee
and 2nd Lt. Kevin P. Coughlin

NEW YORK -- Some duties in Civil Air Patrol never get old.

Take, for instance, the integral role that members of the Long Island Senior Squadron play each year in assisting the military, media and public as hundreds of thousands gathered for the annual Bethpage Federal Credit Union New York Air Show at Long Island's Jones Beach on Memorial Day weekend. It's both a privilege and a pleasure, and CAP's reputation increases with every successful mission.

In odd years, the squadron provides direct assistance to the U.S. Air Force Thunderbirds at the show, one of the nation's largest. In even years, like this one, the members lend a hand to the Navy equivalent, the Blue Angels.

For years, both elite teams have performed at Jones Beach and based their aircraft and support personnel at Republic Airport in nearby Farmingdale. Republic also serves as home base for the Long Island Senior Squadron, so the unit's role during the air show is a natural fit.

"We're always honored to lend a hand to the Navy or the Air Force in any way we can," said Capt. Joseph Pizzo, the Long Island squadron's commander. "This mission has become the centerpiece of our year."

Members of the squadron — assisted by cadets and senior members culled from other Long Island Group units — perform a wide



2nd Lt. William Pisano of Suffolk Cadet Squadron 9 stands post in front of the C-130 aircraft that transports the Blue Angels crew to and from each air show.

Photos by
2nd Lt. Kevin Coughlin



Gathering on the Republic Airport ramp in front of Blue Angel No. 7 are (from left) 2nd Lt. Edward Valenson, 2nd Lts. Daniel Turano and Steven Fucaloro, Senior Member Lori Corcacas, Capt. John Corcacas and Senior Member Ronald Alvarez, all Long Island Senior Squadron members.

variety of tasks during the four-day air show -- such as perimeter and fence-line security, crowd control, logistical support, transportation assistance, public affairs outreach, VIP and media escorts.

"Everyone from CAP has been terrific; they're very helpful," said Petty Officer 3rd Class Julia Casper, a member of the Blue Angels' public affairs team.

Casper was especially impressed by cadets who spent long hours under a hot sun, yet performed professionally. "I was glad to hear so many of them go on to the military," she said. "They're learning the right way to do things here."

For 23 years now the team has flown Boeing F/A-18 Hornets, capable of operat-

ing at Mach 1.7+-- about 1,200 mph. The Jones Beach crowd was wowed by some of the world's best precision flying, including the four-jet Diamond Formation and the six-jet Delta Formation.

The team also travels with a Lockheed-Martin C-130T Hercules, operated by the U.S. Marine Corps and affectionately known as "Fat Albert." The mammoth aircraft logs more than 140,000 miles each season, carrying 40 maintenance and support personnel as well as gear, spare parts, and communication equipment.

Though it may look clunky, Fat Albert is capable of radically short takeoffs and extreme maneuvers of its own; at Republic Airport, CAP assisted in recruiting and es-

corting broadcasters, photographers, and print journalists for demonstration rides.

One of Fat Albert's pilots, Capt. Edward Jorge, noted: "All of you have been great. We really thank you."

For the Blue Angels' maintenance chief, Chief Petty Officer Glenn Kildare, the show was a journey home. Kildare hails from Wantagh, N.Y., just a few parkway exits away.

"We really couldn't do the job without you guys," he said. "You free us up to do more. And then that lets us go out and see more of the area."

As for the CAP's cadet program, Kildare called it a "stepping stone" and noted that quite a few Navy pilots began their service through Civil Air Patrol.

MILITARY MUSEUM FEATURES CAP IN WORLD WAR II

NORTHEAST COASTAL PATROL HIGHLIGHTS NATIONAL EXHIBITION

CAP National Headquarters

Civil Air Patrol's World War II history occupies a place of prominence in the pages of books like *From Maine to Mexico, Flying Minutemen* and *Civil Air Patrol: Missions for America ...* and now in a major exhibit at the National Military History Center in Auburn, Indiana.

The exhibit covers about 1,000 square feet and features about 500 vintage photographs and numerous display cases.

Its existence is a significant accomplishment for the CAP Historical Foundation and for CAP itself.

Spencer Morfit and Maj. Jim Shaw, CAP's national curator and executive director of the Civil Air Patrol Historical Foundation, worked with the military center's curator, Josh Conrad, on the display, for which Morfit wrote the text.

"Josh Conrad was absolutely insatiable," Morfit said. "He started out saying they were going to use 8-foot panels for the display, then 10-foot, then 12-foot, and then acres of wall space behind."

Morfit's role in the exhibit's creation stemmed from her friendship with Lt. Col. Ray Lyon of the New Hampshire Wing's Greater Nashua Composite Squadron, under whose supervision one of the display's centerpieces – a Stinson 10A once owned by the late Col. Albert Sambold, former New Hampshire Wing commander – had



A Stinson 10A aircraft from New Hampshire Wing – which flew coastal patrol out of Falmouth, Mass. – prominently hovers over the CAP World War II exhibit in the National Military History Center in Indiana. Photo by Lt. Col. Todd Engelman.



Lt. Col. Ray Lyon (left) of the New Hampshire Wing, National Commander Maj. Gen. Amy S. Courter and Lt. Col. Todd Engelman of the Georgia Wing stand in front of the 48-star U.S. flag that once flew over Coastal Patrol Squadron 18's base in Falmouth, Mass.

been restored in New Hampshire and then transported to the military center. During World War II the Stinson was flown by Coastal Patrol Squadron 18 in Falmouth, Mass.

In the aftermath of that project, Morfit -- armed with an address book Louis Keefler used while writing *From Maine to Mexico* -- made contact with some of the children of veterans from the Falmouth base. "Many of

the Falmouth vets remained in touch through their lives and their children knew each other," she said. "We fell into a real treasure trove."

The display's group picture of the Falmouth crew contains the names and signatures of all members, courtesy of Sue King, daughter of the late Ev King, who turned it over with a copy of her parents' wedding photo, showing her father in his CAP uniform.



An early Coastal Patrol Squadron 18 patch.

Sue King put Lyon and Morfit in touch with retired U.S. Air Force Lt. Col. Charlie Ferrari, son of Squadron 18 member Louis Ferrari, now living in Colorado. The younger Ferrari, who learned to fly from Ev King, donated his father's Air Medal, other photos and a rare early patch from the Falmouth base.

To their mutual surprise, Morfit learned a church friend was the niece of Gordon Gibbs, Squadron 18 commander, and had a picture to loan.

Lt. Col. Todd Engelman of Georgia Wing Headquarters was tapped to begin a second career as an events planner for the dedication for the exhibit.

Speaking at the dedication, Maj. Gen. Amy S. Courter, CAP national commander, called the exhibit a major step forward for CAP's history outreach effort. During the dedication the restored Stinson, which hangs as if in flight over the museum exhibit, was accompanied by a 48-star flag that once flew over Squadron 18's base.

MAINE TEAM FINDS CRASHED PLANE

By Capt. Mary J. Story

MAINE – A Maine Wing ground team found a crashed Taylorcraft BC-12 airplane in dense woods about 6 a.m. Sunday, Aug. 16, a few hours after a call from the Air Force Rescue and Coordination Center alerted wing officials that the 64-year-old single-engine plane was missing.

Air and ground teams were assembled by 4 a.m., then waited for first light before starting the search. Local officials had narrowed the search area to the town of Harrison by using the pilot's cell phone signal. The pilot and a passenger were killed, officials said.

Some members drove several hundred miles to participate in the search, wing officials noted.

VERMONT HOSTS GLIDER SCHOOL



Civil Air Patrol cadets and glider pilots had a busy summer at Hartness State Airport in North Springfield, Vermont. Cadets from several states arrived on Sunday, July 11 to begin student glider pilot training. The encampment featured classroom instruction and five actual flights with a certified instructor. A second session started on Sunday, August 1.

MASS. SUBCHASER HONORED FOR WW II ROLE

By Lt. Col. Keith E. Raymond

MASSACHUSETTS – In the conference room of Marlborough Hills Health-care Center, a crowd gathered last August to honor Col. Donald V. LaCouture Sr., 88, a veteran of Civil Air Patrol's founding generation, who served as a subchaser at Coastal Patrol Base 18 in Falmouth and then ran an airfield that was home to a CAP squadron for the next 50 years.

With Massachusetts Wing Commander Col. Bill Meskill presiding, LaCouture was made a lifetime member, elevated to the rank of colonel and awarded a Distinguished Service Medal.

LaCouture, not in the best health, raised his hand in salute.



Donald LaCouture Sr. and Wing Commander William Meskill with photograph of Coastal Patrol Base 18 members.

Maj. James Shaw, CAP's national curator and executive director of the CAP Historical Foundation, designed

and executed certificates of appreciation from the foundation. These were presented to LaCouture along with an etched glass paperweight that Shaw also created.

LaCouture and his wife of 60 years, Ellie, have five children, most of whom were present for the tribute, and numerous of grandchildren, many of whom were also gathered around the room. Like many of his generation, LaCouture apparently has been exceedingly modest about his wartime contributions. His grandchildren in attendance looked especially wide-eyed as they learned how he had fought the Nazis.

LaCouture sent a message back to CAP leadership through Meskill. "Tell them thank you," he said, "and tell them to take care of the CAP."

NJ CAP MARCHES FOR WAR HERO

By Maj. Marvin A. Goldberg

NEW JERSEY – Some 52 senior members and cadets from Group 223 helped honor the memory of Marine Gunnery Sgt. John A. Basilone, awarded the Medal of Honor and Navy Cross for World War II heroism, by marching in his hometown's annual parade.

They joined 110 military, ROTC and veterans units marching Sept. 26 in Raritan before more than 10,000 onlookers. In addition, Maj. Pat Lott of Raritan Valley Composite Squadron and 2nd Lt. Claire Rybczynski of Delaware Valley Composite Squadron flew over the parade, with Lott as pilot and Rybczynski as observer/photographer.

NEW YORK AND CONNECTICUT GET NEW WING COMMANDERS

Jack Ozer Assumes Command in NY

Col. Jack Ozer assumed command of New York Wing in May, succeeding Col. Ken Andreu.

Colonel Ozer is a career police officer, a certified flight instructor with a commercial pilot's license, and a CAP check pilot.

Colonel Ozer started with the Civil Air Patrol as a safety officer for Suffolk Cadet Squadron 10 and became the squadron commander



in 2002. He was appointed emergency services officer for Long Island Group in 2004, deputy group commander in 2006, and appointed group commander on January 1, 2007. His two adult sons are CAP members.

Cassandra Huchko Takes Over in CT

Col. Cassandra Huchko took over the reins of Connecticut Wing last February. She is the third female in Connecticut to have earned this honor.

"This Wing is and will be, all about teamwork," and "the Wing staff is not going to be my staff, it's your staff," said Colonel Huchko, who works for Otis Elevator, part of United Technologies in Farmington, CT.



A member of CAP for some two decades, she has served as squadron commander, Connecticut Wing administrative officer, director of administration & personnel, and most recently as wing chief of staff.

AIRCREWS PERFORM FLOOD MISSION FOR FEMA IN RI

By Maj. James Ridley Sr.

WARWICK, RI – Following the successful North Dakota Wing ARCHER missions flown for the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), CAP was once again called upon to perform the same function after the spring torrential rainfall in the Northeast.

Aircrews from seven different wings and three regions gathered at the Rhode Island Wing HQ located at T.F. Green Airport.

The aircrews and mission base staff in April completed several ARCHER sorties for the purpose of gathering aerial imagery of the Pawtuxet River in the southern part of Rhode Island and the Blackstone River in the North.

The ARCHER missions allowed the CAP aircrews to collect Hyper Spectral Imaging (HSI) and high resolution black and white imaging of the rivers for analysis by FEMA.



A Gipsland GA-8 Airvan from Maryland Wing is refueled before an ARCHER flight in Rhode Island. (From left) Lt. Col. John Weiser, Maryland Wing chief of staff; Maj. Paul Chiron, Northeast Region emergency services officer; Capt. Patrick Aaron, operations officer for Maryland Wing's Carroll Composite Squadron; and Chaplain Lt. Col. Christopher Smith, emergency services training officer for New York Wing, discuss pre- and postflight operations at Rhode Island Wing Headquarters.

Photos by Lt. Col. Rui Rodrigues

This data will help in updating Geospatial Information System (GIS) with more accurate and current geographical data.

The mission's incident commander, Lt. Col. Rui Rodrigues, noted that FEMA was "very happy with the results," adding that "this was a great experience for me personally working with crews from different wings and regions."

In all, 25 personnel came

from North East Region, Great Lakes Region, and Middle East Region, representing RI, CT, NH, MD, MA, IL and NY wings.

The aircrews flew over 35 hours in five days taking Friday off due to poor weather. Maj Eric Templeton, an ARCHER instructor from the Illinois Wing who flew in to advise the mission staff, said that everyone did "an outstanding and professional job".

Major Templeton said the crews took advantage of new software for the ARCHER system that allows data output in "geo-tiff" graphic format, which can be used as input into the GIS computer software package utilized by FEMA.

The ARCHER system provides the ability for performing a "disaster extent-of-condition assessment" using spectral and high resolution imagery.

CONNECTICUT AIRCREW SPOTS SWAMPED VESSEL

Wing Works with Coast Guard to Protect Long Island Sound

By 1st Lt. Robert Johnson

A Connecticut Wing aircraft crewed by members from around the state was asked to locate a drifting and partially submerged vessel that could become a hazard to other boaters in the Groton-New London area this past August.

After performing an area search, the air crew, Capt Leonard Kimball, Capt James W. Fearon, and 2nd Lt. Donna E. Yount, located the swamped vessel.

The abandoned boat was drifting and invisible to other boaters traveling in Long Island Sound. After locating the target, they orbited the



Coast Guard patrol vessel approaches swamped boat on Long Island Sound after being guided by CAP aircrew.

site until a Coast Guard patrol craft arrived. With a very good airborne sight picture,

they safely guided the Coast Guard patrol craft to the swamped boat so they could

take charge of the recovery.

This and many missions like it are funded by a grant from the Connecticut Department of Emergency Management Services and Homeland Security.

Throughout the entire summer, Connecticut's volunteer CAP members fly periodic patrols along Connecticut's Long Island shore area. Whenever required, they assist the Coast Guard and other Connecticut agencies in search and rescue as well as infrastructure surveillance operations.

This program is administered by the Connecticut Wing's Liaison Officer, Major Jack Shapiro.

MASSACHUSETTS WING TAKES NER COLOR GUARD CONTEST

By Capt. Ken Windyka

MASSACHUSETTS -- The Westover Composite Squadron team, representing Massachusetts Wing, took first place in the Northeast Region's color guard competition held May 29-30 at Westover Air Reserve Base, MA. The Team earned the honor of representing the Northeast region at the National Cadet Competition.

Color Guard Team cadet members are: Cadet Tech. Sgt. Joseph Goodreau (West Springfield, MA), Cadet Senior Airman Jillian O'Brien (Chicopee, MA), Cadet Airmen Ryan Miller (Granby, MA), Cadet Danny O'Connell (Granby, MA).

Senior adult advisers for



Color Guard Champions from Massachusetts pose with NER Commander Col. Christopher Hayden

the team are: Major Claire Belden (Springfield, MA), 1st Lt. Steven Edelman (West Springfield, MA), and 2nd Lt Jamie O'Connell (Granby, MA).

The champions competed against six other teams from throughout the Northeast.

Second place was awarded to Pennsylvania Wing; and third place went to New York Wing. Additional teams competing were from Connecticut, New Hampshire, New Jersey, and Rhode Island wings.

The competition consisted

of seven evaluation areas: uniform inspections, standard drill movements, indoor practical challenge ceremony, outdoor practical challenge ceremony (flag raising/lowering, folding), 1 1/2 mile timed run, group panel quiz, and written test.

PA GROUND TEAM FINDS MISSING MAN IN STATE PARK

By 1st Lt. James Bruck

PENNSYLVANIA – A 30-year-old man lost more than a day in Promised Land State Park was found in about 3½ hours on a rocky outcropping after cadets and senior members from eastern Pennsylvania launched a ground search.

Members were called out at 9 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 14, to help Department of Conservation and National Resources employees look for the man, who had been reported missing Thursday afternoon. The search began at 1 p.m. and ended at 4:30 with the discovery of the man, who appeared to have

fallen onto the cropping. He was dehydrated and showed signs of exposure.

The man was given first aid and water before being carried out of the woods, then taken to Wayne Memorial Hospital by the Promised Land ambulance.

The team that found him consisted of five members

from Wayne Composite Squadron 201 and three from Mount Pocono Cadet Squadron 207, as well as three from the state agency. In all, some 57 Pennsylvania members supported the search, including members of the Allentown Optimist, Bangor Slate Belt, Hazleton and Quakertown composite squadrons.

NH MEMBERS HELP SEARCH FOR MAN MISSING SINCE JUNE

By Senior Member Shannon Blain

NEW HAMPSHIRE – Civil Air Patrol members teamed up with the Investigative Center for Missing Children and Cold Cases over the Oct. 2-3 weekend to search dense woods and marsh- and swampland for the remains or personal effects of a man missing more than four months.

In addition to the New Hampshire Wing members, a 10-dog team from Connecticut



Majs. Paul Kelly (l) of Manchester Cadet Squadron and Cameron Thompson of Hawk Composite Squadron search marshland looking for evidence relating to Michael Brougham, reported missing in late June.

cut Canine Search and Rescue, divers and volunteers on horses and all-terrain vehicles participated in the extensive but unsuccessful search for Michael Brougham.

Brougham may have traveled from Belchertown, Mass., to Loudon, N.H. to attend a NASCAR race June 25. New Hampshire Fish and Game Department conduct-

ed the initial search in June.

The New Hampshire Wing members' search Saturday covered a densely wooded area not previously searched by the Fish and Game Department. The next day, in temperatures ranging from the high 30s to the low 60s, the team searched through marsh- and swampland. Because of the length of time involved, the weekend search was specifically targeted to human remains and personal effects.

NY UNIT SEES 2 CADETS JOIN 3RD AT AIR FORCE ACADEMY

By Capt. Edward Dodds

NEW YORK – This fall three cadets from New York Wing's Niagara Falls Composite Squadron 1 were attending the U.S. Air Force Academy at the same time – a first in the unit's history.

Cadet Capt. Matthew Buerger and Cadet Airman 1st Class Bradley Heberle reported to the academy in Colorado Springs as members of the class of 2014. They join former Niagara Falls Composite cadet Christopher



Bradley Heberle & Matthew Buerger

Ganczewski, who is in his third year at the academy.

Buerger served as cadet commander and is a graduate of the National Honor Guard Academy, Blue Beret, and Aviation Challenge National

Cadet Special Activities. A four-year member of CAP, he received the Air Force Association Squadron Cadet of the Year Award in 2009 and the Western New York Group Solo Flight Scholarship in 2008. Buerger is an Eagle Scout and was group vice commander (cadet major) in his high school's Air Force Junior ROTC program.

In addition to the leadership and aerospace education training he received in CAP, Heberle took on three Advance Placement courses as

well as college-level Spanish to help prepare him for the academy.

As captain of his high school swim team he was his league's breast stroke champion and brought the team to first place in the medley relay. He was the MVP for the second straight year.

Heberle, who finally received a presidential appointment to the academy April 1 after many weeks of anticipation, said the timing made for "the greatest April Fools' Day of my life – no joke."

CT ENCAMPMENT HOSTS 120 CADETS

By 1st Lt. Robert Johnson

CONNECTICUT -- Over 120 cadets participated in Connecticut Wing's annual basic training encampment in August at the Army National Guard's Camp Rell.

The encampment culminated in a drill competition and graduation ceremony. All week long, the cadets -- age 12 to 20, led by volunteer senior officers and a cadre of more advanced cadets -- participated in the challenges of basic training and search and rescue drills. They also had leadership training, firearms instruction, and aircraft orientation flights.

NJ MEMBER FLIES VICE PRESIDENT TO IRAQ



Capt. David Gaulin, a member of the Jack Schweiker Composite Squadron, Cherry Hill, NJ, had the honor of flying Vice President Joe Biden to and from Iraq at the end of August.

Captain Gaulin is a U.S. Air Force C-17 pilot with the 305th Air Mobility Wing at Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst.

Captain Gaulin and the vice president were photographed with a banner for Syracuse University, their alma mater

CADETS HIT THE SKIES IN NEW JERSEY'S FALCON FLIGHT PROGRAM

NEW JERSEY -- While many hit the beaches over the July 4th holiday weekend, 11 teens from New Jersey and Pennsylvania were at Berkeley, N.J.'s Robert J. Miller Airpark working on getting their wings.

The young men, ages 16 to 18, wrapped up a week of intensive flight training in New Jersey Wing's Falcon Flight program. Each cadet completed 30 hours of classroom instruction and spent nearly 12 hours in a Cessna cockpit with CAP pilots. Many of the cadets have an interest in military service or hope to be commercial pilots or engineers, said Capt. Mark S. Swanson, NJ Wing public affairs officer.

But what they all share is a fascination with flight. When the cadets fly for the first time, Swanson said, "most of them have this big grin on their faces, and they go 'I just love this'."



Instructors take their student pilots through pre-flight inspection in NJ's Falcon Flight program.

Photos / NJ Wing Public Affairs

NY MEMBERS HELP CHALLENGER CENTER'S LAUNCH

AE OFFICERS BRING DISPLAYS, SHUTTLE TILES TO OPEN HOUSE

New York Wing members helped the Challenger Learning Center at St. Bonaventure University in Olean launch its grand-opening gala and open house Sept. 16-18, which featured former astronaut Col. Pam Melroy, USAF Ret., of Rochester, NY.

Lt. Col. George Fillgrove, wing assistant aerospace education (AE) director; Capt. Richard Lauricella, wing external AE officer, and Capt. Carolynn Fillgrove, Western New York Group public affairs officer, all responded to a request to assist the center.

Lt. Col. Fillgrove offered technical assistance to staff and provided an assortment of CAP aerospace education materials and NASA memorabilia, which became part of two permanent display cases. CAP also provided a model rocketry handbook and AE Space Station theme package, which were used this past summer during the first public youth activities.

For the gala/open house, the Challenger Center promoted CAP's involvement in news releases and fliers, and later center officials repeatedly told Lt. Col. Fillgrove that "CAP support was crucial to the event's success."

Some 250 parents, youth, civic leaders and teachers attended the Saturday open house, where the CAP officers manned a display featuring an aerospace education exercise lesson plan demonstrating the difficulties astronauts face using tools in space. The display was assembled and tested by cadets



Lt. Col. George Fillgrove demonstrates how to fold and fly a CAP paper airplane for a mom and her daughters at the Challenger Learning Center grand opening.

of Jamestown Composite Squadron. Thanks to CAP National Headquarters, visitors received AE brochures and "more than 100 paper airplanes were distributed, folded and flown for youth," Fillgrove said.

Captain Lauricella's involvement was "especially important for the open

house," Fillgrove noted. "As a former Teacher in Space Candidate, he was the only source of Space Shuttle tiles for use by Gregory Cecil, a former NASA technician."

Cecil noted that each of the two tiles "was worth \$4,000 in their current damaged state," Lt. Col. Fillgrove said. One of the tiles "is from

the bottom centerline of a Shuttle, near the crew compartment."

At the fundraising gala on Sept. 16, the CAP officers joined 180 civic leaders, government officials and educators to hear Colonel Melroy talk of her experiences as a Shuttle pilot and mission commander.

CONN. SQUADRON CONDUCTS SAREX WITH FIRE DEPT.

By Maj. Ken Chapman

CONNECTICUT -- The New Fairfield Fire Department and the local Civil Air Patrol squadron (New Fairfield 801st Cadet Squadron) conducted a joint Emergency Services exercise near Squantz Pond State Park last June, simulating the search and rescue techniques used in the event of an aircraft crashing deep in the woods.

This was the first joint CAP-fire department exercise in New Fairfield and gave the two organizations an opportunity to coordinate operations.

The Search and Rescue Exercise (SAREX) began with the report of a distress signal emanating from a missing single-engine aircraft with three passengers. A Civil Air Patrol aircraft was launched from the Danbury Municipal Airport to pinpoint the location of the crash using technologies that allow for a sophisticated search and the ability to locate a distress signal from a downed airplane.

Once the aircrew had located the area of the simulated crash, a CAP Ground Team, using vehicle and handheld devices to track the distress

signal, was able to locate the crash site deep in the woods. Upon securing the area, the Ground Team notified the Fire Department, which dispatched a fire truck, an ambulance and a customized Gator (ATV) to perform a deep woods medical evacuation. When the fire department got on scene, they found the victims, who were portrayed by CAP cadets, each with a different simulated injury.

EMTs triaged and shuttled the patients through the woods, using the ATV, to an awaiting ambulance in less than 20 minutes.

FEMA CALLS ON REGION FOR HURRICANE SUPPORT

30 AIRCREWS, PLUS GROUND TEAMS, ACTIVATED

By Maj. James Ridley, Sr.

MAYNARD, MASS. - The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) called up the Northeast Region (NER) in August to assist in potential search and rescue (SAR) operations and damage assessment of the impending arrival of Hurricane Earl. NER placed all wings on alert and deployed Maj Paul Ghiron, its director of emergency services, to FEMA's Regional Response Coordination Center (RRCC) located in Maynard, MA as its liaison officer.

Major Ghiron helped coordinate all CAP activity needed in support of the on-going emergency services (E/S) operations that also included the U.S. Coast Guard, U.S. Army, FAA, Urban Search and Rescue and others. Ghiron arrived early

Thursday morning and after being briefed on the situation was tasked by FEMA with a majority of the air operations which included SAR and damage assessment over the islands of Martha's Vineyard, Nantucket and Cape Cod. At the time Hurricane Earl was projected as a category 4 hurricane whose path would take it directly over Nantucket Island.

Major Ghiron mobilized Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Maine, Vermont, Rhode Island, Connecticut and New York wings, and within hours over 30 aircraft and aircrews were prepared to answer the call. CAP was tasked with multiple assignments including pre-hurricane photographic assessment of local airports, search and rescue operations over any affected areas and post-photographic assess-

ment with CAP aircraft utilizing the ARCHER system, an advanced hyperspectral imaging (HSI) system using a panchromatic high-resolution imaging (HRI) camera. Ghiron assumed the role of Incident Commander for CAP until Maj. Mike Heath of Connecticut Wing could take over later Thursday evening.

CAP was also tasked with flying team leaders from the Urban Search and Rescue Team into projected disaster areas as part of the photo reconnaissance mission.

On Friday morning two aircraft from the New York based out of Rochester and Rome and two from Connecticut based out of Danbury reported to Westover Air Reserve Base where team leaders were waiting. Two aircraft from Rhode Island picked up other team lead-

ers in Providence and flew over the islands taking many photographs Friday morning. By this time the path of the hurricane took it out over the Atlantic Ocean and the storm was downgraded to a category 2 hurricane.

A disaster was averted but the Northeast Region of the Civil Air Patrol was ready.

"I am really proud of our personnel," said Major Ghiron. "This is where all our training and preparedness pays off. With less than 24 hours notice we had multiple wings, over 30 aircraft and crews as well as ground team personnel available and waiting for the call to serve." In all, CAP flew eleven sorties and was prepared to fly many more if required and demonstrated the capabilities CAP has to offer FEMA and other emergency service organizations when needed.

HANDS ACROSS THE BORDER: NH CADETS VISIT CANADIAN AIR EXPO

By Maj. Penny Hardy

Six New Hampshire Wing cadets and three senior members traveled to St. Hubert Airfield in Montreal, Quebec, May 28 to attend the Air Cadet League of Canada Air Expo. The Air Expo took place at National School Aero Technical in Montreal.

On Saturday the 29th, the cadets visited aviation-related displays. They also sat in the cockpit of a CF-18, HH-1 Helicopter and viewed fighter aircraft simulators, flew an orientation flight on a BAE J-31 Jetstream and toured an



New Hampshire Wing cadets and senior members pose with Canadian counterparts in front of CAP GA-8 airplane.

F-86 Saber and a Canadian P-3 Aurora. Maj Sam Herr put the NER GA-8 on static display. Over 1,100 Canadian Air Cadets participated in the expo. On Sunday all traveled to Canadian Forces Base,

St. Jean Garrison, St. Jean Richelieu for the 69th annual review of the Air Cadet League. Six Canadian cadet drill teams and four marching units competed at this event.

Attendees from NH Wing

were: Lt. Col. Bill Moran, Maj. Paul Kelly, Maj. Sam Herr and cadets Mike Wallace, Drew Scakett, Erik Vandenburg, Eric Daigle, Andrew Solomondies and Rebekah Martel.

MAINE WING ACTIVE IN ANNUAL SEAPLANE FLY-IN

Duties Include Pushing Planes, Ramp Control, Public Safety

By 1st Lt. Scott Knightly

Additional contribution: Lt. Col. Mike Pellerin

Photos by 2d Lt. Janet Paddock

MAINE -- For the 16th consecutive post-Labor Day weekend, Maine Wing offered its services to the International Seaplane Pilots Association (ISPA) and the attendees of its annual Seaplane Fly-in in Greenville, Sept. 10-12.

Over 25 senior members and cadets from five squadrons participated. This year in particular, CAP's services were especially needed, since the man most responsible for running the event for so many years, Telford M. Allen, Jr., had passed away in August. Sixteen years ago, Telford Allen (known as "T2" to his friends) first approached then-Waterville Squadron Commander Mike Pellerin to offer CAP the opportunity to assist in running his annual Greenville Seaplane Fly-in. Allen, founder of Telford Air Services, also did many favors for Maine Wing. With his passing, CAP's support for the event became much more important. As one ISPA officer noted, "We couldn't have done it without you."

The role of CAP included pushing planes up and down the ramp, maintaining ramp traffic control and ensuring public safety. Cadet Airman First Class Jonathan Tenney of 35th Squadron,



ABOVE: Big plane? No problem, CAP has a big team.

LEFT: Maj. Dale Fellows doing what he does best at this event.

back for his second year, noted that the Fly-in was the event he most looked forward to.

In recognition of the mutual support between Maine Wing and Telford Air Services, three seniors and a cadet officer attended T2's life celebration that Saturday night, plus Maine Wing established a new award in his honor. His

family members were presented the first annual "Telford M. Allen, Jr. Exceptional Support of Maine Wing, Civil Air Patrol Award."

After 16 years, Lt. Col. Pellerin decided his time to head Maine Wing's involvement in the event was to end, and passed the torch on to partner Lt. Col. Wayne Merritt and assistant Maj. Dale

HYATT IS NEW YORK'S YOUNGEST CADET OF YEAR

By Maj. Scott A Gardner

NEW YORK — At 16, Cadet Lt. Col. Stephanie Hyatt of the Batavia Composite Squadron became the youngest cadet ever to be recognized as New York Wing Cadet of the Year when she received the award at the wing's annual conference May 1 at Lake George.

Hyatt also won a four-year scholarship from the Lauer

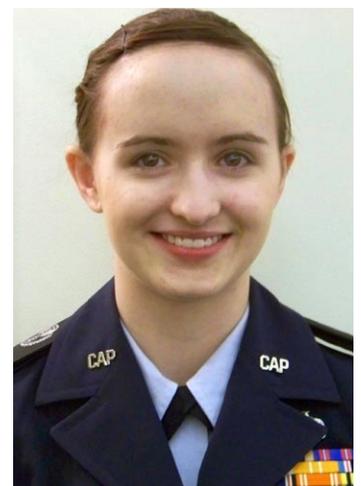
Trust, created to benefit Cadet of the Year recipients.

The wing's Finger Lakes Group nominated her earlier this year, and she was selected over candidates from the wing's other eight groups.

Hyatt is the Batavia's squadron's cadet commander, commander of the Finger Lakes Group Honor Guard, chairman of the New York Wing Cadet Advisory Council, recorder of the Northeast

Region Cadet Advisory Council and adviser to the Finger Lakes Group Cadet Advisory Council. She completed her home-schooled senior year, graduating early at age 16, and began attending Monroe Community College in the fall.

Her parents, Capt. Diana and 1st Lt. Jeffrey Hyatt, are the Batavia squadron's commander and deputy commander, respectively.



Stephanie Hyatt
NY Cadet of Year Award

NEW YORK WING BOOTH GARNERS 478 REFERRALS

Visitors Got to Fly All Sorts of Aircraft on Flight Simulators

By 1st Lt. Bob Stronach

NEW YORK -- How do you get the names of 478 prospects interested in joining the Civil Air Patrol in less than two weeks?

Set up a booth at the Great New York State Fair, reports 1st Lt. Matthew J. Mallory, commander of Central New York Group's Syracuse Cadet Squadron, which spearheaded the project.

The squadron designed and

set up the booth and staffed it for 12 days (Aug. 26-Sept. 6) with the help of more than 200 cadets and senior members from 14 units in New York Wing.

Mallory immediately shared the list of 478 prospective members with units closest to where they live.

Those staffing the booth "were in recruiting mode, talking to thousands of youth and adults about the Civil Air Patrol program and why they

love it so much," Mallory said.

Of course, the booth featured a few attractions.

Noted Mallory: "Visitors could try their hand at flying an ultra light, Cessna, helicopter, jet, UAV Predator, R/C planes and/or getting into a dog fight in a World War II plane," thanks to three computer flight simulators.

"The booth also showcased the New York Wing Emergency Mobile Communica-

tions Unit with tow-behind generator, two large model rockets from the Central New York Model Rocketry Challenge, a full-size R/C plane that was positioned to hang over the R/C simulator, a video of this year's New York Wing encampment, and many pictures, magazines and brochures."

He added: "The booth was such an exciting success that we're already planning a more elaborate setup next year."

NY ENCAMPMENT SEES EXPANSION IN ACTIVITIES AND CADETS

By Maj. James Ridley, Sr.

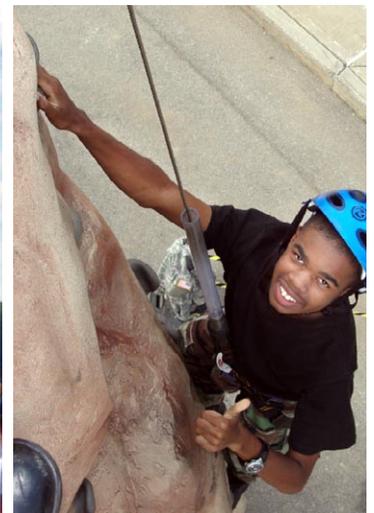
NEW YORK – The largest group of in-flight cadets in recent memory graduated from the New York Wing Encampment on Saturday, Aug. 7, at Stratton Air National Guard Base in Scotia, after a week filled with challenges and new experiences.

The encampment staff, under the leadership of second-year encampment commander Maj. Benjamin Nodar, increased the number of cadets attending the encampment and added some new activities such as the static display of an Army National Guard Blackhawk helicopter which flew in during the week and landed on the parade field so that each cadet could get an up-close view with a backbone of the U.S. Army aerial fleet.

The encampment also included rides in Air National Guard C-130 aircraft and climbing a mobile rock wall courtesy of the U.S. Army.



Cadets march in formation, with a C-130 in the background, and a cadet enjoys climbing a rock wall.



The encampment was managed by 50 cadet staff officers and non-commissioned officers who were mentored by senior members from all over the New York Wing. After bidding the in-flight cadets goodbye and cleaning up the base, the staff sat down for a well deserved dinner in the company of their new wing commander, Col. Jack Ozer, who announced that Major Nodar would return for a third year as the encampment commander in 2011.



A U.S. Army helicopter flies in to the encampment.

PA MEMBERS HELP VA MEDICAL CENTER CAR SHOW

Squadron Posts Colors, Prepares Food, Assists with Patients

By Bea Gernert

PENNSYLVANIA -- Lebanon Squadron 307 helped make a successful classic car show on Oct. 10 at the Lebanon VA Medical Center.

With over 160 vehicles, the show featured old Mack trucks, World War II vehicles, antique fire engine, motorcycles, and cars from the early 1900's. Show Proceeds help fund such activities as special dinners, trips, and comfort items for veterans.

Cadets and senior members helped with food preparation and helped get the wheelchair patients from one end of the facility to the other. Then they helped serve the meals and bring the patients outside to enjoy the car show, and finally back to their rooms.

The Squadron also posted colors for the show and did anything the staff and organizers asked them to do. After the show, they gathered chairs and tables and took them inside the hospital.

Organizers praised the professionalism of the cadets and senior members, and noted how they were really appreciated by the veterans who enjoyed their company and assistance.



With some 160 vehicles, the VA Medical Center car show boasted everything from World War II jeeps to this star-spangled classic. Photo by George Youngs Jr.



Lebanon Squadron members helped the VA Medical Center prepare food for patients enjoying the car show, and the squadron color guard posted the colors for the show. Photos by Capt. Wilson Wilson Ballester.

15 GRADUATE FROM REGION STAFF COLLEGE

By Maj. James Ridley, Sr.

McGUIRE AFB, NJ – For one week in July, fifteen CAP officers, all but three from Northeast Region, descended upon McGuire Air Force Base and completed the annual Region Staff College (RSC). It is designed to prepare selected mid-career CAP senior member for positions of leadership at squadron level and to be staff officers at group, wing and region levels.

Students were divided into

two groups called 'seminars' and spent the week working together and in some cases against one another on projects. CAP officers and trained U.S. Air Force NCOs instructed on subjects such as human relations, team dynamics, leadership, written communications, management and organizational principals, among other topics.

Students and staff had time for some socialization; mid-week the school held a barbecue, and towards the end

of the college, students, staff and honored guests (past RSC graduates, region personnel and Air Force instructors) got together for an official Dining-In complete with all the ceremony and, of course, the grog bowl, an Air Force and RSC tradition.

On Saturday NER Commander Col. Christopher Hayden joined the RSC staff and its commander, Lt. Col. Dennis Bannon, at the graduation ceremony. One student, Capt. Mark Kukucka from

Maryland Wing, was named by fellow students as the Lamplighter recipient or the class's outstanding student.

In addition to Kukucka, the students were: Maj. Robert Frost, Maj. Robert Flynn, Capt. Virginia Ryan, Capt. Ed Miraglia, Capt. Joyce Gaddis, Maj. James Ridley, Maj. Lou Fenech Jr., Capt. Ben Emerick, Capt. Ismael Lugo Jr., Maj. Richard Johns, Capt. Ed Jones, Maj. Maurice Connor, Maj. Wayne Merritt and Maj. James Dandeneau.