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The Northeast Region Mission Aircrew School attracted a lineup of aircraft. Sixteen students were able to qualify in one or more aircrew roles -- mission pilot, mission observer, mission scanner, and aerial photographer. PAGES 8-9. Photo/Maj. Robert Ellwood.

NER FORMS REGIONAL COORDINATION CENTER

NEW YORK, NEW HAMPSHIRE SELECTED AS DISASTER RESPONSE SITES

By Capt. Bob Stronach

The Northeast Region is preparing for the next major disaster with the development of a Region Coordination Center (RCC) to coordinate customer tasks that cross multi-wing boundaries.

Two locations were selected to host the NER RCC: New York Wing Headquarters at Westchester County Airport in White Plains and New Hampshire Wing Headquarters at the Municipal Airport in Concord, NH (which served as the NER command center for the Super Storm Sandy response).

Noting that large scale disasters require prolonged disaster relief operations involving multiple wings and regions, NY Wing Commander Col. Steven Perta said: "Lessons learned from Hurricane Katrina and Deep Water Horizon missions indicated that a centralized command concept worked best in assimilating mission tasking and coordinating resource deployment. This has led the Northeast Region to develop the RCC concept, whereby Incident Management Teams (IMT) would staff and operate the center on shifts."

Region Commander Col. Dan Leclair assigned Region Director of Operations Col. Dave Braun with the task of developing an operations plan to identify the organization, staffing and facility requirements for the coordination center. This



An Area Coordination Center was up and operational by at Concord, NH as Hurricane Sandy was still pummeling the Northeast seaboard in 2012.

center when activated will assign tasks and move assets as needed between individual Wings as well as draw assets from other CAP Regions as necessary to meet the needs of customers and mission management.

Under the plan, each wing in the Northeast Region is charged with developing an IMT consisting of mission base personnel who can be called upon to staff and operate the RCC on a rotating basis. These teams will be ready to deploy within 24 hours notice and for a period of up to seven days once alerted. Wings that do not have enough mission base personnel to form their own IMT can join with another wing to form a combined team.

Colonel Braun noted that NER plans to conduct Region-wide CAP-RCC training events each year to

be ready to meet future disaster tasking. Specific areas of training will focus on:

- Training Core IMT to operate using the techniques and procedures in the RCC operations plan.
- Training Wing IMTs to operate in a centralized command and control environment during large multi-wing missions.
- Training a cadre of Finance Section Leaders to effectively track expenses against an array of accounting classifications.

The two wings selected to host the RCC sites – New York and New Hampshire -- will raise a "core team" (Core IMT) that will respond for the first few operational periods. During that period the Core IMT Planning Section will determine a need for augmented support from other wings. Other wings will

raise a relief IMT for deployment.

A Tabletop Exercise (TTX) was conducted in 2014 at New York Wing Headquarters "with the purpose of defining the techniques and procedures to make the Region Coordination Center operational," Perta noted. "Participants from Northeast Region staff, and New York, New Jersey, Maine and New Hampshire wings toured facilities and reviewed and discussed the draft operations plan." A similar exercise was planned for the NH Wing site.

"New York Wing is in the process of adding additional technology at its Headquarters facility in preparation to serve as a Regional Coordination Center when tasked," he added. The next phase of the RCC concept will be tested at each selected location.

WELCOME FROM NORTHEAST REGION COMMANDER

Commander's Message by Col. Dan Leclair

Last year Arlington National Cemetery marked the 150th anniversary of its first burial and I had the honor of being a part of the Wreaths Across America program that placed a wreath at every marker there. There was a Pennsylvania connection that day and I would like to tell the story of the first soldier buried at Arlington.

Before the Civil War, the property overlooking the Potomac River, called the Custis-Lee Mansion or Arlington House, was the home of the Robert E. Lee family. Lee was at Arlington when he received word that Virginia had seceded from the Union, April 1861. On April 20, Lee submitted his resignation from the Union Army, left Arlington, and ultimately rose to command the Confederate Army.

For Arlington House, whether Lee stayed with the Union or went with Virginia



Col. Dan Leclair

didn't really matter because the property was so strategically important. The property included high ground and dominated two bridges into the district. If Confederate forces placed artillery units on the heights, they would have had everything from the White House to the Capitol and more in range.

In one of the first move-

ments of the Civil War, Union forces occupied Arlington and built two forts on the heights as defenses for Washington. Lee's family lost the land for failure to pay tax on the land. Mary Lee had attempted to pay the tax -- a total of \$92.07. She did not appear personally because she was wheelchair bound. Her agent tried to pay but was not recognized by the federal government and therefore the payment was refused and the property came into ownership of the US Government.

The first military burial at Arlington was Pvt. William Henry Christman on May 13, 1864. The 67th Pennsylvania Infantry soldier from Lehigh Valley east of Gettysburg was buried north of Arlington House. Last December I had the honor to be a part of placing a wreath at Private Christman's grave as the final wreath to be placed

at Arlington. Thousands of Americans journeyed to Arlington to place wreaths on the graves of Union and Confederate soldiers buried there and to honor our veterans from all wars.

Today, we come to historic Gettysburg, Pennsylvania and to the joint Pennsylvania Wing / Northeast Region Conference. It was President Dwight D. Eisenhower who said, "History is far more than the excitement of battle, the flags and guns and desperate assaults." "In a place like Gettysburg, the visitor, the native for that matter, may easily become absorbed in the three days of conflict, forgetting that history was also made here in quiet lives, on farm and village street, through a century before the battle, through a century after it." Please enjoy your visit to Gettysburg area and to the Pennsylvania Wing / Northeast Region Conference.

MAINE WING HAS NEW LEADER

By Capt. Mark Hyland

OLD TOWN, MAINE -- Col. James Jordan is the new commander of Maine Wing.

The change of command ceremony took place on Saturday, March 22, at Old Town Municipal Airport during a monthly training mission (with the wind chill outside at 20 degrees below zero). Region Commander Col. Daniel Leclair officiated.

Colonel Jordan, who joined the Civil Air Patrol in January 1995, is a mission pilot with more than 3000 pilot hours.

He was commander of Bangor's 35th Composite Squadron for 10 years and most recently served as the deputy wing commander.

In his spare time, Colonel Jordan likes to fly, with his wife Coral, in his Cessna Skyhawk that he has owned since 1982. He also volunteers as a Patient Air Lift Services (PALS) pilot, and is a member of both the Aircraft Owners and Pilots Association (AOPA) and Experimental Aircraft Association (EAA).



Colonel Jordan receives new shoulder boards from wife Coral and Colonel Leclair. Photo by Lt. Mary Ellen Martel.

THE NORTHEAST REGION'S FINEST REGION COMMANDER ANNOUNCES ANNUAL AWARDS

Northeast Region Commander Col. Dan Leclair announced the top performers throughout the nine-wing region. The awards and recipients are:

1. Aerospace Education Officer of the Year: Capt Mark Vaccarello – MA043, Hanscom Composite Squadron.
2. Chaplain of the Year: Lt Col Lynn Walker – NY015, New York City Group.
3. Senior Chaplain of the Year: Lt Col Adma Ross – CT001, Connecticut Wing.
4. Character Development Officer of the Year: Maj Wendy Mullane – MA007, Goddard Composite Squadron.
5. Cadet of the Year: C/Lt Col Meghan Duell – NY001, New York Wing.
6. Cadet NCO of the Year: C/CMSgt Taylor Crisci – NY238, Col Johnie Pantanelli Composite Squadron.
7. Cadet Programs Officer of the Year: Capt April Krason – CT071, Royal Charter Composite Squadron
8. Logistics Officer of the Year: Lt Jeffrey Jenkins – CT042, 399th Composite Squadron.
9. Legislative Officer of the Year: Lt Col Dan Brooks – CT001, Connecticut Wing.
10. Safety Officer of the Year: Maj Kristian Bearscove – ME001, Maine Wing.
11. Public Affairs Officer of the Year: 2Lt Rusana Kasriel – PA296, Lehigh Valley Composite Squadron.
12. Communications Officer of the Year: Lt Col William Shafer – NY135, Syracuse Composite Squadron.
13. Historian of the Year: 2Lt Maryellen Martel – ME038, 38th Composite Squadron.
14. Counter Drug Officer of the Year: Lt Col Paul Falavolito – PA001, Pennsylvania Wing.
15. Senior Member of the Year: Lt Col William Hughes – NY001, New York Wing.
16. Professional Development Officer of the Year: Capt Steven Lauzon – MA007, Goddard Composite Squadron.
17. Drug Demand Reduction Officer of the Year: Maj Steve Furda – NJ067, Bayshore Composite Squadron.
18. AFA Aerospace Cadet of the Year: C/CMSgt Joseph Waldron – CT042, 399th Composite Squadron.
19. IC Staff Officer of the Year: Maj Kevin Barstow – NJ001, New Jersey Wing.
20. Aerospace Teacher of the Year: SM Kathy Francis – NJ096, Pineland Composite Squadron.
21. Wing Director of FM: Col Cassandra Huchko – CT001, Connecticut Wing.
22. Inspector General of the Year: Lt Col Wayne Toughill – PA001, Pennsylvania Wing.
23. Brewer Award Category 1: C/Capt Kevin Jenkins - CT801
24. Brewer Award Category 2: 2Lt Brian Waldron – CT042.
25. Brewer Award Category 3: Maine Air National Guard
26. Brewer Award Category 4: Lt Col Stanley Troyano – NJ092



Cadet of the Year C/Lt. Col. Meghan Duell, NY Wing. Photo by Maj. Robert Ellwood.

27. Squadron of Distinction: NY442, Lt Anthony Willsea Cadet Squadron.
28. Cadet Programs Mission Award: Connecticut Wing.
29. Search-and-Rescue Award – New York Wing.
30. DR Award – New Hampshire Wing.
31. HLS/CD Award – New York Wing.
32. AF North Commander's Award – Connecticut Wing.
33. Paul W. Turner Safety Award – Maine Wing.
34. DDR Wing of the Year – New York Wing.
35. Ground Team of the Year – New York Wing.



Cadet NCO of the Year C/CMSgt Taylor Crisci, NY Wing. Photo by Maj. Robert Ellwood.

MAINE WING EXERCISES SEARCH-AND-RESCUE CAPABILITIES

AIR AND GROUND TEAMS SEARCH FOR PLANE THAT CRASHED IN 1970S

By Capt. Mark Hyland

TRENTON, Maine – Maine Wing members enjoyed rare good weather on Saturday, April 18, for a Bar Harbor search-and-rescue training exercise. The Wing devoted five airplanes, a number of sorties, and a ground team to search for a plane that crashed in the 1970's in Acadia National Park.

“The training exercise sharpened members’ search-and-rescue skills in a mock exercise with a real crashed airplane as a target,” said Maj. Stephen Vorpapel, incident commander. Air and ground teams had to communicate and coordinate their efforts to find the well-hidden wreckage. The plane was actually found a number of years ago and will be removed by the Park Service this coming year.

Additional sorties were flown to take aerial photography of a new campground for emergency management purposes and to train new mission pilots.

The Hancock County/Bar Harbor Airport was the



Capt. Michael Mitchell and Capt. Bryant Kuby plan a search.

BELOW: Capt. Jay Pusey and Capt. Cristal LaPrade coordinated finances and logistics.

Photos by 2nd Lt. Mary Ellen Martel.

center of operations for the search. More than 30 Maine Wing members participated and coordinated with Hancock County Emergency Management Agency. Members and aircraft from squadrons in Portland, Lewiston, Augusta, Bangor and Bar Harbor participated.



NY'S PERTA: ACHIEVE MISSION SUCCESS THROUGH MEMBER SUCCESS

New York Wing Commander Col. Steven Perta points to members for the wing's future success.

“Achieving mission success through member success” is “our theme for the coming year,” he told over 200 officers and cadets at the New York

Wing Conference, held May 2 at the Fort William Henry Hotel and Conference Center in Lake George.

He pointed to active involvement as essential to both member and mission success, encouraging unit leaders to immediately en-

gage new members in activities, training exercises and professional development. He challenged each group to hold one professional development event each quarter.

It's all about “helping members succeed,” he said.



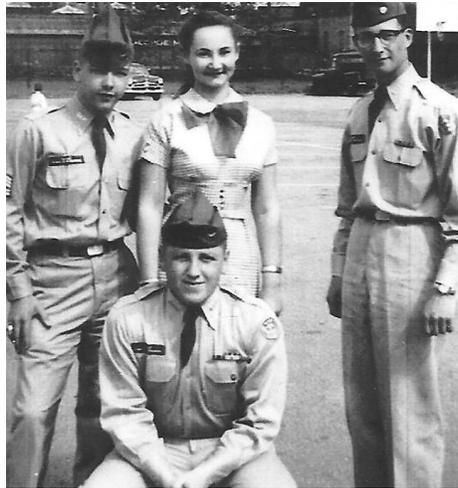
FROM 1950S CADET TO 2015 STAFF OFFICER OF YEAR

By Lt Col. Keith E. Raymond

For over 60 years Lt. Col. Christopher Camuso has been serving in Massachusetts Wing. Starting as a cadet in the Boston Squadron, he currently is assigned to Massachusetts Wing Headquarters.

During the 2015 Wing Conference, Lt. Col. Camuso (left in far right photo) was recognized for his outstanding work and awarded the 2015 Staff Officer of the Year. The plaque was presented by the Wing Commander Col. Everett Hume.

C/Sgt Camuso (center kneeling) can be seen in the photo from the 1950s.



FATHER AND SON GARNER TOP CONN. WING AWARDS

EAST GRANBY, Conn. - Cadet Col. Adam Hocutt, of East Windsor, was honored with the highest award in the Civil Air Patrol cadet program on Saturday, October 18 – the General Carl A. Spaatz Award. He was also recognized as Connecticut Wing's Cadet of the Year. At the same time, his father, 1st Lt. Ronald Hocutt received the Connecticut Wing Aerospace Education Officer of the Year Award.

"C/Col. Hocutt is a dedicated cadet, mentor, and role model for cadets," said Squadron Commander Maj. David Stansfield. "It has been a pleasure to watch him grow into an outstanding leader and role model."

The Spaatz Award is the most difficult honor to earn in the cadet program, with only about five in one thousand cadets (one half of one percent) achieving the award.

Hocutt served as deputy cadet commander at the 2013 Connecticut Wing Summer Encampment, and cadet commander at 2014 Encampment.



Cadet Col. Adam Hocutt (left) received the General Carl A. Spaatz Award, the highest award in the Civil Air Patrol cadet program, and the Connecticut Wing Cadet of the Year Award. His father, 1st Lt. Ronald Hocutt, received the Connecticut Wing Aerospace Officer of the Year Award Photo by Capt. Jennifer Lichlyter.

C/Col. Hocutt is enrolled in the honors program at Central Connecticut State University, majoring in Business. "Civil Air Patrol has provided him with opportu-

nities for leadership that no other teenager outside of this organization could possibly get," said Lt. Hocutt. "All the fantastic one-of-a-kind activities such as National

our squadron's cadet aerospace education program," said Stansfield. "He brings excitement and hands on activities to aerospace education."

Blue Beret and glider orientation flights have given him the confidence to go out into the world well prepared."

Lt. Hocutt has served as the Aerospace Education Officer for Squadron 103 in East Granby for the over two years, and was instrumental in the acquisition of two STEM Education Grants to help fund cadet rocketry and remote-controlled aircraft programs.

"Lt. Hocutt has made dramatic impact on

NER MISSION AIRCREW SCHOOL A SUCCESS

16 QUALIFY AS PILOTS, OBSERVERS, SCANNERS, PHOTOGRAPHERS

Northeast Region recently conducted a Mission Aircrew School (MAS) to train and qualify Mission Pilots (MP), Mission Observers (MO), Mission Scanners (MS) and Aerial Photographers (AP).

Sixteen students completed the school, which ran from April 25 through May 2 at Joint Base Maguire-Dix-Lakehurst and Ocean County Airport/Miller Airpark (which serves the Toms River, NJ area).

Another MAS is scheduled in the north at Westover Air Reserve Base, Chicopee, MA from Aug. 15 to 22.

“The course followed the guidelines of the National MAS, but by being conducted locally, it reduced travel time and expenses,” Activity Director Lt. Col. Ron Volungus said. As a result, he said, 6 mission scanners, 4 mission observers, 8 aerial photographers, and 3 mission pilots “were qualified.” (Five qualified as both mission scanner and aerial photographer.) The other three pilots “completed all requirements with the exception of their Form 91.” Plus, two of the pilots were able to qualify as mission check pilots. They also trained six Joint Base staffers to provide support roles as mission staff assistants (MSAs).

The intense weeklong school employs the core of the “Mission Aircrew Text from National Emergency Services Academy,” noted MAS Commandant Lt. Col. John Roscoe. “The curriculum is tried and true. It puts out an aircrew that is ready to perform any mission that CAP demands.”

He added: “One of the goals of NESAs is Standard Operating Procedures (SOP). Another is for the graduates to go back to their home units and teach the aircrew to the national standard. NER MAS has the same goals. A NER MAS graduate can go anywhere in the U.S. and fit right in to any situation.”

Other key personnel included Maj. Robert Ellwood, operations director, and Lt. Col. Judith Hewett, administrative of-



Photography students became familiar with the Nikon equipment used to take aerial photos and upload them to a CAP database. Photo by 2nd Lt. Sunil Kanojia.

ficer. The graduates are:

MP	Maj	Robert Aceves, NER-NY-251
MS	Maj	Ronald Ascher, Jr., NER-VT-034
MS/AP	C/SMSgt	Herman Bayter, NER-NY-147
MS/AP	2d Lt	Maggie Clauss, NER-PA-201
MS/AP	Maj	Daniel Edgar, NER-PA-003
MP	2d Lt	Elias Herbert, NER-PA-146
MO	Capt	Jenny Gracia, NER-NY-015
AP	SM	Micheal Heuss, MER-MD-085
MS/AP	2d Lt	Sunil Kanojia, NER-PA-080
MP	SM	Richard Kornutik, NER-CT-042
MP	SM	Laramie Raymond, NER-CT-071
MP	SM	Joseph Manor, NER-NY-207
MS/AP	Capt	Miguel Moreno, NER-NY-328
AP	1st Lt	Robert Salica, NER-NY-415
MO	Capt	Ivan Sears, NER-PA-045
MP	1st Lt	James Whitesell, NER-CT-071



FROM LEFT: AP 1st Lt. Robert Salica, MS/AP 2d Lt Maggie Clauss, AP Instructor Maj. Robert Ellwood. Photos by 2nd Lt. Sunil Kanojia.



Mission Scanner trainees line up to receive their wings. Photo by Maj. Robert Ellwood.



Lt. Colonels Ron Volungus and John Roscoe present wings and certificate to newly qualified Mission Scanner and Aerial Photographer 2nd Lt. Maggie Clauss. Photo by Maj. Robert Ellwood.



The aircrew school featured both classroom (left) and in-flight components, including sorties over the coastline. The student aerial photographers captured images of the coast (above) and various landmarks. Photos by 2nd Lt. Sunil Kanojia.

PENNSYLVANIA CADET PRESENTS COIN TO GENERAL AIR FORCE CHIEF OF STAFF RETURNS THE FAVOR

PHILADELPHIA — It isn't every day that an eighth-grader meets a four-star general who also happens to be a member of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, the Delaware County Daily Times reported.

Last September, Civil Air Patrol cadet Evan Zanolli, a Newtown Square resident and a student at Episcopal Academy, met Gen. Mark A. Welsh III, chief of staff of the U.S. Air Force and a member of the Joint Chiefs of Staff who was honored during a luncheon at the Union League to celebrate the 67th birthday of the Air Force.

Zanolli, a cadet senior airman with Chester County



Cadet Evan Zanolli with Gen. Mark A. Welsh III.

Composite Squadron 1008, was asked by Pennsylvania Wing Commander Col.

Sandra Brandon to present a special Coin of Excellence to Welsh on behalf of her and

of all the CAP squadrons in the state.

And Welsh surprised Zanolli with the Chief of Staff Coin of Excellence in return.

Last summer, Zanolli was one of 200 rising eighth-graders in the country to be selected to attend the prestigious STEM camp at the U.S. Naval Academy.

He was also awarded a full scholarship to the National Flight Academy at Naval Air Station Pensacola in Florida. He also attended Air Camp at Wright Patterson Air Force Base in Dayton, Ohio.

Zanolli would like to attend the Air Force Academy or the Naval Academy.

NY GROUND TEAM TRACKS DISTRESS BEACON TO UPS AN ACTIVATED ELT WAS BEING SHIPPED TO AIRPORT

By Capt. Bob Stronach

SYRACUSE -- A UPS facility in Syracuse got a surprise evening visit last fall from a Civil Air Patrol search-and-rescue team. The team was looking for an emergency locator beacon (ELT) that the U.S. Air Force Rescue Coordination Center (AFRCC) was tracking after receiving multiple reports from pilots and air traffic control.

The distress beacon, like an airbag, is activated automatically when a plane goes down.

The reports of the distress signal were in the vicinity of the Syracuse International Airport. An aircrew from Syracuse was launched to help pinpoint the signal. With

guidance from the aircrew above, a ground team lead by Maj. Earl Holdren ended up at a UPS facility.

"Once in the UPS facility it was like looking for a candle in a house of mirrors with metal trailers, walls, machinery and a high level of activity," Major Holdren said "There were 109 semi-trailer bays alone where trucks were loading or unloading not to mention the fleet of local delivery truck."

The beacon was traced to a UPS trailer that was headed for Oneonta, NY. As the trailer was due to depart shortly and as it was nearly full, it was deemed impractical to offload the truck and locate the exact package.

With the help of UPS management, the exact times, route and destination information about the trailer were obtained and relayed back to the Air Force Rescue Coordination Center at Tyndall Air Force Base in Florida.

UPS management forwarded the information about the ELT to the Oneonta facility. The following day a UPS driver made a delivery to a customer at the Sidney Airport. "The local delivery driver told the customer about the ELT signal that had been traced to the Syracuse facility and asked if he could please open the package," Holdren said. "Upon opening the package, it was found to contain an ELT and it was

turned ON." It was deactivated and the driver reported the find to management, he said.

"The ELT had been shipped from a company that apparently makes ELT batteries, according to the UPS manager. He said that UPS corporate would likely follow-up with them about proper shipping of an ELT so as to avoid future disruptions. While he found the whole thing very interesting, it did create a distraction that they would rather not repeat."

In addition to Holdren, the ground team included First Lt. Mark Swing and Cadet Capt. Brian Williams. The air crew consisted of Lt. Col. Dean Anderson, Lt. Col. Tom Carello, and Maj. Shawn Herrmann.

NY SQUADRON HAS TRADITION OF VISITING WASHINGTON, D.C. CADETS GAIN ‘GREAT APPRECIATION FOR UNITED STATES OF AMERICA’

New York Wing’s Rochester Composite Squadron now has a tradition of visiting the nation’s capital each year. And to the commander and the cadets that get to go, it’s one of the most significant experiences of their Civil Air Patrol careers.

“This trip is so very important,” noted Maj. (Dr.) Laurie A. Rocco, squadron commander.

It’s knowing that “I have helped raise great future American citizens who now have a great appreciation for the United States of America. I guess you could say that this crosses off many items on my bucket list, and I am so very proud to be a member of this great organization!”

“One of the cadets stated on the trip back home that he felt like he got to experience things that most Americans never will. That is success in my book.”

Ten cadets got to go on the Washington, D.C. trip last August. They visited the Korean War and World War II monuments (including greeting and shaking the hands of Honor Flight WWII veterans), the Smithsonian National Museum of American History, the Udvar-Hazy Air and Space Museum (where retired Air Force pilot Col. Joe Kinego, who flew the SR-71 spy plane, became their personal guide), the Washington Monument, the Lincoln Memorial, George Washington’s Mount



NY Wing cadets are briefed by Tomb of the Unknowns guard prior to laying a wreath.

Vernon home (lunching on the front lawn), Arlington National Cemetery and the Tomb of the Unknowns (where four of the cadets got to place a wreath, escorted by one of the Tomb’s guards).

“This was one of the most humbling experiences,” said C/CMSgt David Madigan, one of those placing the wreath. “Seeing the precision and dedication of the tomb guards gave a feeling of humility beyond words, and it was by far my favorite stop on the entire trip.”

He added: “I highly recommend that every squadron visit Washington, D.C., to get an idea of what Civil Air Patrol

represents.”

Squadron members who made the trip were:

- Capozzi, Josiah C/A1c
- Fargo, Noah C/MSgt
- Graham, Nicholas C/SSgt
- Heroux, Francis C/Smsgt
- Johnson, Devonte C/SrA
- Knapp, Sierra C/A1c
- Madigan, David C/SMSgt
- Mcmaster, Julia C/1Lt
- Nickelson, Ryan C/SrA
- Zappia, Peter C/A1c
- Rocco, Laurie Major
- Gleason, Jeffrey Capt.



Rochester Composite Squadron cadets visit Arlington National Cemetery.

LEGISLATOR JOINS CONNECTICUT WING SORTIE

AIRCREW AIDS BOATER IN DISTRESS OVER LONG ISLAND SOUND

By Maj. Peter Milano

While conducting a patrol flight over Long Island Sound in July, a Connecticut Wing aircrew in a Cessna 182 located and aided a boater in distress.

The aircrew included State Rep. Janice R. Giegler, a major in the CAP Legislative Squadron, and pilot-in-command Lt. Col. Sandy Sanderson of the 399th Danbury Squadron.

“Earlier in the flight, we saw very little activity on the water; hardly any sailboats at all, a few powerboats and those appeared mostly to be fishing, a couple of small tankers swinging on their hooks, and the Port Jefferson and Orient Point ferryboats operating as normal,” Lt. Col. Sanderson said.

As evening approached, the flight turned west to return to Danbury Municipal Airport. Just then, the crew heard a “weak and garbled transmis-



State Rep. Janice Giegler with Lt. Col. Sandy Sanderson. Photo by Maj. Peter Milano.

sion” from a vessel in distress. Sanderson relayed the message that a vessel was dead in the water and requesting Coast Guard assistance and

then proceeded to the disabled craft’s reported position.

The aircrew located the vessel near the south end of the Connecticut River and

provided its location to the Coast Guard.

“The boat captain was sort of excited as he was drifting near a rocky jetty and had his wife and two children on board. We got him calmed down and the Coast Guard squared him away about getting help,” said Lt. Col. Sanderson. The CAP aircrew remained in orbit over the disabled boat until a helper vessel arrived on the scene.

Sanderson said Giegler serving as the spotter. “She kept the vessel in sight and kept me well informed on what was happening,

including the arrival of the helper vessel.”

Connecticut Wing conducts aerial safety patrols over Long Island Sound on weekends during the summer months in support of the U.S. Coast Guard.

GENERAL PRESENTS SPAATZ AWARD TO MASS. CADET

By Lt. Col. Keith E. Raymond

Cadet Col. Kenny Le of the Goddard Cadet Squadron has been awarded the Gen. Carl A. Spaatz Award, Civil Air Patrol’s top cadet achievement.

Le received his Spaatz certificate last August from Maj. Gen. L. Scott Rice, adjutant general for the Massachusetts National Guard, during a ceremony at the National Guard’s Joint Force Headquarters.

A CAP member since Au-

gust 2009, Le was honored as the 2013 Massachusetts Wing Cadet of the Year. He served as his squadron’s cadet commander for 18 months while he was a full-time college student and a member of Army ROTC.

At the wing level, under his guidance the Goddard squadron won aerospace, public speaking and safety awards at the 2012 and 2013 wing conferences. He served as cadet commander of the 2014 Massachusetts Wing Encampment.



Cadet Col. Kenny Le received his Gen. Carl A. Spaatz Award certificate last August from Maj. Gen. L. Scott Rice, Massachusetts National Guard adjutant general. Photo by Sgt. 1st Class Jerry Saslav, Massachusetts National Guard.

NH WING HOLDS CADET FLIGHT COMPETITION

2 TEAMS OF CADETS TAKE TURNS AS PILOTS AND NAVIGATORS



Cadets Brennan VanAken, Zach Marcoux, RJ Burnham, and Todd Hearn. Photo/Lt. Col. Hank Dahlquist.

By Lt. Col. Hank Dahlquist

New Hampshire Wing held a Cadet Flight Competition last August, designed to teach cadets the basics of pilotage. That means navigating the aircraft precisely without electronic aids; in other words, by reading a map.

Aircrews consisted of two cadets, serving as a pilot and a navigator, along with an experienced mission pilot. Each crew flew two 45 minute routes. Each cadet flew

one route as the pilot and one route as the navigator. Each route consisted of five check turn points.

The cadets scored points on how close they could come to each check point. If they found the point and flew directly over it they scored 10 points. If they found the point but did not fly directly over it they scored 5 points. If they did not find the point they scored zero. Additionally the cadets had 45 minutes to complete the

route. If they were able to complete the route within 30 seconds of schedule they received 20 points. If they completed within one minute of schedule, they scored 10 points. If they completed within two minutes of schedule, they received 5 points. More than two minutes of schedule, they received zero points.

Two teams from New Hampshire Wing were able to compete. They included Cadets Zack Marcoux and

Brennan Van Aken from the Seacoast Composite Squadron and Cadets Richard Burnham and Todd Hearn from the Highlanders Cadet Squadron.

Both teams did extremely well, with each scoring 115 of a possible 140 points. Seacoast scored 55 points on Route #1 and 60 points on Route #2. Highlanders scored 50 points on route #1 and came from behind to score 65 points on Route #2 to tie the competition.

The following is a narrative on how the Highlanders crew trained and flew the competition.

Cadets Todd Hearn and Richard Burnham represented the Highlanders (NH-037 of Rochester, NH) during the cadet aerial navigation competition on Saturday, August 16, at Concord Airport, NH. The cadets were required to plot, plan, and fly two designated routes. They earned points by staying on course, identifying and flying over five checkpoints, and timing the flight so the route was accomplished in 45 minutes. This was done in two flights with the front seat cadet keeping the airplane on speed and course and the rear seat cadet navigating. They swapped seats for the second flight/second route. Cadets Hearn and Burnham prepared by studying how to read sectional charts, plotting latitude/longitude points, determining true/magnetic courses, ground speed, and compensating for wind. The cadets were provided with a C-182 and a mission pilot to fly practice routes. Not allowed to use electronic navigation, they flew a speed and

heading and monitored the visual reference points with eyes out the window, fingers on the sectional chart, and monitoring the time. During the first sortie, Cadet Hearn was in the pilot seat responsible for keeping the airplane on course and speed while Cadet Burnham was responsible for navigation from the back seat. The cadets hit their first two checkpoints spot on time and target. The third checkpoint presented a particularly tough challenge with a 20 knot crosswind. While the cadets did make a heading change to compensate for the wind, it wasn't quite enough, and they didn't earn points for that point. They got back on track and hit the fourth and fifth points with a total time of a little over 46 minutes (with a goal of 45 minutes).

They returned to Concord Airport, swapped seats, and were airborne for the second route. With lessons learned from the first flight, the cadet team did a great job compensating for the wind, stayed on time/course, and successfully identified every checkpoint. They completed the route in just over 46 minutes.

NH HONORS CONGRESSIONAL GOLD MEDAL RECIPIENTS

By Maj. Penny Hardy

On a cold, blustery January day over 100 honorees, guests, family members and CAP members assembled at the Aviation Museum in Manchester to honor those from New Hampshire who had volunteered to assist their country in time of war.

Amidst the aeronautical displays of the museum three living former members and families of five deceased members joined in celebrating the awarding of the Congressional Gold Medal to the earliest members of CAP. The CGM replica medals were presented by Governor Maggie Hassan, Senator Jeanne Shaheen, Congressman Frank Guinta and Col. Laurie Farris, NHANG-DO.

Living honorees were Rita Carter and Sally Caldwell



Congressional Gold Medal recipients Rita Carter (left photo), Alfred Speckman (second from left in center photo), and Sally Caldwell Stockwell (right photo). With Speckman are Sen. Jeanne Shaheen, daughter Karen Speckman, Congressman Frank Guinta and Gov. Maggie Hassan.

Stockwell from Keene, NH and Alfred Speckman from Exeter, NH. Wing Commander Col. Robert Shaw served as master of ceremonies. After the posting of the colors by the wing Honor Guard and invocation by 1st Lt. Gary Rolph, Colonel

Shaw read a brief history of CAP. The distinguished guests each spoke briefly of the great honor it was for them to recognize those whose patriotism led them to help defend their country using their own resources and aircraft. Northeast Re-

gion Commander Col. Dan Leclair also said a few words in honor of the awardees.

At the close of the formal ceremony, the New Hampshire Aviation Museum's new Civil Air Patrol historical display was accepted as a permanent part of the museum.

MAINE CAP MEMBERS HONORED FOR WORLD WAR II ROLE

AUBURN, Maine -- Former members of the Civil Air Patrol in Maine were honored in February for their service during WWII, receiving the Congressional Gold Medal.

Senator Susan Collins presented the awards saying,

"The Civil Air Patrol flew mission after mission that helped to protect our coasts and our borders from German U-boats."

The only living recipient, Col. Donald Hancock, joined the Maine Civil Air Patrol when he was sixteen.

As a cadet, he trained with the Lewiston-Auburn Squadron where he learned to fly.

"It's quite a thrill. I'm real proud and honored," Hancock told news media.

The sons of Colonel Prentiss Godfrey and Captain Merritt Roaks accepted the

medal on behalf of their fathers.

"I remember him and how proud he was of what they were doing," said Robert Roaks.

The family of Colonel Walter Soule were to accept his award at a later date.



The Congressional Gold Medal ceremony in Washington, D.C. last December attracted a number of region and wing leaders. Among them were Region Commander Col. Dan Leclair (right) and New Jersey Wing Commander Col. Steven Tracy, who posed for a photo with a distant cousin, Capt. Jill Robb Paulson, granddaughter of CAP founder Gill Robb Wilson. Photos by Maj. Robert Ellwood.



CONGRESS PRESENTS GOLD MEDAL IN DEC. CEREMONY

NEW YORK WWII PILOT ACCEPTS MEDAL ON BEHALF OF CIVIL AIR PATROL

WASHINGTON, D.C.
 -- World War II New York Wing pilot Lester Wolff accepted the Congressional Gold Medal on behalf of the Civil Air Patrol in a Dec. 10th ceremony on Capitol Hill. Wolff, a former U.S. congressman, was among 46 founding CAP members at the ceremony.

During WWII more than 200,000 CAP volunteers helped protect U.S. shipping against German U-boat attacks and carried out other vital wartime domestic missions.

Speaker of the House John Boehner presented the medal to Wolff and CAP National Commander Maj. Gen. Joe Vazquez.

Wolff noted that the Coastal Patrol mission “began in the dark days following Pearl Harbor, when submarines were sinking oil tankers within sight of East



Lester Wolff accepts Congressional Gold Medal on behalf of the Civil Air Patrol from Speaker of the House John Boehner. At left is CAP National Commander Maj. Gen. Joe Vazquez. At right are other Congressional leaders (then Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid, Senate Minority Leader Mitch McConnell, Rep. Michael McCaul, House Minority Leader Nancy Pelosi. Photo / U.S. Congress.

Coast cities.”

“For 18 months we patrolled the Atlantic and Gulf coasts hunting submarines, escorting thousands of ships

and searching for attack survivors,” said Wolff, who flew out of Coast Patrol Base 17 at Riverhead, NY “...The fact that we were armed with

small bombs indicates just how serious the threat was.”

Coastal Patrol pilots spotted 173 U-boats and attacked 57.

NJ SQUADRON GETS NEW NAME AND LOCATION

By Capt. Lawrence Coyne

CHATHAM, N.J. – The newly re-named Bud Jackson Composite Squadron hosted an open house in December designed to create a greater awareness of CAP’s presence and contributions in the community. The squadron also celebrated its recent move to its new facility at Chatham High School.

The Squadron’s new name commemorates its founder, a veteran who gave a good portion of his life’s work to the

CAP. Capt. Bud Jackson’s first introduction to CAP was as a young boy in Atlantic City. Growing up during World War II, young Bud watched many heroic CAP pilots take off from Bader Field to fly their submarine reconnaissance missions. Young Bud became friends with many of these inspiring pilots, and his love affair with CAP and aviation was born.

Jackson served as a naval aviator during the post-Korean war era. Most of his missions were classified

reconnaissance flights flown in both the Navy long-range twin propeller P2V Neptune and the A3D twin-engine jet. These planes were loaded with electronic eavesdropping equipment. .

After his Navy days, Jackson earned his Ph.D. and became Dr. Jackson, clinical psychologist. Dr. Jackson became a school psychologist for Plainfield High School in the early 1970s. When not working, he was always flying to keep his commercial pilot rating

skills sharp.

In the mid 1970s, Dr. Jackson became Capt. “Bud” Jackson, search and rescue pilot, for the former Linden Squadron. His son, Michael Jackson, became a cadet, and would get to fly with many former WWII- and Korean-era pilots.

NJ Wing Commander Col. Steve Tracy was on hand to present the Gen. Billy Mitchell Award to Cadet Jarred Malave and the Wright Brothers award to Cadet Pranay Malla.

NOTABLES AROUND THE NORTHEAST



VERMONT WING AT AIR NATIONAL GUARD OPEN HOUSE

“Civil Air Patrol was welcomed to display our aircraft and capabilities at the Vermont Air National Guard public open house (last August),” reports Vermont Wing PAO Capt. Bryan Holland (at right in photo). Holland joined Mission Pilot Capt. Charles Dalch at the open house, where the public got to check out the aircraft up close. Captain Dalch is commander of Burlington Senior Squadron.

PANTANELLI’S GOLD MEDAL STORY GAINS NATIONAL ATTENTION

WHITE PLAINS, NY -- There weren’t many ways a young woman could help defend her country when Johnnie Pantanelli graduated from Scarsdale High School in 1943. So she joined one of the few organizations that welcomed women during World War II: the Civil Air Patrol.

Now, more than 71 years later, the motorcycle-riding great-grandmother is still a member. And the CAP colonel’s wartime service has been recognized with a share of the Congressional Gold Medal, the highest civilian honor from the U.S. House of Representatives.

“It’s quite an honor and a privilege,” the White Plains resident said Tuesday after she was feted at the New York Wing Conference at Lake George. Her story of patriotism, written by Jane Lerner of the Westchester County, N.Y., Journal News, was published online May 7 by the *Air Force Times* and *USA Today*.



U.S. Rep. Elise Stefanik (R-NY21) presents the Congressional Gold Medal to Col. Johnnie Pantanelli during the New York Wing Conference May 2 at Lake Georg.
Photo by Maj. Robert Ellwood.