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NINE NORTHEAST REGION WINGS, ONE TEAM

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(Photos by the O'Gradys)

On a bright Saturday morning, over 200 members of the Northeast Region came together at The Holiday Inn in Mansfield, Massachusetts on the weekend of 10-12 November 2006. The **Massachusetts Wing Color Guard Team** posted in colors. The Invocation was given by **Lt Col Van Don Williams**, NER Chaplain.

The Head Table for the Saturday General Assembly consisted of Major General Tony Pineda, National Commander; Col Robert Diduch, Region Commander; Col. Russell Hodgkins, Commander, CAP/USAF; Col Larry Kaufman, National Chief of Staff; Mr. Mark Huchette, National Headquarters CAP Program Development Director; Lt. Col. John O'Connell, Northeast Region Liaison Commander; Lt Col Van Don Williams, Region Chaplain and Guest Speaker, William A. "Bill" Guenon, Jr., USAF C-130 Pilot.

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The Master of Ceremonies, CAP **Capt Mike Huelsenbeck**, is no stranger to Civil Air Patrol having served in the Liaison Office as the NCO for New Jersey and Pennsylvania Wings, at McGuire Air Force Base, New Jersey Wing Headquarters. Working with the cadets, helping set up programs such as the annual Encampment at McGuire, being helpful to the cadets and his knowledge of what the cadet has to go through when applying for the Spaatz Award, the highest honor for the cadet. Huelsenbeck has also served as Master of Ceremonies at the New Jersey and Pennsylvania Wing Conferences.

Captain Huelsenbeck did not merely attend the day of the conference but also attend meetings leading up to the event. His knowledge of military protocol and years of service in the US Air Force provide him a wealth of experience to draw from as he spent hundreds of hours researching and finely crafting a scripted program to meet the needs of each event.

Huelsenbeck's wry sense of humor adds life to what could otherwise be a dull event. He dealt with ever changing demands with patience and professionalism even when these changes were handed to him at the podium with the event well underway. Captain Huelsenbeck's service before self attitude and tireless attention to detail are a credit to himself and Civil Air Patrol.

Greetings were given by Region Commander, **Col Robert Diduch**, who stressed the need for teamwork in the intricate and important element of what we are all about. "The Civil Air Patrol team is about building relation-

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Hot Off The Wire!

Civil Air Patrol announces Scholarships for Cadets and Adult Members

Civil Air Patrol announces the availability of over \$200,000 in scholarships for CAP Cadets and Senior Members who meet eligibility requirements. The program will provide fifteen academic scholarships for use at an accredited college or university and eight flying scholarships (one per region). In addition, scholarships are available from the associations and institutions listed below:

- Airline Owners and Pilots Association (AOPA)
- The Order of Daedalians
- Auburn University, Ginn College of Engineering
- Texas A & M University Corp of Cadets
- Dowling College, School of Aviation
- The United States Air Force Academy Preparatory School

Examples include:

CAP Cadet Academic Scholarships

- 1, \$7500 Award
- 2, \$5000 Awards
- 3, \$2500 Awards
- 4, \$2000 Awards
- 5, \$1000 Awards

CAP Cadet Flight Scholarships

- 8 (1 per Region), \$2,500 Awards

AOPA Flight Scholarships

- 2, \$2,500 Awards for cadets
- 2, \$2,500 Awards for adults

Please visit the CAP website at www.cap.gov/scholarships for details on eligibility requirements, application procedures, dates, and other scholarship criteria. The application deadline for most of the scholarships is 31 Jan 2007. Please contact Kelly Easterling if you have any questions. She can be reached at 334-953-5315 or keasterling@cap.gov.

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Dear Commanders & Staff,

Once again, we find ourselves with another year has gone bye. And, what a year for change this has been! Together we can all take great pride in what our teamwork has accomplished. You are to be congratulated! I hope you realize that all of you are valued members of the NER team. Our collaboration of efforts to support the National goals and challenges, only serve to strengthen my early impression that together we can make a difference. New and exciting challenges and opportunities lie ahead. For me that opportunity starts shortly. I have accepted the position of National Chief of Staff. However, this does not mean we stop moving forward together only that we are moving forward together across the nation. If you are up to the challenge and would like the opportunity to apply for the NER Commander position, please forward your resume to the National Commander, Maj. Gen. Tony Pineda. Please note that this position will require you to be at least a full bird colonel and a current or former wing commander. Your application must be received by National by e-mail on or before Friday, 22 December 2006.

I look forward to serving you in my new endeavor.

Col Robert Diduch
NER Commander

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ships to promote understanding. These relationships add value to all levels of the Civil Air Patrol, as well as the US Air Force, individual community members, local business, organizations, and governmental agencies.



The Head Table, Left to Right - Rev. Lt Col Van Don Williams, Region Chaplain, Mr. Marc Huchette, Col Larry Kaufman, Major General Antonio Pineda, MC Capt Mike Heulsenbeck, Col Robert Diduch, Col. Russell Hodgkins, Guest Speaker, William "Bill" Geunon; Col. John

Teamwork challenges us to continue our NER-wide implementation of structured consistency and to engage our members to continue expanding and improving in comprehensive learning, training, and knowledge transfer. Wings that have introduced new or improved ideas, plans or strategies

that have been successful will have these benchmarks introduced to other Wings in the region. The most effective way to learn is from other Wings in the region. The most effective way to learn is from others who have successfully faced similar challenges."

Major General Antonio Pineda spoke of the effort to make the 52 Wings as ONE TEAM as demonstrated by the efforts that Civil Air Patrol put into the rescue of the 2005 Hurricane Katrina and Rita victims that proved we can all work as ONE TEAM. "All the different Wings working together proved that it could be done. That is why we took off the Wing Patches from the uniforms. If we want to be ONE TEAM, we need to be ONE TEAM. That is why the wing patches have been removed. We can accomplish more by being ONE TEAM. We have a great relationship with our partners such as the Air Force, they have been great to have them working with us.

"All of us working together for "Missions for America," our goal. We are back to patrolling our nation's borders as we did early in 1942, during WWII in our effort to keep our nation secure. We are also going back to patrolling our rivers," concluded Pineda.

Col Larry Kaufman, National Chief of Staff, told us that, "we have 30 new aircraft coming including a Cessna 182 in the next three months. We just ordered 27 more 182's. Two for every wing in the Northeast Region"

"The Maintenance Program that was started about a year and a half ago in New Jersey, now includes aircraft from Pennsylvania, five aircraft from New York and Delaware Wings. All 42 aircraft for less money than the old way of doing maintenance in Civil Air Patrol," said Kaufman.

Col. O'Connell spoke about the excellent relationship he has with CAP and hopes to see the team work continue with CAP USAF.



Guest Speaker, William A. "Bill" Guenon, Jr.,

An update was given by **Col Rick Greenhut**, on CAP and our Homeland Security effort. **Major Dennis Murray**, Maine Wing Public Affairs Officer, spoke of the effort to place "Christmas Wreaths Across America" involving the placement of wreaths at National Cemetery grave sites.

Guest Speaker, **William A. "Bill" Guenon, Jr.**, a Pennsylvania native, has spent the majority of his aviation career covering many facets of the transportation industry for both military and civil applications on a global basis. Bill served the U.S. Air Force as a Command Pilot and Senior Air Traffic Controller. After his years as a Command Pilot, Guenon wrote a book called, "Secrets and Dangerous, Night of the Son Tay POW Raid." A thrilling eyewitness account of the secret humanitarian mission on 21 November 1970, by air commando pilots who flew the amazing C-130 aircraft on the edge of a



National Commander, Major General Antonio Pineda speaking at General Assembly

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night while leading six helicopters in close formation deep into North Vietnam daring rescue attempt of POW's being held in the shadows of Hanoi. It's about the efforts of the aircraft under his command to call attention to the American Prisoners of War held at Son Tay, North Vietnam in his C-130 "Cherry One" which was the war's most classified operation.

A bit of an adventurer, he finished third in the Great Atlantic Air Race, which started from the top of the Empire State Building in NYC and ended atop London's Post Office tower building. Although self-sponsored, his commendable time of 7 hours, 39 minutes, and 42 seconds was accomplished in 1969, using a Pan Am "Clipper" 707 well before the supersonic Concorde went into commercial service.

Currently, when not involved with consulting chores for his company, Omni-Alliances LLC, Bill can usually be found mingling at air shows, aviation exhibitions, and aerospace museums.

During the second half of the General Assembly, awards were handed out to those individuals who have distinguished themselves. The Northeast Region Staff Member of the year award was given to the **Lt Col Bruce Brown**. Safety Officer of the Year, **Major Paul Mondoux** from New Hampshire; Wing Safety Award, New Hampshire Wing; The Jack Sorensen Award went to Wing Cadet Programs Officer, **Lt Col Travis Pope**, New Jersey Wing; the Lt Joseph Mixter Public Affairs Officer of the year went to Maine Wing Public Affairs Officer, **Major Dennis Murray**; Senior Chaplain of the Year, **Rev. Van Don Williams**; Chaplain of the Year, New Hampshire Chaplain **Captain Michael L. Morison**; Moral Leadership Officer of the Year, New York Wing member **1st Lt Ann Migliaccio**; Logistician of the Year, Rhode Island Wing, **1st Lt Donna Finch**; Historian of the Year, New York Wing member, **Major Peter Turecek**; Counter Drug Officer of the Year, New York Counter Drug Officer, **Major William Cox**; Legislative Officer of the Year, Pennsylvania Wing member, **Lt Col Robert D. Robbins**; Communicator of the Year, **Major Michael L. Pellerin**, Maine Wing; Brewer I Award, Cadet Award went to **C/Lt Stephen M. Lincoln**, Maine Wing; Brewer II Award, Senior Member, went to Massachusetts Wing member, **Major Shelley L. Rosenbaum Lipman**. Brewer III Award, given to the Owl's Head Transportation Museum, Owl's Head, Maine.

Service Awards were given out to **New York Drill Team**, The Finger Lakes Drill Team; National Commander's Commendation went to **Major Joan Coughlin**, New Hampshire member; Region Commander's Commendation, **C/Lt Col Erick Johnson**, for outstanding performance as Team Commander for the 2005 NER Drill Team which took first place at the 2005 National Cadet Competition. Service Awards for Region Chaplain's Staff College, Exceptional Service Awards went to **Chaplain's Lt Col Barbara Williams, Van Don Williams, Phaniel Bishop Covell, Jr**, Posthumous; Meritorious Service Award, **Chaplain Lt Col Louis Bier**. Meritorious Service Award, given to **Chaplain Lt Col George Kelly**, former Region Chaplain, **Chaplain Lt Col John Kearns**, Rhode Island Wing; Former Region Chaplain **Lt Col William Smalley** Posthumously a Region Commander's Commendation.

Professional Development Awards, the Gill Robb Wilson Award represents the highest level of professional development in Civil Air Patrol went to **Col Don Davidson**, New Hampshire Wing Commander and Massachusetts member, **Major Daniel Stouch**. A 50 Year Member Award went to Massachusetts Wing member, **Lt Col Thomas Flanagan**.

Friday evening, there were seminars for Drug Demand Reduction, Communications, Region Staff College, Critical Incident Stress Management, Public Affairs, Aerospace Education, Chaplain, Government Relations, Wing-Region Counterparts Meeting, and a Commanders VIP Dinner, (by Invitation only).

Saturday afternoon seminars were Finance, Membership Trends, Recruiting and Retention; Professional Development, Safety, Mission Oriented –Safety; Aerospace Education, Operations; Cadet Programs, Seniors and Cadet Leaders; Cadet Programs Seminars included discussion of the NER Cadet Competition, a Cadet Advisory Council Meeting, a Drug Demand Reduction Presentation, a meeting with Directors of Cadet Programs and CAC about the future of the region cadet program. A Worship Service was held.

After a delicious Banquet meal was finished, five Awards were presented toward the end of the evenings Banquet. The NER Cadet of the Year went to **C/Lt Col David Maver** from New Jersey Wing; Senior Member of the Year, **Lt Col Dennis Walter**, former Squadron Commander of the Jack Schweiker Composite Squadron for 13 years, New Jersey Wing. The NER Squadron of Distinction was awarded to the **Condor Composite Squadron** from New York Wing. A 50 Year Award was presented to **Col Karen**

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Payne, former Connecticut Wing Commander. A special Region Commander's Commendation was awarded to **Capt William Ward**, New Jersey Wing member for successfully accomplishing the duties of 2006 Northeast Region Conference Project Officer.



A Tribute to the Northeast Region was made with various cadets representing their individual wing demonstrating their wings by wearing various hats regarding something that the state that they represent has done. All culminating with the final hat worn by CAP Master of Ceremonies, **Captain Mike Huelsenbeck**, wearing a very large hat with the various items that the cadets had worn all on **ONE hat representing ONE TEAM**.

A Commanders Call/Region Staff Meeting, was held Sunday Morning after Breakfast.

2006 NER Conference GENERAL ASSEMBLY - List of Awards Photos By 1Lt Stan Rogacki

Of The Year Awards – Recipients of these awards have been selected by their wings and then by the region selection board as the most outstanding candidate in their field. They have demonstrated superior skill, motivation, and leadership abilities and are a credit to their units, wings, the Northeast Region and CAP.



**NER Staff Member of the Year
Lt Col Bruce Brown NER-001**

For demonstrating an unrelenting commitment to promoting the Safety Culture of the Northeast Region. Lt Col Brown's work in developing the Mission Oriented Safety Program, his professionalism, and dedication to improving safety procedures in the Region qualify him to be named the Northeast Region Staff Member of the Year.

Safety Officer of the Year Maj Paul Mondoux.....NH-016



For establishing an exceptional Safety Program in New Hampshire Wing including an upgraded wing safety website with inter-active reporting features, a monthly Wing Safety Bulletin, and active participation in promoting safety throughout New Hampshire Wing.

Wing Safety Award, New Hampshire Wing NH-001

For maintaining an exceptional Safety Program reflecting the commitment of all individuals in the Wing to promote a high level of safety consciousness.
Accepting - Col Don Davidson



Jack Sorenson Award (Cadet Programs Officer)

Lt Col Travis PopeNJ-001

For revitalizing New Jersey Wing Cadet Programs including but not limited to Cadet Encampment, Cadet Advisory Council, NCSA selection boards and rating Benchmark Candidate item on the Wing Compliance Inspection while continuing to achieve higher ratings in professional development and emergency services.

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**Joseph Mixter Award (Public Affairs Officer)
Maj Dennis MurrayME-076**

For outstanding performance as the Maine Wing Public Affairs Officer including the publishing of several high quality newsletters at squadron, wing and region levels. Major Murray's articles have been published in state and local media. His workshops at wing and region levels have inspired many Public Affairs Officers to increase their effectiveness.



**Senior Chaplain of the Year
Lt Col Van Don WilliamsNY-001**

For excelling as New York Wing Chaplain in all areas, continually working to recruit chaplains and moral leadership officers, promoting Critical Incident Stress Management and exhibiting a dedication to CAP that goes above and beyond the call of duty.



**Chaplain of the Year
Ch Capt Michael L. MorisonNH-001**

For developing a meaningful and operative partnership with the New Hampshire National Guard assisting troops to prepare to deploy to combat and return from battle to adjust to home life. Ch Capt Morison's Family Support Program has become the hallmark of operations for the NH National Guard Chaplain Service.

Accepting - Col Don Davidson



**Moral Leadership Officer of the Year
1st Lt Ann MigliaccioNY-238**

For exhibiting the highest moral values and exemplifying CAP Core Values in her own squadron and for assisting surrounding squadrons to do the same while continuing to progress in both professional development and emergency training.

Accepting – Col Ken Andreu



**Logistician of the Year
1st Lt Donna FinchRI-001**

For completely revamping the Rhode Island Logistics department and mentoring squadron supply officers on proper procedures and recordkeeping and preparing them for successful survey audits.

Accepting - Col Auggie Comella

**Historian of the Year
Maj Peter TurecekNY-001**

For conducting research and compiling decades of information on New York Wing and unit historical facts and laying the groundwork for a Wing Library and assisting local units to do the same.

Counter Drug Officer of the Year

Maj William CoxNY-001

For outstanding work as New York Wing Counter Drug Officer and providing briefings to internal and external agencies promoting the CAP Counter Drug Program.



Legislative Officer of the Year

Lt Col Robert D. Robbins.....PA-001

For outstanding work in recruiting new members to the Pennsylvania Legislative Squadron, actively supporting his local squadron, and pursuing significant appropriations from the legislature.

Accepting - Col Al Applebaum



Communicator of the Year

Maj Michael L. PellerinME-001

For steadfast and longtime support of communications for the Maine Wing including SLO SCAN transmission, SDIS support, and the acquisition and maintenance of a mobile command post and its communications equipment.



Brewer I Award

C/1st Lt Stephen M. LincolnME-076

For outstanding contributions in Aerospace Education by a Cadet - Cadet Lincoln has actively participated in and promoted AE in his unit, wing, and community. He has published many articles on AE; mentored cadets, officers, school students and adults. He has been a key participant in the AEX I program at the Frank Beckett Center in Maine, the annual Sea Plane Pilot's Association Fly-In, and his unit's Model Rocketry Program.



Brewer II Award

Maj Shelley L. Rosenbaum Lipman.....MA-059

For outstanding contributions in Aerospace Education by a CAP Officer, Maj Rosenbaum Lipman has actively participated in and promoted AE since her unit was founded in 1997. She has conducted o-flights, given primary flight instruction, coordinated countless outside speakers to present to both her unit and the wing, she has presented AE to many outside organizations and CAP events at the unit wing and region level.

Brewer III Award

Owl's Head Transportation Museum...Owl's Head, ME

For outstanding contributions in Aerospace Education by a non CAP individual or organization. Owl's Head Transportation Museum has promoted AE for over 31 years. The museum not only displays pioneer aircraft but reaches out to the community promoting aviation to local schools and organizations. It hosts multiple educational events throughout the year and is a vital source of Aerospace Education to the state of Maine.



Unit Citation

NY Drill TeamNY-109

The Finger Lakes Drill Team distinguished itself by representing Northeast Region at the National Cadet Competition held in Washington DC in July 2005. The team of 16 cadets won first place at the competition.



National Commander's Commendation
Maj Joan Coughlin.....NHQ-999
For outstanding performance in support of 2005 Hurricane Relief Efforts.



Region Commander's Commendation
Cadet/Lt Col Erik Johnson....NY-273
For outstanding performance as Team Commander for the 2005 NER Drill Team which took first place at the 2005 National Cadet Competition.

Service Awards for Region Chaplain's College Staff



Exceptional Service Award
Ch Lt Col Barbara Williams.....NER-001
For outstanding support to the NER Chaplains College for over 20 years



Exceptional Service Award
Ch Lt Col Van Don Williams
.....NER-001
For outstanding support to the NER Chaplains College for six years and significantly increasing the effectiveness of the NER Chaplain Service.



Exceptional Service Award.
Ch Lt Col Phaniel Bishop Covell Jr Posthumous
For outstanding support to the NER Chaplains College for 20 years
Accepting - Col Dave Belcher



Meritorious Service Award.
Ch Lt Col Louis Bier.....NER-000
For outstanding support to the NER Chaplains College for 3 years and by developing the curriculum for the college still used today
Accepting - Col Ken Andreu

Meritorious Service Award

Ch Lt Col George KellyNER-999

For outstanding support to the NER Chaplains College for 20 years



Region Commander's Commendation

Ch Lt Col John KearnsRI-001

For outstanding support to the NER Chaplains College for 10years

Region Commander's Commendation

Ch Lt Col William SmalleyPosthumous

For outstanding support to the NER Chaplains College for 10 years



Professional Development Awards

The Gill Robb Wilson Award Represents the highest level of professional development in Civil Air Patrol.

Wilson Award

Col Don DavidsonNH-001

Accepting - Col Don Davidson



Wilson Award

Maj Daniel StouchMA-006

Longevity Awards



50 Year Award

Lt Col Thomas Flanagan.....MA-006



Region Commanders Commendation.

Capt William Ward.....NJWG

Col Robert Diduch recognizes Capt Bill Ward for volunteering for and successfully accomplishing the duties of 2006 Northeast Region Conference Project Officer.

WINGS OVER VERMONT AIR SHOW

C/Lt Col Trent Schill, Cadet Commander, NER-VT-005

During the third weekend of August, cadets from Vermont, New Hampshire, and Massachusetts came together in a collaborative effort to support the Vermont Air National Guard's 60th Anniversary "Wings



Former CAP cadet and current Thunderbird pilot #3, Major Nicole Malachowski, meets with cadets prior to the Thunderbirds departure on Sunday, August 20 at the Vermont Air National Guard "Wings Over Vermont" Air Show and Open House. From left to right: C/Amn Chelsea Graf, C/Lt Col Trent Schill, Maj Nicole Malachowski C/Lt Col Noah

Over Vermont" Air Show and Open House. Thursday found several cadets assisting in traffic control at the first annual meeting of the Vermont Aerospace and Aviation Association. The VAAA was chartered by former F-16 pilot Lieutenant Governor Brian Dubie and its first meeting was marked by the presence of Thunderbird pilot Major Tad Clark who spoke to the group which included several Civil Air Patrol cadets who attended the meeting. On Friday, cadets began setting up tents, putting up "No Parking" signs around downtown Burlington, running errands for the Air National Guard, and preparing the exhibition area for the 60,000 people expected to attend the main event on Saturday. Cadets patrolled the Burlington Waterfront Park Friday night keeping an eye on the displays and booths. On Saturday, cadets provided crowd control for the VIP area, directed traffic, controlled the landing area for the Golden Knights parachute team, watched for heat stroke victims and lost children, and manned the CAP recruiting booth. Cadets saw demonstrations by the Green Mountain Boys' F-16s, the Strike Eagle Demonstration team, aeronautical acrobatic performers, and the inspiring Air Force Thunderbirds. The real challenge came when air show observers began flooding out of the viewing areas when rain set in. The exodus of people overwhelmed the police

officers on duty and almost all of the available Civil Air Patrol cadets were called on to help direct the out-flow of people, control traffic, and assist in loading shuttle buses. Throughout the weekend, the Civil Air Patrol cadets did an outstanding job and impressed the Burlington Police officers and Vermont Air National Guard members with their professionalism and willingness to help.

NYC Group Supports LaGuardia's Kidsday 2006

By: Capt. Ray Miller, Falcon Squadron, New York Wing

New York – New York City Group members came out in full force in support of LaGuardia Kidsday 2006, held this year on 30 September. Sponsored by the LaGuardia Airport Kiwanis Club, the purpose of LaGuardia Kidsday is to give New York City area children (and adults) first hand experience with the world of aviation through a variety of aircraft put on static display at one of the world's busiest airports: New York City's LaGuardia International. Civil Air Patrol Members have provided flight line security at this annual event since 1997.



Some of the CAP support for Kidsday 2006

This year's event included a number of commercial aircraft. US Airways provided an Airbus 319 and two MD88s were put on display: one provided by American Airlines and the other by Delta Shuttle. Also on hand were an Augusta 109 helicopter belonging to the NYPD Aviation Unit and a Port Authority Police

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Department Sikorsky S76. Military aircraft present included a pristine P-40 Warhawk and chrome plated P-51 Mustang. As always, the world famous "SkyTypers" (formation skywriting team) was there, and this year they closed out the show with a formation take-off and fly-by.



C/2Lt Calle secures prop area of "SkyTyper 1."

No CAP Corporate aircraft were available (due to prior training commitments); however, General Aviation was represented by a Cessna 182 Skylane. The public was allowed to sit in the Skylane and get a feel for flying a small airplane. It proved to be one of the more popular aircraft there. Throughout the day the Sunnyside Marching Band provided background music for the event and the Kiwanis Club provided free food and soft drinks for all.

In all NYC Group mustered some 38 cadets and 12 Senior members from two different units. All were anxious to come out in support of this annual Aerospace Education/ Public Relations event once again. Those units participating were: Academy Cadet Squadron and Falcon Senior

Squadron.

CAP members provided the crowd (estimated at 1500) with a high degree of safety while they were enjoying Kidsday activities. Under the command of Capt. Dylan Haynes, our personnel were stationed at every sensitive position. In addition, when any aircraft movement took place our personnel manned the flight lines to keep the public a safe distance from the moving aircraft. They also provided the public with a wealth of information on all things "aviation related."

Those CAP units participating are to be highly commended as they were well-organized, well-disciplined, and true to the CAP motto: ever vigilant.



Cadet C/AB Azaan Butt keeps close eye on Kidsday participants for their safety.

New NER Director of Communications Information

Ladies and Gentlemen:

After many years of dedicated service to Northeast Region **Lt Col Gene Pfeiffer** has passed the position of Director of Communications to **Maj Andrew Feldman**. Gene will be staying on as DCA lending his vast knowledge and experience to the NER Comms Team. We want to thank Gene for all his hard work over the years and look forward to him assisting with the region-wide conversion to the new radios and repeaters.

Wing Commanders please inform your communications departments of the change. Maj Feldman's contact information is:

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Marauders at Midway

Jim Collins and his four crews were given a mission that had never before been attempted by AAF bombers.

By: Frederick Herbert, Colonel, CAP

In the six months following Pearl Harbor, undermanned and ill-equipped US forces in the Pacific suffered a series of humiliating defeats mitigated only by [Jimmy Doolittle's](#) April 18, 1942, raid on targets in the Tokyo area and by the standoff Battle of the Coral Sea in May.

Buoyed by a string of easy Victories, Admiral Isoroku Yamamoto sold the Japanese high command on his plan to extend Japan's perimeter by seizing the Midway Islands, our western-most outpost in the Pacific still in American hands, while carrying out a simultaneous diversionary attack on the Aleutians. Yamamoto held all the high cards, or so he thought: numerically superior naval forces--including carrier aircraft that were also qualitatively superior, flown by first-class veteran pilots--and surprise.

He did not know that, several weeks earlier, US Navy crypt-analysts had broken the Japanese code and knew in detail the disposition and timing of the attacks. With that knowledge, Admiral Chester Nimitz judged correctly that the main thrust at Midway would be a carrier battle. He held his three carriers, *Enterprise*, *Hornet*, and *Yorktown* (which Yamamoto thought to be out of action after the Coral Sea), and reinforced Midway as best he could with some 100 aircraft,--many of them obsolete.

On June 4, 1942, the decisive day of the Battle of Midway, a US force of three carriers supported by about 50 other ships engaged the Japanese fleet of 150 ships built around four heavy carriers. Yamamoto's fleet was harassed by AAF B-17s and Navy torpedo bombers that broke his formations; diverted his fighters, and enabled Navy dive bombers to sink the four carriers with the loss of only the *Yorktown* and one destroyer. Tales of heroism by Navy and Marine aviators, especially the torpedo bomber crews, only 10 percent of whom survived, would fill a book.

Before dawn on June 5, Yamamoto ordered a general withdrawal to save what was left of his fleet. From that day on, Japan was on the defensive in the Pacific. Midway was one of the decisive battles of World War II.

Buried in the many, often disparate, accounts of the battle is the story of a unique mission flown by four AAF B-26 Martin Marauder bombers led by Capt. James J. Collins. In May, Jim Collins, assigned to the 69th Squadron, 38th Bombardment Group, had led the first flight of Australia-bound B-26s from the mainland to Hawaii, for which he was awarded the DFC. A few of the Marauders were detached in Hawaii and jury-rigged to carry torpedoes in anticipation of the attack on Midway. Collins and his crews were given sketchy instruction by the Navy in torpedo bombing, the most nearly suicidal air tactic of the war, but had never dropped a torpedo when a flight of four, commanded by Collins, was sent 1,200 miles westward to Midway on May 29.

Elements of the Japanese naval force were first sighted on June 3. Early the next morning, Jim Collins's B-26s were on runway alert when word came that enemy bombers were approaching Midway. The B-26s took off immediately with no fighter escort and headed for the Japanese carriers that lay 180 miles, to the northwest and that were protected by a screen of fighters and escort ships. As the B-26s approached their target, they were met head-on by Zeros that stayed with them right through a barrage of flak in a desperate attempt to save the carriers.

Collins led his Marauders in a circle over the carriers' screen to set up the long, straight-and-level run essential to the proper functioning of a torpedo. Before the B-26s could release, two were shot down by either fighters or the dense wall of flak erupting from a battleship, the cruisers, several destroyers, and two carriers.

Collins was hit from below, losing his hydraulic system, before he launched his torpedo at an altitude of 200 feet about 800 yards from a carrier. He and the fourth B-26, flown by Lt. James Muri, roared across the fleet with throttles firewalled and made it into an overcast, pursued by an estimated 50 Zeros. Both badly damaged bombers limped back to Midway, where they crash-landed and were junked. Collins's plane was riddled by 186 flak and bullet holes.

Captain Collins was given permission to return to Hawaii on a B-17, pick up another plane, or bomber, and rejoin the battle. The next morning at Hickam Field he was told that none of his B-26s had been expected to survive--and that the battle was over.

On Aug. 4, 1942, Capt. Jim Collins was awarded the Distinguished Service Cross for leading "the first torpedo attack ever entered into by an airplane of this type or by the Army Air Forces." Lt. James Muri

also received the DSC. According to Air Force historians, the AAF never again sent torpedo-armed bombers into combat. That mission against one of the greatest armadas of naval history is unique in the Air Force chronicle of valor.

NY Disaster Relief Mission Helps Stem Flooding, Wins State Senator's Praise

The Civil Air Patrol's New York Wing won the praise of a state senator for an Aug. 16th aerial disaster relief mission that pinpointed the blockage of a creek causing flood waters to back up and threaten homes along Canadarago Lake in Otsego County, NY.

"Quite frankly, without this over flight (along a 15-mile creek not easy to traverse by foot or boat), we may well be still searching for the problem and a solution," State Sen. James L. Seward told Wing Commander Col. Kenneth Andreu in a Sept. 5th letter.

Otsego County is one of a number of New York counties that were declared federal disaster areas in the wake of unrelenting summer rainstorms that caused severe flooding and damage to thousands of homes and businesses. When flood waters receded, Canadarago Lake did not return to pre-flood levels, prompting county emergency services personnel to fear a blockage at the outlet or downstream, noted Wing Government Relations Advisor Capt. Andy Liddle. An initial boat search by county emergency services personnel failed to locate the blockage, he said, which set in motion a coordinated effort through the State Emergency Management Office (SEMO) and the New York Division of Military and Naval Affairs to seek the help of the Civil Air Patrol.



NY Wing Disaster Relief Mission Pilot Lt. Col. Steve Perta, right, met with ground and air crew members during a pre-flight briefing at Oneonta Municipal Airport, Oneonta, NY. The air crew pinpointed the cause of flooding that threatened homes in Otsego County. From left are: Cadet 2nd Lt. Bethany Hewett, Oneonta Cadet Squadron; Capt. Judith Hewett, Oneonta Cadet Squadron commander; Co-pilot/observer Maj. Gerald Marketos, MD; Scott Fickbohm, Otsego County Soil and Water Conservation District manager, and Perta.

Lt. Col. Steve Perta, pilot, and Maj. Gerald Marketos, MD, co-pilot/observer, flew a CAP Cessna 182 to Oneonta Municipal Airport to participate in a mission briefing with Otsego County Soil and Water Conservation District Manager Scott Fickbohm and County Assistant Emergency Services Coordinator Kevin Ritton before taking on Fickbohm as a passenger and starting the aerial surveillance.

"The customer identified the segment of the creek that he desired to survey," Perta said. "The coordinates were readily available from mission planning and put into the GPS. We had on board a laptop con-

nected to a GPS with mapping software and digital camera for image capture. We flew direct to the desired points and conducted the survey of the creek, capturing images of areas of interest and noting coordinates. Upon return to the airport, we downloaded the images and burned them to a CD on-the-spot for handing to the customer, Mr. Fickbohm. He was extremely pleased with the mission and deliverables."

Perta said they had been able to pinpoint areas where trees had fallen across the creek as well as a large amount of sediment and gravel that had been washed into the waterway where it merged with another creek.

"The digital photos provided the customer with enough clarity to see the shelf effect of the buildup of

sediment,” he said.

Armed with that information, Senator Seward noted that his office was able to work with the county, the towns involved, SEMO and FEMA “to relieve the flooding and to mitigate the problem from ever occurring again.” The Army Corps of Engineers brought in a dredge barge to clear the blockage and rerouted part of the creek, Liddle said.

Senator Seward added: “I want to commend all of your people...for an outstanding job...Andy (Liddle) has said many times, ‘the things that CAP can do in its mission to serve America are only limited by the imagination.’ This is a fine example of that statement.”

He also praised the wing’s director of emergency services and operations, Lt. Col. Bill Hughes, “who was unpacking at Reno, Nevada, in preparation for the CAP summer meeting” when he got a call from Liddle. “Colonel Hughes immediately contacted CAP National Operations Center (NOC) to give them a heads up that there may be a forthcoming request and then arranged for an aircraft, properly equipped, and a crew, and put them on standby.”

Providing ground support for the mission, in addition to Captain Liddle, were Capt. Judith Hewett and Cadet 2nd Lt. Bethany Hewett of Oneonta Cadet Squadron. Pilot Perta, a member of wing staff, coordinated the pre-mission planning. Marketos is commander of Mohawk Griffiss Senior Squadron, operating out of Oneida County Airport.

-- by 1st Lt. Bob Stronach, NY Wing PAO

Coming Events

2007 Wing Conference to be held at West Point

Now is the time to start saving and make plans to attend the 2007 Northeast Region Conference which will be held at West Point. Plans have already started to firm up and you will want to encourage your cadets as well as officers to attend this once in a lifetime experience for all ages. There will be plenty of projects for cadets as well as officers in this three day conference. Check back on the NER Website and watch for more information in this newsletter in March of 2007. We look forward to seeing you there.

ICISF: Group Crisis Intervention Class

Meets 27 and 28 January 2007, Hanscom AFB Bedford, MA.

(Can be reached from I-95 or I-495) **\$25.00** tuition includes book, materials, and light refreshment.

Billeting and major meals are on your own. Make reservations and send check to POC Maj Sharon Ingraham, 6 Puritan Road, Acton, MA 01720. Please refer to CAPR 60-5 for a complete description of CISM and its role in CAP. Once you have completed this course and have been accepted to a team, you will be eligible to wear the CISM patch as appropriate. Register early. Classes usually fill up fast! If you need more information you may email the trainer, Maj Joan E. Coughlin, Psy.D. At joan.coughlin@capcism.com or call her at 978-463-3252.

Thank you for your interest in CISM. We look forward to having you join us and becoming a member of the team that Serves Those Who Serve Others!

If you have upcoming events that need to be shown in this area, please send the information to Maj Dennis Murray at dmurray@mewg.cap.net or to dwmurray1@verizon.net If you must send by USPS send to P.O. Box 220, Baileyville, ME 04694. Thank you. –Editor



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MEMORANDUM FOR ALL REGION AND WING COMMANDERS

SUBJECT: National Cadet Competition Support

Planning for the 2007 National Cadet Competition in Dayton, OH is moving forward. The NCC Director, Col Len Blascovich, and I ask that you encourage as many squadrons as possible to participate in your local wing and region competitions to ensure we have the "best of the best" represented at our national event.

I need your logistical support as we plan for this year. In previous years wing and region commanders have been very helpful in providing the personnel and vans that are essential for the success of this major event, and I have great confidence that you will do the same. I specifically request GLR and the IN, MI, KY, and OH wing commanders each appoint a project officer to coordinate their support with Lt Col Roger Middleton, the NCC Chief of Staff. He can be reached at 440.483.5642 or rmiddleton@glr.cap.gov.

I invite all of you to come to Dayton, OH, 28 June – 1 July, to cheer on the cadets. If you have never attended an NCC, you would find it difficult to imagine the level of enthusiasm and sportsmanship that is exhibited by our outstanding young men and women. You will not want to miss it!

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Antonio J. Pineda". The signature is fluid and cursive.

ANTONIO J.
PINEDA Major
General, CAP Na-
tional Commander

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HQ CAP/CV/CS
NCC Director, NCC/CS HQ
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AVIATION MUSEUMS IN THE NORTHEAST – If you discover any of the links are out of date, please notify the NER/DAE at: jsturgess@ner.cap.gov Last updated: 12 Dec 2006

Maine

[Maine Air Museum](#) c/o Maine Aviation Historical Society, PO Box 2641, Bangor, ME 04402
www.maineairmuseum.org

New Jersey

[Air Victory Museum](#) 68 Stacy Hains Rd., South Jersey Regional Airport, Medford, NJ 08055 (609) 267-4488 www.airvictorymuseum.org

[Aviation Hall of Fame & Museum](#) 400 Fred Wehran Dr., Teterboro, NJ 07608 (201) 288-6344 (201) 288-5666 www.njahof.org

[Millville Army Airfield](#) 1 Leddon Street, Millville Airport Millville, NJ 08332 (856) 327-2347
www.p47millville.org

[Naval Air Station - Wildwood](#) Hangar #1 at the Cape May County Airport, Lower Township, New Jersey
www.usnasw.org

New York

[American Airpower Museum](#) Republic Airport, New Highway, Farmingdale, Long Island, NY
www.americanairpowermuseum.com

[Cradle of Aviation Museum](#) Mitchel Field, Garden City, NY 11530 (516) 572-0411
www.cradleofaviation.org

[Empire State Aerosciences Museum](#) 250 Rudy Chase Dr., Glenville, NY 12302 (518) 377-2191 (518) 377-1959 www.esam.org

[Glenn H. Curtiss Museum of Early Aviation](#) 8419 Route 54, Hammondsport, NY 14840 (607) 569-2160 (607) 569-2040 www.glennhcurtissmuseum.org

[National Warplane Museum](#) 17 Aviation Dr., Horseheads, NY 14845 (607) 739-8200 (607) 739-8374
www.warplane.org

[Old Rhinebeck Aerodrome](#) PO Box 229, Rhinebeck, NY 12572 (845) 752-3200 (845) 758-6481
www.olderhinebeck.org

[Intrepid Sea Air Space Museum](#) – Closed for R&R until Fall 2008 – see live images from the masthead camera. Pier 86 12th Ave. & 46th St., New York, N.Y. 10036 (212) 245-0072
www.intrepidmuseum.org/intrepidmuseum

Pennsylvania

[Air Heritage Museum & Aircraft Restoration](#) Beaver County Airport, Beaver Falls, PA 15010 (724) 843-2820 (724) 847-4581 <http://trfn.clpgh.org/ah/>

[American Helicopter Museum & Education Center](#) 1220 American Blvd., Brandywine Airport West Chester, PA 19380-4268 (610) 436-9600 (610) 436-8642 www.helicoptermuseum.org/

[Delaware Valley Historical Aircraft Association](#) Naval Air Station - Joint Reserve Base, Willow Grove, PA 19090
www.dvhaa.org

[Mid Atlantic Air Museum](#) 11 Museum Dr., Reading, PA 19605 (610) 372-7333 www.maam.org

[Piper Aviation Museum](#) One Piper Way, Lock Haven, PA 17745 (570) 748-8283 (570) 893-8357
www.pipermuseum.com

Rhode Island

[Quonset Air Museum](#) PO Box 1571, North Kingstown, RI 02852 (401) 294-9540 (401) 294-9887
www.theqam.org/



Wreaths Across America

“From Sea to Shining Sea including Puerto Rico” would be how we would describe this year’s first ever, Wreaths Across America Project. We started out with a dream of the Worcester Family to hold ceremonies all across the country that would “Remember the fallen, Honor those who serve and Teach our children the value of freedom, became a project that I will remember for the rest of my life



Our goal was to see that all 245 State and National Cemeteries and Major Memorials participated in this event. As it turns out we were unable to cover 10.20% of our goal but Civil Air Patrol came through with 51.43% covered. After it became apparent that we needed help, the Patriot Guard Riders stepped up to cover 23.67% and other groups which included Scouts, American Legion, VFW, DAV, DAR, Sea Cadets, Active Duty Sailors, Blue Star Mothers and a host of other groups stepped in and covered 14.69%.

In ceremonies all across the nation starting at 12:00 noon EST, groups met to honor our nations men and women and their families who make sure we live in a free country. The scripted ceremony, sent in advance, was the same for every location. The local Lead Group then took this very simple ceremony and turned it into something we all can be proud of.



Currently, we are collecting data and pictures from the lead groups which will be displayed on the website for all to see and review. So far, we have reviewed information from lead groups that showed a simple ceremony to groups where a Fly Over was held with Taps and Color Guards with full Honor guard participation. All of you amazed us with your ideas.

As we start to set up for the 2007 Wreaths Across America Project, we know that CAP will be a bigger part of next year’s project. The press that Civil Air Patrol received on this event was more than just nationwide, it was worldwide. The Armed Forces Radio interview went out to all armed services personnel abroad as well as in the United States. Civil Air Patrol was mentioned at least once on every major TV network. Many Cadet and Officer interviews were aired on TV and Radio Stations around the nation. Major Newspapers and Magazines wrote about our project and how Civil Air Patrol was coordinating the project nationwide for the Worcester Family. Local Squadrons, who participated, were written about in many local newspapers and interviewed by TV and Radio stations in their local area. All in all, it was a good day for CAP.

On behalf of the Worcester Family, Maj Wayne Merritt and myself, we thank you for your support and participation in this great project. We all look forward to working with you again next year.

Maj Dennis W. Murray
Co-Director
Wreaths Across America

