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This Day in Aviation.....August 24-25, 1932

Amelia Earhart flew her Lockheed Model 5B Vega, NR7952, from Los Angeles, California to Newark, New Jersey, a distance of 3,939.25 kilometers (2,447.74 miles), in 19 hours, 5 minutes. She had departed Los Angeles Municipal Airport (now known as LAX) at 7:26:54 p.m. Pacific Time, 24 August, and landed at Newark Municipal Airport at 11:30 a.m. Eastern Time the following day. This set a *Fédération Aéronautique Internationale* (FAI) women's World Record for Distance in a Straight Line Without Landing. The average speed for the flight was 206.42 kilometers per hour (128.27 miles per hour). She was the first woman to fly solo coast-to-coast.



Built by the Lockheed Aircraft Company, the Model 5 Vega was a single-engine high-wing monoplane. The fuselage was molded wood monocoque construction and the wing was cantilevered wood. The Vega 5B is 27 feet, 6 inches (8.382 meters) long with a wingspan of 41 feet (12.497 meters) and overall height of 8 feet, 2 inches (2.489 meters). Its empty weight is 1,650 pounds (748.4 kilograms) and gross weight is 3,200 pounds (1,451.5 kilograms). The airplane is powered by a 1,344-cubic-inch-displacement (22 liter) air-cooled, supercharged Pratt and Whitney R-1340C Wasp 9-cylinder radial engine producing 500 horsepower.



Just three months earlier, Earhart had flown solo across the Atlantic Ocean in this same airplane, which she called her "Little Red Bus." Today, Lockheed Vega NR7952 is in the collection of the Smithsonian Institution National Air and Space Museum.



Col Joseph Sirois is the Northeast Region Vice Commander. His primary duties are to support the region commander execute his duties throughout the region with a focus on operations, emergency services, finance and internet operations. He chairs the NER HQ promotions board.

Col Sirois began his CAP career in June 1992 with New Jersey Wing's Twin Pine Composite Sq as a Professional Development Officer a few months after his son joined the unit. He then became the squadron commander and a few years later moved to Group 221 as group commander. Col Sirois then held several positions at New Jersey wing headquarters including Director of Operations, Chief of Staff and Vice Commander before moving to region as assistant deputy chief of staff - operations. In 2007 he then assumed the region chief of staff duties for 2 years before becoming the region vice commander – south.

Col Sirois holds both air and ground emergency services specialties including: mission pilot, mission check pilot, Air Operations Branch Director, Ground Branch Director, Incident Commander 1 and, ARCHER Operator and instructor to mention a few.

Col Sirois retired in 2002 after 35 years' service with Telcordia Technologies as Director of Software Development of Internet Protocol Network Management systems where his team focused mainly on prototype development of systems that did real time traffic management and control of Multi-Protocol Label Switching networks. A short time after retiring, Col Sirois established a new business providing computer and networks sales and services to small businesses in his local community of Bridgewater, NJ.

Today we were honored with a visit from Col Steve Tracy, NJ Wing Commander and Lt Col Marianne Ferland, NJ Wing Administrator





As we wander about the day traveling in and out of the different buildings on base, we sometimes are so rushed that we pay little attention to the names upon the walls outside.

If you are in Kish Airmen Leadership School reading this article, take time to go out to the front lobby and read the detailed newspaper article about Tech Sgt Frank Kish. The building was renamed in his honor on May 10, 2010 for his dedication and service during his time in the Army Air Forces.



So who was this Tech Sgt Kish? Frank Kish was born in PA, enlisted in the Army in 1941 and was a crew chief that served during World War II in the south Pacific. Here is the best part, Kish was 1st Lt. Thomas McGuire's personal mechanic. Yes, that's right, the man himself. Earlier you read about the history of McGuire AFB, and here we sit and learn in a building named for McGuire's hand-picked mechanic. Kish maintained McGuire's famous P-38 Lightning "Pudgy" and subsequent versions thereafter.

Now airmen from throughout the country come here to learn to be future leaders. The hallways are covered with items and plaques left behind by graduating classes. Take time to stop and read the stories of these airmen, it can truly be a humbling experience.



We would like to thank the men and women that have traveled these hallways for their dedication and service to our country.

And thank you Tech Sgt Kish for your loyal work to 1st Lt McGuire and his aircraft. We are honored and blessed to travel your hallways.

RSC Students Take Advantage of Recruiting Opportunities in CAP

By Seminar Alpha students

At Tuesday's class on Feedback, MSgt Wurtz presented an excellent lecture to us. At the conclusion, he admitted to not knowing much about Civil Air Patrol, so one of the students asked whether he would like to know more. We all contributed to telling MSgt Wurtz about the CAP program. He then said that his wife would be especially interested in CAP – she was in the Guard, had worked on the Orion spacecraft project for Lockheed-Martin, and would love to participate more in Aerospace Education opportunities like this. Capt José Rios "completed the sale" by presenting MSgt Wurtz with his CAP business card and explained to him how to find out about local squadrons.

Later that evening, three Seminar Alpha students (Maj James Ridley II, Maj John Sumrada, and Capt José Rios) encountered a Navy Lieutenant who noticed the CAP van and asked the members for more information about the cadet program. His interest stemmed from the fact that he has a daughter about to turn 12 years old. The members explained how NJWG is based here at McGuire, and that the base also contains a CAP Squadron. The members then asked what the Lieutenant did for the Navy, and he said that he is a maintenance officer for the C-130; they then explained the aerospace education program and other opportunities for him as well.

So we never know when we may encounter the next potential new CAP member. We all must be ready to further our Aerospace Education mission by recruiting cadets, senior members and teachers.

DAILY SCHEDULE....THURSDAY, 25 AUGUST 2016

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<u>Time</u>	<u>What / Who</u>	<u>Where</u>
0745 – 0800	Seminar Time	Seminar Rooms
0800 – 0815	Formation	Parade Ground
0815 – 0845	General Assembly	Auditorium
0845 – 0945	Leadership the Air Force Way (USAF 1 st Sgts)	Auditorium
0945 – 1045	Public Speaking: Delivering powerful briefings (Lt Col Goldman)	Auditorium
1045 – 1145	Seminar Task (Speech Selection/Prep)	Seminar Rooms
1145 – 1245	LUNCH	DFAC
1245 – 1300	Seminar Time	Seminar Rooms
1300 – 1400	Seminar Task (Speeches)	Seminar Rooms
1400 – 1500	Leading Groups and Wings (Lt Col Carello)	Auditorium
1500 – 1600	Seminar Capstone Project Time	Seminar Rooms
1600 - 1700	Strategic Operations at NER (Col Sirois)	Auditorium
1700 – 1800	Emergency Services Role in Recruiting/Retention (Lt Col Abegg)	Auditorium
1800 – 1900	DINNER	DFAC
1900 – 1930	Dining Out Instructions	Auditorium
1930 – 2000	Retreat Ceremony Practice	Parade Ground

