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“Foothills’ Cadets Honored to Serve Their Community”

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Commander's Comments

*Col. Earl B. Sherwin, CAP
Commander, Colorado Wing*

Civil Air Patrol is an all-volunteer force. Webster defines "Volunteer" as one who enters into or offers himself for a service of his own free will. After being accepted as a senior member of Civil Air Patrol we take on the responsibilities of membership to voluntarily subscribe to the objectives and purposes of Civil Air Patrol and agree to be guided by the CAP constitution and bylaws and comply with CAP rules and regulations and agree to abide by the decisions of those in authority of Civil Air Patrol, in the case of Cadet membership to serve faithfully in the Civil Air Patrol Cadet Program and attend meetings regularly, participate actively in unit activities, obey the officers, wear the uniform properly, and advance rapidly to prepare to be of service to the community, state, and nation. What I have just said here is part of the "Oath of Application for senior members and part of the CAP Form 15 for the cadets. So, why am I bringing this Volunteer thing up? The act of making application to an organization is volunteering, once we become members of that organization it's a whole different ball game. I don't care what organization you belong to, whether it is the Kiwanis Club, the Knights of Columbus, the Free Masons, or Civil Air Patrol there are rules and regulations that are expected to be followed. The second of our core values is "Volunteer Service". "CAP adopted this core value because it reflects the very essence of the organization – service to humanity. All CAP volunteers willingly give of their time, energy, and personal resources. Moreover, many have made the ultimate sacrifice by losing their lives while serving the organization. As a minimum, this core value implies a commitment on the part of all CAP members to place the organization's purposes first and foremost. This process starts with the member's agreement to obey the rules and regulations of CAP and the Air Force. In this regard, self-discipline is an absolute must." Please remember ~ Volunteerism is not an



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On the Cover:

BACKGROUND- A COWG Cessna 182 taxis for take-off at Rocky Mountain Metro Airport in Broomfield for a sortie during the USAF evaluated SAREX in August.

INSET- Foothills Cadet Squadron members (L-R) C/MSgt Erik Snyder, C/Capt. Corey Goepfert, C/1st Lt. Charles Blome, C/SrA Qashar Middleton present the colors at the opening ceremonies for the Cystic Fibrosis walk.

Shuttle Astronaut Visits Evergreen

By Lt. Col. Mike Daniels, CAP
COWG PAO



It took five attempts over a period of twelve years for former Navy pilot Joe Tanner to be accepted into NASA's astronaut training program. Tanner told an audience of almost 200 to be tenacious and pursue their dreams as they gathered to hear the astronaut's presentation on October 24th at Evergreen Lutheran Church courtesy of the Evergreen Composite Squadron. The internal/external aerospace education program was conceived by Evergreen Squadron Commander Capt. Daryll Keeling and Aerospace Education Officer Capt. Dean Anderson who invited Tanner, now a professor of Aerospace Engineering Sciences at the University of Colorado, to speak at one of their weekly meetings. The audience included members of the local Boy Scout Troop and their parents, Evergreen and Foothills Cadet Squadrons' members and their parents and members of the mountain community of all ages.

The presentation included an informative and entertaining PowerPoint overview of the various Space Shuttle and International Space Station missions that Tanner was part of while serving as a NASA Astronaut. Quoting Lt. Mary Cast of the Foothills Cadet Squadron: "our cadets and their parents learned so much about the current space program, and, even more importantly, our cadets got some real encouragement that they too can have dreams come true. They were encouraged to literally shoot for the stars!" 🇺🇸





Proclamation

WHEREAS, the Civil Air Patrol, the civilian auxiliary of the United States Air Force and a division of the Department of Military and Veterans Affairs, volunteers public service in the interest of community, state and national welfare; and

WHEREAS, the more than 2,100 members of the Colorado Wing of the Civil Air Patrol give their time and resources to benefit fellow Americans through aerial and ground search and rescue operations, humanitarian and mercy flights, homeland security and other unselfish acts in times of emergency; and

WHEREAS, these volunteers help conduct an effective national program of aerospace education and training for its members and the general public; and

WHEREAS, the Colorado Wing of the Civil Air Patrol offers leadership training and development and career motivation to its teenage cadet members in the wing's 35 community based units; and

WHEREAS, the first of December, 2011 marks the 70th anniversary of the founding of the Civil Air Patrol, which was established to help America in its hour of need during World War II and today is dedicated to service of humanity and to the non-combatant defense of the nation and state;

Therefore, I, John Hickenlooper, Governor of the State of Colorado, do hereby proclaim December 1, 2011,

CIVIL AIR PATROL DAY

in the State of Colorado.



GIVEN under my hand and the Executive Seal of the State of Colorado, on this twenty-eighth day of October, 2011.

John Hickenlooper
John Hickenlooper
Governor

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excuse for mediocrity.

If you didn't notice, Colorado Wing had a very busy summer. In June and July our aircrews flew six days of Air Force Academy Vectoring and in June the Compliance Inspection Team descended upon us; thanks to the hard work and dedication of the wing staff we received a "Highly Successful" rating. In July, along with the Vectoring the Advanced Technologies Academy came to town. The cadets and senior members spent a week of intense training including getting exposed to the Geospatial Information Interoperability Exploitation – Portable (GIIEP) system, boy, that's a mouth full isn't it. The Rocky Mountain Region Staff College got underway on Saturday, 23 July and ran through 30 July; I had an opportunity to visit at the college to see the outstanding training provided. If that wasn't enough August came along and so did the Operations Evaluation the first week of the month. The Mission Base Staff, under the watchful eye of the IC Lt. Col. Mike McDonald, did a great job in prosecuting the mission; we received a "Successful" rating. The dreaded Annual Survey Audit hit us the last week of August; because of the thankless efforts of Maj. Andrew Racja, Capt. Eric Schwarm in the Communications area, and MSgt. Cynthia Smith, the Director of Logistics, we got an "Outstanding" rating. As happens every year on 15 September, our flying stops. When the powers that be handed us a sizeable amount of money we had to try and spend it and one of the ways we did that was to fly the wings off the planes and gliders with orientation rides. It was obvious we would lose the funding if we didn't get with the program so I asked Maj. Karl Keil and Capt. James Garrard to give me an amount of money they could spend out of the balance we had, with glider and powered flights. They both came back to me and said they could spend it all and that's exactly what they did.

Speaking of money, at the time I'm writing this article we are broke. I hope by the time you read this we will have funds to operate. All we can do is hope for the best.

Thanks for your hard work and dedication to the best wing in Civil Air Patrol ~ the Colorado Wing! Remember ~ P.R.I.D.E. and Zero Defects. 🇺🇸

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Mile High Cadet Squadron Gets Up Close With Air Force One

Photo and article by

Lt. Col. Tom O'Melia, CAP

President Barack Obama campaigned in Denver on October 25, 2011. Air Force One was parked outside Hangar 909 at Buckley Air Force Base. Several members of the Mile High Cadet Squadron, CO-143, braved the rain and cold for a close-up view having just finished PT. A1C Joshua Kerk, Air Force Security member, arranged the visit with the US Secret Service. He is also a member of Mile High as a 2nd Lieutenant. 🇺🇸



Pictured (L-R): C/SSgt Sutherland Monahan, C/SrA Mckade Clark, C/Amn Brittica Bohlen, Capt. Judy Huff, Mile High CS Commander, C/2nd Lt. Jared Floyd, Cadet Robert Stephens, Lt. Col. Gary Schulz (50 year member), 1st Lt. Norm Teltow, and A1C Joshua Kerk, USAF.

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USAF Evaluated COWG SAREX

*Photos by Capt. Ed O'Brien, CAP, COWG SAREX PIO
and Lt. Col. Mike Daniels, CAP, COWG PAO*



Lt. Col. Anonson, USAF, presented COWG Communications Team Leader Capt. Eric Schwarm, CAP, with a Challenge Coin for being an Exceptional Performer and for receiving an "Outstanding" rating during the USAF evaluated SAREX conducted at Rocky Mountain Metro Airport in Broomfield in early August.



Numerous sorties were flown by COWG Aircrews.



Cadets carry victim during SAREX simulated rescue.



Shooting from the Air— Starts on the Ground

*Capt. Ed O'Brien, CAP
POC/Trainer/Gp2 AP Class*

The Civil Air Patrol has a new Airborne Photography Task Guide, SQTR, and high priority mission.

We also have urgent calls from the Air Force, FEMA, and other “Customers” to provide better quality pictures from the sky. There are new cameras and better technology to help but the answers start between the ears of the photographer and on the ground.

Taking aerial photos has long been a CAP job. Now it is an urgent edict.

On November 5 & 6, 2011 in the parking lot and classroom at the Military Science Building on the Campus of CSU – Aerial Photo Trainers: Nate Duehr, Reid Lester, Dave Ayers, Jack Head and Ed O'Brien put 12 trainees through the Airborne Photography Ground School.

On Saturday there was a “Coke Can Shoot.” Driving a car at dead slow speeds a crew of 3 trainees attempt to take good pictures of a Coke Can. This simulation shakes out crew responsibilities (CRM), refines camera technique, defines the limits of the equipment, and provides pictures for practicing downloads to WMIRS.



Terry Thompson and Rob Pehkonen work on downloading to WMIRS.

This isn't as easy as it looks but on the ground—Instruction is safe and easy, as a competitive spirit takes hold. Who can shoot the tiniest of print from the side of the can – from 8 feet – while moving? Who can download the fastest and not misplace the data?



Ed O'Brien (trainer) delivers new instruction that will change the mission plan on the Coke Can Course.

Who can function under rapid changes in the mission profile and still get the work product required?

The Coke Can Shoot instructs the basic Airborne Photography skill set, logging procedures, and makes for a fun day.

On Sunday there was the task guide and SQTR follow through in an eight-hour lecture course. This is to be followed by 2 air missions to become a fully qualified Airborne Photographer. That said, this isn't about the qual. This is about our performance.

Soon the scanner will be the hot seat on most every

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AP Trainees must be nimble and reconfigure on the fly.

CUL Class Held in Ft. Collins

*Article & Photos by Capt. Eric Schwarm, CAP
Colorado Director of Communications*

Effective communications are critical to the success of any Civil Air Patrol mission. With that in mind, CAP communicators gathered at the Larimer County Sheriff's Emergency Services Unit on October 29, 2011 for a Communications Unit Leader Class. The one day class included instruction and practice on a variety of topics. The class was open to cadets and senior members. C/CMSgt Sergeant Kyle Fields from Colorado Springs Cadet Squadron said "This was an excellent class, I would definitely recommend it."



Air Force feedback from Evaluated Exercises shows their expectation of radio communicators is planning and supervising other communicators but not talking on radios. Although CAP offers basic and advanced communications user courses, there is no formal instruction for members wishing to progress as Communications Unit Leader. Seeing an opportunity to improve the experience and create a larger group of qualified communicators, several experienced CAP communicators teamed up to create and teach an optional CUL class.

Capt. Eric Schwarm, Colorado Wing Director of Communications, said "Our goal is to provide an opportunity to sign off a few CUL SQTR tasks, offer training on communications topics unique to the Wing, and work on core CUL competencies: planning and supervising." An entire block of instruction, taught by 1st Lt. Mark Sheets, Colorado Wing Assistant Communications Engineering Officer, walked students through creating a complete communications plan. In

that exercise students were tasked with a mission scenario involving a remote location requiring the use of multiple repeaters and communications with a non-CAP search & rescue team. Once those plans were created, students were asked to adapt their plan to compensate for a repeater failure.

Another block of instruction covered items unique to the Colorado Wing. One of the significant topics involved learning how to operate the Colorado Wing repeater linking system. This system allows statewide communications, but another strong point is its ability to operate multiple nets simultaneously. CUL's must know how to operate the system to function effectively in the Colorado Wing. Students were also taught how to configure and use portable repeaters, which can be used airborne or on the ground to extend communications range. Finally, the CUL's in training were exposed to the concept of abbreviated communications which, if used appropriately, can reduce the amount of time needed

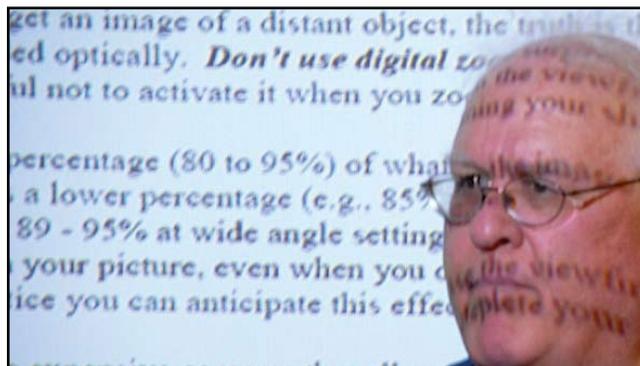


to communication effectively.

Major Gary Oplinger, Group 2 Communications Officer, taught students about High Frequency (HF) radio and covered intricacies of several radio models used by CAP. HF radio is being pushed by CAP National Headquarters for its ability to communicate over long distances, particularly the use of HF-Automatic Link Establishment, which promises to simplify long distance communications. HF could be especially important in a disaster relief situation. Maj. Oplinger also covered advanced user topics for CAP radios, such as editing and using scan lists.

The day was full of lively discussion and excellent questions. Students came from all over Colorado with people in attendance from all four Groups. 1st Lt. Chuck Pearson, trekked all the way from Grand Junction. Students came to the class with a wide variety of communications experience, including everything from BCUT/ACUT, to experienced police dispatchers and air traffic controllers, to electrical engineers. Quite a few, including all the instructors, were also licensed amateur radio operators.

When asked about the class, Capt. Stefanie Hudgins from Pikes Peak Senior Squadron replied: "I learned so much -- the level was perfect for me. I feel much more confident about Comm!" 



Ed O'Brien (AP trainer) in the classroom listening to questions.

mission. Over the target

the AP will feel like a bombardier, easing plane into position with minuscule corrections to the pilot, setting up, taking the shot, certifying that the pictures are good to go, downloading the pics, debriefing the mission, briefing up the next crew, checking with the customer to make sure they are happy...

The mission won't be done until the AP says "we got it!" The mission's success will be graded by the photo debriefer – who will also be a fully qualified Airborne Photographer.

CAP is getting better at Airborne Photography. Our terminology is now aligned to Air Force Reconnaissance standards. Our mission planning is now more in sync with Big Blue too. Our work is expected to be as good as theirs.

As our skills increase, our performance will grow... but then so will the expectations of our customers. Better service. More service. Within tighter time frames.

We aren't far from creating a new place in the vaunted history of CAP. The Airborne Photographers are getting ready. To GO! 

Mission Scanners Trainees and “The Knowledge”

*Capt. Ed O’Brien, CAP
BSSS Deputy Commander/PAO/Historian*

In every collective enterprise there is a basic skill set around which all training and endeavors are organized. For an emergency-services based, flying squadron in the Civil Air Patrol this basic skill set is the Mission Scanner.

On Saturday Oct. 1 - at The South Metro Fire and Rescue Headquarters - thirteen new scanner trainees heard the knowledge.

It will take many alerts, many missions, many SAREXs, many more years of mentorship by other members to make them competent aircrew members - but for 13 prospective scanners this is where the “Knowledge” begins to sink-in. This is where task guides, course slides, testing materials, and ol’ war stories meet.

This is where the journey for an aircrew member starts. This is the foundation. This is the place.

The Black Sheep are grateful to the following BSSS Members and trainers:



Mission Scanner Class POCs Lt. Col. Bruce Hulley and Lt. Ben Krieger.

Bruce Hulley, Gary Hubbard, Sim Coleman, Ed O’Brien, Nate Duehr, Hank Eng, Jim Jenkins, Don Johnson, Shawn Egle, and particularly Ben Krieger - For sharing their “Knowledge” and giving their time.

This was a fine turn out of lecturers. Your command and staff thank-YOU! 🏆



A class of 13 Mission Scanner Trainees prepares for class and POC Lt. Col. Bruce Hulley lays out the duties of the day.

2011 Colorado Wing Encampment



June 11-18, 2011
U.S. Air Force Academy



2nd Lt. Joseph Nuvolini, CAP
Public Affairs Officer, Air Academy Composite Squadron
Colorado Wing



Cadets wait in line prior to in-processing on the first day of training at this year's Colorado Wing Encampment conducted at the U.S. Air Force Academy June 11-18. Photo by 2nd Lt. Joseph Nuvolini



C/2nd Lt. David Harris, Charlie Flight commander, instructs a cadet during in-processing on the first day of training at this year's Colorado Wing Encampment conducted at the U.S. Air Force Academy June 11-18. Photo by 2nd Lt. Joseph Nuvolini



LEFT: Cadets get on the bus that will transport them from the dormitories to the dining facility on training day four at this year's Colorado Wing Encampment conducted at the U.S. Air Force Academy June 11-18. Photo by 2nd Lt. Joseph Nuvolini



Lt. Col. Rick Oakes (left), administration officer, talks with C/1st Lt. Kathryn Pennington, Delta Flight commander, before dinner on training day four at this year's Colorado Wing Encampment conducted at the U.S. Air Force Academy June 11-18. Photo by 2nd Lt. Joseph Nuvolini



Members of Squadron 12 chant during the Wing Run on training day five at this year's Colorado Wing Encampment conducted at the U.S. Air Force Academy June 11-18. Photo by 2nd Lt. Joseph Nuvolini



C/CMSgt (top center), command chief master sergeant, gives an inspirational speech to cadets after the Wing Run on training day five at this year's Colorado Wing Encampment conducted at the U.S. Air Force Academy June 11-18. Photo by 2nd Lt. Joseph Nuvolini



Lt. Col. Jim Osnes (left), commander, and Lt. Col. Jeff Mueller, commandant of cadets, lead cadets during the Wing Run on training day five at this year's Colorado Wing Encampment conducted at the U.S. Air Force Academy June 11-18. Photo by 2nd Lt. Joseph Nuvolini

RIGHT: Two cadets work on their flying skills in a U.S. Air Force Academy flight simulator on training day six at this year's Colorado Wing Encampment conducted June 11-18. Photo by 2nd Lt. Joseph Nuvolini





C/TSgt Joshua Christian (left) and C/SSgt Kyal Lanum, both with Echo Flight, work on their flying skills in a U.S. Air Force Academy flight simulator on training day six at this year's Colorado Wing Encampment conducted June 11-18. Photo by 2nd Lt. Joseph Nuvolini



Members of Squadron 11 participate in a team-building exercise with their TAC Officer, Maj. Kevin McSparron, on training day six at this year's Colorado Wing Encampment conducted at the U.S. Air Force Academy June 11-18. Photo by 2nd Lt. Joseph Nuvolini



C/A1C Vincent Corey is all smiles after successfully completing a teambuilding exercise with members of Squadron 10 on training day six at this year's Colorado Wing Encampment conducted at the U.S. Air Force Academy June 11-18. Photo by 2nd Lt. Joseph Nuvolini



Color Guard members (from left) C/MSgt Hayley Weir, C/CMSgt Steven Fogle, C/CMSgt Kyleigh Vogels and C/CMSgt Mac Davis lead the wing for Pass in Review on the final training day at this year's Colorado Wing Encampment conducted at the U.S. Air Force Academy June 11-18. Photo by 2nd Lt. Joseph Nuvolini 🇺🇸

Volunteer Service – Not Just A Slogan for Foothills Cadet Squadron

Article by 2nd Lt. Mary Cast, CAP
Foothills Cadet Squadron Public Affairs Officer

Foothills Cadet Squadron, CO-031, recently completed another season of busy community service. Cadets and senior members use these opportunities to speak to the public and promote Civil Air Patrol. At each major event they man a recruiting - information booth where the public can see what CAP has to offer. As a result the squadron has gained several new members.

In March, the squadron was out on the streets of Denver in support of the March of Dimes. The squadron provided set-up, tear-down, traffic control and directions to marchers as over 10,000 people took to the streets to support the annual “March for Babies”. Foothills CS was on-site by 5:30 AM at Civic Center Park in the chilly pre-dawn hours. They helped organizers set up booths, inflate balloons, and put out supplies like water and sun block for the marchers. Then cadets and senior members were sta-



C/CMSgt Grayson Horn escorts a Gold Star mother during the Memorial Day ceremonies at Ft. Logan National Cemetery.

tioned along city streets to assist Denver police in directing march participants to make sure everyone made it safely back to the where the march originated.

In May the cadets and seniors gathered at Sloan’s Lake Park in west Denver to support the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation with their march. Again, Foothills CS helped erect tents and booths for various displays, carried supplies and food for the

marchers, and manned the walk route to assist the march participants. Foothills color guard posted the colors for the opening ceremony, the squadron then led march participants in some fun stretching exercises to help warm every one up!

Foothills Cadet Squadron next joined other cadet squadrons from around the Front Range to participate in solemn ceremonies at Ft. Logan National Cemetery to honor the fallen on Memorial Day. Cadets stood guard over the memorial wreath, handed out programs to people attending, held the flags and escorted the representatives of various organizations. Cadets helped Gold Star mothers, as they walk up to lay flowers and wreaths during this poignant ceremony.

The cadets had an opportunity to meet with Colorado Colorado Adjutant Major General H. Michael



PHOTO ON LEFT: (L-R) C/CMSgt Erik Snyder, C/Capt. Corey Goepfert, C/1st Lt. Charles Blome, C/SrA Qashar Middleton present the colors at the opening ceremonies for the Cystic Fibrosis walk.

Edwards. They enjoyed speaking with the General and were excited to receive challenge coins from him. A few Foothills CS members went to the American Legion Hall and had lunch with several veterans. There they were able to meet and talk with them and thank them for their service.

The summer season began with a few cadets joining the Parker Cadet Squadron, CO-173, Parker, CO and helped them to kick off the Parker Days Summer Festival. They enjoyed marching through downtown Parker in the parade.

Every year, Foothills CS helps the city of Lakewood during their summer concert series at Belmar Park. Cadets helped direct traffic into the concert site and gave directions to patrons for purchasing tickets. Squadron members also work the back stage entrance area to ensure no unauthorized people came in.

Foothills CS also worked two other major events during the height of the summer season -- Lakewood on Parade and the Mile-High Nationals at Bandimere Speedway. Foothills CS helped Lakewood on Parade organizers by directing traffic into the Jefferson County Stadium parking lot throughout the day and early evening. This event takes place during the Fourth of July weekend, many people come to watch the parade and stay for fireworks in the evening. This event certainly kept our cadets busy!

The highlight of the summer is the NHRA Mile High Nationals at Bandimere Speedway, Morrison, CO. Cadets and seniors worked all three days in mid July. Noisy, dusty, and hot, the cadets loved every minute! Squadron members manned two relief stations -- one on the upper level near the mist tent, and the other at the southeast end of the spectator stands on the lower level. Cadets performed a wonderful service as they provided cups of water to thirsty race fans. The squadron arrived at least two hours before the gates opened each day to set up the water stations and start pumping. These two relief stations were always busy. Patrons were quite happy to get the free water. Members could tell when the track shut down to recondition the racing surfaces because they were flooded with people wanting a drink of water. They could hardly keep up! During this year's Mile-High National's they pumped close to 500 gallons of drinking water for spectators. The cadets had an opportunity during break times to meet the drivers, see the cars and watch the races.

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Foothills Cadet Squadron raises the flag at the Lakewood Cider Days Festival.

The “nitros” are especially popular although everyone jumped when those babies took off! After race season, Bandimere holds a volunteer appreciation Thank-You buffet. Volunteers can then go out to race go-carts or the track's Camero's.

The weekend of Aug 26-28, 2011 saw the squadron at two different events. The Lakewood Chili Harvest Festival and Rocky Mountain Air Show. Foothill CS members joined other squadrons from throughout Colorado at the air show and fly-in held at the Rocky Mountain Metropolitan Airport in Broomfield, CO. Many members manned the flight lines to ensure public safety.

The Chili Harvest Festival was a two day event at the Lakewood Heritage Center. Foothills members stayed from Friday evening to Sunday afternoon. They patrolled the Festival after hours for fire watch to ensure the displays and sound equipment were secure against weather and fire. During the day the group assisted the Heritage Center volunteers by manning gates, directing the live performers to the proper areas, and helping answer questions from the public. During evening and early morning hours, cadets did several team building and leadership exercises to sharpen skills.

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On the tenth anniversary of September 11th, Foothills CS members volunteered their Sunday to pay respects at the remembrance event in downtown Denver. Governor John Hickenlooper specifically requested CAP cadets to escort families and friends of the 9-11 victims and families of service members who have been lost during the "War on Terror". CAP also provided an honor cordon along the parade route through Civic Center Park. Our members worked a rope line around steel from the World Trade Center and ensured that the crowd maintained a respectful distance from the families that were mourning their losses. Cadets personally escorted the families from a check-in station to the memorial area. Cadets remained with their "families" throughout the remembrance ceremony, made small talk with guests to help ease emotions, and made sure the mourners had tissues and water as needed. Among the many special guests were a New York City fireman and the families of several Special Forces members killed during the ensuing war. In spite of the difficult and emotional task, CAP members maintained a high level of professionalism at all times. For all CAP members involved, it was truly a great honor.

Our last major community service event, Lakewood's Cider Days Festival, found Foothills CS again assisting the Heritage Center staff during the event as gate watchers and overnight fire watch. During this event cadets also had an opportunity to build several air-powered rocket launchers and rockets. This interesting and engaging activity attracted positive attention from the large crowds and allowed Foothills members to speak to the public about Civil Air Patrol.

Although our major events have concluded for the season, Foothills cadets continue to perform community service. Cadets attending Lakewood High School have been asked to present the colors at Lakewood's annual Senior's Breakfast, held on Veteran's Day to honor the senior citizens in the community. Foothills CS is also selling wreaths for the Wreaths Across America program. The wreaths they sell, along with the other community organizations, will be laid at graves in Ft. Logan National Cemetery on December 10, 2011 as part of the national ceremony honoring all veterans throughout the nation. 

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Chaplain's Corner



*Ch Lt. Col. Jeff Williams, CAP
Colorado Wing Chaplain*

What is a chaplain, and why should CAP have them? In each Peaks and Planes we will look at some aspect of the CAP Chaplain Corps to see how chaplains benefit you.



CAPP 221A (2011, p. 8) says, "The free exercise of religion is guaranteed by the Constitution of the United States." The chaplain's primary concern, therefore, is to safeguard your constitutional rights, to be an advocate for your religious freedom, and to provide for your free exercise or non-exercise of religion.

Chaplains serve in two roles, a prophetic role and a priestly role. In the prophetic role, the chaplain applies the Word of God to your life, offering encouragement, hope, and a friendly ear when you have problems. In the prophetic role, the chaplain cares for your spiritual, mental, moral, and physical well being. He or she is an adviser to the Commander on issues of morale, well-being, and general condition of the unit. The chaplain serves each unit member as a trusted counselor and confidante.

Chaplains also serve in a priestly role, representing each CAP member before God. As chaplains offer private and public prayers, they bring your concerns, needs, and hopes before the Almighty. They do so to the best of their ability, in the form which best reflects their understanding of God and the dictates of their faith.

Chaplains serve two masters, Civil Air Patrol and their endorsing agency. Unlike other positions in CAP, chaplains must meet the same educational and ecclesiastical standards as active duty, National Guard, and Reserve chaplains. With some exceptions, it means having a Master of Divinity and the approval of their church body before they can serve.

In the next issue we will look at the position of Character Development Instructor. 

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Seven Colorado Cadets Attend National Flight Academy

Fremont, Nebraska—Starting June 16, 2011, twenty-three Civil Air Patrol cadets gathered at the National Powered Flight Academy in Fremont, NE. Six of those cadets are from the Colorado Wing. C/Capt. Clar Webb, Thunder Mountain Composite Squadron, C/2nd Lt. Andrew Archer, Mesa Verde Cadet Squadron, C/2nd Lt. Colin Mummery, San Juan Composite Squadron, C/Lt. Col. Travis Graham, Dakota Ridge Composite Squadron, C/CMSgt Joseph Leavitt, Mustang Cadet Squadron, C/2nd Lt. Michael Wicker, Douglas Cadet Squadron.



The following narrative is from C/Capt. Webb:

“The National Powered Flight Academy is the whole reason why I joined Civil Air Patrol almost 5 years ago. As long as I can remember, I’ve wanted to fly. Growing up next to a small airport had a huge impact on what I wanted to be for the rest of my life. When I learned that I was accepted to the Powered Flight Academy in Nebraska, I was excited and a little nervous but once it actually started I realized that there is more to flying than I had ever imagined. Thankfully, almost all the people I befriended thought the same. All of us worked hard both in the air and on the ground to be able to learn everything we needed to solo; the ultimate reward for our work. All 23 of us, at the end of the camp, soloed. I think everyone will agree with me that this was the chance of a lifetime. Also, it is insanely cheap for the amount of airtime and flight training you receive. The friends you make will last a lifetime and the experiences you take away from it will help you the rest of your life. It was one of the best 2 weeks of my life!” 🇺🇸

Safety – CAP Member Responsibilities



*Maj. Buddy McCormick, CAP
COWG Director of Safety*

At one time or another, every CAP member has heard this question: “Who is the safety officer?” Of course, the answer is always “everyone”! Every CAP member, from the National Commander down to the newest Cadet Airman Basic has safety responsibilities.

Knock it off! Every member, even the newest cadet, can, and should, stop what appears to be an unsafe activity by saying “***knock it off***”. In cases like this, the activity leader should halt the activity, immediately, and the participants should discuss the safety concern. After taking the time to evaluate the situation, the activity leader can make a decision to continue, modify, or stop the activity. It is better to take a “time out” to evaluate the situation than to continue if ***any*** participant or observer believes something about the activity is unsafe or questionable. Senior and cadet leadership should ***never*** criticize or ridicule another member for taking this action. The member should be praised for speaking up and leaders should take the concern seriously. By the way, “knock it off” is a term used by military pilots during practice air-to-air combat maneuvering. When it is necessary to terminate air-to-air maneuvering due to safety concerns or any other reason, any of the participating pilots can call out “knock it off” over the radio and the “fight” stops – immediately!

Safety Currency – All members must be “safety current” to participate in any meeting or activity. This is a member responsibility - it is not up to someone else to inform members that they are non-current. Although commanders and activity directors have a requirement to verify safety currency of participants, each member must know how to check safety currency and must not participate if they are non-current. Any non-current member who participates in a meeting or activity is in violation of CAP regulations. There are two methods available for establishing safety currency:

- (a) Attend a unit meeting when a safety education is scheduled. Once this education is logged in eServices, all participants will have safety currency updated.
- (b) Complete an on-line safety education in eServices. This will automatically update safety currency.

Regulations require ***all*** active members to renew safety currency ***every*** month by one of these two methods. ***No currency – No participation! Period!***

Disclosure of Pre-existing Physical or Medical Conditions – Pre-existing conditions are one of the primary causes of Bodily Injury Mishaps. This is particularly true among cadets. A pre-existing condition is any physical or medical condition, temporary or permanent, that might put a member at a greater risk of injury during a specific activity. Each member is required to disclose any pre-existing condition to commanders or other leadership before participating in certain activities.

EXAMPLE 1: A cadet sprains an ankle during PE at school a few days before the weekly CAP meeting. During the scheduled CAP meeting, Cadet Physical Fitness Testing is scheduled. The cadet with the prior ankle injury should notify leadership of the injury and ***should not*** participate in CPFT. The risk of further injury is too great!

EXAMPLE 2: A member is recovering from the flu; however, they feel well enough to attend the upcoming CAP weekly meeting. This member should ***self-disclose*** that they are recovering from the flu to unit leadership and should not participate in any sort of strenuous activity at the CAP meeting/activity.

Members have an obligation to self-disclose. Inform unit leadership or activity directors of any pre-existing conditions ***before*** an activity. ***Do not wait for someone to ask!***

Western Slope Squadron Invited to Assist With Final Honor Flight

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Grand Junction, CO—Thunder Mountain Composite Squadron was invited to greet and escort the fifth and final Western Slope Honor Flight as they arrived back in Grand Junction on September 22, 2011. Nearly one hundred World War II Veterans, the youngest 83, the oldest 100, left Colorado the day before for a thirty seven hour whirlwind trip to Washington DC. They visited the Iwo Jima Memorial, Viet Nam and Korean War Memorials and the high light of the trip- the World War II Memorial. The oldest vet placed a rose on the Colorado pillar of the memorial.



C/A1C Sean Ulibarri thanks a veteran he escorted down stairs.

The group began the return flight in Baltimore and landed in Grand Junction at 7:05 pm with a water cannon arch, bands, an Honor Guard and a terminal filled with cheering, grateful citizens. As each vet reached the concourse a waiting cadet or boy scout was on hand to escort them through the crowd to the elevator or stairs. At the stairs, Thunder Mountain had positioned six sturdy young men to help the somewhat fragile vets that chose to navigate down two flights of stairs. Many had tears as they looked out to see the large crowd who came out to welcome these heroes.



C/CMSgt Jesse DePascal (L) and Cadet Commander C/2nd Lt. Garrett Wachtel use care assisting a vet on the stairs.

Through many generous donations and volunteer escorts, over five hundred vets were able to participate in this program. All of the cadets and senior members felt honored to have participated in such an important event. They had a great time meeting and talking with these fine veterans. “I really had a good time” was the statement most given by the cadets.



(L-R) C/MSgt Adam McGovern, C/2nd Lt. Garret Wachtel and Maj. Eic Thompson help the veterans down stairs.

Colorado Wing Salutes Veterans at Luncheon

*Article and Photo submitted by
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The 17th annual Aurora Veterans Salute hosted by the Aurora Center for Active Adults was held November 2, 2011. The primary corporate sponsor is Spalding Rehabilitation Hospital and KEZW radio. DJ Rick Crandall was the MC. There were 850 tickets sold but because of the weather, actual attendance was less. This year's theme commemorated the 50th anniversary of the Vietnam Conflict. Last year's theme was World War II. The keynote speaker was Maj. Gen. Mason Whitney, USAF (ret), former Colorado Adjutant General. He flew 343 combat missions over Vietnam, Cambodia and Laos in an O-2A supporting special operations. Current Adjutant General Michael G. Edwards also made brief comments along with many other tributes to the veterans.

The Colorado Wing sponsors one table for ten attendees. The Wing Commander, Lt. Col. Earl Sherwin is the official host, making it the Commander's Table. The Commander then invites CAP members who are veterans. Invitees this year were:

Lt. Col. Rick Oakes

Lt. Col. Gary Falls

Lt. Col. Pete Dunn

Maj. Carl Keil

Capt. Mo Hall

Capt. John Mitchell

Capt. Steve Steinberger

Lt. Col. Mike McDonald

Maj. Doug Greenspan

Due to inclement weather, not everyone was able to participate. Lt. Col. Bob Johnson worked at the event as a volunteer, and since the table had empty seats, he was asked to sit at the Commander's table. 🇺🇸



(L-R) Lt. Col. Gary Falls, Lt. Col. Rick Oakes, Lt. Col. Pete Dunn, Lt. Col. Mike McDonald

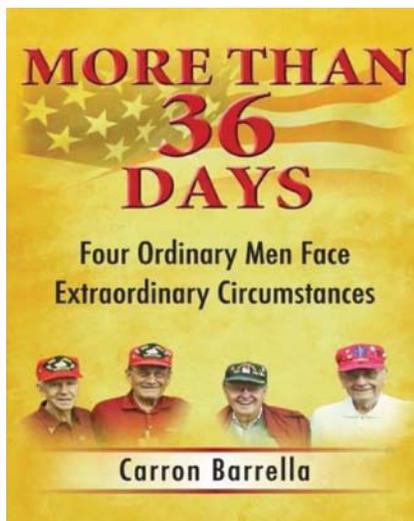
Cover to Cover

By Lt. Col. Mike Daniels, CAP
COWG PAO

Regarding **More Than 36 Days**, former Colorado Governor Bill Ritter says “Carron Barrella does us the grand favor of ensuring that the life stories of four veteran Marines who fought at Iwo Jima will be preserved forever. Barrella, a former Marine herself, tells their stories, with charm and grace, but through the eyes of someone who can easily imagine the horrors of war, the triumph in battle, and the bonds among the warriors that were seared for eternity.”

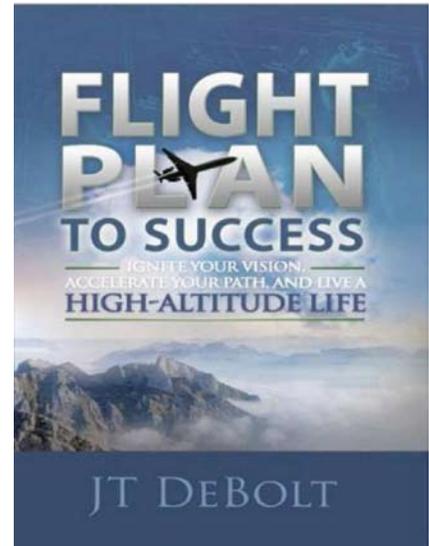
Medal of Honor recipient, Drew Dix, U.S. Army, Vietnam, says “by expertly threading the lives of four men, Carron tells us what it was like to be a young man in those days before, during and after WWII, and gives us a clearer picture of HONOR, INTEGRITY and PATRIOTISM. We now know how war affects who we become.”

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2011 Rocky Mountain Air Show

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Lt. Col. Mike Daniels, CAP, COWG PAO

This year's Rocky Mountain Air Show at Rocky Mountain Metro Airport in Broomfield was August 26-28. The following are photos taken at the event. The Colorado Civil Air Patrol assisted the airshow staff with over 200 cadets and senior members from squadrons throughout the state supporting in various roles. A number of them arrived via a USAF C-130 that flew up from Peterson AFB in Colorado Springs.



A U.S. Army Parachutist literally “flew the colors” and the COWG was proud to be there!



Thousands of people witnessed the presence of the Civil Air Patrol at the Rocky Mountain Airshow as cadets and senior members could be seen everywhere including the flightline.



Lest we forget those who valiantly served our country, present at the show was U.S. Navy Corsair pilot Capt. Thomas Hudner, Jr. USN Ret. who was awarded the Congressional Medal of Honor by Pres. Truman during the Korean War for his actions to save his wingman by crash landing his Corsair near his downed and injured friend. Read the full account here: <http://www.homeofheroes.com/brotherhood/hudner.html>



For all you WWI history buffs, the Red Baron's name was Baron Manfred Von Richthofen and flew the Fokker Triplane. He had 81 aerial victories before he was shot down. He later earned notoriety as Snoopy's nemesis and for the frozen pizza that bears his name!



A beautiful U.S. Navy F-18 adorned with the Top Gun Aggressor Squadron paint scheme.



This WWII era P-51 Mustang was equipped with a Rolls Royce Merlin Engine and to this day is heralded as one of the greatest fighter planes the world has known.



A COWG Civil Air Patrol Cessna 182 aircraft was on display for all to view and explore!



There were some great aerial performances at the air show including WWII Vintage aircraft in formation.



A WWII era B-25 Mitchell Bomber with some “attractive” nose art!

This WWII Navy Divebomber’s wings served as cover for attendees from the hot summer sun and almost 70 years ago helped to defeat the “Land of the Rising Sun.” 🏰

