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Commander's Comments

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

The Colorado Wing Encampment kicked off with in-processing on Saturday, June 23, 2012 at the Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs. Everything went very well, with no mishaps or incidents. However, at noon, a fire was reported in the Waldo Canyon area of Ute Pass just West of Colorado Springs and North of Highway 24. As the day went into the evening the fire grew in



intensity and continued to grow for the next couple of days. The encampment staff developed a plan in the event they had to evacuate. Tuesday evening, June 26th, the winds increased, the fire expanded drastically, threatening the Air Force Academy. The order was given to evacuate and at 7:50 PM the encampment personnel were moved to Peterson Air Force Base. Once everyone was at Peterson AFB, the Air Force stepped in and took control. Everyone was in-processed to determine 100% accountability and arrangements were made for parents to pick up their cadets. Those cadets not picked up by parents on Tuesday evening were billeted in the Base Fitness Center where cots, blankets, and towels were provided, and the dining facility was made available on Wednesday for meals. When the Peterson AFB personnel went into action our cadets and senior members received first class treatment. The Installation Commander and his staff were there to oversee the process and to give assistance. We saw firsthand how the Air Force takes care of its own. By 4:00 on Wednesday, June 27th, all cadets had been picked up and the senior members departed for home. Everyone attending received credit for the encampment. As in any big operation such as this, there are those who are sitting on the periphery who think they could have done it better than the people directly involved. Let me assure you, at no time were our people in danger. There was an evacuation plan and the encampment staff was in constant contact with the officials at the Academy and when the order

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On the Cover:

BACKGROUND- Alpha, Bravo and Charlie flights from Squadron 1 pose in front of an F-16 during an Air Force Academy tour during this year's encampment. Photo by Cadet Staff Sgt. Alyssa Letts.

INSET- Senator Michael Bennet (center) accepts a Colorado Wing hat during a briefing in Washington, DC. L-R Col. Gary Tobey, Col. Earl Sherwin, Senator Bennet, Cadet 2nd Lt. Noah Gibbs, and Lt. Col. David Novotny. Photo by Lt. Col. David Novotny

Colorado Wing Represents Rocky Mountain Region at NCC with Two Teams

By Maj. Mike Tier, CAP and
Maj. Denise Thompson, CAP

Dayton, OH - The Rocky Mountain Region Cadet Competition was held April 27-28, 2012, at Gowen Field Air National Guard Base, Boise, Idaho. Four wings were represented - Colorado, Utah, Wyoming and Idaho. The Colorado Wing color guard prevailed by winning the competition and moved on to the National Cadet Competition in Dayton, Ohio, June 22-24, 2012. They were joined by the Thompson Valley Composite Squadron Drill Team who automatically advanced as there were no drill teams.

Thunder Mountain Composite Squadron Color Guard represented the Rocky Mountain Region in the color guard portion of the competition. They placed sixth overall. Each



Drill team

Front L-R: Team Commander Cadet Chief Master Sgt. Julia Bailey, Cadet Airman First Class Kiana Higgins, Cadet 2nd Lt. Jensyn Reece, Cadet Senior Airman Moriah Higgins, Cadet Senior Airman Sydney Dunnahoo, Cadet Senior Master Sgt. Tate Dupon.
Rear L-R: Cadet Capt. Callum Schneider, Cadet 2nd Lt. Jonah Moss, Cadet Staff Sgt. Riley Murray, Cadet Chief Master Sgt. Josh Cramer, Cadet Staff Sgt. Derek Lantis, Cadet Airman First Class Spencer Sangiorgio, Cadet Capt. Jordan Fisher, Cadet 2nd Lt. Calvin Yingling.



Thunder Mountain Color Guard
L-R: Cadet Staff Sgt. Sienna Watkins, Cadet Senior Master Sgt. Shamron Willison, Cadet Master Sgt. Leah Gates, Cadet Technical Sgt. Tony Cavaliere.

team member thoroughly enjoyed the experience. “I had a blast, the history of the area is fascinating,” said Cadet Staff Sgt. Sienna Watkins. The team has been practicing and studying since last October.

Fourteen members of the Thompson Valley Composite Squadron Drill Team represented the Rocky Mountain Region in the drill team portion. The cadets have been working each week since January on knowledge, drill, and physical fitness. The cadets placed 2nd in the Panel Quiz and 6th Overall. Cadet Captain Jordan Fisher received the Highest Test Score in the Written Exam and Cadet Chief Master Sgt. Julia Bailey received the Esprit de Corps Award, voted on by all of the other teams at the competition.

Congratulations to all the cadets for their accomplishments. Colorado was well represented by eighteen young people who showed maturity and behavior befitting a national level event. 

Cadets Attend Space Symposium

Colorado Springs Cadet Squadron CyberPatriot Team Attends Space Symposium

*By Capt. Bill Blatchley
Aerospace Education Officer
Colorado Springs Cadet Squadron
Photos courtesy Space Foundation*

The 28th National Space Symposium kicked off on 16 April 2012 with the Cyber 1.2 conference at the Broadmoor Hotel in Colorado Springs. The national champion CyberPatriot team from the Colorado Springs Cadet Squadron was invited to attend this all day conference. The National Space Symposium is presented annually by the Space Foundation to bring “together space leaders from around the world to discuss, address, and dream about the future of space...” A Cyber Space pre-symposium component was added in 2010 to address the fusion of cyberspace and aerospace.

The conference began with a speech by Lieutenant General Michael Basla, Vice Commander, Air Force Space Command. General Basla stated that “Cyberspace is part of every war fight we are in.” Of particular interest to the cadets on the CyberPatriot team was information presented by Gen. Basla on the cyberspace career development program being put in place by the Air Force. They have instituted three levels of certification and have 5,700 officers, enlisted, and civilian personnel certified.

Another interesting point brought up by Basla is the fact that the 24th Air Force has hunter teams looking for problems within the networks. They participate in Red Flag exercises designed to simulate real world cyber encounters.

The General added that airmen are always aware of the potential for FOD (foreign object damage) on the flight line. They are constantly looking for items on the taxiway that might damage an aircraft. How many airmen are looking for “FOD” that can



Colorado Springs Cadet Squadron CyberPatriot team poses with Lt. Gen. Basla at the Space Symposium Cyber 1.2 lunch. L-R: Cadet Senior Airman Christopher Ottesen; Cadet Capt. Thomas Jessop; Cadet 2nd Lt. Carlin Idle; Cadet Chief Master Sgt. Chris Vasquez; Lt. Gen. Michael Basla, USAF; Capt. Bill Blatchley, CAP; Senior Member John Parish; Cadet Airman Basic Stephen Parish; Cadet Chief Master Sgt. Amanda Church.

damage their computer. Unauthorized downloads or hitting bad web sites can do more damage than junk on a runway.

Mr. Riley Repko, President and CEO of Trusted Cyber Solutions, LLC spoke next and indicated that we do have a problem with our supply chain. He noted that not having a secure supply chain is a threat to our physical systems. He cautioned everyone that it is “better to be safe than Sony” in reference to their well publicized security issues.

Major General Suzanne Vautrinot, Commander, 24th Air Force, spoke of the operational side of the cyber mission. Vautrinot was in Washington during the CyberPatriot competition and presented the CyberPatriot team members with their awards. She noted that the mission focus is based on orders just like air, sea, and land war fighters. The 24th Air Force has hunter teams that find threats and neutralize them. They are focused on operations where the threat is highest.

Through the conference, the CyberPatriot team

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Colorado Springs Cadet Squadron CyberPatriot team learns about battlefield communication from a General Dynamics exhibitor. L-R: Robert Rudolph, General Dynamics; Cadet Chief Master Sgt. Chris Vasquez; Cadet Senior Airman Christopher Ottesen; Cadet Airman Basic Stephen Parish; Cadet 2nd Lt. Carlin Idle; Capt. Bill Blatchley.

members learned of the great opportunities that lay before them in the world of cyber security. Each came away with an appreciation of the education and training involved in becoming a cyber professional, whether in the military, government or private industry.

Many CyberPatriot corporate sponsors were also present in the vendor exhibit hall. During the symposium student tour, the members of the CSCS CyberPatriot team visited the booths of CyberPatriot sponsors. The team wanted to thank those sponsors for participating in the CyberPatriot program. Most of the sponsors had their space related divisions present for the Space Symposium. Several sponsors were familiar with the CyberPatriot program. Those that had not been exposed to CyberPatriot were interested in knowing how their respective companies were supporting high school students. All were interested in the team member's plans for the future and congratulated the team on their accomplishment.

As the team members talked with sponsors and other exhibitors, they gained further knowledge of the career opportunities available in the cyber world. 🇺🇸

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Evergreen Composite Squadron Lends Support to Fallen Firefighters Memorial

By Capt. Dan Bower, CAP



L-R: Cadet Second Lieutenant Kristina Stefaniuk, Colorado Governor John Hickenlooper, Cadet 2nd Lt. Kelan Rooney.

Evergreen Composite Squadron supported the Colorado Fallen Firefighters Memorial May 12, 2012 in Lakewood, CO. The foundation honors firefighters who have lost their lives protecting the lives and property of the people of Colorado. Cadet Commander 2nd Lt. Kristina Stefaniuk and Cadet 2nd Lt. Kelan Rooney were honored to escorted Governor John Hickenlooper to his seat at the ceremony. These cadets were very professional and represented CAP very well. They coordinated with the chairman of the Colorado Fallen Firefighters Foundation, Fire Chief Jerry Rhodes before the ceremony to identify the proper route to escort the Governor. The Governor arrived after the ceremony began, the cadets escorted him back-stage, allowing him to stop so his eyes could adjust to the low light, and escorted him discreetly to his seat.

Since 2002, Evergreen Composite Squadron has supported this solemn ceremony by collecting food from area supermarkets and manning food serving tables. They also are responsible for clean up and removal of all the tables. 🇺🇸

John Cassidy Honored for 30 Years Service to Civil Air Patrol

By Lt. Col. Ray Ross, CAP

May 7, 2012 was a special evening at the Colorado Guard Armory. Civil Air Patrol (CAP) has been operating at the airport for over 40 years. Captain John Cassidy is the first person to serve 30 continuous years flying Search and Rescue missions here on the west slope. Sheriff Rich Dunlap honored John's dedicated work, saying that he could not do his job without volunteer support from the likes of the Posse and CAP. Major Rick Peterson, Group IV Commander, presented John with a Commander's Achievement Medal. Then Mr. Scott Streit, representing Congressman Scott Tipton, presented John with a Congressional Tribute.

Congressman Tipton read the following tribute into the Congressional Record:

“Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of John Cassidy of Montrose, Colorado, who is celebrating his 30th anniversary as a volunteer for the Civil Air Patrol.

“A man of wide-ranging experience and talents, John Cassidy served in the US Navy before obtaining his bachelor and master degrees, and becoming a highly respected Montrose High School teacher. John was active in Habitat for Humanity where he helped with numerous projects, including his students in many home renovations.

“As an aircraft owner, John looked for an additional way to serve the community, finding it when he joined the Civil Air Patrol. He is a superb mountain search and rescue pilot, flying countless missions searching for lost hikers, hunters, snowmobilers, and crashed aircraft.

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Captain John Cassidy (second from right) was honored by Montrose Sheriff Rick Dunlap to recognize 30 years of volunteer service in Montrose Squadron CO- 141. He is flanked by his family and 1st Lt. Ron Forsberg, Squadron Commander, far left.

“During the course of his 30 years with the Civil Air Patrol, John has held every leadership position in the Montrose Squadron, and is a role model for the hundreds of cadets who have known him. Many of those cadets have gone on to successful careers in law enforcement, the military (including USAFA, USMA and USNA), teaching, engineering, technical and medical fields.

“Mr. Speaker, it is an honor to recognize not just John's 30 years as a volunteer for the Civil Air Patrol, but all of the ways that John Cassidy has added to the quality of life for those who live and work in Montrose County.”

Editor's Note:

Capt. Cassidy passed away Saturday, June 9, 2012, losing a long battle with cancer. He is survived by his wife of 42 years, Berni, one son, one daughter and seven grandchildren. 🇺🇸

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Colorado Cadet Squadron Earns Top Honors at CyberPatriot Competition

Civil Air Patrol defended its claim to the Commander-in-Chief Cup, capturing the top spot in the championship round of CyberPatriot IV: The National High School Cyber Defense Competition. Cadets from the Colorado Springs Cadet Squadron, known as the “Wolf Pack,” bested eleven other All Service Division finalists – including the Alabama Wing’s Springville Composite Squadron, Ohio Wing’s Youngstown ARS Composite Squadron and South Dakota Wing’s Big Sioux Composite Squadron – to lay claim to the national title.

Their triumph followed a full day of competition during the Air Force Association’s CyberFutures Conference and Technology Exposition at the Gaylord National Hotel and Convention Center in National Harbor, across the Potomac River from Washington, D.C. Members of the Wolf Pack are:

Cadet 1st Lt. Thomas Jessop
Cadet 2nd Lt. Carlin Idle
Cadet Chief Master Sgt. Kyal Lanum
Cadet Senior Master Sgt. Chris Vasquez, team captain
Cadet Senior Airman Christopher Ottesen
Cadet Airman Basic Stephen Parish



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Captain Bill Blatchley coached the Wolf Pack, while Senior Member John Parish served as team mentor. The Colorado Wing team is the second CAP team to capture the Commander-In-Chief Cup. Last year, cadets from several central Florida units hoisted the cup after CyberPatriot III.

The Big Sioux Composite Squadron team, meanwhile, finished first in the morning Cyber Forensics competition. Team coach is 1st Lt. Shannon Hofer, with 2nd Lt. Michael Klosterman serving as team mentor.

CyberPatriot IV began Oct. 28, 2011 with more than 600 teams registered in the All Service Division, which pitted teams from CAP and junior ROTCs from the Air Force, Army, Navy and Marine Corps against each other. A second division, the Open Division, was made up of teams from public and private high schools and home schools. In all, more than 1,000 teams signed up to participate, representing all 50 states, U.S. Department of Defense Dependent Schools in Europe and the Pacific, and Canada. A record 218 teams from CAP competed in at least one of the first three virtual rounds of competition before the four finalists made it to the fourth and final round.

Each team received an all-expenses-paid trip to National Harbor. Cadets from the winning teams also received academic scholarships from Northrop Grumman, one of CyberPatriot’s sponsors, and a tour of the nation’s capital. Created by the AFA in 2008, CyberPatriot is a unique competition geared toward teenagers that replicates real-life cyber security situations faced by computer administrators. It provides students hands-on learning about cyber security while exciting, educating and motivating them to be America’s next cyber defenders.

Courtesy Volunteer Now 

Helping Others in Need

By Cadet Chief Technical Sgt. Victoria Schmidt, CAP

Volunteer service is one of Civil Air Patrol's core values. But why, out of all the characteristics a person can possess, such as honor, compassion, courage or ambition, did the founders of the Cadet Program choose volunteer service as a core value? CAP was created to serve the people during World War II. The founders of CAP wanted to use their aviation skills to protect their country. CAP played a big part in World War II by protecting the borders of America by flying coastal patrols, sinking two enemy submarines, spotting several others, and saving hundreds of crash victims all during the first six months of the war. Thus, when CAP created the Cadet Program, they stayed true to the origins of CAP and made volunteer service one of its core values by which to live.

CAP defines volunteer service as, "Voluntarily giving of oneself, over personal desires, to provide for the welfare of others." In the Learn to Lead books, chapter one says: "...volunteer service is about 'selflessness.' It's the difference between 'giving' and 'taking'." CAP wants all members, whether senior members or cadets, to serve others in their communities, states, and the nation, as listed in the last part of the Cadet Oath. Volunteer service is the basis of all that is done in CAP.

Mustang Cadet Squadron has done several things to help the community in the first part of 2012. MCS has done many different kinds of volunteering, including races, parades, and ceremonies. In the spring of 2012, Mustang Cadet Squadron worked with another squadron at the March of Dimes race. The two squadrons worked together to help the coordinators in various ways and were a great asset to the success of the event. On that same day, several MCS members also volunteered at an auction to benefit the Junior Diabetes Research Foundation. This event went on well into the night, and most members did not get home until 3:00 AM. Mustang Cadet Squadron attended the Light Sport Aircraft Expo. Although MCS went there to work the flight-line, it was raining too hard to have any planes out of the hangar. The cadets and senior members remained on the scene until the organizers of the event finally decided that they didn't need the

squadron any further. On Memorial Day weekend Mustang Cadet Squadron members worked with Valkyrie Cadet Squadron and Broomfield Composite Squadron with the Wreath Laying and Tribute ceremonies. It took place in front of the State Capitol building, and honored the families of fallen soldiers. Two days later, MCS provided both a color guard and an honor guard for a Commerce City parade. The route was more than two miles long and many squadron members had blisters afterwards.

During the summer, the squadron was busy with several more events. In June, MCS helped monitor the flight line at the EAA Young Eagles B-17 Aluminum Overcast. MCS members were allowed a tour inside the B-17 and a few members were given the chance to go flying in a Young Eagles plane. Next, cadets from Mustang Cadet Squadron were invited to provide an honor guard at a debutante ball. This was a huge event, and MSC has done an outstanding job every year they have participated. In July, the squadron assisted another squadron with the Lakewood on Parade. This event ran from 1:00 PM to 10:00 PM and members worked in the heat to make this event a success.

In the next few months, Mustang has scheduled a few more volunteer events, which include the MUDD Volleyball, the Colorado Yellow Ribbon Event, and Racing Underground in both July and September. To add on to their accomplishments, all of the members of the dedicated Mustang Cadet Squadron have done this work while keeping up on their academics, doing well at their jobs (those who have one), spending time with their families, and still having time for their social lives and other clubs/activities. Although waking up at 3:00 in the morning to volunteer at an event that might not be a picture of fun, there is a certain feeling of pride that comes from helping others in need.

Mustang Cadet Squadron is part of the Civil Air Patrol. CAP is a volunteer branch of the United States Air Force. Visit www.mustangcadetsquadron.org for more information. 

Colorado Civil Air Patrol Cadet Shares Civic Leadership Academy Experience

By Senior Member Allen Storie, CAP

Cadet Second Lieutenant Noah Gibbs of the Steamboat Springs Composite Squadron shared his experience in the Civic Leadership Academy (CLA) held in Washington D.C., February 25 to March 3, 2012.

The Civil Air Patrol selected top cadets from across the nation to participate in the CLA, an academically intense, interactive study of the democratic process in action. The curriculum included learning opportunities and experiences at the Capitol, the Supreme Court, the State Department, the CIA, the FBI, legislative offices, major national monuments and the Air and Space Museum.

These learning experiences were complemented by lectures, seminars, assigned readings and reports. Cadet Second Lieutenant Lt. Gibbs is honored as the only CAP Cadet to be selected from the State of Colorado.

During the course, Gibbs met and spoke with people serving our country in a variety of positions and levels of government. Among them were Supreme Court Justice Sonia Sotomayor and Colorado Senator Michael Bennet. In a separate event, Gibbs met Chief of Staff of the Air Force, General Norton Schwartz, keynote speaker at a dinner honoring the 70th Anniversary of the Civil Air Patrol.

“Civic Leadership Academy was probably one of the most exciting experiences in my life so far. Each and every day was something new and interesting. The most rewarding part of the Academy was getting to talk to so many important people,” said Cadet Gibbs.

Cadet Gibbs considered his day at the U.S. Department of State as the most rewarding. A variety of speakers and guests related their diplomatic experiences. The day concluded with tours of both the State Department and the Bureau of Diplomatic



Cadet Second Lieutenant Noah Gibbs shakes the hand of General Norton Schwartz, Chief of Staff of the US Air Force.

Security Service’s (DSS) Operations Center. The DSS is the security and law enforcement arm of the U.S. Department of State.

“I came to D.C. with the intention of determining which one of these organizations I may want to work for one day. After my time at the Department of State I knew that those were the type of people I would want to go to work with every day,” said Cadet Gibbs.

Cadet Second Lieutenant Lt. Gibbs joined the Civil Air Patrol in 2008 and will be giving a presentation on his experiences with the CLA in the near future

.Steamboat Springs Composite Squadron 2nd Lt. Carrie Gibbs contributed to this story. 🇺🇸

A CAP Core Competency Comes to Custer County Colorado

*By Maj. Ed O'Brien, CAP
Black Sheep Senior Squadron, PAO*

The Civil Air Patrol has much to do. If you worry about our falling mission count, don't. If you're anxious that we are being marginalized, sidelined, or made irrelevant – relax. A perfect example occurred on June 1st in Westcliffe, Colorado. Custer County's Search and Rescue Team (SAR) bought a portable direction finder commonly known as an Lper. They wanted to know how it worked. We went. We trained them. We made friends... again. This story goes back to January 2011. Custer County. We were called in for a plane crash. The Emergency Locator Transmitter (ELT) was sending out a signal. Among the CAP teams were myself, Michael Head, and Ralph Jacobs. We all worked that mission together.

Four-wheeling through a vicious blizzard that made for a 5-hour slog from Denver to Westcliffe. Then the following day tracking through deep snow - the plane was located after a 6-hour search. There were no survivors. But our Direction Finding (DF) skills paid off. The County Incident Command noticed. We made a good impression. They asked for our help again.

Fast forward to June 2012. This time we added George Dengler to our CAP team. George had trained me in direction finding several years ago.

Bob Pruiksma, Custer County Incident Commander, Cindy Howard, Team Leader, and seventeen members of the Custer County Search and Rescue team gathered on a beautiful Saturday morning at the foot of the Sangre' De Christo Mountains to train in one of our core competencies – Direction Finding an Emergency Locator Transmitter (ELT).

First a classroom on direction finding.

We spent the rest of the day on various scenarios. First a parking lot exercise. Initially - to determine which cardboard box has the training beacon. Everybody got a shot. Most got it right. Those that guessed wrong took a joke at their expense. There was even a 25-cent bet, paid off.

Now we scaled it up for field exercises. LISTEN! Take bearings. Triangulate. Plot reports. Coordinate teams. Resolve the nulls. Mark lat/longs on a map. Communicate. Move. Take more bearings. Resolve more nulls. Close in.

Find the beacon. Disarm the beacon. Retrieve the beacon. Debrief the scenario. Repeat.

As Custer SAR Team Leader Cindy Howard, exclaimed; "... this isn't as easy as it looks."

Many County SAR teams use their beacons like a bird dog. A bit of sniffing about - but mostly heading directly to the indicated bearing. It is their desire to get there as fast as possible. It is their nature to dash to the scene. But in ELT searches the scene may be illusive, contradictory, or just tricky. Triangulation, plotting, and coordination make it an art as much as a science.

The trouble is - in the up and down topography of Colorado - the direct-to-the-scene method misleads about half the time. It is simple to forget the place you lost the signal. And, it is effortless to not recall the exact bearing where the strength was weakest or greatest. Is it here or there? Did we receive a better signal at 240 degrees or at the reciprocal of that bearing?

It is easy to take too many bearings, slowing down the process. And when you take too few bearings? Well things get complicated, quickly.

Methodology and coordination are important things we know and should teach. This builds trust in our practices, as we build confidence in all those we train.

County SAR IC Bob Pruiksma stated, "It's a lot for an old man to absorb," but absorb they did.

"They picked it up quick," said, CAP member Michael Head. "These guys are good."

The Air Force has told us many times. Civil Air Patrol is no longer a stand alone SAR Organization. CAP is part of an information gathering team. That is our future - part of a larger information gathering team. In the meantime we can do some information distributing too. As many more SAR teams take up the DF mission. As CAP moves to new missions like airborne photography, ARCHER, and Remotely Piloted Vehicles – we need to leave behind competent first-responder teams. We need to give away everything we know to our "friends in the field."

Friends and reliable field teams are made, not born. We went to Custer County to make both. 

was given- we moved.

The encampment was the first big event of the summer with many more right on its heels. The next big events are the Advanced Technologies Academy and the Rocky Mountain Staff College scheduled for the last full week of July. Then, we have the Ops Eval during the period 6 – 12 August.

Many changes have taken place since 1 May that will affect us all. The first, and perhaps the one with the most impact, was the re-organization of CAP-USAF. As a result of the re-organization the State Director position was eliminated. Many of the tasks performed by the State Director now fall back onto CAP, one of which was the Spaatz Testing. The Spaatz Test Administrator is now the wing commander; the procedures for requesting the test remains the same, when the cadet sends a request, via email, to the wing commander that's as far as it goes, the wing commander sets the schedule for the test and administers it. Another change is the processing of MSAs and Access Lists for activities planned to be held on military installations. This process is very critical and must be accomplished within the time frame dictated by the Air Force Point of Contact for each installation in Colorado. The Wing Administrator, Mr. Ian Carman, is well versed on the process and is the one who prepares the documents, your ability to follow instructions will make or break the process. There are other changes that affect the Wing Staff but the two I mentioned above are the critical ones.

In any organization, especially one as large as the Colorado Wing, there are people who don't like the way the ship is being maneuvered. That's called Dissent. Wikipedia's definition is, "Dissent is a sentiment or philosophy of non-agreement or opposition to a prevailing idea (e.g. a government's policies) or an entity (e.g. an individual or political party which support such policies)". Wyoming Wing Chaplain, Lt. Col. Jeff Johnson, has developed an "Ethics of Dissent" that I want to share with you. Chaplain Johnson discusses the Ethics of Dissent during his presentation to CAP members when he talks about our Core Values. The first point is "Change From Within". This means if there is

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Wing Public Affairs Seminar Scheduled for October 20th at USAFA

You are invited to attend a one-day COWG Public Affairs Officer Seminar to be held on Saturday, 20OCT12 from 0900-1630 at the U.S. Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs. There is no fee for this training, lunch will be provided. The seminar's agenda will soon be available and sent to the Wing in an updated announcement.

Please RSVP no later than Thursday, 18OCT12, to Lt. Col. Mike Daniels, Colorado Wing PAO at 303 674-7070 or 720 261-3880(Cell) or goodknightbooks@juno.com.

a directive, policy, or decision that rubs you the wrong way and you don't agree with it, try and change it from within the organization first. The second point is "Live With It". Weigh the options and if it can't be changed from within, live with it. The third point is "Leave". If you can't change it from within and you can't live with it then consider moving on to some other endeavor and leave the organization. The fourth point is "Don't be Passive-aggressive. Passive-aggressive behavior is dealing with expectations in interpersonal or occupational situations in an obstructionist or hostile manner that indicates aggression, or, in more general terms, expressing aggression in non-assertive (i.e. passive or indirect) ways. Passive aggressive behavior was first defined clinically by Colonel Will Menninger during World War II in the context of men's reaction to military compliance. Menninger described soldiers who were not openly defiant but expressed their aggressiveness "by passive measures, such as pouting, stubbornness, procrastination, inefficiency, as passive obstructionism" due to what Menninger saw as an "immaturity" and a reaction to routine military stress".

Think about our Core Values of Integrity, Volunteer Service, Excellence, and Respect and keep them in the forefront of our daily efforts. 

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Dear Maj Gen Carr

I would like to take this time to personally thank and commend you and the entire Colorado Wing of the Civil Air Patrol for your outstanding support as the Air Force Auxiliary during the recent wildfires.

Civil Air Patrol's ceaseless efforts and professionalism helped mitigate additional pain and suffering to the residents of Colorado who were affected by the fires. The Colorado Wing responded rapidly and efficiently with volunteers to staff the collection and distribution center in Fort Collins which provided assistance to the residents affected by the High Park Wildfire. Your members provided over 1600 man hours with 200 volunteers to support the assistance shelter alone. In addition, the CAP swiftly responded to a request from Douglas County to fly fire spotting missions throughout the Colorado Springs area. These missions enabled initial reporting on several fires and helped prevent further property damage. When FEMA requested Air Force Auxiliary assistance, the Colorado Wing provided valuable high resolution images of the wildfire areas for damage assessment and for use by our interagency partners. Your aircrews safely flew over 90 hours in very demanding conditions and truly made a difference to Colorado communities.

On behalf of Colorado and a grateful nation, I want to extend my appreciation for the hard work and long hours that the AF Aux volunteers so selflessly gave to this effort. I know I can count on CAP. Our nation already does!

Sincerely,

STANLEY E. CLARKE III
Lieutenant General, USAF
Commander

The Heart of a Volunteer

From the Frontlines of Disaster Relief

*By Maj. Ed O'Brien, CAP
Black Sheep Senior Squadron, PAO*

Report #1

As we go to press - the issue is in doubt. The field of battle is filled with flame and smoke, the conflagration covers the state of Colorado. Refugees come out of the dark from homes lost, to stand in one-hundred plus degree heat. It is the summer of 2012 and the Colorado Wing is in the fight. President Obama has come to declare the fires a National Disaster.

High Park Fire - It is 0800 hours, Sunday June 24th and this is our morning briefing.



The crew CAP Adventists Ameracorp. Photo by 1st Lt. Mary Cast, Foothills Cadet Squadron.

CAP's Face:

I am looking into the face of Maj. Bruce Hertelendy, Colorado Wing Disaster Relief Officer. He is a man in his perfect place. We are at the Adventist's High Park Fire Donation Center, Foothills Mall, Ft. Collins, Colorado.



Second Lieutenant Timpler and Cadet Maj. Charles Blome load a truck for a fire victim. Photo by 1st Lt. Mary Cast, Foothills Cadet Squadron.

Seated next to Hertelendy is Cadet Capt. Meagan Graham and Deputy Disaster Relief Officer Maj. Mary Beth King. King will clump around all day on a foot that has gone bum and causes her pain. She will maintain her sharp wit and supervisory spark through another day of temps above the century mark. If Maj. King were a Greek God, she'd be a Titan.

She will listen to stories of tired volunteers, neighborhoods turned to cinders, all the while wrangling eager cadets. She will never mention her foot in the Frankenstein boot. "She must be exhausted," I think. She's been here for days, so has Hertelendy, so has Dale and Jenn Short. Pete Dunn and Chase Peters are here. Liz Caldwell is coming soon. There are about 25 CAP volunteers here today. This is morning during briefing we are getting our game

faces go on. Our game faces are smiles.

“Take care of yourselves and hydrate, hydrate, hydrate,” begins Maj. Hertelendy. I know these faces well and they are blinking perceptively slower. Are they waking up? Going back to sleep? No, they are reserving their energy. Today, will take all they have.

“Look out for one another, if someone looks worn-out, check on them, and above all stay safe.” Hertelendy says. The briefing is done. The work has just started. It will go all day, day in and day out, in unrelenting heat. It is just shy 8:30am and just about 90 degrees.

Of course, we are not on the frontlines of the fire. Of course, we have not lost our homes. Of course, we are among friends who are more like family. No, I’ll take that back – We are with our CAP family. And for the next 10 to 12 hours this former Mervyn’s store - full of boxes of donated things - which seem to include every possible item for civilized life, all needs gathering, transferring, and sorting.

Donations:



Major Bruce Hertelendy coordinates supplies as they arrive at the center. Photo by Maj. Ed O’Brien.

In come the stories of the donators. “I just had to come and give what I can.” “Thank you for allowing us to donate.” “Keep up the good work.” “God Bless you all.”

“My boys would like to donate their allowances for the last 3 years.” The money is in a baggie. The boys are learning to give. Their parents are rightfully proud. We are all grateful. I make some notes.

I take a picture but misplace the paper on which I wrote their names. These beautiful children with glad hearts and grateful parents, making a trek of benevolence, and I can’t tell you who they were. I am a fool in CAP clothing. I will kick myself for days for being so careless with their precious names, but I am working too and it isn’t as a PIO.

There is an awning going up just outside the front

door. Today, it will be a hundred in the shade and so some shade is absolutely necessary. CAP is ready to receive.

Volunteers:

Michael Bright and Cathy Kissner run the donation center for the Adventist Relief Agency. They are both Bright and Kissners. Their names seem to fit them to a tee, as they conduct a tour for new volunteers and show them how this once bustling store is now a retreat of renewal, hope, and kindness. This place is filling up with the good-hearted doing every little thing. “The toiletries for men in this box.” “Stuffed toys for kids here, provided they are clean, of course. Dirty toys there, we’ll wash those up later.” “Work clothes – because when these evacuees go home they’ll need to clean for days, so men’s coveralls in this box, women’s here.”

There are 100 categories. There are 120 volunteers. There is much to do and this is just the introductory tour.

Evacuees:

Their faces run from teary-eyed to flat-blank stunned. There are people walking in to the donations center as the ghosts of existences-past. Haunted, bleak, and torn from life and living in their cars. “We’ll give them a chit for a hotel and meals. We’ll give them tooth brushes, shaving cream, we’ll figure out what they need for a couple of days at a minimum, until their insurance kicks-in.”

“Don’t ask them about their loss. It just reinjures them. We have counselors coming from the Methodist’s in an hour or so. They’ll be in the back where we are setting up a quiet room.” Michael Bright assertively recites this instruction – he knows what he is talking about. It is obvious he has done this before. We listen.

And then, in come the evacuees. The look in their eyes is unmistakable. A young woman, perhaps in her twenties and blind, suffering from what seems to be a thousand other maladies, asks to use the restroom. “Of course,” a volunteer patiently walks her to the ladies-room while the woman’s parents shop for necessities. Later I will see this young woman sitting on a couch near the front door, she is nodding off, her fatigue is obvious. She sits for hours and relaxes at peace as the bustle of the center wraps around her.



Unloading donations as they came in. Photo by 1st Lt. Mary Cast, Foothills Cadet Squadron.

The New Fires and the New Call:

I have spent the afternoon with Dale and Jenn Short setting up a “War Room.” The Adventist’s know fires are breaking loose all over the state. The Waldo Canyon fire is growing by leaps and bounds. The Estes Park fire while contained has made more displaced folks. Then my son calls...

He lives in Manitou Springs with his wife, 4 kids, two dogs, and a parakeet. They are headed to Denver in their RV. Their house is in peril. They are now evacuees too. I must go.

I sign out. I look at the tired faces I leave behind with guilt... but I must go. By the time I get back to Denver, all things with my son are settled. Some of my grandkids are with their Uncles and other family members. The animals are taken care of too. My son and his wife are still in the RV, headed back to Colorado Springs. They want to be close to their home, which is a mile from the southeastern flame front.

All these things:

All these events take time to process. I can’t write for a day. I can’t even download pictures for two. I sleep for 14 hours straight and remember. The Summer of 2012 is... as we go to press, unresolved.

All I know:

Fire is a fickle thing. It burns down homes and raises heroes. It makes the strong weak and the weak beautiful. It also makes men and women out of boys and girls. It wipes out places and makes new ones.

“Nothing beats the heart of a volunteer! Nothing on God’s Green Earth or the Devil’s Red Hell.” I remember those words from Air Force General Jimmy Doolittle.

He uttered them at briefings before he went to battle.

I’ve spent the day with great volunteers but not among God’s Green or the Devil’s Red... but among the people of the Patrol and Adventists at a former Mervyns in Ft. Collins. I believe General Doolittle completely. I believe in volunteers.

On the frontlines there are noble volunteers. Behind the lines there are more volunteers. At home there are countless volunteers. So maybe the issue isn’t really in doubt.

Editor’s Note: As the donation center closed a tally of volunteer hours was sent to me. The total- over 1,600 hours was devoted to this effort. Colorado Wing and the people who benefited from this effort are deeply grateful to all. DT 

2012 Colorado Wing Encampment a Success Despite Waldo Canyon Fire Impact

*By Capt. Joe Nuvolini, CAP, Colorado Wing Assistant PAO and
1st Lt. Dale Snively, CAP, Assistant Aerospace Education Officer,
Air Academy Composite Squadron*

Colorado Springs, Colo. – With reveille sounding the morning of June 23, the 2012 Colorado Wing Encampment was officially underway at the U.S. Air Force Academy Preparatory School in Colorado Springs, Colorado. Although senior and cadet staff members arrived four days earlier to train and prepare for the encampment, the official start of the planned eight-day activity began with the arrival and in processing of 161 basic cadets.

The encampment was scheduled to conclude with a Pass in Review on June 30, but due to the devastating Waldo Canyon Fire that started June 23 just west of Colorado Springs and spread quickly June 26 into parts of the city, all 230 members of the encampment were evacuated from the Air Force Academy.

“Due to the increased threat from the Waldo Canyon Fire, the encampment personnel were ordered to evacuate the Air Force Academy,” said Col. Earl Sherwin, Colorado Wing commander, the evening of June 26. “Our cadets and senior members were transported to Peterson AFB, where the Air Force took control and processed everyone to get 100 percent accountability.”



Cadets from Echo Flight, Squadron 2, pose in front of a Lockheed EC-121T at the Peterson AFB Air and Space Museum during this year’s encampment. Photo by Cadet Technical Sgt. Emma Hanley.



Alpha, Bravo and Charlie flights from Squadron 1 pose in front of an F-16 during an Air Force Academy tour during this year’s encampment. Photo by Cadet Staff Sgt. Alyssa Letts.

Once the cadets were processed at Peterson AFB, which is located southeast of Colorado Springs, parents were notified of the situation. For those cadets who weren’t able to return home that day, the base Fitness Center became their temporary home. “The Air Force provided cots, blankets, sheets and towels,” Sherwin said. “The dining hall was made available so no one went hungry. The Peterson AFB leadership did an outstanding job of caring for our needs. I can’t say enough about the hospitality extended to our encampment personnel.” Although encampment had to end early, the cadets were able to participate in many planned activities at various military installations. Highlights included using the flight simulators at the Air Force Academy along with a campus tour, a guided tour of the Air and Space Museum at Peterson AFB, and simulated emergency services

and M16 rifle exercises at Fort Carson. Other daily activities included review of proper uniform wear, drills, inspections, character development and, of course, meal time.

These activities support the Civil Air Patrol goals of encampment. According to CAP Regulation 52-16, encampments are a key part of the CAP cadet program. The mission of the cadet program is to transform youth into dynamic Americans and aerospace leaders. The program follows a military model and emphasizes Air Force traditions and values. More specifically, the goals of encampments are:

- Apply knowledge gained in the cadet and senior programs to practical situations.
- Develop a greater understanding of CAP and Air Force missions and capabilities.
- Develop cadets' leadership potential, interpersonal skills, time-management skills and spirit of teamwork.
- Inspire a sense of discipline.
- Learn how to overcome challenges and succeed.
- Enhance their local unit's cadet program.
- Aid in retention and motivation.
- Receive an introduction to the military.



Members of Foxtrot Flight, Squadron 2, march in formation on their way to lunch during this year's encampment at the Air Force Academy. Photo by Cadet Technical Sgt. Emma Hanley.

This year's encampment was led by Col. Phil Biersdorfer. He is the counter drug director of CAP's Rocky Mountain Region. Going into the encampment, Biersdorfer said the biggest challenge he faced this year was to meet Col. Sherwin's outline of how



Cadets from Squadron 2 maneuver up the climbing wall at the Air Force Academy during this year's encampment. Photo by Cadet Technical Sgt. Emma Hanley.

he envisioned the encampment. "We wanted to have a simple curriculum that would provide a good basic foundation for the cadet basics to work from for their CAP careers," he said. As encampment progressed and the threat of fire started to impact operations, Biersdorfer's focus shifted to the safety and well-being of his encampment personnel before and during the evacuation process. "Getting evacuated from the prep school was certainly different this year! I may be the only encampment commander in history to lose an encampment due to a forest fire," he commented. "Really though, we had real life issues injected into the encampment, and it may have helped some encampment participants to better understand the nature of emergency service. Our day starts when other people's day falls apart."

Biersdorfer also shared some thoughts about the Waldo Canyon Fire and its impact on encampment. "I think it showed the entire encampment body the value of being prepared and having a plan. We looked at the fire and how it was spreading, and we worked up a plan in case we had to evacuate. Overall, the cadets performed well, and we were able to get out without any injuries," he said. "Being



Two cadets from Squadron 1 take a break from the flight simulators at the Air Force Academy during this year's encampment. Photo by Cadet Staff Sgt. Alyssa Letts.

vigilant is our motto. Safety is a prime consideration and should be the first thing any of us think about when setting out to complete even a minor task. As for a major undertaking like our evacuation, safety is making sure we have 100 percent accountability and preventing any injuries," he continued. "Other people's emergency is where CAP goes to work, and any experience where you learn to keep your wits about you while everything else is falling apart is a very valuable lesson."

In support of Biersdorfer's leadership, Lt. Col. Gary Falls served as commandant of cadets. Falls is the director of cadet programs for the Colorado Wing. In charge of the cadets as cadet commander was Cadet Col. Caitlynn Graham, who serves with the Dakota Ridge Composite Squadron in Littleton, Colo.

The 2012 Colorado Wing Encampment proved to be a success for everyone involved. "The basic cadets were starting to come together nicely in their flights before we had to evacuate," said Biersdorfer. "I spoke with a number of basics as we out processed, and they all said they wanted to come back on staff next year."

This encampment will be a memorable activity for everyone involved because, in part, of the historic wildfires that impacted not only the CAP members, but the community at large as well.

AACS Cadets, Senior Members



Cadets from Squadron 3 participate in a simulated search and rescue exercise at Fort Carson during this year's encampment. Photo by Cadet Chief Master Sgt. Aiden Gibbs.

Assist in Property Recovery Effort

Cadets from the Air Academy Composite Squadron (AACS) voluntarily began a property recovery effort at the USAF Academy Preparatory School; this effort was initiated after evacuation orders forced the early end to this year's encampment. Thus, Friday morning, June 29, 2012, with smoke still rising from the ridges, an effort that lasted over eleven hours during which three buildings with a total of 150 rooms were cleared and cleaned.

Every effort was made to carefully bag and label personal items left behind during the evacuation. In addition, common areas also had to be cleaned so the buildings could pass inspection. 🇺🇸



Smoke from the Waldo Canyon Fire, which pushed into Colorado Springs June 26, can be seen from the Air Force Academy just prior to this year's encampment evacuation. Photo by Cadet Staff Sgt. Alyssa Letts.

Heart of the Rockies Squadron Recognizes Cadet and Senior members

By Senior Member Ruth Lewis, CAP



Cadet Master Sgt. Sage Gentry receives the Air Force Association NCO of the Year Award from squadron commander Lt. Col. Toni Skinner as Lt. Col. Lee Wilkinson looks on.

Senior member Lt. Col. Lee Wilkinson was awarded the Certificate of Retirement from CAP and the Commanders Commendation. The Commendation was given in recognition of his leadership to Civil Air Patrol in the area of communication. Wilkinson was the communication officer for three Search and Rescue Exercise's. He also provided an outstanding service as the squadron safety officer. Wilkinson has volunteered for CAP for 25 years and has been a mentor to many cadets and senior members.

Senior members 1st Lt. Randy Robertson and Maj. Patty Robertson were given Achievement Awards for being Project Officers at Field Training Exercises for the years of 2009 – 2011. They planned and led the training sessions for the cadet bivouacs; they also were instrumental in providing equipment and preparing meals.

Cadet Master Sergeant Sage Gentry was recognized with the Air Force Association's Cadet NCO of the year for 2012. Gentry stepped up to mentor newer cadets and was chosen as the Cadet Commander because the squadron had no cadet officers. Gentry exemplifies the position admirably and assists in all areas that he is requested to help with.

On May 10, 2012 the squadron also recognized 1st Lt. Robertson and Maj. Robertson as new parents. 🇺🇸

Peaks and Planes

Evergreen Composite Squadron Cadets Enjoy Glider Flights June 19, 2012 at Boulder Airport

Photos by 1st Lt. Dan Bower, CAP, Evergreen Composite Squadron



L-R- Cadet Airman Matthew Gardner, Cadet Josh Kiser, Cadet Airman Zachary Gardner, Cadet Airman Gregory Turnquist, Cadet Airman Jeffrey Ditlevson.



Cadet Airman Zach Gardner performs Wing Runner duties during glider orientation flights.



Cadets from Evergreen Composite Squadron ready a glider for flight. 🇺🇸

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Achievements

Congratulations to the Cadets and Senior Members listed below. The Colorado Wing is proud to acknowledge the dedication, determination and hard work these individuals demonstrate by earning these important milestones in the spirit Civil Air Patrol seeks in each of its members.



Gen. Carl A. Spaatz Award

C/Col. Byron L. Gray, Mustang Cadet Sqdn.



Gen. Ira C. Eaker Award

C/Lt. Col. Andrew W. West, Parker Cadet Sqdn.
C/Lt. Col. Kory L. Zablocki, Air Academy Comp. Sqdn.
C/Lt. Col. Caleb T. Rawson, Foothills Cadet Sqdn.



Amelia Earhart Award

C/Capt. William T. Kernc, Dakota Ridge Comp. Sqdn.
C/Capt. Thomas A. Jessop, Colorado Springs Cadet Sqdn.
C/Capt. Chad Laliberte, North Valley Comp. Sqdn.
C/Capt. Stephen T. Scheffel, Valkyrie Cadet Sqdn.
C/Capt. Jordan T. Fisher, Thompson Valley Comp. Sqdn.



Gen. Billy Mitchell Award

C/2nd Lt. Jonah R. Moss, Thompson Valley Comp. Sqdn.
C/2nd Lt. Kurik L. Mattics, Montrose Comp. Sqdn.
C/2nd Lt. Kosette M. Zablocki, Air Academy Comp. Sqdn.
C/2nd Lt. Andrew Parcha, Air Academy Comp. Sqdn.
C/2nd Lt. Luke W. Jarboe, Dakota Ridge Comp. Sqdn.
C/2nd Lt. Joseph D. Kastendieck, Montrose Comp. Sqdn.
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C/2nd Lt. Isaiah J. Stuckey, Colorado Springs Cadet Sqdn.
C/2nd Lt. Calvin E. Yingling, Thompson Valley Comp. Sqdn.
C/2nd Lt. Joshua T. Christian, Broomfield Comp. Sqdn.
C/2nd Lt. Nicholas L. Essek, Mustang Cadet Sqdn.



Gen. Billy Mitchell Award

C/2nd Lt. Knoa D. Punzal, Colorado Springs Cadet Sqdn.
C/2nd Lt. Isaac O. Aughenbaugh, Valkyrie Cadet Sqdn.
C/2nd Lt. Daniel D. Pershing, Valkyrie Cadet Sqdn.
C/2nd Lt. Erik Snyder, Foothills Cadet Sqdn.
C/2nd Lt. Patrick Cussen, Thompson Valley Comp. Sqdn.
C/2nd Lt. Brianna J. Larkin, Vance Brand Cadet Sqdn.
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C/2nd Lt. Matthew E. Ingve, Mustang Cadet Sqdn.
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C/2nd Lt. Garyn D. Knuckles, Mesa Verde Cadet Sqdn.
C/2nd Lt. Andrew Martin, Dakota Ridge Comp. Sqdn.
C/2nd Lt. Levi H. Lockling, Foothills Cadet Sqdn.
C/2nd Lt. Bryce W. Redden, North Valley Comp. Sqdn.



Paul E. Garber Award

Maj. David A Micheletti, Colorado Wing



Grover Loening Award

Capt. Karen A. Dale, CO WG HQ
Maj. David C. Atwood, Group 3 HQ
Capt. Andrew J. Archer, Mesa Verde Cadet Sqdn.
Maj. Debrah Archer, Mesa Verde Cadet Sqdn.
Capt. Bethany K. Lenell, Colorado Springs Cadet Sqdn.
Capt. James M. Elliott, Boulder Comp. Sqdn.
Capt. Christopher L. Ashburn, Mustang Cadet Sqdn.
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Chaplain's Corner

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



CAPR 52-16, the regulation which governs the Cadet Program, says, "The goal of the Cadet Program's character element is to develop in cadets an ability to think critically about moral and ethical issues, and the commitment to live CAP's Core Values." This simple statement separates the CAP Cadets from their non-CAP peers in a number of significant ways.

The Character Development session is not religious instruction. Indeed, religious instruction is the teaching of our place before a supreme being. It shows us how we find favor with the deity to whom we owe allegiance. Be it the first tablet of the Ten Commandments or the Eight-fold Path, that is the teaching about the relationship of a person to a higher being. Even though the Character Development session is not religious instruction, it is facilitated by someone who has demonstrated an understanding of moral principles. Chaplains and Character Development Instructors are the first choice for facilitators, but if a unit lacks a member of the Chaplain Corps, the unit commander may temporarily lead the session. I understand CAPR 52-16 to say this cannot be delegated to another senior member in the absence of a Chaplain or CDI.

The Character Development session serves a two-fold purpose. First, it gives the Cadets a chance to think about the difficult choices of moral dilemmas. They have a chance to explore their reactions to diverse subjects such as discovering a friend's drug abuse, thoughts of suicide, appropriate use of social media, hazing, and many other topics. In this respect the Character Development session is somewhat like ground school, it prepares Cadets to tackle real-world problems. It is a session of give and take, discussion and action by the cadets which is moderated by the facilitator.

Second, the Character Development session gives the Cadets the tools they need to make informed decisions, to interact with others in a way which is beneficial. To this end, the Cadets learn to apply the Core Values of CAP to various situations. They learn to ask, "Which Core Value applies, and how does this relate to integrity, volunteer service, excellence, and respect?"

The Cadets are exposed to the universal truths which include the dignity of all people, the respect for those who may be of other opinions, and the strength which comes from being part of a trustworthy team.

In the next article we will begin to explore the Core Values. 🇺🇸

Cadets Fly High in a United Boeing-767

*By Capt. Bill Blatchley, CAP, Aerospace Education Officer
Colorado Springs Cadet Squadron*

Denver, CO-Eight cadets from the Colorado Springs Cadet Squadron was provided an opportunity to put their hands to the yoke of a United Airlines Boeing 767 simulator in Denver. Each cadet took their turn at a take off from Boeing Field in Seattle, Washington and flew a left hand pattern to land back on runway 13R at Boeing Field.

Each flight began with our host engaging the auto-throttles and the 767 began to roll down the runway. With the cadet pilot not flying but monitoring the airspeed, he called out “VR” at rotation speed. The big jet leaped from the runway. Although the simulator motion was deactivated, the visual scene certainly gave the impression of movement.

According to Cadet Chief Master Sgt. Andrew Gaines, “It was exciting to see how professional pilots train and we had the opportunity to see their training environment. Going through the squadron ground school last year gave me the basic understanding on how to control the aircraft such as thrust and attitude. It also gave me an understanding of the instrumentation that is present in the 767. I think this was a once in a lifetime opportunity that increased my desire for an aviation career.”



This is your captain, Cadet Airman 1st Class Noah Bowe, speaking. We will soon be flying at 3,000 feet. We hope you enjoy your flight. Photo credit, Capt. Bill Blatchley.



Cadet Airman Tyler Reed, Cadet Airman 1st Class Noah Bowe, Cadet Chief Master Sgt. Kyle Fields and Cadet Airman 1st Class Victor Griswold stand in front of a Boeing 757-200 simulator at the United Airlines training facility. Photo credit, Capt. Bill Blatchley.

After leveling off at an altitude of 3,000 feet, each cadet pilot maneuvered around the pattern using the queues from the electronic flight director with the approach already programmed into the flight management system. Eventually, the runway appeared in the distance. The cadets were instructed to lower flaps and landing gear while the auto-throttle settings were adjusted for the proper approach speed. Over the landing threshold, the computer voice called out “100 feet”, “50 feet”, and “20 feet” indicating it was time to flare for landing.

Cadet Airman First Class Noah Bowe said, “This experience was very memorable. It is amazing that Civil Air Patrol and United Airlines gave me this chance to see what it is like to fly a passenger airline. The most difficult part of the flight was figuring how much pressure to put on the yoke as we were flying. I had never seen an electronic flight director so it was interesting to learn how that worked.

Cadet Captain Thomas Jessop remarked that “the whole experience was fantastic. Understanding how

pilots train before going into the field was interesting. They are trained on so many situations that they are ready for anything that comes their way. When you compare our squadron simulators to the Boeing, it is amazing how much more involved the systems and equipment are in the Boeing. It takes a lot of work to be a commercial pilot.”

Eight flights took off and amazingly, all eight flights landed safely. There might have been some damage to a landing gear or two, but it appeared that all landings were at least survivable. Some runway lights may need to be replaced however as one landing came perilously close to the left edge of the runway.



Captains Bill Blatchley and Richard Jessop are very glad they did not crash. Photo credit, Cadet Capt. Thomas Jessop.

After the cadets had their turn, it was time for Captains Bill Blatchley and Richard Jessop to have their turn. Both are private pilots with experience at the Cessna 182 level. The 767 is fundamentally the same as a 182 but that is where the similarity ends. As Jessop called out the V-speeds, Blatchley rotated the aircraft into the air and called for gear up. Immediately, red lights activated and warning chimes sounded as the instructor threw a wind shear at the simulation. Applying full power, we were then safe. Then one of the cadets observing had a great idea. He asked the instructor to turn on a cloud simulation. Seconds later, Blatchley was flying on instruments. A few minutes later, we were clear of the clouds but flying at night. After a successful landing, it was time to see what the instructor would dish out for Jessop.

He saw thunderstorms and two other aircraft on a collision course. After changing course to avoid the



Cadet Chief Master Sergeant Kyle Fields gets ready to fly from the right seat of the 767. Photo credit, Capt. Bill Blatchley.

collision, it was time for some instrument conditions. To make the flying more interesting, the instructor threw in a stiff cross wind. Jessop’s heading and course differed by about 20 degrees as he tracked the flight director to landing. On short final, the cadets in the back had one more request. Moments later, a commuter airline appeared holding short of the runway. Then it started to move and we had a runway incursion. It was time for full power and a go-around.

To Cadet Airman 1st Class Victor Griswold, one of the more interesting aspects was watching the simulator next to us. “The simulator we used did not have motion enabled. The one in the next bay was being used for actual training. It was moving around quite a lot as the training progressed. I wish we could have been inside to see how the motion affected the experience.”

Cadet Staff Sgt. Darius Hines-Cross especially liked the fact that our instructor showed us where the main components were located such as the landing gear and throttle. Knowing the equipment increased the realism.

After the flying was completed, the cadets received a tour of some of the other facilities at the United training center. They saw the cabin mockups where flight attendants train for emergency procedures and inflatable slides for evacuation training. The experience at United Airlines gave an appreciation for the level of training and testing that is required to be part of an airline crew. 🇺🇸

Buckley AFB Retiree Appreciation Day

By Lt. Col. Tom O'Melia, CAP

Nine members of the Mile Hi Cadet Squadron provided help at the Buckley Air Force Base Retiree Appreciation Day on June 30, 2012. Approximately 280 retirees from all military services attended, including veterans from World War Two. Representatives of thirty seven federal, state, and non-profit organizations were on hand to provide information and assistance with various issues. The activity was held in the Leadership Development Center. Civil Air Patrol cadets and seniors greeted, counted, and escorted retirees, distributed programs, and shared in providing information. 🇺🇸



Buckley Command staff thank Mile Hi Cadet Squadron participants for helping at the Retiree Appreciation Day. L-R: Cadets Jonathon Zimmerman, Chase Logsdon, Capt. Judy Huff (Mile Hi Commander), Lt. Col. Gary Schulz, USAF Col. David Dant (Commander, 460th Space Wing), USAF Col. Tracey Hayes (Vice Commander, 460th Space Wing), Cadets Mckade Clark, Ryan Herringshaw, Austin Herringshaw, Capt. Sam Turner, Lt. Col. Tom O'Melia.

Broomfield Composite Squadron Participates in TAG Day

By Tom Neff, Broomfield Composite Squadron, CAP

Broomfield, CO- TAG-take off and go. And that's just what Broomfield Composite Squadron did April 14, 2012. This was a highly regulated, safety oriented day to instruct Civil Air Patrol cadets on the actual flying of radio controlled aircraft for extended periods of time. Not just a five minute test flight but flights lasting several minutes. Cadets are broken into groups and put with hand picked certified flight instructors that teach the cadets how to fly. This is after a ground school and safety briefing. Then, while waiting to fly, there is a flight simulator set up inside a trailer for more flight training. The event is free for the cadets, all supplies are paid for by the Academy of Model Aeronautics which included food and the instructors gifts. 🇺🇸



Cadet Chief Master Sgt. Josh Christian shows off his RC airplane.



Broomfield Composite Squadron build their RC planes.

Montrose Composite Squadron Gets Up Close with Mock Accident Scene

By 1st Lt. Tammy Mattics, CAP, Group IV

Montrose, CO- On June 7, 2012 Montrose Composite Squadron watched emergency responders come to the rescue at a motorcycle accident. Several agencies; Colorado State Patrol, Montrose County Coroner's Office, Trans Care Ambulance Service, Tri State Care Flight and Montrose Regional Airport Fire Department worked together in this exercise.

"We wanted to not only educate the cadets on traffic and highway safety, but also familiarize them on various response agencies and the roles they play," said 1st Lt. Laura Lenihan, squadron safety officer.

The motorcycle accident was staged, there were two "victims".

TransCare Ambulance was first on the scene with Steve Jennings (Operations Manager) and Wade Ploussard (EMT-B). They assessed the situation determining that there was one fatality that after being recognized as being dead was off limits to all emergency personnel until someone from the Coroners Office arrived to take "possession" of the decedent. There was one injured victim. They immediately began "working" on the victim getting him "stabilized", secured to a backboard and ready for transport as soon TriState CareFlight arrived.



Cadet Senior Master Sgt. Casey Irving watches the CareFlight lift off.



1st Lt. Laura Lenihan explains emergency responder procedures.

The Montrose Regional Airport Fire Department was next on the scene offering support in whatever capacity was needed. The Colorado State Patrol arrived on the heels of the fire department and began reconstructing the accident and taking measurements and pictures.

Because of the fatality the Montrose County Coroners Office was called in. Assistant Chief Investigator Rick Fellabaum pronounced the "decedent" at the scene. In the state of Colorado the coroner, assistant coroner or a doctor are the only ones allowed to pronounce death.

A landing zone (LZ) was set up a safe distance from the "accident scene". Cadet Master Sgt. Casey Irving was in charge of directing the Care Flight to the LZ. Due to the dangerous nature of a "hot" pick up, which is when the helicopter is not shut down prior to loading the patient, the patient was not moved toward the helicopter until the rotors had stopped moving altogether.

At this point the patient was wheeled toward the helicopter with the TriState CareFlight personnel moving toward the patient to get a run down on the patient's condition. The patient was then transferred to the helicopter where he officially became the responsibility of TriState CareFlight. As the ambulance crew moves off with the gurney, the sheet and anything else that could blow away is secured.

Should there be a weight issue with a CareFlight, the

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Raptor Squadron Glides into Parker Days

By Capt. Glen Peters, CAP

Parker, CO- The sleek, streamlined body of the ASK 21 glider static display gleamed in the sun June 9, 2012. Young cadets from the Parker Raptor Squadron ranging in age from twelve to eighteen were dressed in their blues. They proudly gave informational demonstrations about the glider as excited onlookers took turns easing into the cockpit. The day before, some of the cadets assembled the aircraft in preparation for Parker Days, a community celebration in downtown Parker which draws over 150,000 people yearly. The squadron's information booth was set up near the glider so passers-by could ask questions and Cadet Ken, the huge, inflatable CAP mascot who reportedly took part in a hula hoop contest and the Don't Drink and Drive hand board, towered above the joyful crowd.

Captain Glen Peters, Commander of the squadron, directed the Parker-based squadron and coordinated the effort. "Parker Days is our primary recruitment drive on an annual basis. I want to thank Maj. Carl Keil for providing the glider and thank the Dakota Ridge, Mile High Cadet Squadron, Mustang, and Valkyrie Cadet Squadron for their assistance this year. This is our third time at Parker Days. Several of the interested youth and parents who came by



Parker Cadet color guard leads the Parker Days annual parade.

our booth have attended meetings since then." The glider was set up as part of an upcoming glider flight training event later this month. The cadets must take a basic Wing Runner and Ground School glider course, then pass a test before they are allowed to fly as passengers with experienced pilots at the Boulder Airport. Cadet Major Chase Peters, Capt. Peters son, is a trained glider pilot who has flown 130 flights. He is working toward his commercial

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Cadet Captain Cody Drager (L) and Cadet Technical Sgt. William Stierer stationed at the glider display



Cadet Ken enjoys a walk through the crowd.

pilot's license. "CAP offers cadets an opportunity to start glider instruction at age twelve and they can fly solo by age fourteen, depending on their instructor. It is a great program."

The Raptor Squadron is "Parker's best-kept secret" according to Capt. Peters. It offers cadets programs designed to train them in aerospace education, technology, emergency services, and even homeland security later on, all under the mentorship of experienced military pilots and other personnel. Some exciting opportunities are open to the cadets who show initiative and follow-through in the program. Captain Tanya Gatlin, astronaut trainer for NASA, and a pilot on furlough from United Airlines adds, "Two to three times a year, we have the opportunity to tour the aviation and aerospace department of Metro State University of Denver. Part of that experience includes getting to fly the simulators at the World Indoor Airport. Cadets fly in Cessna 172 simulators with environments that simulate poor visibility." Through these trips and programs, the local Raptor Squadron serves as a launch pad for young cadets, who can then move on to be a part of the larger CAP organization, and continue to soar toward their dreams. They may even go on to serve the community through missions like those to help people affected by the wildfires in Colorado. "The most exciting trip I went on was a tour of NASA in Houston, TX", shares Cadet Technical Sgt. Alyssa Letts, "I love how important teamwork is at CAP and how it makes us a family." Cadet Major Peters sums it up by saying, "It is a great program. I always tell cadets to shoot for the moon, and that if they miss, they will still land among the stars." 🇺🇸

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CareFlight loads the "victim" into the helicopter for transport.

on-board EMT stays on the ground because the on-board nurse is allowed to perform more emergency techniques. At this point in the exercise the patient, Paul Lenihan, was taken for a flight around the airport before he was returned to the ground in perfect health.

After shutting down, the cadets were allowed to approach the helicopter where they were allowed to look inside. Bob Ross, EMT, answered questions.

After the TriState CareFlight took off for the final time, the cadets were treated to a tour of the TransCare Ambulance and the Colorado State Trooper vehicles. Everyone then came together to ask any questions of the emergency personnel. It was noted that each service follows a universal procedure so that even though they may not know each other, they all know what is expected of each emergency service organization.

When asked what Cadet 2nd Lt. Samuel Williamson thought about the activity, he stated, "The whole thing was pretty awesome. All of the crews were all really professional."

Cadet Chief Master Sergeant Kurik Mattics had this to say; "It showed the cadets without sugar coating it, how real life can change in the blink of eye under any circumstance. In this exercise, without drugs or alcohol, one person was 'killed' while the other was severely injured due to a natural hazard found on the road which changed many lives beyond those initially involved."

Montrose Composite Squadron (CO-141) and 1st Lt. Tammy Mattics, Group IV (CO-169) would like to express a heartfelt thank you to all who made this exercise possible by sharing your time and experience. 🇺🇸

Evergreen Composite Squadron Gets “in touch” with UAVs

By 1st Lt. Dean Anderson, CAP, Evergreen Composite Squadron Aerospace Education Officer

Evergreen, CO-Most of us have heard about unmanned aerial vehicles (UAVs) and many of us have flown them as well (think radio controlled (RC) aircraft). Everyday we learn of new uses for these unique aircraft in civilian and military applications. On April 23rd, 2012, Mr. Jeff Sloan of the U.S. Geological Survey was invited to give a presentation to the members of Evergreen Composite Squadron. He shared what his agency is doing with the RAVEN and T-Hawk UAVs. The RAVEN looks much like what we’re accustomed to seeing as an RC aircraft but the T-Hawk looks more like a flying bucket with a complex computer system to keep it in stable flight and as an ability to precisely hover. These UAVs were once used by our armed forces in Iraq and Afghanistan but now serve to monitor wildlife, hot spots in fire burn areas, and in aerial sampling for pollutants and bacteria- among many uses. Mr. Sloan encouraged the cadets interested in aviation to look into UAVs. There is a strong demand for their use and there are not enough qualified people to fly them.

The presentation fit well with the Evergreen Squadron’s program on UAV- RC flight with its three helicopters. At the national level, CAP has



Squadron Aerospace Education Officer 1st Lt. Dean Anderson, center; presenter Jeff Sloan, of the Remote Sensing Research group of the USGS, right; Squadron Commander Capt. Daryll Keeling.



Jeff Sloan, of the Remote Sensing Research group of the USGS, speaks to the squadron.

developed an RC aircraft program in association with the Academy of Model Aeronautics through the Model Airplane and Remote Control (MARC) program. Keep an eye on UAVs- it’s a broad and growing field with an amazing future. 🇺🇸



L-R: Cadet Staff Sgt. Kooper Hackmann, Cadet Master Sgt. Donovan Pleskac

Greetings from the Stampede

By Lt. Brad Carton, CAP

Greeley, CO—For the third year in a row the Greeley Composite Squadron has helped out with the Greeley Independence Day Stampede. What started out as a simple wish to get the Civil Air Patrol name out into the community has blossomed into a thirteen day event that tests the cadets leadership skills, stamina, dedication and has raised community awareness to the point that we now help out with thirteen events in a twelve month period.

The Greeley Stampede is rich in tradition and heritage dating back to the late 1800's. This community celebration was started to honor local potato farmers. It has grown into an internationally acclaimed festival attracting over 250,000 people annually from all over the globe.

Officially christened the Greeley Spud Rodeo in 1922, the event featured bronc riding, fancy roping, a pie eating contest, a horse race, motorcycle and bicycle races and a two-mile Model-T Ford "free for all" race. Estimated attendance in that first official festival was 2,500 people.

In an effort to give the event national recognition the Greeley Spud Rodeo era ended and, thus, began the age of the "Go West with Greeley" Rodeo. The name, taken from the famous phrase by the city's name sake, Horace Greeley, who said, "Go west young man. Go west."

The Greeley Independence Stampede entitlement came in 1972 by means of a community contest



Cadet basic Jessica Lund readies for the nightly parade.

and featured: Pro Rodeos; kids rodeo; country and classic rock concerts; televised July 4th parade, a demolition derby, carnival midway, western art show, free stage entertainment, mixed with food and fun galore!

The 2012 Greeley Stampede ran from June 22nd through July 4th. The hours of operation were from 3pm to midnight during the week and 10am to 1 am on the weekends. Greeley Composite Squadron was present during the entire event from open until close. "It makes for some pretty long days" says 1st Lieutenant Brad Carton. "For what the cadets and CAP get out of it, makes it all worth while."





Lt. Carton says that the experiences gained at the stampede will not only help the cadets in CAP but also in their day to day life. “It teaches them how to interact with the public and to be responsible adults. The cadets are working right along side adult event staff as well as local EMS and law enforcement personnel. It gives them a glimpse of what to expect if they decide to enter any of those career fields.” As in previous years the squadron also gets to interact with the National Guard, performing with them in the parade and other various activities. Throughout the event the squadron members were stopped and thanked by event personnel as well as attendees. Several comments were made about how professional and mature our cadets were. One patron even brought the squadron popsicles at their gate.



The Greeley squadron’s primary role has been to take tickets and perform bag checks at the entry gates. They also set up a recruiting booth every year. This year the booth was manned by Lieutenant Tom Boos and he said it was a great success. “I expect to get about 25% of the people at our next meeting.” The squadron also participates in the nightly parade marching at the front and warning people to “move out of the way! Long horns coming through!” The nightly parade features a procession of long horn steers that are herded down the main walk way of the event.

One of the perks this year was that the cadets got to ride in a monster truck during one of the parades.

Another perk for helping out at the stampede is that the cadets and staff got to meet the bands Skillet and Montgomery Gentry. The Greeley Squadron helped out with bag checks prior to both concerts. Prior to the Montgomery Gentry concert two of the squadron’s senior members got to meet Troy Gentry during a sound check. “It was so cool!” says senior member Jessica Williams. “He was up on stage doing a sound check, saw us, and came over and introduced himself. He invited us to a meet and greet before the concert.”

Ten of our lucky squadron members got to meet christen metal band Skillet and get their picture taken with the band. They also received an auto-graphed picture of the band. “This is the best night ever!” says Cadet Master Sgt. Shannon Anderson.



Senior Member Jessica Williams is thrilled to meet Troy Gentry (L) and Eddie Montgomery (R) of Montgomery Gentry.

“Meeting Skillet makes everything worth while out here.” Several of the cadets had seen Skillet at Heaven Fest the summer before. It seems that prior to the concert none of the senior members knew who they were though. Cadet Anderson promises to share the photo taken with the band on the squadron’s Face book page as soon as she gets it.

One of the other cool things the squadron got to help with was the daily Knights of Mayhem jousting exhibition. Along with event security, the cadets made sure the crowd was a safe distance from the event so that they wouldn’t get hit with any flying debris. During the event the cadets cleared the jousting lyst of any wood fragments that might harm the horses and reset the ropes that outlined the field.

It wasn’t all work though, during their off hours the cadets and staff got to walk around the event and see the different shows that were going on. One such event was the Bear Show.



In this picture Cadet Airman Fulling, Cadet Master Sgt. Anderson, Cadet Airman Fabian and Cadet Airman Kadrurka pose with Gracie one of the bears in the show. Cadet Fabian wasn’t sunburn she was blushing at having to stand so close to the bear.

During the event the squadron was credited with finding/helping 3 lost children, catching numerous alcohol and event rule violations and helping secure a scene where a fight had broken out. The fight broke out 2 hours prior to the event being over. It took place in the parking lot where GCS was stationed. The cadets had just finished helping find a child’s lost toy when Cadet Master Sgt. Anderson spotted the fight. Lieutenant Carton called it in to the security office. A Sheriff’s mounted posse unit was close by and responded to the call. The cadets

and staff moved toward the scene to lend assistance. One of the suspects started to run but stopped when Lt. Carton yelled, “hold it right there!” He also saw the line of cadets approaching the scene. A mounted posse member quickly apprehended the man and took him back by the shirt collar. Lieutenant Carton called for the cadets to form a perimeter around the scene but to keep a safe distance. Senior Member Amanda Frank quickly formed the 6 cadets up on one side while Lt. Brad Carton and Lt. Mike Frank proceeded to the other. Within 2 minutes the area was literally swarming with event security and local law enforcement. The cadets and staff held their position until things were under control. As the GCS members began to move back to their post at the gate another call came through about a lost little boy in the squadron’s area. Cadet Chief Master Sgt. Nick Alm quickly handed out radios and broke the cadets into search teams. While the squadron wasn’t credited with the find, the event staff made a special point to come thank them for their help. The mounted posse also came over to the gate and thanked them for the help with the fight. “You guys really helped us out” stated one sheriff’s posse member. “We’re glad to have you out here.”

It was a great way to finish out a very long, hot, but fun, event.



Cadet Master Sgt. Anderson noted, “The Stampede is a great experience. It’s fun to serve your community while also helping to keep it safe. Every year I look forward to the Greeley Stampede. Each day there, brings something new, often exciting... and I love that!” 🏆

Colorado Wing Invades Washington, DC

*Lt. Col. David Novotny, CAP
Vice Commander, COWG*

All photos courtesy of Lt. Col. David Novotny

Washington, DC—March 1, 2012 was Civil Air Patrol (CAP) Legislative Day in our nation's capitol. The objective of Legislative Day is for CAP's leadership to visit and present an update to each Senator and House Representative who represents that state in Congress. Two additional emphasis points for the meetings were to urge Congressmen to support the motion to restore CAP's funding to the 2011 level in the US Air Force budget and to encourage Congressional members to sign on as co-sponsors of the CAP Congressional Gold Medal. This medal will honor those CAP members who served during World War II. All seven of Colorado's Representatives and two Senators have signed on to cosponsor the respective House and Senate bills.



Colonel Earl Sherwin (L) and Col. Gary Tobey (R) brief Congressman Mike Coffman (center) on COWG's activities.

This year's Colorado Wing delegation consisted of Col. Earl Sherwin, Colorado Wing Commander, Lt. Col. David Novotny, Wing Vice Commander, Col. Gary Tobey, Wing Government Relations Advisor, and Cadet Second Lt. Noah Gibbs.

The night before CAP Legislative Day, the delegations from all 50 wings in attendance were briefed by CAP's National Commander, Brigadier General Charles Carr, on the importance of the positive impact our visits play in CAP's continuing success.

Early the next day, the Colorado Wing delegation boarded a DC Metro bus for the trip from the hotel in Crystal City to Capitol Hill. Colonel Tobey created

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Cadet 2nd Lieutenant Noah Gibbs and Col. Gary Tobey listen as Col. Earl Sherwin briefs Brendan Devine, staffer for Congresswoman Diana DeGette on COWG 2011 accomplishments. The meeting took place in the hallway of the Rayburn House Office Building.

an aggressive schedule which allowed us to visit all nine of Colorado's Legislators. On the way, Tobey advised the group that they would be very lucky to actually visit with the Legislator. The conversations would most likely be with staffers.



COWG's delegation pose with Congressman Mike Coffman outside his office during the 2012 Legislative Day in Washington, DC. L-R: Col. Gary Tobey, Cadet 2nd Lt. Noah Gibbs, Congressman Mike Coffman, Col. Earl Sherwin, and Lt. Col. David Novotny.

The first visit was to the office of Congressman Scott Tipton who represents the 3rd Congressional District (West and South). Next was Jeff Small, a Military Liaison Specialist. After introductions, Col. Sherwin briefed Mr. Small on the Colorado Wing's 2011 accomplishments. Cadet Second Lieutenant

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Gibbs then shared how CAP has given him leadership opportunities and affected his life.

The next visit was to Congressman Cory Gardner who represents the 4th Congressional District (Eastern plains). Congressman Gardner was in his office, the group was able to make a presentation to him in person as well as his assistant Joe Williamson.

The third stop was at the office of Congressman Jared Polis. Congressman Polis represents the 2nd Congressional District (Boulder, I70 to Eagle). His assistant, Rafael Reynere, represented the congressman as he was involved in a video teleconference.

Fourth on the agenda was a meeting with Congresswoman Diana DeGette who represents the 1st Congressional District (central Denver). The Congresswoman's office was so packed with appointments and visitors that the briefing with her assistant, Brandon Devine. It was held in the hallway outside her office! As chance would have it, the Congresswoman paused and talked with the contingent for five minutes



Senator Michael Bennet (center) accepts a Colorado Wing hat during a briefing in Washington, DC. L-R: Col. Gary Tobey, Col. Earl Sherwin, Senator Bennett, Cadet 2nd Lt. Noah Gibbs, and Lt. Col. David Novotny.

or so on her way to another meeting.

The final meeting of the morning was with Congressman Doug Lamborn who represents the 5th Congressional District (Colorado Springs, Salida, Buena Vista). The Congressman was not available, but our meeting with his assistants Brad Brewington and Leslie Bolz, showed us the Congressman truly supports CAP.

After lunch the contingent met with Congressman Earl Perlmutter who represents the 7th Congressional District (West Denver Metro). Then Matt Henken, his Legislative Director.

Next on the list was Congressman Mike Coffman,



COWG's delegation to Legislative Day in Washington DC (L-R) Col. Gary Tobey, Col. Earl Sherwin, Cadet 2nd Lt. Noah Gibbs, and Lt. Col. David Novotny.

representing the 6th Congressional District (South and East Denver Metro). Congressman Coffman generously met with the group for the better part of half an hour, long for a Congressional meeting. Colonel Sherwin and Col. Tobey briefed him on the Colorado Wing's accomplishments in 2011. Congressman Coffman is no stranger to CAP as he was the banquet keynote speaker at a Wing Conference several years ago. As expected, he was extremely supportive of CAP.

Once all the meetings with the Representatives were completed, the group hiked several Washington, DC blocks to the Senate Office buildings where the first call was on Senator Mark Udall's office. His staffer, Casey Howard, was briefed with what became the "standard pitch"; Col. Sherwin presenting the Colorado Wing over view and Cadet 2nd Lt. Gibbs presenting the cadet perspective.

The final call of the day was to Senator Michael Bennet's office. During the briefing with Military Affairs staffer Andrew Leahy, Senator Bennet was able to interrupt his very busy schedule for a quick photo op with the Colorado Wing delegation.

It was a great honor to represent Colorado Wing to our Congressmen and Senators. We were all impressed that the Legislators and their staffers: they were knowledgeable of CAP. Not only were they knowledgeable, they were also interested. All of our Congressmen and Senators are members of the Civil Air Patrol National Legislative Squadron. All of them have signed on to cosponsor the Congressional Gold Medal for CAP's WWII members. 🇺🇸