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“Always On Parade”

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Message from the Cadet Commander

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Squadron 85 Cadets,

I am honored and excited to be your Cadet Commander. I have been with Squadron 85 for almost three years now. I can see great potential within our squadron and would like to see that released in each one of you. I want to keep the high standards of excellence and professionalism that represent Squadron 85. I have seen much improvement among you all and would like to see that continue. Practice your drill, memory work, studying, etc. outside of the weekly meetings. This will help you greatly in your proficiency in these areas. Remember that you are all part of a team, and we must work as one for our squadron to be successful. This being said, some cadets are struggling and others will struggle. If one falls behind, the entire unit suffers. Recognize this and help those who are struggling to achieve their full potential. Another thing I want you to do is to take some time to think about why you joined CAP and what you hope to gain from the experience. Knowing this will help you to succeed as well as keep you focused and motivated. If you have any questions, concerns, or ideas please inform the appropriate staff member. We are here to help you, train you and ultimately see you and the squadron succeed. Continue to work hard and to motivate your fellow cadets. “Always on Parade!”

~ Cadet Commander, C/SMSgt. Braxton Philip, CAP

WHO MAKXS A SQUADRON A SUCCXSS?

Who makxs a squadron a succxss? Xvxn though my typxwritxr is an old modxl, it works quitx wxll xxcxpt for onx kxy. I havx wishxd many timxs that it workxd pxrfectly. It is trux that thxrx arx 41 othxr kxys that do function wxll xnough, but just onx not working makxs all that diffxrxncx.

Somxtimxs it sxxm to mx that our squadron is somxwhat likx my old typxwritxr – not all of thx mxmbxrs arx working propxrlly.

You may say to yoursxlf, “Wxll, I am only onx pxrson. I won’t makx or brxak a squadron.” But, it doxs makx a diffxrxncx bxcausx a squadron to bx xfxctivx nxxds activx participation of vxvry singlx pxrson.

So, thx nxxt timx you think you arx only onx pxrson, and that your xfforts arx not nxxdxd, rxmxmbxr my old typxwritxr and say to yoursxlf, “ I am a kxy pxrson in thx squadron, and I am nxxdxd vxry much.

**PLEASE WELCOME OUR NEWEST CADET MEMBERS: DAVID BARB, JOHN BARB, MARY BARB, DYLAN WHITAKER, ERIC NEW, TRENTON BROMENSCHENKEL, BROOK STEVENS
KYLE GLASER AND JEREMY VICARIO.**

PLEASE ALSO WELCOME OUR NEWEST SENIOR MEMBER: RICHARD BARB

Message from the Squadron Commander

Gifts and Goals...

Hope everyone enjoyed a very happy holiday season. Through the holidays we meet with friends and relatives from many different experiences. Although some of our family members may not always get along, during the holiday season we put down the individual differences to give to one another the gifts of food, fun, and togetherness. I watched many of my family members gathered to enjoy each other, embrace the elders and encourage the youngsters.

Our Squadron shares some of the same gifts all year round as we get together weekly. Although we each come from different families and areas, our togetherness and sharing of knowledge strengthens our squadron. We are able to impress visitors and upper echelons in C.A.P. through our successes, and we are able to encourage new recruits to join our proud unit.

We have overcome many obstacles in 2006, and for 2007 we will encounter more... Although bumps may come along the road to success, we must set achievable and attainable goals. For the upcoming year, I set the following goals for our squadron:

- Each member should recruit one new member, to allow for professional growth opportunities.
- Each member should become active in all three missions of CAP
- Develop efficient and professional training programs to enhance leadership learning potential (Basic, Advanced, and Staff Training Programs)
- The squadron leadership should become more active leaders in group and wing activities
- Expand our partnership with and importance to the EAA, Placerville Airport, and Community

Happy New Year Everyone! Let's make 2007 the year when Squadron 85 becomes known throughout Civil Air Patrol.

~ Squadron Commander Capt. Andrew Peters, CAP

Recruiting

A special thanks to Cadets **Kaita, Yanagihara** and **Young** for their recent recruiting efforts at their school – Rolling Hills Middle School. The three cadets took it upon themselves to coordinate with the school principal to set up a recruiting table in the school library for the all day event. They also put posters through out the school, directing students to their location. Once there, the interested students were briefed on the CAP cadet program and benefits. The Cadets also drew attention to the program by wearing their uniforms, Cadets Kaita and Young in Blues and Yanagihara in BDU's.

Through their efforts, Squadron 85 has proudly added Cadets Glaser, Vicario, and Whitaker!

If you would like to assist in growing your Squadron through recruiting efforts at your own school, please coordinate your planning with the Cadet Commander.



Cadet Recruiter Ribbon is awarded to cadets who recruit two new qualified cadets or senior members for CAP. A bronze clasp is awarded for each additional two members recruited. A silver clasp replaces five bronze clasps. Bronze clasps are not worn after the silver clasp is awarded. An additional silver clasp will be awarded for each additional 10 members recruited.

Safety News

We welcome 2007, with all the hopes and dreams that this year will be better and more exciting than the last.

Sometimes exciting doesn't always mean good. Let's make sure that this year is a safe and secure one. Also make sure that some of the tragedies we've heard about this past year, whether it not being prepared in a cold weather, or not being prepared in our own homes, doesn't sneak up on us. If we stay aware, what might have been a disaster, can be a lesson learned.

Let's start it out right by checking batteries in smoke and CO2 detectors, and having those emergency items available, like water, batteries for flashlights and portable radios; candles and matches; food supplies that are not perishable, like protein bars which keep quite a while.

Check with the Red Cross for a complete list of emergency items to keep on hand. These things and more can insure that we are prepared and not shocked when something unexpected comes up. Let's make sure our families are prepared this year.

Wishing you and your families a blessed and safe new year.

~ 1Lt. C. Warde, Safety/ Medical Officer, CAP

A Word from the Chaplain

Ford and Hussein - A Study in Contrasts

Recently two presidents died within a very short time of each other – former US President Gerald R. Ford and former Iraqi President Saddam Hussein. Ironically, the lives of these two men present a stark contrast.

Saddam Hussein spent many of his early years on the street learning to break the law.

Gerald Ford spent many early years learning to uphold law at Yale.

Saddam Hussein rose to national attention when he fled from a failed assassination

Gerald Ford was decorated for saving lives during a WW2 shipboard fire.

Saddam Hussein constantly lied about his role in the assassination attempt.

Gerald Ford never publicly mentioned his wartime heroism.

Saddam Hussein entered politics for personal gain.

Gerald Ford entered politics to serve the American people.

Saddam Hussein rose to power through dishonesty and constantly pitted one group against another.

Gerald Ford rose to power because he was known as an honest person who brought people together.

Saddam Hussein was a racist who used chemical weapons in an attempt to wipe out a minority group.

Gerald Ford stood against racism in America in his College days and help to pass legislation assuring minority rights.

Saddam Hussein led his nation into crisis after crisis – that left families without food and hospitals without medicine.

Gerald Ford led out nation out of "Watergate" - one of the greatest crisis our nation ever faced.

Saddam Hussein died in disgrace at the end of a rope.

Gerald Ford lived a very long life and in death was honored by his nation.

There is one more contrast:

When Saddam Hussein was abandoned by his family, he was taken in by an uncle who taught him to use violence and saw that he was mentored by criminals. In his teens he became a killer.

When Gerald Ford was orphaned he was adopted by a loving couple who saw that he became Boy Scout. In his teens he became an Eagle Scout.

My friends, remember that the work that all of us do – parents, cadets and staff – is critically important!

~ Ch. Capt. R. Vincent Warde, CAP



Aerospace Education

A history of the Host of our new home



For this quarter's newsletter I wanted to give you a bit of background on the EAA and what it does for its members and the community. Many of you know about Young Eagles because you've participated and gotten an airplane ride. That is one of the major outreach programs started by the EAA. Here's a bit more history on the organization at the national level.

EAA, the Experimental Aircraft Association, is a growing and diverse organization of members with a wide range of aviation interests and backgrounds. EAA was founded in 1953 by a group of individuals in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, who were interested in building their own airplanes. Through the decades, the organization expanded its mission to include antiques, classics, war birds, aerobatic aircraft, ultralights, helicopters and contemporary manufactured aircraft. It has grown from a handful of aviation enthusiasts to a 170,000-member international organization representing virtually the entire spectrum of recreational aviation. Its headquarters and EAA AirVenture Museum now occupy a 150,000 square foot, multi-million dollar facility in Oshkosh, Wisconsin.



As EAA has grown, so have the programs available to their members. In the mid-1990s, EAA created Flight Advisors as a parallel to its popular Technical Counselors program. Flight Advisors are volunteer EAA members who help aircraft builders evaluate their pilot skills so they are as prepared as their aircraft for that first flight.

EAA Chapters are the gathering place where Members interact and participate in aviation activities at the local level. The specific interests of each Chapter's membership tailor its activities and personality as an organization. The Chapter enables a network to develop where EAA Members may assist each other and share their expertise. This typically includes homebuilders working together, Technical Counselors and Flight Advisors providing their support. But, it also involves people with many other common aviation interests sharing their experiences and helping each other.

A Chapter provides a local, on-going activity base for EAA Members. Every EAA meeting is an aviation activity. In addition, the guest speakers, fly-ins, fly-outs, forums, workshops and a multitude of other activities EAA Chapters sponsor add to the count. One of the most popular Chapter activities is flying Young Eagles. Some activities are primarily for the benefit the local EAA Chapter Members, but frequently the larger aviation community is served as well. Chapters are the organizers of literally thousands of aviation activities and events annually - more aviation related activities than any other organization in the world.

~ Major Sebastian Trost, U.S. Air Force Reserve (sourced from www.eaa.org)

AVIATION HISTORY AND NOTABLES

Top two Cadet Award namesakes have significant impact on aviation history

Question Mark was a modified Fokker C-2 airplane, flown by aviators from the United States Army Air Corps to experiment with aerial refueling. The flight took place on January 1 to January 7, 1929.

The mission was commanded by then **Major Carl Spaatz** and was also flown by USAAC officers **Ira Eaker**, Elwood R. Quesada, Harry Halverson and one enlisted man, Master Sergeant Roy W. Hooe.

The Atlantic-Fokker "Question Mark" stayed aloft for **seven days** refueling **42 times** in the air (setting a time aloft record). Because radio communication was unreliable at this time, the pilots in the two planes communicated by notes dropped to the ground and by hand signals, flashlight signals, ground panels, and messages written on blackboards carried in the planes. The name of the aircraft comes from the standard response that the crew gave prior to the flight when asked how long they planned to stay aloft. Their never-changing response was: "That is the question." The flight finally ended when one of the engines suffered a pushrod failure.

The aircraft was modified to add extra tanks as well as a trap door on the top of the fuselage behind the wing. Two Douglas C-1s took turns refueling them with a hose lowered from the tankers to a waiting crew member standing in the opening. Food and other supplies were also passed on a rope in the same fashion.

All five crew members were awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross for their participation in the mission. Both Spaatz and Eaker would later serve as (four-star) Generals in the United States Army Air Forces during World War Two. Quesada and Halverson also served in WWII, and became general officers in the postwar period.



Then ~ a Douglas C-1 refueling the Fokker C-2 Question Mark



Carl Spaatz and Ira Eaker: namesakes for CAP Cadet Spaatz and Eaker Awards ~ Cadet Colonel and Cadet Lt. Colonel achievements



And Now ~ Two Northrop B-2As and a McDonnell Douglas KC-10A Extender

Source: Wikipedia and US Centennial of Flight Commission

Calendar of Meeting Topics and Uniform

PLEASE CONSULT SQUADRON WEBSITE WEEKLY FOR CHANGES IN MEETING TOPICS AND OR UNIFORM REQUIREMENTS.

JANUARY 2: NO MEETING (New Years)
 9: Aerospace / BDU
 16: Leadership / BDU
 23: Moral Leadership / Blues
 30: PT

January 6: Parents Day @ 10:00
 January 19-21: CAWG Cadet Honor Guard Competition
 January 26-28: BCS/ATS @ Travis Air Force Base

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FEBRUARY 6: Aerospace / BDU
 13: Leadership / BDU
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February 3-4: Training Leaders of Cadets @ Travis
 February 16-19: Cadet Programs Conference @ San Luis Obispo
 February 24-25: SLS/CLC Senior Member Training

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