

OPEN COCKPIT: JUL-SEPT 2012

2012 Annual Conference and Summer National Board Meeting: CAP's Annual Conference and National Board will be held in Baltimore, Maryland, Aug 22-25. The conference will be held at the Baltimore Marriott Waterfront hotel. CAP is pleased to offer over 50 learning labs and 10 preconference sessions – this is one of the most comprehensive professional development opportunities in CAP. To register for the conference and view a full listing and description of the learning labs and preconference sessions go to: <https://events.caphq.gov/OnlineStore/2012AnnualConferenceandNationalBoard.aspx>.

If you register online for the conference before the end of July, you will be eligible for two drawings for historic items, one for a wooden model of a CAP Stinson aircraft and another for a framed lithograph of a CAP aircraft attacking a German submarine. Also, each attendee will receive an exclusive WWII and cadet 70th anniversary poster to commemorate the events. Discounted rates will be in effect until midnight Sunday, August 5, 2012. Register now to take advantage of pre-conference savings.

GOVERNMENT RELATIONS

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Congressional Gold Medal (CGM) Update: As a result of the efforts of many in CAP (and in Congress) the CAP Congressional Gold Medal bill (S 418) passed the Senate by unanimous consent on May 10, 2012. Unfortunately, House rules will not allow the Senate bill to be voted on in the House as we had hoped. Thus, we must still obtain 290 cosponsors for this bill if it is to be considered. Complicating matters is that we only have until December before the bill dies when the 112th Congress ends. This is also an election year in a strained political environment, which takes time and attention away from important legislative matters.

Without the continued help of CAP wings and individual members the CGM will not happen. Those supporting this goal should continue their efforts to gain cosponsors for HR 719. Only becoming an actual cosponsor helps—without the necessary number of cosponsors the bill will die. We only need 105 more. It is especially important for wings that still have large numbers of Representatives who have not cosponsored the bill to get fully engaged. Everyone's help is needed. Please visit the CAP Congressional Gold Medal webpage at http://capmembers.com/cap_national_hq/cap_congressional_gold_medal.cfm to see the latest update and cosponsor list.

CAP World War II Members: Help is still needed from wings to identify and confirm CAP WWII members (or their families) who are eligible for the CGM as our records are incomplete. Currently we have 131 confirmed CAP veterans. CAP's CGM webpage contains links at the top of the page to a report detailing those eligible (by state) and an application for registering newly discovered CAP WWII members. POC: Holley Dunigan – hdunigan@caphq.gov or 877-227-9142, ext. 236.

FY13 CAP Appropriations: The House Appropriations Committee marked up the House defense appropriations bill on May 17, 2012, and included \$38.6 million in the bill for CAP (\$28.4 million for overall operations and maintenance, \$9.3 million for aircraft procurement and \$.9 million for vehicles). The House bill has not been voted on yet and the Senate is not expected to markup its defense appropriations bill until sometime in July. POC: John Swain – dcoffice.cap@verizon.net

Government Accountability Office (GAO) Study of CAP: The GAO, the investigative arm of the U.S. Congress, is conducting a congressionally mandated study received from the House Appropriations Homeland Security (HLS) Subcommittee to evaluate (1) CAP's current missions and resources and its capacity to take on additional HLS related responsibilities; (2) the extent to which

CAP and the Department of HLS currently coordinate missions and activities; and (3) the extent that CAP and the Department of HLS have assessed the potential costs, benefits and feasibility of using CAP more for various missions. This study is ongoing and will involve site visits and interviews at the wing and squadron levels. CAP units will be notified in an appropriate manner from CAP NHQ of any impending visits. POC: John Salvador – jsalvador@capnhq.gov.

National Board Government Relations Learning Lab: There will be a special learning lab at the Summer National Conference this year detailing the latest about CAP government relations, legislative affairs, the Congressional Gold Medal and CAP's FY13 appropriations request. This lab is open to all with a special invitation to wing and region commanders as well as government relations and legislative advisors. POC: John Swain – dcoffice.cap@verizon.net.

SAFETY

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Safety Officer College: Civil Air Patrol graduated 42 members at the first Safety Officer College held at the United States Air Force Safety Center at Kirtland AFB, NM. Students learned from CAP and AF leaders about safety management and the mishap review process. They also completed an in-depth class project that will benefit the organization.

Safety Management System: The new Safety Management System (SMS) is now available and has consolidated all safety resources, references, training and safety programs into one application. Process changes to mishap management have been incorporated to improve flow, reduce input time, and ease the management and statistical reporting process. Please take a moment to review the Safety Management Education Series. In addition to the SMS training that is currently online, educational webinars are also being held. SMS will continue to receive upgrades based on inputs from the field.

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OPERATIONS:

New NHQ Stan/Eval Chief: Mr. Joe Piccotti has been selected to serve as the Chief, Aircraft Operations and will lead the NHQ Stan/Eval function. Mr. Piccotti comes to the operations directorate with over 25 years of CAP and active duty Air Force flying training in addition to his academic education and professional development experience.

New Manager, Special Capabilities: Mr. Chuck Mullin has been selected to lead the NHQ management, support and development efforts for new operational capabilities such as full motion video and Surrogate Remotely Piloted Aircraft (SRPA). Mr. Mullin brings over 30 years of US Air Force experience, including CAP-USAF and CAP National Headquarters, to the position and will be a valuable team member in this expanding area of operations.

Surrogate Remotely Piloted Aircraft (SRPA) Program: The SRPA program continues at full speed providing imagery training support for deploying Joint Tactical Air Controllers. In addition to Green Flag exercise support, members of the SRPA program participated in DoD-funded Emerald Warrior, Cactus Starfighter and Ardent Sentry exercises in 2012. As the program expands operations into more Defense Support to Civil Authorities missions, additional crews and ground support staff will be required. Qualified crewmembers throughout CAP are encouraged to apply. Watch the eServices News for more information. POC: Lt. Col Stu Boyd, National SRPA Coordinator/Green Flag Group/CC stuboyd@webpipe.net

Hurricane Season: Hurricane season is upon us, and we've already had a few named storms. In order to be prepared should a major event happen, wing operations staff must keep alert rosters and resource lists up-to-date and aircraft custodians should ensure aircraft status reports are accurately reflected in WMIRS. All personnel should take a few moments to review their current contact information and availability in eServices to be sure they are up-to-date. POC: National Operations Center – opscenter@capnhq.gov

Training and Cadet Orientation Flight Funding: A substantial amount of funding for training and cadet orientation flights is still available for this summer. Several hundred thousand dollars were added to both programs this year and many wings have yet to schedule flying for their allocated budgets. If your unit still has cadet orientation or training requirements, please contact your wing commander or director of operations to request additional funding. Training and cadet orientation flying operations must be completed by 16 September 2012 in order for CAP to complete its fiscal year end closeout. POC: John Desmarais – jdesmarais@capnhq.gov

Post Sortie Data within 72 Hours: As a reminder, CAPR 173-3 requires that all sortie data, including cost data, must be entered into WMIRS within 72 hours of sortie completion. Timely sortie data entry is critical to ensure remaining funds can be released to other missions during this high ops tempo period. POC: John Desmarais – jdesmarais@capnhq.gov

National Board Learning Labs and Pre-courses: CISM, GIIEP and Cessna Glass Cockpit training pre-conference workshops as well as many great learning labs will be offered at this year's National Conference in Baltimore in August. Dr. Tony Kern's presentation on professional piloting may well point the way ahead for CAP flight and emergency operations and is sure to generate an enormous amount of discussion. Lt Col Bob Russell, the AFRCC commander, will talk about the future of SAR in a separate seminar and there will be a lively air defense mission forum with several representatives from the air defense sectors discussing CAP's participation in air intercept missions. Don't miss this great opportunity to meet the experts for this vital CAP mission. POC: John Desmarais – jdesmarais@capnhq.gov

CEDAR: The Communications Equipment Disposal and Retirement (CEDAR) program is well underway. Several wings have already coordinated turn-in shipments and removed old communications equipment from their inventories. Equipment being returned to the NTC under this project is being retired or reutilized. The NTC will accept disposal lists through 31 July. POC: Mark Kunkowski – mark.kunkowski@dla.mil

HF Mobile Installations: The project to install the next generation HF/ALE radios in CAP vehicles across the country is in full swing. To date, requests for 63 radio installations have been received. Installations include a professional radio console between the two front seats. Limited funding is still available for some additional installations, and requests will be accepted through 31 July. POC: Malcolm Kyser – mkyser@capnhq.gov

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY:

Member E-mail Addresses in eServices: It is very important to keep your e-mail address updated in eServices. To check or update yours, go to the "Review/Edit My Info" link at the top of the eServices homepage.

FY12 Field Computer Buy Contract Awarded: The FY12 field computer buy contract has been awarded and the distribution of computer equipment will begin in July.

CAP Helpdesk: To submit a problem or ask a question regarding eServices applications, please visit the CAP Helpdesk at <https://capnhq.crmdesk.com/home.aspx> or call (877)-227-9142 ext. 290.

CAP Picture ID Card Guidelines: For information on the CAP Picture ID Card guidelines and uploading your picture into eServices please see the following link: www.capmembers.com/idcard

Learning Management System: The new Learning Management System (LMS) will launch by 30 July and will provide up-to-date training and education products to all senior members and cadets. All successful training and education element completions will automatically be recorded in the database in real-time and will be reflected in member records. The new application will be the home of the new and improved Cadet Online Testing Module along with an array of technology courses. Introductory Communications Users Training (ICUT) will be included in the LMS launch and will provide initial communications training. Stay tuned to eServices News for more information on the upcoming release.

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Aerospace Education Officer (AEO) Information: An important duty of the AEO is to promote CAP's Congressionally-chartered AE mission within CAP, in communities, and especially in schools. For current information, resources, opportunities for alliances, and specific AEO guidance, visit the AE website at <http://www.capmembers.com/ae>.

Aerospace Education Officer (AEO) Schools: The 2012 AEO School sites are: the National AEO School in Pensacola, FL; and Regional AEO Schools in Dayton, OH, and at Nellis AFB, NV. Visit the AEO School website for updates, at

www.capmembers.com/aerospace_education/internal_specific/aeo_resources/aeo_school.cfm

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Aerospace Education Current News Outlets: The AE Newsletter is published quarterly, containing AE news, current and upcoming events, member articles, and lesson plans/activities. The AE E-NewsBrief provides monthly updates about current and upcoming AE events. Please visit the links below to access both of these useful tools.

AE Newsletter:

http://capmembers.com/aerospace_education/stay_informed/

E-NewsBrief: http://capmembers.com/aerospace_education/stay_informed/ae-newsbriefs/

POC: Judy Stone – jstone@capnhq.gov.

Aerospace Education Membership (AEM): CAP adult members who are teachers, or any adult working in educational or youth organizations, can access a variety of free CAP AE resources available in print and online at www.capmembers.com/aerospace_education/. Any teacher interested in becoming an AEM can apply for membership **online** by going to www.capmembers.com/joinaem.

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Aerospace Education Excellence (AEX) Award Program: For more information about the AEX program and benefits, click www.capmembers.com/ae and select the blue side for AEMs or the green side for AEOs. Then, if you wish to participate please email Debbie Dahl – ddahl@capnhq.gov for personalized assistance.

Aerospace Connections in Education (ACE) Program for Grades K-6: For academic year 2011-2012 almost 700 educators in over 90 schools across 27 states participated in this popular K-6 AE program. Student participation was 17,849. For enrollment information go to www.capmembers.com/ace, then contact Angie St. John – astjohn@capnhq.gov for information pertaining to academic year 2012-2013.

Air Force Association/CAP Aerospace Grants: The AFA continues to provide \$250 grants to conduct projects that promote STEM subjects and careers. The grants are awarded in alternating cycles to CAP units and CAP teacher members. For more information, visit the grant link at www.capmembers.com/aerospace_education/general/what_does_the_air_force_association_do_for_cap.cfm. POC: Susan Mallett – smallett@capnhq.gov.

AFA and CAP are working with Aerospace Museums nationwide: CAP is working to assist the Air Force Association in its Aviation Museum Initiative. CAP adult and cadet volunteers can assist AFA volunteers in perpetuating the legacy of historic aviation in museums. To find out more, go to: http://www.capmembers.com/media/cms/CAPs_Support_to_the_AFAs_Museum_Ini_830BC0F072D0_A.pdf If you have an aerospace museum near you that may be a candidate for the AFA Museum Initiative, please send contact information to Susan Mallett- smallett@capnhq.gov.

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The Drug Demand Reduction Excellence (DDR^x) Program: The DDR^x program rewards a CAP cadet for completing activities related to making good lifestyle choices. The DDR^x Activity Guide contains 36 hands-on activities combining aviation principles with a drug-free message. Download a copy of the activity guide at: www.capmembers.com/cadet_programs/drug_demand_reduction/ddrx/ or email Margaret Probst at mprobst@capnhq.gov or Lt Col Jett Mayhew - JettM14@aol.com.

Cyberpatriot: After a second National All Service Division CyberPatriot Championship was captured by CAP, Maj Gen Carr, CAP's National Commander, has sent a letter to CAP's leadership in a "Call for CyberPatriot Support". Please share this letter with all squadron commanders to encourage them to organize a team for the 2013 CyberPatriot competition. We hope that CAP members will also reach out to area high schools to inform them of this educational program. To read Gen Carr's letter, go to: http://www.capmembers.com/aerospace_education/general/afa-cyberpatriot/ More information can be found at www.uscyberpatriot.org. Please contact info@uscyberpatriot.org with any questions on the registration process.

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ACTIV²E Leadership Model: The "ACTIV²E" leadership model provides guidance and techniques to assist Civil Air Patrol leaders with their efforts to develop, coach, empower and lead their organizations to greater performance. ACTIV²E Leadership is found at www.capmembers.com/cap_university/active-leadership/.

Region Staff College (RSC): Registration has started for eligible senior CAP members, with five remaining regions holding colleges between now and October. Seminar discussions, case studies, and practical exercises are integral parts of the RSC program. For locations and contact info, see www.capmembers.com/cap_university/course_schedules/region-staff-colleges-rsc/

Learning Labs at National Board: Pre-Conference workshops include the Unit Commanders Course on 21-22 August, and the “Do You Want to be a Wing Commander?” workshop on 22 August. This workshop will introduce potential applicants to the program issues (operations, financial management, logistics, etc.) they should consider as they prepare for wing leadership. During the NB, there will be additional learning labs for PD officers.

Wing Commander’s Program Management Library: Wing and region commanders will find a new link in their “Commander’s Corner” page, the “Wing Commander’s Program Management Library” (behind eServices). This page represents “one stop shopping” for the most commonly used or needed publications and links.

National Staff College Tentative Dates: The tentative dates for NSC are 12-19 May 2013. The director of NSC is Col Virginia Nelson, CAP. Please contact Bobbie Tourville at bjtourville@capnhq.gov to access Col Nelson’s e-mail information. More information will be available in the coming months.

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Wing Dues Change Reminder: Wings may make changes to their membership dues once a year, concurrent with the new fiscal year (CAPR 39-2, paragraph 4-4). If your Wing needs to adjust their dues, please request the region commander’s approval and notify National Headquarters/DP no later than 15 July 2012. Please e-mail Ms. Susie Parker (sparker@capnhq.gov) or Ms. Frances Sides (fsides@capnhq.gov) or fax (334-953-4262) with your requested changes.

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Chaplain Corps: The Chaplain Corps has revised its specialty track pamphlet, CAPP 221, as well as its development courses, CAPP 221A, 221B, and 221C. To locate each, click on Publications at www.capmembers.com/forms_publications_regulations/pamphlets.cfm. The course tests for 221 A, B, and C can be found at www.capmembers.com/cap_university/online_courses_exams.cfm. POC: Tracy Harris – tharris@capnhq.gov.

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FY11 Audit: The FY11 external audit has now been completed, and the Board of Governors formally accepted the audit in June. The FY11 audit continued the trend with another unqualified audit. In addition, this year CAP’s Single Audit, a compliance audit required due to the level of federal funding the organization receives, was unqualified as well.

Sertifi: FM is now able to offer each Wing one additional position. Wings desiring an additional Sertifi administrator should e-mail Susan Easter at seaster@capnhq.gov with the name and email address of the Wing staff member.

Direct Pay to Members for Missions: The process of directly reimbursing members for mission expenses has expanded during the last few months. While the program is not mandatory, there are substantial cost savings to the Wings through reduced postage and bank fees. Please contact Merinda Hall at mhall@capnhq.gov to learn more about the program.

Finance Regulation 173-1: During the May NEC several modifications to the Finance regulation were approved by the NEC. Most of the changes were to provide additional clarification. The regulation will soon be posted for comment.

LOGISTICS DIRECTORATE

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Vehicle Fleet: NHQ/LGT has developed a distribution list for this year's vehicle buy. Based on the numbers and types, CAP should be able to buy approximately 40 new vehicles. As usual, new vehicles will begin to deliver in the fall. We encourage wings to continue to submit approved CAP Forms 175 to NHQ/LGT requesting replacement of older vehicles, as there is always a possibility that we will receive end-of-year funding from the Air Force.

Once again, we remind drivers to inspect vehicles using the CAPF 73, "*Cap Vehicle Inspection and Usage Data*" prior to each use, paying particular attention to the age and condition of tires, brakes, hoses and belts. A majority of vehicle incidents or breakdowns could have been prevented if worn or damaged items had been replaced prior to getting on the highway.

Wings with gliders and glider trailers. Mr. Duane Schultz, NHQ/LGT, is responsible for repairs and preventive maintenance of glider trailers. As we enter the heavy flying season, please make certain these trailers are safe and roadworthy. If trailers need tires or repairs of any kind, contact NHQ for instructions and to make reimbursement arrangements. Wings must make this contact prior to authorizing any repairs. POC: Duane Schultz – dschultz@capnhq.gov.

Aircraft Fleet Modernization: June promises to be a big month in the aircraft and glider arena. In last quarter's Open Cockpit we announced that this year we will be buying 2 Cessna turbo 206s and 17 182T aircraft. At the time we anticipated accepting aircraft in the November-December timeframe, but we actually received the first 6 182Ts during the last week of June. General Carr accepted the keys to the first new 2012 aircraft during a ceremony at the Cessna factory in Independence, Kansas. The aircraft refurb program is going quite well. We recently assigned a refurbished 172 to the Louisiana Wing and another is awaiting pickup by the Oregon Wing. We anticipate completing one aircraft per month for the remainder of the year.

Last quarter, we announced that CAP was receiving 11 TG-10B (L-23 Super Blanik) gliders from the Air Force Academy. We will accept 8 of these gliders in July. Of the 8 gliders, 6 are airworthy and the other two are damaged and will be used as a source for spare parts. Region commanders have already been notified that they will be receiving these gliders. Each glider will go through a complete inspection program prior to placing them in service.

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Financial Report: The 2011 Financial Report, which meets CAP’s annual Report to Congress requirement, will be available in printed form and online soon. Each year, wings are encouraged to hand-deliver a copy of this report to the offices of all of their federal and state elected officials. The publication will be available online at www.capmembers.com/cap_national_hq/cap_reports/. POCs: Susan Easter – seaster@capnhq.gov and Julie DeBardelaben – jdebardelaben@capnhq.gov.

CAP Volunteer: The July-September 2012 issue (33rd issue) of CAP’s award-winning quarterly magazine, *Civil Air Patrol Volunteer*, is available online at www.capvolunteernow.com/cap_volunteer/.

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Volunteer Now: Civil Air Patrol’s national news website, www.capvolunteernow.com, continues to draw visitors at a record pace, averaging more than 80,000 visitors and more than 300,000 page views. That represents monthly jumps of about 20,000 in visitors and nearly 100,000 in page views over the previous year.

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PAO Academy III: The 2012 PAO Academy III, “Public Affairs in a Digital Age,” will be held Aug. 21-22 in Baltimore, MD, prior to the 2012 Annual Conference and National Board meeting. The event will feature remarks from Tom Saunders, AFNORTH Public Affairs, on the future of PA. Seminars will cover social media marketing, website marketing, news release writing, new media relations guidelines and PIO requirements, public affairs planning and crisis communications planning. Academy participants will also receive a tour of the Defense Media Activity Center where all DoD media are housed. Make plans now to attend! Click on www.capmembers.com, the National Board icon and then preconference seminars to register for this year’s Academy. POCs: Julie DeBardelaben – jdebardelaben@capnhq.gov and Maj. Steven Solomon - ssolomon@cap.gov.

Social Media: CAP’s social media presence continues to expand. In June, the main Facebook page had a weekly total reach of 9,158 users. That’s a 234 percent increase over the last six months. In the meantime, CAP’s Twitter followers now total 1,725, for a 31 percent gain in half a year. The Twitter account adds an average of two new followers a day. The easiest way to keep up with the latest news, events and announcements about CAP via Facebook and Twitter is to go to www.capvolunteernow.com and click on the icons for each at the top of the page.

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CAP Photographs: If you are looking for photographs from CAP events, visit the CAP Flickr website at www.flickr.com/photos/civilairpatrol/collections.

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