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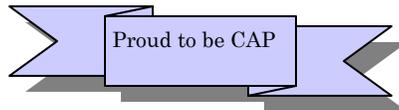
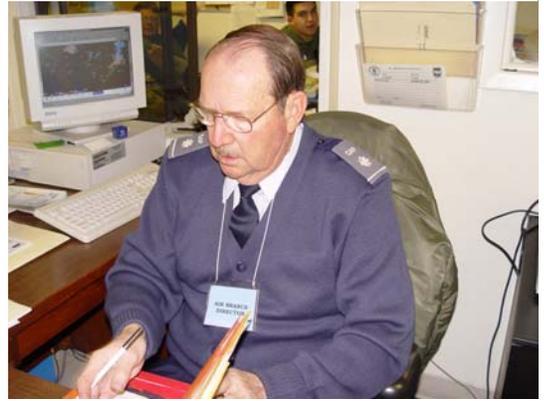
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ARIZONA WING 2003

Col John Varljen,

Arizona Wing Commander

Col. Varljen, as you know is in Washington D.C. for the National Board meeting and Congressional visits. He will be having meetings in the offices of Jim Kolbe, Jeff Flake, Raul Grijalva, John Shadegg and Rick Renzi. All of this for the promotion and benefit of the Arizona Wing of the Civil Air Patrol.



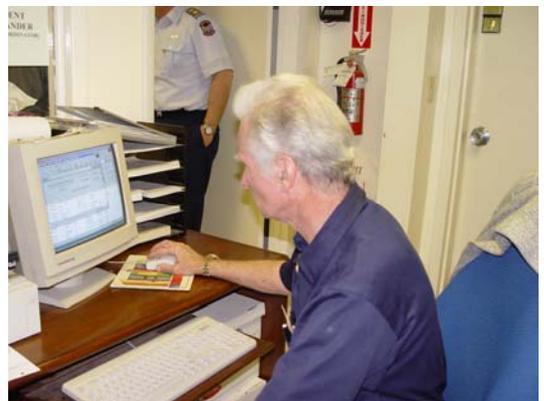
Arizona Wing SAREX SWLR-04-0080

Even though the weather did not cooperate during the afternoon, several sorties for training were successful. Training is a valuable aspect of our SAREXs.

Channel 5 TV did come by for an interview with Maj. Brian Ready. He gave an excellent review of what the Civil Air Patrol and the Arizona Wing does in accomplishing our three missions and Home Land Security.

We were also honored to have as a guest, Mrs. Dion Flynn, Executive Director of the Governor's Military Facilities Taskforce. She received a tour of the Mission Base facility and visited with various personnel including cadets.

Active staff during the SAREX:



Air Branch Director, Lt. Col. Wm. Dillahunty, 2. Maj. Ron Fett , Operations 3. Maj. Bill Betts IC in training.

FORMER ARIZONA CADETS SUCCESS STORIES

The Civil Air Patrol has been the beneficiary of many fine young people, and generous senior members to guide the young cadets. But, it takes self motivation, intelligence, self-discipline, guidance, and any good quality you can think of in a person to make a “great” individual, an individual who strives to always be better. These individuals not only learn but teach, they stand out among all others, and they become our leaders. It is true also, some have not had the advantages that others may have had, but we make of ourselves what we are determined to accomplish.

I have had the honor to either hear from some of these former cadets or receive information through their parents or CAP seniors who have known them. I have been amazed with their achievements, and I think you will be also. **In each issue I will cover one or two former cadets.**

1LT DANIEL W. DAEHLER, USAF

Lt Daehler, originally from Phoenix, AZ, graduated from Horizon High School in 1995. During his high school years, Lt Daehler was active in the Civil Air Patrol cadet program beginning in May 1991. He served in numerous leadership positions including Cadet Squadron Commander of the Paradise Valley Cadet Squadron 310. During that time Lt Daehler helped in the development and execution of numerous wing-level programs such as the cadet soaring program and Arizona Wing Encampments. In July 1995, Lt Daehler was selected to represent the United States in Switzerland on the International Air Cadet Exchange.

In order to better prepare himself for selection to the U.S. Air Force Academy, Lt Daehler attended Northwestern Preparatory School, Malibu, CA, in the fall of 1995. After completing his studies at the prep school and additional classes through Paradise Valley Community College, Lt Daehler was appointed into the U.S. Air Force Academy Class of 2001. On 30 May 2001, Lt Daehler graduated from the Air Force Academy with a Bachelor of Science degree in Political Science, focusing on U.S. national security/counter-terrorism, with a minor in German. Lt Daehler was commissioned by Maj. Robert Reynolds, USAF (ret). During his time at the Air Force Academy, Lt Daehler also completed programs such as the basic freefall parachutist course, combat survival training (both as a student and instructor), Global Engagement, and the Model United Nations, hosted by Georgetown University, Washington, D.C.

After graduation from the Air Force Academy, Lt Daehler was selected to attend Joint Specialized Undergraduate Pilot Training (JSUPT) at Vance AFB, OK. He finished the initial six months of training, in the T-37 Tweet, at the top of his class and was selected to enter the fighter-bomber track and fly the T-38 Talon. After the remaining six months in the T-38, Lt Daehler got his first choice of aircraft assignments: the F-16 Viper. Graduating in the top of his class, Lt Daehler was awarded the Flying Training Leadership Award for his work as the class leader. Following pilot training, Lt Daehler completed the Introduction to Fighter Fundamentals course at Moody AFB, GA, flying the AT-38C. During this course, students learn the basic skills of air-to-air combat as well as basic bomb delivery methods. Lt Daehler took second place in the Air-to-Air Top Gun competition and third in the Air-to-Ground. In March of 2003, Lt Daehler began the F-16 basic qualification course as a student in the 63rd Fighter Squadron, Luke AFB, AZ. The ‘B-Course’ is a 7-month program designed to produce mission-capable fighter pilots through academics, simulators, air-to-air and air-to-ground training. Lt Daehler graduated on 9 October 2003, garnering the Top Academic Award (99.5%), Air-to-Ground Top Gun, Distinguished Graduate, and Overall Top Graduate in his class. Lt Daehler is currently assigned to the 80th Fighter Squadron “Juvats”, 8th Fighter Wing, Kunsan Air Base, Republic of Korea. The primary mission of the 80th FS is front-line defense of South Korea and to take the fight north, if necessary.

Lt Daehler has accrued approximately 450 hours of flight time in the T-41, T-37B, T-38A, AT-38C, Block 42 and Block 30 F-16C/D.

Lt Daehler is married to the former Malia Weymouth, of Santa Barbara, CA. Following the 12-month tour in Korea, they will be stationed at Mountain Home AFB, Idaho. Lt Daehler credits much of his success to the lessons he learned through the CAP Cadet Program. I’m grateful for the dedication and service of the many Senior Members that helped me out along the way. The AZ Wing is lucky to have incredible people with incredible experience. Their leadership, dedication, and service helped me to get to where I am today and I am eternally

grateful. As a Cadet, I got my first set of wings through the instruction of some great instructor pilots. The lessons they imparted on me remain with me today and I put them to use every time I fly. Thank you for taking the time to lend a hand to aspiring youth. Your efforts are not in vain. *Audentes Fortuna Juvat!*

1Lt. Daehler, USA



Cadet Dan Daehler, Col. Art Rediske,
Cadet Randy Heusser, Cadet Steve Olivares

And Ernie Meyer. The Cadets presented sabers to Rediske and Meyer to thank them for mentoring them during their CAP training.

Dan is flying F-16 fighters. He received Top Gun award during his training at Luke and highest written scores from his group..



Newlyweds Maila and Dan Daehler.

While Dan is in Korea, Maila is with Dan's parents furthering her education and acquiring an additional degree.

My thanks to Candi Prangley for her help in securing most, if not all, the information and pictures.

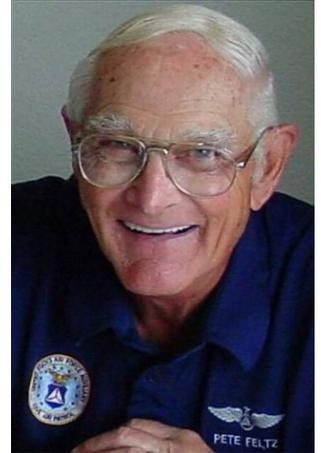
Annual Aerospace Report Sent to National ON TIME.

Lt. Col. Bill Turner, DAE and Lt. Col. Pete Feltz, DDAE wish to thank all the Squadrons who submitted their annual AE reports in time to produce the Wing Annual Report to National by Feb 15th.

Getting reports in on time is a real challenge and it is for this reason, an Aerospace packet was distributed to the Group CCs to in turn distribute to the Squadron CCs. In this packet is an outline of the responsibilities of the Squadron CCs and their AE Officers. Also, in the packet are copies from the CAPP 15, Aerospace Education Officers' Handbook. This handbook covers "Reporting Periodically to the Commander on the Unit Aerospace Education Program" and "Squadron Aerospace Education Activity Report". **THE TIME TO START RECORDING YOUR AEROSPACE ACTIVITIES IS NOW!** By keeping track of your activities as they occur will make it simple to complete the **REQUIRED** information for the Annual Report. All squadrons, Composite, Cadet or Senior Member need to incorporate Aerospace Education in their programs on a monthly basis. All of these activities need to be reported in the annual report. Many squadrons do an excellent job already, but if your squadron is lacking in this area, you need to rethink your priorities. Lt. Col. Turner and I are ready to help in any way we can, but we can't do the program for you. **EXTERNAL** Aerospace is working with outside organizations and local schools. These organizations are always looking for what we have to offer through Aerospace Education. This can be fun and an excellent recruiting tool. We extend a **BIG THANKS** for your continued efforts.

Pete Feltz

Deputy Director Aerospace Education



Compliance Inspection.

At the last Wing Staff meeting on 21 February, all the Wing Staff Members who are involved with the Compliance Inspection were given their segment of responsibilities for this inspection. Col. John Varljen has indicated all staff members need to stay abreast of these requirements on an "on going basis. Each Staff member should have a loose-leaf notebook containing the information for their particular positions. This notebook should also include the Compliance Inspection requirements outlines. Periodically, I will be distributing reports from other Wing Inspections to help members see what has been determined to be bad or good in other Wings. Hopefully this will give you a heads up on what was important so we can do a better job. This type of dedication will produce good reports in the future and keep us from getting on any more freezes. This past freeze hurt us in time, effort, and the loss or delay of acquiring needed aircraft, vehicles and other equipment. Everything we do at the Wing level and Squadron level will have consequences that can affect the overall ability to perform our missions. We are now off the freeze and trying to move forward. **THANKS TO ALL THE PERSONS AND UNITS HARD WORK IN GETTING US OFF THE FREEZE.**

Pete Feltz, Deputy Chief of Staff, Mission Support

SOMETHING SPECIAL

Aviation Day will be at Ryan Airfield on March 13th, with dime-a-pound sponsored by the local chapter of the 99's. There will be displays, flybys, and much more.....

This event is for fun and to raise money for scholarships for 99's

There will be parking for fly-ins.

If you have any questions, contact: Barbara Harper

blh2@mindspring.com

First Middle School Initiative at Saddle Mountain,

FIRST MIDDLE SCHOOL INITIATIVE SQUADRON IN ARIZONA

Lt. Rickey Triplett, AZWG/CAP/DDRA, arranged for an assembly at Ruth Fisher School shortly after the school year began. Cadet Chief Master Sgt. Karissa Triplett took the lead and spoke with the 250-300 students about her experiences in the Civil Air Patrol. She described encampments, FTX, flying and promotions. Karissa took questions for over an hour, and when asked who wanted to join there were not enough applications to go around. On that one evening, 31 cadets and 13 seniors signed up to begin a squadron. Since that evening, a total of approximately 45 students have signed applications to join.

The Saddle Mountain Squadron Commander is SM Thomas Wheeler. Lt. Triplett will be the Arizona Wing contact for one year to assist the squadron members in following and understanding regulations, events, and training required of squadron cadets.

It has been very rewarding to see how the parents and teachers have been so willing to help. The Parent Teachers Organization donated money to start the squadron and help with the Cadet's needs. In 2005, a new Tonopah High School will be built next to Ruth Fisher School. The Contractor has expressed the wish to donate a special building for Civil Air Patrol meeting.



Cadet Master Sgt. Mathew Triplett not only did a great deal of work for the beginning steps to develop squadron 800, he has also received his Mitchell Award.



Commander Thomas Wheeler, Squadron 800, receives the Charter and the CAP seal from Wing Commander John Varljen.



Squadron 800



Commander Thomas Wheeler with Adrian Gonzales, designer of the squadron patch



Color guard for Tonopah presentation from Luke Squadron 356,

Left to right:

A/C Robert Lohr, SMSgt Many Hernandez, TSgt. April Hernandez, MSSgt. Chrissy Hernandez, and 1 Lt. Dan Hernandez.

2004 Thunderbird Balloon & Air Classic

March 26-28

Friday: 5:30-10 P.M.

Saturday & Sunday 6 –10 A.M. Balloon events and 6:30-8 P.M. for the Desert Glows.

Saturday & Sunday 10 AM to 5:30 PM Air Classic Event

Glendale Airport, Glendale Road, just west of the 101 Freeway.

More the 50 hot-air balloons, including special shapes, will participate.

Over 60 fixed wing and rotor aircraft on static display and in the skies. Sixty aircraft from World War II through current military on display and flying.

WARBIRD REUNION of privately owned military aircraft from WWII, Korea, and Vietnam. These will I

clude P-51 Mustang, Corsair, Hellcat, Hawker Hurricane, AT-6, T-28 and many beautiful and rare aircraft will perform in the air.

Aircraft invited: F-16 Falcon, F-18 Hornet, F-14 Tomcat, F-15 Eagle, Harrier, A-64 Apache, Blackhawk Rescue Helo, Cobra Gunships, and a variety of specialty, cargo and training aircraft .There are also activities for kids, Aviation and commercial exhibits.

Ticket information and more visit:
<http://www.eventpromotionsusa.com/tbirdclassic.htm>

American Red Cross (ARC) disaster Assessment Training by 1Lt. Allan Pearlstein, Group III PAO

On 10 January 2004, LTC Ed Ryan, a 45 year veteran of CAP, and the Red Cross Disaster Relief Specialist from the Grand Canyon Chapter ARC, taught a class at the Falcon Composite Civil Air Patrol squadron titled: "Introduction to Disaster Services". When a disaster strikes, ARC relies on CAP for communication functions, which is vital to restoring order, and assessing the damage. Disasters leave physical suffering and pain. Through training volunteers and educating the public, the ARC-CAP is able to provide relief to the victims.

Disasters may be natural (floods, earthquakes, tornado's), manmade (wildfires), and technological (loss of electrical power). The ARC-CAP is responsible for providing the victims with emotional comfort, finding lost family members and friends, rebuilding and restoring social and economic life in the community, damage assessment, determining what needs to be met, and finding living facilities, just to name a few. In order to provide the necessary resources to the victims, people from the CAP, ARC, and local, state, the Federal government agencies must work together as a team.

When a disaster strikes, the initial response begins at the local government level, the moves to the state, the the Federal government (i.e. Federal Emergency Management Agency). The different agencies respond to the disaster site, conduct a damage assessment, and provide meals, shelter, physical and mental health care, clothing, and meals to the victims, all, with the long term goal of restoring normalcy to the community. The most vital component of the restoration, however, is for the different agencies to communicate and work together.

The agencies work together through the following disaster response functions: Management, Direct Services (disaster health services, family services), Internal Support (damage assessment, training, communications) and External Support (Government, volunteer agencies, and public affairs).

Leadership in the 21st Century, Part IV

by Del Rubi, Senior Master Sergeant, USAF, Retired

Members of the United States Air Force Auxiliary--AKA; Arizona Wing CAP:

I began writing and sharing the first part of a four part article on "**Leadership in the 21st Century**" on November 1st, 2003. Time has come and gone, however, please realize the leadership information discussed the past three months is as appropriate today as it was 20 years ago. I was inspired to write this article by one of your command senior members, in the Arizona Wing, who asked me a question a couple of years ago when times were "tough going" for the Wing. It was something like; how can I motivate members of a "volunteer organization" to do their jobs? It was a great question that I could not answer directly at that time. This question *haunted* me the past few years because I knew I had some answers and possibly some recommendations due to an article I had written years ago as a term paper for my college degree. I just could not find the article until this past October and this is why I began sharing it with you and your cadets. Let's now review the information discussed the past three months and see if you can come up with the answer(s) to the ultimate question: "How to motivate a volunteer to do their job...".

Conclusion--"Leadership in the 21st Century"

Right from the beginning I put the burden on the Commanders, and rightly so! It was stated that they will have to change their leadership style to effectively motivate and lead their volunteers in the 21st Century, and more importantly, in today's CAP volunteer organization. We discussed the ultimate goal of leadership and dissected a couple of definitions--one being: "Leadership is the process of directing the behavior of others toward the accomplishment of mission objectives." Next, we discussed the six traits that are vital toward mastering the leadership process and completing the job. They were: Integrity, Loyalty, Commitment, Energy, Decisiveness and Selflessness. We also looked at the 10 leadership principles each commander and/or leader must understand and practice for both themselves and their people--which were: Know the job, Know yourself, Set the example, Care for people, Communicate, Educate, Equip, Motivate, Accept responsibility, and Develop teamwork. After talking about the many different leadership definitions, traits and principles, we determine leadership embraced itself around one important ingredient--"*people*". People come from different backgrounds, environments and experience levels, and this is why the leadership process can be so very difficult to master. Peter Drucker stated that "leadership is characterized by results--that is, by the followers doing the right things". And we must understand that doing the right thing is as different as night and day to some people. This is why it is so important for CAP Commanders and/or Deputy Commanders for Cadets, to understand the importance of the above leadership traits and principles, and how they apply to interpersonal behavior and motivation for their followers!

We also stated that leaders must have the courage to correct inappropriate behavior, and they must also put the needs of the organization and people first, because it will help to create a working environment that is positive, motivational and effective. Not only is leadership important in CAP, it is so vitally important in the Air Force. According to the former Chief Master Sergeant of the Air Force Robert D. Gaylor, "every one wants to be an effective leader, whether in the Air Force or in the community. You can and will be if you identify your strengths, capitalize on them and consciously strive to reduce and minimize the times you apply your leadership style inappropriately". How can we be effective leaders in CAP--just take the time to focus and study the past information provided, practice your leadership skills, and ensure you don't make the same leadership mistake twice.

Bottomline: Realize that I as a new CAP member (just like you) will be *motivated* if you as the leader, can provide effective training, understanding, motivation, communication, support, and discipline to me as a Civil Air Patrol member assigned to the Auxiliary of the United States Air Force.

I encourage and challenge the command senior member who asked me years ago the question listed above, to review the past four-part leadership articles in the Arizona Wing Wingtips to find the answer(s)! Additionally, I challenge each of you CAP leaders to talk-the-talk and walk-the-walk not only for your senior member comrades, but for the future of Civil Air Patrol--our CADETS!!!



ARIZONA WING RECOGNIZES LT. COL. JOHNSON'S 50 YEARS IN CAP

Lt. Col. Johnson (right) receives his 50 year plaque from Wing Commander Col. John Varljen.

Lt. Col. Raymond J. Johnson joined CAP at the Duluth Squadron (MN Wing) in December 1945 following his release from the Army Air Force.

Lt. Col. Johnson has been a very active member giving time and leadership. 1945-1952 he held various positions with both the Duluth and Minneapolis Squadrons. 1952-1957 he served as the Minnesota Wing Director of Cadets and Aviation Education. 1957-1994 Johnson served as the

Executive Director of the Illinois Wing. He explained that this was a unique position related to his employment as head of the Chicago Office of the Illinois State Aeronautics Department which had a direct responsibility for funding and overseeing CAP activities in Illinois. 1995-to present, Lt. Col. Johnson is a member of the Prescott Squadron 206 and the Wing Aerospace Education Staff.

Additional activities and honors include: Commander first CAP Cadet Jet Orientation Courses, first National Staff College, IACE Escort to Switzerland, New Zealand, and Singapore which included other countries. 1981, Induction into the CAP NCASE Crown Circle, Frank G. Brewer Trophy in 1995, and elected as an Elder States-

Lt. Col. Martin Miller, MD (left), also received his plaque for 50 years (or more) as a member of CAP. Col. Gil Day, Vice Commander presented the plaque.



In 1939, Lt. Col. Miller joined a flying club that later became part of CAP.

In the December issue of Wingtips, Lt. Col. Miller's history with CAP was given in detail.

Lt. Col. Johnson and Lt. Col. Martin Miller join Lt. Col. Helen Crofford and Lt. Col. Bruce Miller in receiving their 50 year recognition plaques.



Capt. Irene Leverton honored at Northern Arizona VA Healthcare Center



L to R, Brig. General Vaught, Deborah Thompson, Director/CEO of the VA Hospital in Prescott, **Capt. Leverton** and Chaplin Unangst.

Civil Air Patrol's Irene Leverton, Wing AE and a member/check pilot with Squadron 206 was an honored guest and speaker before the Women Veteran's Recognition Ceremony on Nov. 12, held at the Northern Arizona VA Healthcare Center, Prescott, AZ. The main speaker, Brig. General Vaught, USAF Retired touched briefly on CAP volunteerism and programs during her speech. Capt. Leverton spoke on having been a CAP Cadet in 1944 and how, after her first flight in Chicago, she was then and forever in love with the wild blue yonder. That first flight was the beginning of a 59 year flying career. Capt. Leverton has received many awards and honors throughout her lifetime, but one of the proudest is her induction in the Arizona Aviation Hall Of Fame, April 2004.



Lt. Col. Ruth Anne Johnson presented certificates of appreciation to Lt. Col. Bill Turner, Lt. Col. Jim Webb, Lt. Col. Pete Feltz, and Lt. Col. Steve Rountree, Wing Chaplain for their participation and help with the Wing Conference in Lake Havasu.



PUBLIC AFFAIRS TRAINING

17-18 January, Lt. Col Mahadocon, Jr., CAP Director, Pacific Region Public Affairs presented a Public Affairs workshop in Payson. The two days were not enough to learn all the information Lt. Mahadocon had to offer. So, we will continue to learn from the excellent materials he provided.

Those who attended were: (L-R Front) Lt. Col. Rebecca McGinley, SWR; Lt. Col. Pat Brower, Wing PAO; 1Lt. Jacquie Gates, 206/Group II PAO; Capt. James Cambier, 209; 2Lt. Verna Larson, 304 PAO; C/A1C Venessa Pinckard, 304; Lt. Col. Fred Mahadocon, Presenter; L to R rear) 1Lt. Donald Hocker, 209 CC (Gr. Finance); 2Lt. Coyaladene McKean, 209 PAO; Lt. Col. Morris Courtright, Wing Asst. PAO; 2Lt. Steve Feistner, 209; 1Lt. Allan Pearlstein, 305/Group III PAO (not present for



photo) and Maj. Ed McMillian Group II CC (not present for photo).

A presentation was also given on photography by Richard Haddad publisher of the Payson Roundup and Rim Review newspapers. He gave suggestions on how to best take pictures and some tips on getting the attention of a newspaper for printing articles.

SENIOR PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

The Senior Professional Development Officers (SPDO) are the members link to promotions and continuing education.

They are there to assist you in obtaining information, directing your studies, assisting you in selecting the avenues of specialties, and generally helping you in any manner at their disposal. They have to means to track where you are in the route to promotion but it is your job to keep up with and do what is required. It is not enjoyable to have time-in-grade and then discover that there was something else needed for promotion.

The Air Force Institute of Advanced Distributed Learning (AFIADL) is the primary source of instructional material for the members. Please remember there are courses available to the CAP that do not have to do with the three missions of the CAP. There are classes that will assist you in your professional and personal life outside of CAP. All questions and applications for courses should be directed through Lt. Col. Bob Willien, 403 W. Monte Cristo, Phoenix, AZ 85023. His phone number is (602) 298-5678. Please remember that all composite and cadet squadrons need to send in a new CAPF 53 to National and a copy to Lt. Col Willien at the first of each calendar year and each change of command or personnel.

To facilitate the dissemination of material and help, it is imperative that we have the information regarding who are the Unit Testing Officers (TO) and SPDOs. We would like to better inform the TOs and SPDOs when there is something occurring that is of importance to the unit members. If the unit commanders have not sent in their Personnel Authorization Letters, please let me know who is your TO and SPDO.

Just a reminder to all Level I/CPPT instructors. If you have not taught a Level I/CPPT class in the last two years, you will need to be re-certified by co-teaching with a certified instructor. The re-certification should be documented on a CAPF 2a and sent to me. All instructors are requested to send a copy of the CAPF 11 for the Level I/CPPT instruction to me so I can keep track of the current instructors for the AF inspectors.

I am in search of help to make the Senior Professional Development a viable entity of the Arizona Wing. I have an assistant for the northern part of the state in Lt. Col. Ruth Anne Johnson. As soon as some paperwork is completed and with his agreement, SMSGT Del Rubi will be helping in the central part of the state. I am looking for some assistance in the southern part of the state, and if possible somebody for the western section. Of course, all of these positions should have somebody being trained to replace the current position, so I am also looking for somebody to train for the position of Senior Professional Director.

I believe we have all the necessary forms and check lists needed to handle anything that arises in the area of testing and senior development. If you need assistance, please contact me or one of the Assistants and we will get you what you need.

Major Frank Wheeler

Director, SPD

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SQUADRON 205 – VERDE VALLEY
By SM Jean Hurley

Civil Air Patrol Squadron 205 recently completed CERT training in conjunction with the Cottonwood and Sedona Fire Departments. Firemen G.W. Long of the Cottonwood Volunteer Fire Dept and Jack Smithson of the Sedona Fire Department taught the Squadron CERT- which stands for Community Emergency Response Teams. We feel that working with the fire department is extremely important in a time of emergency and this is our first step in doing so. One mission of the Civil Air Patrol is disaster Relief and this enhanced that mission statement. (CAPR 60-1--4) These men took time out of their considerably busy schedules to train us and we are ever grateful for the experience. Squadron 205 is a composite squadron, and is moving into a future where ground team search and rescue and disaster relief are going to be important factors of our usefulness to Homeland Security. We have dedicated our squadron to becoming the leading squadron in the northern part of Arizona Wing. With training like the CERT program, we are well on our way to achieving this goal. We met at the squadron building at the Sedona Airport every Wednesday and Thursday evening, 4 hours each night, for three weeks in January. The CERT Program taught things like First Aid, assessing damage and injuries; What to do if...scenarios for chemical spills, earthquakes, fires, even terrorism.

Cadets of Verde Valley Composite Squadron 205 recently returned to the air. Due to a lack of pilot members in our squadron recently it has been quite awhile that the cadets got to fly. That all ended on 24 January 2004, when Group II pilots from Prescott and Flagstaff flew in for this very important mission. We had a great time, and most importantly, a total of twelve cadets got in the air. We sincerely thank Lt. Col. Don Dillahunty of Prescott and Major Chuck Bendixon of Flagstaff for their expertise piloting the cadets. Lt. Col. Art Rogers, who coordinated the whole function and to 1Lt. Dave Grundy of Flagstaff who held classes on leadership and team building, medal of honor recipients, drill and ceremony while the others were flying. Senior members of squadron 205 were on hand to handle the communications with the aircraft in flight. The pilots each brought over 2 cadets from their respective squadrons so that the whole day of flying was dedicated to cadet orientation flights.



L to R: Cadets Richard Arndt and Jonam Russell and pilot and Group II Deputy Commander Lt. Col. Don Dillahunty.

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COCHISE COMPOSITE SQUADRON 107, SIERRA VISTA by Maj. Kathleen Fellows

Twenty-nine people took the Blood Borne Pathogen training given by Squadron Medical Officer and Emergency Dept. Trauma Nurse Major Kathleen Fellows. Nineteen people have received their BCUT Radio Operator's Permits. The squadron has 18 pilots, with 5 awaiting their CAPF 5 check rides.

Maj. Fellows expects to graduate with her A and P ticket at the end of the month, which will give Sq. 107 two A and P's to provide TLC to the Squadron's aircraft.

Congratulations to Maj. Fellows.



L-R:Chris Murcko; Sean Rauch; Richard Arndt; Max Weaver; Fireman G. W. Long, and Morgan Kaiser on the ground.

Verde Valley Squadron 205

By 2Lt. Jean Hurley



On 07 February, Squadron 205 held it's first awards banquet. This year's banquet was in honor of the squadrons cadet program.

They were truly the glue in our squadron this year. Lt. Col. Paul Handverger and wife (Maj.) Roberta, and Maj Ed McMillian and wife (1Lt.) Sue were our honored guests.

The banquet was held at the VFW Post 7400 in Cottonwood. Award given that night were: MOST CADET PRIDE: C.T SGT Max Weaver, who also brought the room to tears with his speech on "Defending America," and will also hopefully be reading at this year's Conference.

MOST IMPROVED CADET: C/T SGT Jonam Russell; CADET OF MERIT: C/CMSgt. Steven Jones; CADET NCO OF THE YEAR: C/CMSgt Sean Rauch; CADET OFFICER OF THE YEAR: C/2nd Lt. Josh Edgerton and CADET OF THE YEAR: C2nd Lt Jamie Hurley.

The Cadets also created Cadet Peer Awards to give to each other, which was basically a roast. Such as: "Don't Touch My Boots Award (Jamie Hurley), Sergeant Rock Award to Morgan Kaiser.

Several Certificates of Appreciation were given to thos Senior Members that worked with the cadets this past year and an award plaque was given to Commander 1Lt Bill Tinnin for his hard work and dedication to the squadron and 2nd Lt. Jean Hurley was awarded Senior Member of the Year for her work as DCC.



CELL PHONE AND GAS PUMPS A DANGEROUS COMBO. HEED WARNINGS! By Maj. Charles Farry, SWR

Some Lessons are best learned without experience. Cell phones and gasoline don't mix.



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These three incidents were reported at gas stations:

1. While pumping fuel, a cell phone placed on the trunk of the car rang. The car caught fire from the fumes emitted from the tank.
2. A man got his face burned while talking on the phone when refueling his car.
2. A cell phone burned a man's trouser-the phone in his pocket rang while refueling his car. How di it happen? The keypad or ringer apparently produces a small electric spark...enough to ignite petrol? Gas fumes.

These incidents could be avoided.

1. Keep your cell phone switch off at gas stations.
2. If expecting an urgent call and the phone can't be switched off, keep it in the car.
3. Don't answer a cell phone when fueling up.

Use Caution. Information available on this subject is insufficient. But it's better to be SAFE than SORRY.

.....HSE warning from Society of Petroleum Engineers

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COMMUNICATION CONFERENCE by Allan Pearlstein

On 24 January, Falcon Composite Squadron hosted the Arizona Wing Communications Conference which was coordinated and run by Major Steven Hughes. (305). Approximately 60 members attended.

Maj. Hughes covered communications between mission base, ground teams, and air crews. Communication procedures are found in CAPR 101-1, Vol. 3. Professionalism is vital in all radio communications, and proper procedures must be used.

Capt. Bruce Baker explained that the Arizona Wing has two "slow scan photography systems" for transmitting photographs from the aircraft to the ground team/mission base. This technology allows the customer to see an image within roughly 70 seconds.

Capt. Ray Reeve explained the use of APRS (Automatic Positioning Reporting System). The aircraft sends an electronic signal to the mission base, and the mission base personnel view the flight path and current location of the aircraft

Maj. Hartley Gardner said that Arizona has 13 repeater stations. In 2008. 121.5 MHz (current ELT signal) will no longer be used. Instead, 406 MHz will transmit distress signals..



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