

Catch The Spirit!

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From The Flight Deck

Greetings to all fellow members in Group II. What a busy past few weeks—National Boards in Las Vegas and National Staff College at Maxwell, plus the everyday duties. These recent activities have once again shown that this is one of the greatest volunteer organizations in the USA.

Hundreds of members getting together to share their experiences and help each other “get the job done.” This is true nationally, statewide and locally as each of us, in our own way, contribute. The Air Force is proud of what we do and who we are and we should also be proud.

Your National Staff, led by Al Allenback, is dedicated to helping us all progress as we go forward with many new missions, with which we are being tasked.

Your Wing and Group Staff are here to help you accomplish the goals and missions that your unit has defined. All of us together can really get this “bird” off the ground and soar with the rest of the Eagles.

Thank you all for your dedication and commitment.

Maj. Ed McMillian, Commander Group II

Our Group II newsletter is available on the Wing website at: <http://azwg.cap.gov> (click on links.)

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Mark Your Calendars!

- ⇒ Oct. 4th—Air Fair, Prescott Airport
Celebrating the 100th year of powered flight, the 75th Anniversary of the dedication of Prescott’s Love Field Municipal Airport and the 25th Anniversary of ERAU’s Prescott campus.
- ⇒ Oct. 17-19—AZ Wing Conference, Nautical Inn at beautiful Lake Havasu City.
- ⇒ Oct. 25th—Make A Difference Day!
Cadets, what a great opportunity to make a difference in your community! www.makeadifferenceday.com.
- ⇒ Nov. 1-2—CLC course at Payson (send your form 17 to Mike Hoza, Director and a check for \$10 to Group II Finance Officer, Don Hocker at 608 N. Maranatha, Payson 85541.
- ⇒ May 1-2 2004—AZ Wing Conference at ERAU Prescott campus, (more to come).
- ⇒ May 22-23 2004—SLS & CLC at ERAU Prescott campus, (more to come).

Congratulations! To SM Bill Lyman of Squadron 206 who is now certified to teach Level 1/CPPT.

What a productive day was spent on September 13th with Bruce Baker & Dave Flyer, Wing Photo Specialists. The hands-on digital training class, given for 16 senior members of Squadron 206, was excellent! We thank you both and also thank Maj. Carla Day for arranging this.



Introducing CAP’s new Grippsland GA8 AirVan as it arrives in the US from Australia. The GA8 can hold 8 passengers.

Catch The Spirit! We did!

2003 National CAP Conference, Las Vegas



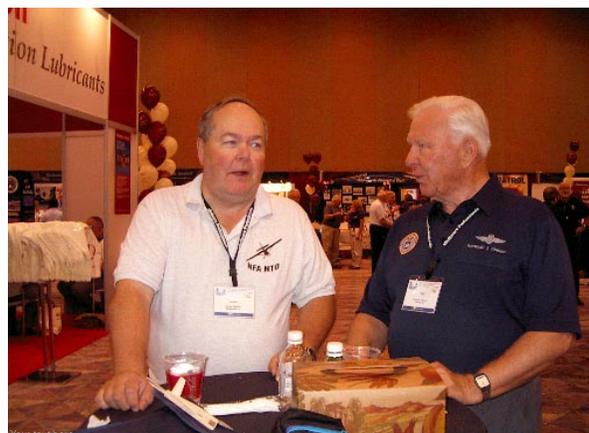
What a great conference at the beautiful MGM Hotel in Las Vegas. The days were full and exciting with many choices for interactive seminars. Col. Al Allenback, National Headquarters' Executive Director, held an "Open Cockpit" forum. The 8th Annual CAP Fun Walk started at 6 a.m. on Wednesday, for those brave souls who were able to "get up and go." At Tuesday evening's 1st Timers' Reception, we met Maj. Gen. Bowling, National Commander and made many new acquaintances.



Maj. Gen. Bowling (right) making a point at the 1st Timers reception. Shown at left is Col. Al Allenback.



Our very own Group II Deputy Commander, Lt. Col. Don Dillahunty (right) with Lt. Col. William Turner, AZ Aerospace Director (left) and Lt. Col. Pete Feltz, AZ Aerospace Deputy Director (center).



Lt. Col. Raymond Johnson, member of Squadron 206 on right with friend, Lt. Col. Thomas O'Shea, IL Wing Staff.

2003 National CAP Conference, Las Vegas Highlights

**“It was an awesome experience.
A great opportunity to meet
such knowledgeable and interesting
CAP members from around the country.”**

At the social hour, prior to the banquet, I was attracted to these three gentleman: (left) Col. Richard Probst, CAP/IGQ, Assistant National Inspector General; (center) Lt. Col. Dave Campbell, Chief of staff, Vermont Wing who proudly wears his Black-Watch Plaid Kilt that represents his family’s Scottish Heritage; (far right) Col. Robert Johnson, former Wing Commander, Vermont, wearing a most unusual medallion. Col. Johnson said, “I served in the 5th Air Force and this medallion represents the Korean War Truce—the signing of Veterans from 21 Countries in honor of their freedom in 1953. There were over 700 Veterans who attended the 50th year Anniversary (July 27, 1953 through July 27, 2003). Each Veteran was honored with a beautiful medallion, presented by Korean Teenagers.”



Lt. Col. Fred Boughton and 1Lt. Jackie Gates, PAO for Group II. Fred, who now resides in Las Vegas, taught radio communications while at Squadron 206.



Shown above are CAP members who were in the Digital Camera Seminar. Their assignment was to go outside the classroom and practice with their digital cameras. Later, back in the seminar class, photos were critiqued by instructor, Marc Huchette, CAP National Headquarters.

**It is always good to meet old friends
and to make new acquaintances.**



Lt. Col. Don Timmerman, Prescott Squadron 206 is all smiles as he enters the banquet hall.

Join us at the 2004 Civil Air Patrol's Annual Conference/National Board Meeting on August 19—21 at the Marriott Tampa Waterside in Tampa Bay, Florida

On early Monday morning the first agenda item for 2003 was an election of the vice commander, who is voted in by the national board of directors. The board reelected Brig. Gen. Dwight Wheless for a third term as Cap's National Vice Commander. The other two candidates were: Col. Tony Pineda, (the current SE Region Commander) and Col. Angelo Porco.

Our National Board Members busily tackled many of the agenda items. Approved action taken on some of the items discussed were: the ratification of four regulation: R70- 1 CAP Acquisition of Regulation Introduction; R77-1 Operation and Maintenance of CAP vehicles; R60-6 CAP Counterdrug Operations and R900-5 CAP Insurance/Benefits Program. Other discussion included: All CAP Regulations will be published electronically, as well as well as in paper form; A proposal to study the possibility of a military type photo ID card and the proposal to drop the requirement for a unit Ops officer, specialty track #211, to be a CFI was approved.

Old Business approved: that Finance officers would be promoted to a higher grade for their work experience, higher education or being a CPA (this will be in CAPR 50-17); the senior member Leadership ribbon may be renamed the Gen. Benjamin O. Davis ribbon (if the family agrees) and Pending AF approval is the wearing of the grey nameplate on the service dress uniform. Region Vice-Commanders, who were not previous colonels, will revert to the grade of lieutenant colonel when they step down. Col. Al Allenback,, Executive Director stated that membership is up 5.2% from last year with 37,583 seniors and 27,142 cadets. And, we will be adding 28 more Cessna, bringing the total to 541 and purchasing 72 vehicles next year.

When giving an update to the Board, our National Commander, Maj. Gen. Bowling stated that we are in year two of a five-year program to provide all squadrons with laptop computers.

The AF will be sharing their safety courses with CAP on line. Keep posted to our website.

Cadets: The cadet officer specialty track is being rewritten. Many units reported difficulty with the physical fitness test, but the committee felt that this problem lies in the testing technique. The Florida Wing has developed a video (available on their website) showing how to administer the test.

Next March, there will be a Civil Leadership Academy in Washington for cadet officers

(3 per region) in conjunction with the winter board meeting. the 2005/2006 National Cadet Competitions will also be held in Washington, D.C. Squadrons are being encouraged to have cadet programs that involve their community and to partner with schools on Aerospace Education.. It was also noted that Paul Harvey is an aviation enthusiast and interested in the achievements of CAP cadets.

The exhibit hall was filled with many exhibitors. CAP personnel demonstrated the E-services and answered questions.

Topics! Topics! Topics! Which seminars shall I choose? The choices were difficult as there were so many good topics and instructors who made the interactive sessions interesting and fun.

Captain Kim Campbell, USAF was the Key-note speaker at the Saturday banquet. She is better known as "killer chick" during the Iraq War. After losing all her hydraulics and faced with an almost uncontrollable Thunderbolt A10, she had two options: eject or attempt an almost impossible feat of trying to land. Captain Campbell, with her "can-do" attitude that she contributes to her time in CAP, chose the latter and safely brought her damaged "Warthog" back to base. WOW!

During the conference, I had the great pleasure of meeting a very special CAP member, Lt. Col. Fred Mahadocon, Director of Public Affairs for the Pacific Region. We spent several hours talking about public affairs and the responsibility of a PAO. He was a fountain of information and I will be sharing this with Public Affair Officers in Group II.

Lt. Col William Schell, who is the National Curator, preserving the Civil Air Patrol's History, would welcome patches or historical mementos. He may be reached at: awmschell@juno.com.

Our bookstore's has a new name, CAPMart. Their website is: www.capmart.org.

Though tired and dragging as I left for home, the CAP National Conference was an experience I would not have wanted to miss. See you in Tampa Bay, Florida in 2004!

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This is your newsletter, please keep us posted on the happenings and special events planned for your squadrons.

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