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**TO: ALL VIRGINIA WING SENIOR MEMBERS AND CADETS  
COMMANDERS PLEASE POST**

**FROM: HQ, VIRGINIA WING, Administrative Assistant, Terry Picha**

**UNIT NEWSLETTER:** It is very important that you share this Newsletter with all Members of your Unit. Please review this material at your unit meeting and post a copy on your Bulletin Board so that it will be available to ALL members. (Members can't participate if you do not tell them about coming events). This Bulletin is posted on the Virginia Wing Website as a PDF document.

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**1. WING COMMANDER --** The official report of our VAWG Compliance Inspection, held at the headquarters in March, has just arrived for my review. In summary, the Air Force / CAP inspectors note that Virginia Wing is given an EXCELLENT overall rating. The five major areas inspected included the three missions of CAP: Aerospace Education – Satisfactory; Cadet Programs – Excellent; Emergency Services – Excellent, Mission Support – Satisfactory, and Command – Excellent.

- Nine functional areas were rated as Excellent: Cadet Programs, Emergency Services, Operations, Aircraft Management, Communications, Professional Development, Finance, Administration, and Command.
- Forty-nine 'Commendables' were highlighted, including seven for Command, five each in ES, Operations, Aircraft Maintenance and Safety. Four each were given to Communications and Finance.
- Seventeen 'Observations' and sixteen "Findings" were highlighted by the team including five in Aircraft Maintenance, and four in Supply.
- Two Benchmark Candidates were identified, with one in Cadet Programs and the second in Administration. Our "Paperless Wing" capability contributed heavily to the Benchmark award.

Thanks once again for all of the great work and effort that went into preparations for the Compliance Inspection! Let's work diligently to ensure that this high quality operation remains so in the future!

I am very pleased with the fast pace of training now going on throughout the Wing, but I especially want to highlight the Group I membership for stepping up to my challenge, by qualifying as Air Crew and Ground Team members over these past few months! Until now, mission qualifications in the far-western part of Virginia have been hard to come by, limiting our effectiveness for missions in the area. Now, we are in the beginning stages of making the Group responsive to calls, and qualified to roll when tasked! Let's all take a lesson from our Group I folks, and work hard to get and keep full qualifications for Air Crews and Ground Teams.

**2. CHIEF of-STAFF-** I am recruiting for the positions of **Director Counter Drug** and for a person well versed in **writing grant requests**. If you are interested in either of these positions, contact Lt Col Rick Moseley at [cs.va@vawg.cap.gov](mailto:cs.va@vawg.cap.gov).

Effective immediately, Virginia Wing will no longer hold a monthly meeting on Saturday for the Wing Staff and Group Commanders. The only staff meetings will be held on the 3rd Monday night of each month and group commanders are invited to attend that meeting.

There will be one Wing Wide Commanders call every quarter at which all wing staff, group commanders and unit commanders will be expected to attend. One of these meetings will be the Wing Conference. The Wing calendar has been amended to reflect these changes. Currently, Commanders Calls are scheduled for: 5 June, September 11 and Nov 6 2004.

**3. SAFETY** It is a great pleasure for me to announce that, effective immediately, Capt. Susan Parson has been appointed Deputy Director of Safety, Virginia Wing. Susan brings a lot of experience to the position, including as an active flight and ground instructor and published author in aviation safety and instruction. Susan is also a VA Wing check pilot and is a designated safety counselor in the Dulles FSDO district.

Susan also serves concurrently on the Group 3 Safety and Stan/Eval staff. As an example of Susan's work already, please note the VAWG safety website and the various checklists and briefing cards that have appeared recently in the Wing aircraft, as well as the Operational Risk Management tools, all of which exist substantially because of her contributions.

It is also important for me, as a part of this announcement, to acknowledge the work and contributions of Col. Reed Vaughan to the Directorate of Safety. Col. Vaughan's contributions have been invaluable to the Wing and to me personally. I particularly appreciate his mentorship of me in the Wing safety function; it is a lot to live up to.

Please welcome Susan to the position and help acknowledge Col. Vaughan's monumental contribution and well-deserved break.

**Focus for the Month** Not surprisingly, there appears to be a direct relationship between the increasing temperature and the increasing tempo of CAP flying. After too many ground-bound winter days, we are all eager to get out and enjoy the spring/summer flying weather. That is both normal and desirable, but

remember that safe CAP flying requires extra vigilance as we scrape the winter rust off long-dormant flying skills. A few reminders and tips:

**Risk Management:** If you haven't flown much this winter, you might not be aware of several new risk management tools and requirements implemented in preparation for the Wing Compliance Inspection in mid-March. One is a new Operational Risk Management (ORM) and Crew Briefing Checklist, which you will find with the regular checklist in each of the VAWG aircraft. The ORM checklist is designed to help pilots make a quick mental status check of pilot, aircraft, weather, and flying environment. The checklist has weighted values for each item, and concludes by asking whether the pilot has taken steps to mitigate any risks identified while running the ORM checklist. Based on feedback from CAP crews, we have modified the original wording (which suggested that a no-go decision was "required" if the ORM score reached 20) to state that a no-go decision "may" be required (i.e., if the identified risk factors cannot be controlled or mitigated). A second addition is placement of a copy of the CAP monthly *Safety Sentinel* newsletter in the aircraft book, along with a sign-off sheet in which the PIC attests to having read this document. Why this requirement? The *Safety Sentinel* is part of the required safety briefing each month, so we need some way to ensure that VAWG pilots don't miss the material even if they have to miss a regular safety briefing. Don't worry – although we are looking for a PIC sign-off for every flight, you need not read each month's issue more than once! Even if you are reading it for the first time, the *Safety Sentinel* is short and can be read without adding significantly to preflight preparation time.

**Safety Seminars:** Now that spring is in the air, the pace of the FAA Safety Program has picked up as well. The local Flight Standards District Offices (FSDOs) have scheduled a number of interesting and informative programs for the spring/summer flying season, and we strongly encourage you to attend as many of these programs as possible. Recent seminars have covered such topics as caring for aging aircraft, pilot decision-making, and flying in the Washington Air Defense Identification Zone (ADIZ). Remember that attendance at these seminars gives credit for the FAA "Wings" Pilot Proficiency Program, and there are always FAA Aviation Safety Counselors (including some of your CAP colleagues) available to sign the blue "Wings" cards. If you are not already on the FAA's electronic mailing list to receive notices of these events, please go to the designated website – [www.FAAsafety.gov](http://www.FAAsafety.gov) -- and sign up. Signing up also provides access to the FAA Airmen Registry, which will allow you to conduct various business functions with Airmen Registry without calling or resorting to "snail mail."

**Watch Those Batteries!** In case you missed the e-mail message, here is an important reminder on safe storage and use of lithium batteries – which CAP uses in a lot of devices. The Academy of Model Aeronautics offers the following safety tips:

- ❑ Lithium batteries are becoming very popular because of their very high energy density. High energy, however, carries increased risk of fire from improper charging, crash damage, or shorting the batteries. A lithium battery fire is very hot (several thousand degrees). Fire occurs due to contact between Lithium and oxygen in the air; it does not need any other source of ignition, or fuel to start, and burns almost explosively.
- ❑ Store and charge lithium batteries in a fireproof container; never in your device.
- ❑ Charge lithium batteries in a protected area that is devoid of combustibles.
- ❑ Always stand watch; never leave the charging process unattended.
- ❑ In the event of damage to a lithium battery, carefully remove it to a safe place for at least a half hour to observe. Physically damaged cells could erupt into flame, and, after sufficient time to ensure safety, should be discarded in accordance with the instructions which came with the batteries.
- ❑ Never attempt to charge a cell with physical damage, regardless of how slight it appears to be.
- ❑ Always use chargers designed for the specific purpose, and never attempt to charge Lithium cells with a charger that is not specifically designed for charging Lithium cells.
- ❑ Use charging systems that monitor and control the charge state of each cell in the pack. Unbalanced cells can lead to disaster if they lead to overcharge of a single cell in the pack. If the batteries show any sign of swelling, discontinue charging, and remove them to a safe place outside as they could erupt into flames.

- ❑ Most important: NEVER PLUG IN A BATTERY AND LEAVE IT TO CHARGE UNATTENDED OVERNIGHT! Serious fires have resulted from this practice.

**4. VIRGINIA WING ANNUAL CONFERENCE** will be held over the weekend of November 5 – 7 2004 at the Wyndham Roanoke Hotel in Roanoke Virginia. There is a conference committee this year working to make this a great weekend. The committee consists of Lt Col Marcia Cramer, Major Chris Whitehead, Capt Chuck Cranford, Capt Christina McCrainie, C/Col Stu Sibert and Lt. Terry Picha. Group 1 is hosting the conference this year and Major Ami Iacono will be our contact in the Roanoke area.

Some ideas we are working on are off site activities for cadets Saturday night, possible music and dancing after conference, spouse activity geared toward husband or wife. If you have ideas you would like addressed, please email them to [admin@vawg.cap.gov](mailto:admin@vawg.cap.gov) and they will be brought before the committee.

Thanks to Jim Kay's generosity, Lt Col Marcia Cramer and Lt Picha flew in Jim's plane to Roanoke on Saturday. They were met at the airport by Capt Kirk and Maj Iacono. The Wyndham Roanoke is a beautiful hotel located close to interstates and the airport. The rooms will be double or kings and are bright and airy. The restaurant is reasonably priced and the food is good.

Pricing and reservation information for the conference will be coming out soon on the email list, unit mailings and Commanders call. The only way we can make this YOUR conference is if you give us your ideas and feedback. We want as many of our members, both senior and cadet, to attend.

**5. WING NEWS-** The next time you are online at home, log in the National HQ. Pull up your personal record and check all the information. Don't forget to check your area code, phone number, home and email address. Wing Admin cannot change this information for you-you must do it yourself. The information in your record at National is used by the VAWG Paperless website. If it is not correct, you may be missing out.

The Civil Air Patrol Bookstore is now online. You can view it at [www.capmart.org](http://www.capmart.org). Check it out!

There's a new web site available to squadron commanders: <http://www.SquadronCommand.com> Its' purpose is to connect commanders in discussions and conversations about building effective units. In a volunteer organization like CAP, this type of resource and communication between members is critical. This site was developed by the Evergreen Cadet Squadron of Colorado Wing. There is a limited amount of material online because the sight is new; however, it is growing even as we speak!

Congratulations to Hanover Composite Squadron Color Guard. They competed with some of the elite at the Middle East Region Cadet Competition at Fort Pickett, Virginia. Our individual event results were 7th In Ranks Inspection, 6<sup>th</sup> Standard Drill, 6<sup>th</sup> Indoor Practical Drill, 1<sup>st</sup> Outdoor Practical Drill, 2<sup>nd</sup> Written Exam and 6<sup>th</sup> Mile Run. Overall winner was Maryland Wing but Watch OUT, 'cause we are next!

**6. PERSONNEL-** Dues for membership in Civil Air Patrol are Senior Member \$49; Cadet \$39. for Renewal SM \$39 and Cadet \$23.

**7. PUBLIC AFFAIRS OFFICE-** The PAO report is not a quarterly report; it is **monthly** and due on the 10th of each month. **It does not go on the quarterly report form.** Negative reports are required.

**8. CADETS -** As of Monday 26 April 2004, we are proud to have another Cadet Colonel among our ranks. Please congratulate Cadet Col Clifton Pleasant for his completion of all requirements and earning of the General Carl A. Spaatz Award.

#### **REGION CADET LEADERSHIP SCHOOL, SEYMOUR JOHNSON AFB GOLDSBORO, NORTH CAROLINA, JUNE 20-25, 2004.**

A joint CAP and USAF training program designed for cadets to increase their leadership and management knowledge and skills. Topics include: Leadership and Discipline, Management, Individual and Group Relations, Effective Speaking and Writing, Drug Demand Reduction, Air Force Heritage Drill and Ceremonies.

Especially for cadets who are moving into or already are in leadership and management positions in their units and have completed a cadet encampment or are approved to attend in 2004; Achievement four of Phase II of Cadet Program prior to 20 June 2004. Apply using CAPF 31 through your unit directly to: Lt Col Wes Surratt, CAP, 740 Frontier Lane, New Bern, NC 28562.

Students will bear on-site expenses; meals and incidentals at Seymour Billeting is in Visiting Airman/Officer's quarters. The school is approximately 15 meals in a military dining hall at Seymour Johnson, for an estimated additional charge of \$50.00. Enclose \$50.00 for admin and lodging with CAPF31. Total to bring to Leadership School: in cash or credit card **\$50.00 (PLEASE do not bring checks made out to Civil Air Patrol). Inquires may be made to:** Lt Col Spencer at 804-823-7310 (h) or 804-823-4805 (w); e-mail [rspe503173@aol.com](mailto:rspe503173@aol.com) or Lt Col Helene Edwards at [LTCHPE@aol.com](mailto:LTCHPE@aol.com) .  
FUTURE RCLS DATES: **18-23 June 2005; 18-23 June 2006, 24-29 June 2007, 15-20 June 2008**

**9. OPERATIONS** – On Saturday, May 15, VA Wing will conduct a flight clinic at Chesterfield Airport. Registration will begin at 0830 and classes will begin at 0900. The following week will be used to help complete the flight portion of the clinic if we are unable to complete it on Saturday. These flights may be accomplished anywhere in the state that instructors/check pilots are available.

We are seeking funding from National HQ for this clinic. The primary purpose of the clinic is to provide refresher training on rules of flight, flight operations, and flight safety as outlined in CAPR 50-11 and CAPR 60-1. The focus will be on basic flying skills and proficiency. The clinic is not intended to train members for mission flying positions, but may be used to accomplish a flight review or an annual Form 5 Check if available check pilots permit. To receive funding, pilots must participate in both the flight portion and the ground school portion of the clinic. Classes focused on FARs and CAPRs and other aspects of aeronautical knowledge will be offered throughout the day while flight training is also being offered. Classes will be repeated so that simultaneous ground and flight training will be possible.

#### **PILOTS MUST SIGN UP FOR THE FLIGHT CLINIC IN ADVANCE.**

**DEADLINE FOR REGISTRATION IS 8 MAY!**

Please contact Capt. Tim Brendle, [brendlet@comcast.net](mailto:brendlet@comcast.net) and give the following information:

**Your Name:**

**Your Email Address:**

**Type of training you most need:** (General Proficiency; Flight Review; Form 5; Instrument Proficiency; Aircraft Checkout. [Please indicate a first, second, and third choice])

**Phone Number(s):**

Your requests to participate in this event will be acknowledged individually. Slots are available on a first-come-first served basis. Funding will be limited to about \$20 per pilot and pilots should be prepared to participate in funding since the dry rate alone is \$20 or more. Bring your check book so you can settle your account at the end of the day.

**\*\*\*THIS IS A WING EVENT SO ALL VA CAP AIRCRAFT ARE TO BE MADE AVAILABLE FOR THE FLIGHT CLINIC. ALL AIRCRAFT HAVE ALREADY BEEN SCHEDULED, BUT CUSTODIAL UNITS NEED TO ASSIGN PILOTS AND ASSURE THAT THE AIRCRAFT GET TO THE CLINIC. (PLEASE CHECK NOW AND PLAN AHEAD SO WE WILL NOT HAVE AIRCRAFT ARRIVING THAT ARE IN NEED OF AN INSPECTION OR MAINTENANCE.) ALL AIRCRAFT NEED TO BE AT THE CLINIC BY 9:00 AM.\*\*\***

Even though this event is being funded under National's Flight Clinic program, we will need to secure a mission number by coordinating with the State Director and NOC so that a B mission code can be used. Ferry flights to and from the clinic should be recorded as B-8. I need to know by Friday 8 May who will be flying all ferry flights to and from the clinic. I will submit that list to the State Director, Don Burke, and secure the required mission number and then issue a flight release for all ferry flights. Upon arrival at KFCI, aircraft should be re-fueled using the wing credit card. Be sure to secure and attach receipts to your completed VA Form 11. Upon returning to the home airport, the pilot will need to refuel again using the wing credit card, and call me to report hours flown under the ferry flight release. All VA Form 11s should be sent back to me at wing HQ so I will have information to close out the clinic reports within 48 hours.

#### **Directions/Instructions:**

Here are the directions to Chesterfield Airport (KFCI), southwest of Richmond, VA. For those driving to Chesterfield, here are directions: Driving north or south on Interstate 95, turn West on Route 10 toward Chester. Follow Route 10 through Chester, past the Chesterfield government complex, and under four-

lane Route 288 to the Chesterfield Airport entrance. Turn left on White Pine and then immediately on Airport Road. The VA Wing CAP hangar/HQ building is the first building on the left. Entrance to the building is through the side door with the large awning.

For those flying in, as you taxi to the terminal building from 15-33, you will taxi right to the last hangar. It is clearly marked as a Civil Air Patrol hangar. You can tie down on the area SE of the hangar. If you are in a privately owned aircraft, give Unicom a call on 123.05 and ask where to tie down. Tell them you are going to the CAP Flight Clinic. They will direct you to the SE tie downs. Enter the CAP building through the hangar door.

When you request refueling, ask the FBO to send the fuel truck to where you tie down. If you are paying for fuel for your privately owned plane you will need to walk back to the FBO to pay. As stated in my earlier memos, we will make one payment at the end of the day for fuel put in CAP corporate planes. Fuel corporate planes as soon as you arrive. Capt Tim Brendle, Wing DOV

**10. EMERGENCY SERVICES** – I am delighted to announce that the 2004 NATCAP GSAR had outstanding results. All of the attendees passed their written tests. Only two Field Team Members need to be retested on one part of the practical test.

There are six new Field Team Leaders; 32 new Field Team members; six new Ground Branch Directors and two new Air Branch Directors. For the FTM and FTLs, I owe MAJ White-Carter that dinner we spoke of.

My thanks to the staff from Virginia and National Capital for the work that made this a worthy GSAR. My thanks also, to Mark Eggeman and Billy Morgan, from the VDEM instructional team, for their assistance. My thanks also to Winnie Pennington, Virginia state SAR coordinator, for use of the VDEM's equipment.

While we had planned and did conduct two simulations during the event, we had an actual ELT go off on the base to add to the excitement. Fortunately the signal disappeared as we began to search for it. Congratulations and thanks to all who participated. Submitted by David A. Carter, Lt Col, CAP GSAR Incident Commander.

**11. PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT** - The Wing has scheduled a CLC (Corporate Learning Course) and UCC (Unit Commanders Course) to be held here at Wing Hqtrs. The CLC is scheduled for 12-13 June, 2004 and the UCC is scheduled for 10-11 July, 2004. The course director for the CLC is 1Lt. Terry Picha. The course director for the UCC is Major Joseph Bateman.

All course information/questions should be obtained directly from the Course Director. Individuals interested in assisting the course director should forward a CAPF 17 with appropriate signatures to the director stating the desired subject and/or position they wish to fill.

Student applications for the CLC course should be sent to Wing HQ, ETP now.

Any questions, please contact the ETP at Wing Hqtrs on Monday evenings from 1900-2100 hrs.

#### **Training Opportunity - 2004 Unit Commanders Course;**

10-11 Jul 04; VAWG HQ. Student applications for the UCC course can be sent to the ETP office starting 1 May 2004. This course is for all Unit Commanders, Vice Commanders and for anyone who may or will assume a command position within the next year. All unit commanders who did not attend this class last year and all new unit commanders are expected to attend. If you are unable to attend you must personally contact the wing commander, Col Cramer, and explain your situation. If the unit commander cannot attend, the vice commander must represent the unit.

This is to be a two (2) day course. Sign in will begin each morning at 0730 with the first class to begin at 0800. Dismissed each day at 0500.

Students taking this course will not receive a step towards completion of a professional development level. But, in order to receive credit on their capwatch inquiry for attendance, and a certificate of completion, students must attend the entire course.

In the near future, additional information will be provided concerning hotel accommodations in the area. Transportation will be provided to area hotels for those flying in for the weekend. Prior to the class, the actual course schedule will be published.

Please begin notifying me as soon as possible who will be attending from your unit. Priority will be given to current unit commanders and vice commanders. If space is available, we will accept applications from other members of your staff on a first come/first served basis. If you have someone who would like to attend and is not currently serving in a command position, please notify me who that

person is and your/their reasons for wanting this person to attend. I need to know the name, grade, CAP ID, unit number of all persons planning on attending. Major J. Bateman [jbateman@cap-group5-vawg.org](mailto:jbateman@cap-group5-vawg.org).

**12. AEROSPACE EDUCATION-** We came very close in having 100% of the VAWG Units submit their 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter Aerospace Education (AE) Activity reports, only a few units were unable to comply. Keep up the good work. I have been reading the reports submitted this quarter and find it very gratifying to learn of the amount of AE activity going on within the Wing. Yes, I do read these reports! I have to abstract them for my Annual AE report to NHQ and Middle East Region.

There is even significant external AE activity with local schools and other outside groups. I saw where one AEO was planning to get together with some of the local teachers in his area so I sent him some Aerospace Education Member (AEM) applications. A teacher who becomes an AEM is eligible for lots of AE materials from NHQ and receives information on AE activities on a regular basis. An AEM has to pay dues of \$30 per year so it might be appropriate for a Squadron or Group to help out financially.

The response to the on-line test for the Yeager Award has been remarkable. According to one of my contacts at NHQ, prior to putting the test on-line they had 200-300 awards each year but now they expect to get 2000-3000. This of course puts a load on the Wing Staff preparing the certificates and sending them to the Group Commanders for presentation to each individual. Please be patient and I promise you that you will see your personnel records being updated to reflect that you have completed the Aerospace Program for Senior Members (AEPSM) within a month or two after I receive your on-line test certificate.

The Wing Office Manager at my request has recently sent out catalogs for AE products that I obtained while attending NCASE in Atlanta. This should help those interested in the new model rocketry program and other projects. This is the time to be thinking about building a model for static display at the Wing Conference in Roanoke this fall. I am not sure why we haven't been able to stir up interest in a model contest prior to this but I am urging you all to be thinking about this now. The model doesn't have to be elaborate or capable of flight but it should show that a cadet or group of cadets and senior members was able to accomplish an AE project. It could be a model rocket, a model airplane or even a model of the International Space Station.

Please note that the CAP Model Rocketry Program has been updated and a new CAPR 50-20 published which can be downloaded from the NHQ website. Units also should have received the Model Rocketry Handbook which takes you step by step through the program. Although it is aimed at Cadets this program promises fun for seniors as well.

A member of the Wing AE Staff would like to pay a visit to your unit this year. This may be in conjunction with a Unit Inspection, or scheduled individually. Please let Major Bert Jones or me know when we can schedule something. We will probably need at least a month's notice. Major David C. Scull, VAWG DAE, 7897 Wellington Drive, Warrenton, VA 21086, Ph: 540 349-9310, E-mail: [kd4sv@arrl.net](mailto:kd4sv@arrl.net). Major Albert L. Jones, VAWG Asst. Director for Internal AE, 370 Westview Lane, Heathsville, VA 22743 Ph: 804 580-5120, E-Mail: [uptheriver@rivnet.net](mailto:uptheriver@rivnet.net).

## Newsbreak

**Fredericksburg Composite Squadron** - On Monday, April 5, we completed a second Aerospace Education / Public Relations and Recruiting Activity at Stafford Middle School, during their quarterly PTO meeting. We set up a great display, acted as ushers for all visitors, operated a "make and take" table and answered questions on CAP. At the conclusion of the event, an emergency stop at Carls' Ice Cream was necessary to prove ice cream is enjoyable in 35 degree weather. Our members were most professional in their appearance and actions. Participating Members: Cadets - 2Lt Julia Reisenwitz, TSgt Rebekah Fulton, TSgt David Smith, SSgt Asia Pleasant, SSgt Jason Oergel, Amn Joseph Oergel, Amn Shae Travis. Senior Member support provided by - Valerie Oergel, 2Lt Richard Pleasant and Dave Reisenwitz - Science Museum of VA liaison.

The Air Force Sergeants Association visited again on April 8<sup>th</sup>, to mentor our cadets. Members of their Color Guard worked with our team on the presentation of colors and general drill. One MSgt worked with our cadet staff, to further develop their leadership and command skills. The rest of their team instructed drill for all other cadets in our squadron. This training has proven to be a great inspiration to our program.

The Sally Ride Science Festival was held on Saturday, April 17<sup>th</sup> at George Mason University in Fairfax. Cadets from various Virginia and Maryland squadrons manned the registration table, acted as escorts, manned the CAP information table and were able to attend various sessions and the keynote

speech by Dr. Sally Ride. Cadets met several WASPs who were speakers at the Festival as well as Dr. Ride. Fredericksburg Squadron attendee's were 2Lt Renee Pleasant (PAO), c/ SSgt Asia Pleasant, c/AB Ashleigh Harbeck.

Also on April 17<sup>th</sup>, Lt Col Frank Haas provided c/ SSgt Jason Oergel, c/Amn Joseph Oergel and c/AB William Spencer with their first Orientation Flight. It was an excellent day for flying and proved to be a phenomenal experience for everyone.

Several members returned to Fort AP Hill on April 23, 24 and 25 to complete the GSAR course offered by the National Capitol Wing. Maj. Richard Hardin, c/ Maj David Dillie, c/ CMSgt Chris Dillie, c/SSgt Jason Oergel, c/SrAmn Jason Gray, c/ AB Victoria Triana completed the 40 hour course for ground team member, presented over 5 days. C/ LTC Clifton Pleasant attended the ground branch director's course that was offered and c/SSgt Asia Pleasant gained valuable experience as mission base staff assistant. Thank you to LTC Dave Carter, Maj Wendy White, Capt Mike Conner, and Lt Scott Hutchinson for their time and commitment to this event and E/S training in general.

We supported the Science Museum of Virginia on April 24<sup>th</sup> for our third Aerospace Education / Public Relations and Recruiting Activity. This event was at Harrison Road Elementary School during their Spring Festival. Another great display was set up by our cadets, who also operated a make and take table for visitors. Cadets Attending: 2Lt Julia Reisenwitz, A1C Justin Hanson, Amn Josh Alvarado, AB John Euson, Amn Joseph Oergel, Amn Abhi Goyal and AB William Spencer. Senior Member support was provided by Lt Col Glen Davis, Valerie Oergel and Dave Reisenwitz - Science Museum of VA liaison.

Capt Tyson Janney offered first time orientation rides on April 24<sup>th</sup> to c/AB Ashleigh Harbeck, c/AB Sarah Euson, c/AB Cassie Lyons and c/Amn Joshua Wright. What a fantastic day for flying. During one flight they picked up a strong ELT signal 15nm south of Shannon Airport while monitoring 121.5 and were able to radio to Leesburg Flight Service an aerial ELT report to relay to AFRCC. This signal most likely was coming from A.P. Hill or Woodford Airport.

We welcome the following new members to our squadron: Cadets - Ashleigh Harbeck, Norman Hurst, Cassie Lyons, Ryan Rodriguez, William Spencer, Nicholas Stephens, and Jonathan Young. Joining our Senior Member Team in support of the cadet program are – Orlando Alvarado, Terry Fulton, Lacey Fulton, Valerie Oergel, Bill Rodriguez, Sandra Smith, Angela Stephens and Brenda Storms.

Congratulations to the following members who earned promotions this month. c/ Frank Castillo to AMN, c/ John Euson to AMN, c/ Norman Hurst to AMN, c/ Cassie Lyons to AMN, c/ William Spencer to AMN, c/ Jonathan Young to AMN, c/ Joseph Oergel to A1C, c/ Joshua Wright to A1C, c/ Jason Oergel to TSgt, c/ Asia Pleasant to TSgt, c/ Rebekah Fulton to MSgt, c/ David Smith to MSgt and c/ Clifton Pleasant to Colonel and the Spaatz Award (#1527 on the National Registry).

**Holston Valley Composite Squadron** - Welcome to our newest member Lt Col David L. Birch who has transferred to us from a Wing Headquarters and is the former Wing Chaplain, Lt Col Birch will be serving as Chaplain and Moral Leadership Officer for our Squadron.

Seven squadron members participated in the Urban Direction Finding Team Course held at Clinch Valley Composite Squadron. Three members are planning on attending the 2004 Middle East Region Search and Rescue College at Ft. Pickett at the end of April.

Promotion for this month was C/MSgt John Wither.

**Langley Composite Squadron** - On 3 April 10 cadets and 5 SM enjoyed the trip to, and tour of the new Air and Space Museum at Dulles Airport.

The following cadets were promoted to the listed rank: Brett Kessler, C/SMSgt; Josh Carey, C/TSgt; Alexander Hudson, C/A1C; and Benjamin Davis, C/AMN.

Cadet James Streams is graduating from West Point Prep School and will be attending West Point in June.

2Lt Mike Shidisky was promoted to 1Lt and attended the SLS class on 24 April. 1LT Rob Carey was awarded his Certificate of Proficiency for completion of Level 2. The Award included the seal for completion of the Yeager AE Test.

**Leesburg Composite Squadron** - Leesburg Squadron launched five separate sorties on Saturday during the aircrew training. Our aircraft was in use from 0900 till 2100 training folks for mission pilot, observer, and scanner ratings. I don't have the complete list, but I think we qualified at least two new scanners, one new observer, and completed the requirements (less a Form 91) for two new mission pilots. Thanks to SM TK Wang, our deputy ops officer, for coordinating all of this.

In conjunction with the Aircrew training, we also had an FTX at Franklin Park. This was also a great success. In fact, each aircrew sortie flew over the FTX, talked to the ground teams, spotted the various ground signals, and searched for an ELT using wing null techniques. Here is more info is submitted by CAO T. V. Johnson-

We had an outstanding FTX on Saturday. The weather was great, but we trained anyway. The following members participated: Chris White, Geoff Becker, David Thomas, Timothy Johnson, Amy Johnson, Nathan Bray, Michael Leone, James Clendenin, Eric Andrade, Brian Irey, Bob Miller, Nelson Irey, and Thomas Johnson.

Nelson Irey commanded the mission base, Chris White operated mission base comm equipment, Bob Miller instructed ground teams and kept them in the park; and Brian Irey & I assisted where needed.

In addition to the two ground sorties sent out, communication was established with each aircrew training sortie flown during the FTX. Panel signals were displayed and interpreted, and aircrews searched for our practice ELT using "null wing" technique.

The FTX "find" was made by cadet James Clendenin during our fourth line search sweep of the eastern treeline. We will have a certificate for Cadet Clendenin as well as for all those cadets who have attended all three of our initial FTX's.

**Miller School Cadet Squadron-** participated in an awards ceremony at the school. Cadets Aaron Lee, Erika Hufnagel, Eric Faust, Albert Kang, John-Michael McAllister and Remi Kerouac were awarded their First Flight Certificate; Cadet Eric Faust was also presented the Wright Brothers Award by the schools Headmaster and President Lindsay Barnes.

**Newport News Composite Squadron -** Seniors in NNCS have been quite busy this month. Aside from our normal rash of missions, we've been heavily engaged in aircrew training as we prepare yet another group of new CAP members to take to the midnight skies of downtown Norfolk in search of the elusive but seemingly ever present ELT. New members Dennis Faver, Terry Troyer, and Bruce Herman are all progressing quickly through the scanner curriculum. Recent transfer Kevin McKinley is also progressing well through the observer and mission pilot advanced training. New member Arthur Korff is also to be congratulated for completing his general emergency services exam with flying colors. We also welcomed Jose Jimenez to our ranks and hope to see him entering our emergency services program in the days ahead.

On the ground side Dave Kausch completed his ground team member, UDF, and VDEM field team member certification at the GSAR. Helen Woods completed air operation training at the recent branch director's class.

Several NNCS cadets were active this month in cadet orientation flights this month conducted by Lt. Jordi Catusas-Servia. They were C/A1C David Arnold, C/AB Coleman Calhoun, C/Amn Steven Morrone, C/2Lt Ian Sturdy, C/AB Jeffery Reed, C/Amn Ronnie Padilla, C/Amn David Herman, and C/A1C Thomas Byrd. Nine type 99 flights were recorded.

Current plans are to conduct the Group 5 FTX this fall at Ft. Eustis VA. Repairs from Hurricane Isabel are still in progress at Ft. Eustis and surrounding facilities.

Six NNCS cadets are signed up for VA Wing Encampment. They are: C/2Lt Ian Sturdy, C/TSgt Joshua Wingfield, C/AB David Frey, C/AB John Hunt, C/AB Kyle Thibodeau, and C/Amn Thomas Bullis.

Five NNCS cadets attended the VA Wing Color Guard Competition for the purpose of preparing to compete next year. They were: C/Amn Heather Beale, C/Amn David Herman, C/Amn Shane Bowermaster, C/Amn Mark Jeter. Afterward the cadets visited the Virginia Aviation Museum at Richmond International.

Four NNCS cadets were selected to participate in the AFA SOLO program. They were: C/A1C David Goodman, C/Amn Stephen Morrone, C/CMSgt David Petkofsky, and C/TSgt Joshua Wingfield.

Five NNCS cadets are applying for the Glider SOLO scholarship offered by the Tidewater Soaring Foundation. They are: C/2Lt Anthony Taylor, C/2Lt Ian Sturdy, C/Maj Steven Sheridan, C/MSgt Jonathan Swartz, and C/A1C Thomas Byrd.

The NNCS has five new cadets. They are: C/AB Franklin Benegas, C/AB Josiah Stonebreaker, C/AB Justin Farmer, C/AB Ashley Becraft, and C/AB Edison Schroeder.

**Powhatan Composite Flight -** The Powhatan Flight has become a reality ... under the guidance of West Richmond's commander Lt. Robert Rickman, Lt. Liz Lovelace along with several other members started having meeting in Powhatan's National Guard Building, on Mann Road. After several weeks of interest

meetings and a wonderful front page write up in the "Powhatan Today " paper, we are growing stronger every meeting. (7 new cadets as of the last meeting.)

The new cadets have been busy training. Under the watchful eyes of Col. Seibert, and Sgt. Lovelace they are learning to recite the "Cadet Oath", drill, salute and have already started to master the "yes, sir's"

Our new home is the National Guard Building. The NG Sergeants in charge have graciously volunteered to assist in PT, with teaching the Leadership classes and are catering to our every need. Our building comes complete with a drill room, classrooms, basketball hoop, land navigation Course, and an area for outside training and camping.

My personal thanks also goes out to Col. Cramer for his blessings and confidence that we will succeed, Maj. Hardy for his assistance in getting this off the ground, Capt. McCrainie for her dedication, time and knowledge (she has attended each and every meeting so far) and Lt. Rickman for his guidance. And we would be still at the starting gate if it was not for Terry P. who got us the right papers and sent us on our way..... Thank you one and all.... Hope we can make you all proud of the Powhatan Flight....

Please feel free to come and visit us and see just how wonderfully we are progressing in Powhatan. We are meeting every other Wednesday until our senior staff becomes stronger and trained. We are meeting at 18:45- 20:45.

**Roanoke Composite Squadron** – This month, C/Lt Col Patrick Bennett earned the Eaker Award and was promoted. We have little doubt that he will soon earn the Spaatz Award. He has also been nominated for the Air Force Academy.

1 Lt John Powers, FO Andy Moser and SM Don Hudson earned the Yeager Award this month.

The following squadron members now hold a Basic ROA permit: SM's J. Litchford, S. Lawrie and Cadets Richard Richardson, David Givens, Bonnie Lawrie, Joshua Streithof, Katelyn Cox, Melissa Magolda, Kyle Owens, Jedidiah Bennett, Hunter Williams, Wolfgang Chenault (also advanced ROA) and Justin Boitnott.

DF Training was held in Thaxton VA and was well attended. Our ground team was alerted and ready to participate in the missing aircraft search near Harlan Kentucky.

**Southside Composite Squadron** - The month of April has been a full one. We had new cadet orientation on April 3. Ten new cadets attended and received certificates. They were Brittany Black, Amy Clingenpeel, Kaitly Dorst, Margaret Girardi, Kenny Hermsen, Edward Robertson, James Robertson, Joseph Tolston and Ryan Vowell.

Edward Robertson promoted from C/AB to C/Amn, Aaron Broughear promoted from C/A1C to C/SrA, Garrett Girardi promoted from C/A1C to C/SrA, Guy Butts III promoted from C/SSgt to C/TSgt.

1Lt Deborah Thiem received the Certificate of Proficiency for completion of Level II senior member training. Her certificate also has the Yeager Seal for completing Aerospace Education Program for Senior Members.

Several cadets attended Bivouac hosted by group 4 on April 23 thru April 25. They were Ben Fegan, Guy Butts, Greg Peacock, Edward Robertson and James Robertson. Senior Members that attended was Capt. Piper.

SM Laura Lane attended Squadron Leadership School hosted by Newport News Composite Squadron on April 24 thru April 25.

This month was spring break so we had quite a few cadet o-rides.

Southside Composite Squadron will be hosting a Family Portrait fund raiser, Friday May 21 4pm to 8pm and Sat. May 22 11am to 7pm. Any squadrons interested in family or individual portraits may contact 1Lt Deborah Thiem 804-639-0697 or SM Laura Lane 804-312-1046. Portraits will be taken by Kathy Jones from Personality Plus Photography Studio in Richmond 804-743-8819.