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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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REPORTS DUE: (Required by NHQ &/or Wing CC)

- 5** - Corp. Vehicle Daily Inspection Reports
- 10** - VA Wg A/C Utilization Reports due (Including Checks)
Public Affairs Report

Jan 2004

- 1** **HAPPY NEW YEAR**
- 3** VAWG Staff Meeting, Chesterfield, HQ
- 23-25** VDEM Training, Camp Jaycees, Bedford
- 16-28** Mission Aircrew Training, Wing Wide

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Chaplains Report
4th Qtr. 2000 Safety Report and Year End Safety Report due
4th Qtr. 2000 Public Affairs Report and monthly report due
4th Qtr. 2000 Aerospace Education Report
Squadron Yearly Goal Sheet, VAF 35

1. WING COMMANDER COMMENTS – For those who may not have heard, a number of our VAWG members were present and assisting in the missing person search in far southwest Virginia in the aftermath of major flooding. Tragically, the two children who were the objects of the search, perished in the flood. Please allow me to publicly thank all of our members who took part in the mission. I know of two names -- Ken Smith and Bob Wingfield. There are other names that I don't have. Thanks to all of you for volunteering your time to aid in this search, and I know that the family and friends of those children hold you all in high regard!

The Wing is pleased to announce the arrival of the latest addition to the Virginia Wing Glider Program. The single seat Schweitzer 1-26 was delivered to the Winchester airport. It is still in its trailer and resting comfortably inside the Winchester hangar. As soon as Lt Col Eric Litt insures the paperwork is complete and establishes the operating procedures it will be available to fly.

I want to personally inform you of some changes in Virginia Wing unit assignments that will affect a number of units and Groups. I gave great consideration to possible alternatives, but concluded that structural changes were needed to provide effective and continuing opportunity for training, mission participation and use of CAP assets.

Effective 1 December 2003, all units currently in Group II, Virginia Wing CAP, were transferred to organizational control in another Group. The assignment will make changes as follows:

Lynchburg Squadron to Group I.
Augusta Squadron to Group III.
Shenandoah Squadron to Group III.
Miller School Squadron to Group IV.
Monticello Squadron to Group IV.

In addition, there are changes in Group I that were also effective on 1 December. Major Gene Jackson became the Commander for Group I, replacing Major Fletcher Earles who has served well in that capacity for the past six years. Major Earles will be taking a special interest assignment aimed at the development of Air Crews and mission readiness in the Group I operational area. A formal Group I Change-of-Command ceremony will be held during the Commander's Call on 6 December 2003. I am pleased to announce that 1Lt Mark Evans will become the Danville Squadron Commander on 4 December.

These changes are aimed at improving the opportunities for all unit members to become more involved in Wing activities, training and missions. The larger groups will present a bigger "critical mass" of people who can assist in ES and other mission training, provide for cadet program expansion and improvement, better utilize the existing aircraft and vehicle assets, and support smaller units in all operational aspects of the organization. The goal is to make the entire Wing stronger in each of our three primary missions. I ask that you assist me and the Group Commanders in making this transition as smooth as possible. Aircraft and vehicle assets currently at Group II units will remain there until completion of a comprehensive asset review set to be completed in the next few weeks. You will be notified if any changes will result.

2. VICE COMMANDER - I would like to request that ALL unit Commanders, ALL Cadet Orientation pilots and anyone who operates as an administrator at a Cadet Orientation event please review all available supporting forms and documents. In order to process the paperwork and subsequently secure reimbursement for Cadet Orientation operations it is VITAL that the correct form is used i.e. CAPF 7 and CAPF 7T dated Jan 03. Previous editions of those forms are no longer to be used. Also please make sure the fuel receipt is attached to the appropriate form 7(T) and that the fuel receipt amount is added to the form.

The PT Challenge is going to be entering an interesting phase in the coming few weeks. The weather is getting a little more brisk and the holiday season is coming upon us. While we must be careful in cold weather not to pull muscles etc., and while it is important to generally have a good time with our families, I urge you all not to lose momentum and maintain your exercise schedule (modified if necessary). It is easy to backslide on the excellent motivation that you have developed. Keep up the good work and let's be a fit, healthy and safe Wing! Happy Holidays to all!

3. CHIEF-of-STAFF- The third Monday of each month has been set aside for a Wing Staff Meeting. It will be held at 7:30 p.m. unless otherwise specified.

I would like to offer my congratulations to SM Mike Boerner for his promotion and transfer to the Defense Logistics Agency HQ in Washington, DC. Unfortunately, his good news is our bad news. Mike has had to stepdown as the VAWG logistics officer as his full time duties will not allow him time to work with CAP in the manner that he feels is appropriate. The new VAWG Logistics Officer will be Capt. Charles Cranford. He will be taking on the duties of the Director of Logistics, as well as continuing his work with our vehicles and the Health Services Program. Please give Chuck your support as he takes on this new duty.

Wing Staff Position Available

Finance Officer (FM): Ideally, the FM should have a degree in accounting or be a CPA. Knowledge of accrual accounting, OMB circulars relating to non-profit organizations and Quick Books is helpful. The job requires about 10 hours per week, most of which can be done at home. The finance officer should be available to attend the weekly Monday night work session at wing headquarters to issue checks and participate in meeting of the wing finance committee. Training will be available. Those interested in either position should send a copy of their resume detailing their experience to the Chief of Staff at cs.va@vawg.cap.gov.

4. 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. Check it out!

5. PERSONNEL: Please note: even though the current edition of CAPR 39-2 requires you send membership application and money to Wing, it has been superseded. **ALL MEMBERSHIP APPLICATIONS AND ALL DUES, NATIONAL AND WING, SHOULD BE SENT TO NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS.**

6. EMERGENCY SERVICES- Wing Pager System: Effective on or about 31 December, the Wing will transition to using text pagers in place of the current numeric only pagers. A formal notice will be sent out when the new system is in place. One approach taken by some of the squadrons is to purchase several and lend them to those on the unit's alert roster. In this way, the pagers stay with the unit and can rotate to others when the roster changes. Any individual who wants a personal pager should send a check for \$60, payable to Civil Air Patrol along with \$2 cash to cover the cost of postage and mailing envelopes to the Director of Emergency Services. Regardless of pager ownership, individuals may have their e-mail address (including those associated with a cell phone) to the paging list. To accomplish this, when instructed by your Group Commander, just forward the address as instructed. One additional item, for those who purchase a pager and want to add an additional, personal pager service number, be aware that the pager coverage is only state-wide.

Mission Aircrew Training. During the third week in January the Wing will conduct training for aircrew and ground ops that support the air missions. Groups are reminded that all their subordinate units must have completed VA Form 3s on the Paperless Wing. It is essential that units provide the information necessary for Incident Commanders to contact unit resources. More information will be forwarded to group commanders.

Emergency Services Squadron of the Year. Beginning this year each squadron in the Wing will have the opportunity to compete to become the ES squadron of the year. Group Commanders will be provided with the grading criteria. Each Group Commander will be afforded the opportunity to nominate one squadron in the August timeframe. The squadron that score the highest will receive a distinctive streamer for the unit guidon.

7. OPERATIONS- Starting October 1, 2003 the hourly maintenance fees for flying VA Wing aircraft changed. The Tach is no longer used. All fees will be based on Hobbs time. The following schedule will apply.

172	\$20 per hobbs hour;	182	\$24 per hobbs hour
Maule	\$24 per hobbs hour;	182RG	\$26 per hobbs hour

A new VA Wing Form 13 has been developed and has being mailed to all Groups and units with aircraft. This form is labeled Monthly Aircraft Operations Report. It is to be used for all monthly reports. The form is very different from what you are used to. The major difference is the local unit will have to list all flying by category, i.e. A1, A2, B8, B15 etc. All listing is by Hobbs time. You then have to total each category and then all the categories. Categories 1 and 2 are funded flying. Category 3 is unfunded flying and the total of flying must equal the check forward to Wing.

PILOTS – remember that according to VA State law, improper disposal of AVGAS, regardless how small a quantity, is a felony and punishable by a minimum of one year imprisonment and \$100,000 per incident. VA/DEQ will soon be inspecting all airports and local government facilities for compliance with regulations. The entire VAWG fleet is equipped with GATS fuel testing jars that enable pilots to safely recover any fuel drained from the wing tank sumps and properly dispose of this fuel through the GATS jar filter back into the aircraft wing tank. Make sure to use them.

While at wing HQ , several people asked Maj Bateman how the glider program was going. This is his response: Please let me take just a minute to update everyone. Since the glider has been here, we have put it to good use. The first day the glider arrived, we flew 6 flights and two pilots accomplished their form 5s. The first weekend was devoted to cadets within Group 5 and 6 flights were accomplished on that Sunday afternoon. This past Saturday was our most aggressive schedule ever. West Richmond brought down 8 of their cadets and all made it up in the glider in addition to two flights by Group 5 cadets and one senior glider pilot flight - 11 launches in total. On both operations days, other Group 5 aircraft were used for powered O rides. This past Saturday, every single cadet that participated in the activity got to go up at least once in a powered flight. That included all of the Richmond cadets and every Group 5 cadet that was there. The local squadron, Hampton Roads Composite, provided refreshments and hot dogs and hamburgers for lunch. Our thanks to Col Joe Vazquez and 1LT Jordi Catusus, the glider pilots, and all the powered pilots and other seniors that assisted throughout the day. You helped make a lot of cadets very happy. I won't be posting a notice after every glider ops day, but I'll keep everyone updated from time to time.

7. PUBLIC AFFAIRS OFFICE- At this time there are resource tapes and CD's available for use by units.
PSA "We're There" 30 Sec spot 2 copies of CD
VHS tape Homeland Security
VHS tape CAPabilities

If you have not had the chance to view the productions of CAPabilities, or the presentation by Col Greenhut on our Homeland Security Missions I highly recommend it. There is also the CAP 62nd Anniversary spot. These are excellent production pieces and very informative, not to mention they have received Gold Medal awards in the 2003 Association Trends All Media Contest.

If you wish to view these tapes, contact T. Picha at VWG HQ to arrange delivery.

8. SAFETY- Notwithstanding some beautiful flying weather we have experienced recently, the winter season is definitely here. That requires us to focus on the elements of winter conditions that can affect the operation of our aircraft and vehicles, and the preparation for the operation, and the actual operation, of both aircraft and ground vehicles have many similar considerations.

For example, the preflight or predriving check takes on an additional urgency in the cold weather, due to the additional negative effects of cold weather on machinery. Determining that the aircraft or vehicle is in proper operational form and contains adequate emergency and survival equipment appropriate to the mission are fundamental. A risk factor in the preparation for operation is the natural tendency to hurry the inspection when the aircraft or vehicle is outside in the cold.

Frost, ice and snow contamination on the surfaces of aircraft and the windows of vehicles can lead to disaster. The contamination of road and runway surfaces can lead to incidents and accidents without warning. The driver or pilot must continually consider the possibility and reality of deteriorating weather and must have alternative courses of action in mind.

There are excellent, detailed operational guidelines for both aircraft and vehicles in the operations and transportation sections, respectively, on the VAWG Website. Please read them carefully. Operational Risk Management begins with knowing the proper operation using all the appropriate information and guidance available applied to the reality of the situation at hand.

9. FINANCE: There is a new Unit Finance Committee Guide posted on the Virginia Wing Paperless Wing Web Site. This information was developed to assist unit finance committees below wing level. It provides some basic accounting information, clarification of CAPR 173-1, and a checklist of important policies and deadlines. Unit commanders, finance officers and administrative officers should find this guide helpful in administering their unit finance program.

The document may be found under Document Display, General Information, and Unit Finance Committee Guide. Any questions may be directed to me at fm.va@vawg.cap.gov.

10. 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 CAPF 17's for student enrollment for either course MUST be sent to the Wing Hqtrs, attention ETP (Professional Development). The ETP office will then in-turn send them on to the Course Directors.

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.

The student applications for the CLC course can be sent to the ETP office starting 1 Apr 2004. The student applications for the UCC course can be sent to the ETP office starting 1 May 2004. The UCC course is designed for Commanders, Deputy Commander, and those who will be assuming a command role.

Student applicants for either course should not contact the course director w/questions until the beginning of the enrollment date for that course, thus allowing the Course director preparation time.

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

11. AEROSPACE EDUCATION- Don't forget to enroll your Squadron in the Aerospace Excellence Award (AEX) Program before 31 December 2003. It will really help you in developing an AE program that both Cadets and Seniors can enjoy. The project books that you will get after signing up for the program make it easy to conduct the six month program. Let me know if you do not have a sign up package and I will forward you one. Your unit performs one project each month, January through June, therefore making you eligible for a beautiful squadron plaque and individual certificates.

As I mentioned last month in the Wing Bulletin I am working on the 2004 Wing Aerospace Plan of Action (POA). As I stated last month I would appreciate any input you might want to give me such as a site for a Wing AE Conference, an Aerospace Program for at next year's Cadet Encampment, ways to recruit teachers as Aerospace Education Members (AEM)'s and Brewer/Crown Circle Award nominations.

The National Conference on Aviation and Space (NCASE) will be held in Atlanta, Georgia, March 24-27. If you haven't signed up and plan to go let me know. Claudine Sayegh our AE Program Manager at National Headquarters is already enquiring as to those who might be interested in an airlift out of Andrews AFB and the more that indicate their interest the more likely it will happen. I understand the flight last year was first class and very comfortable. You can get information and enrollment forms for NCASE on the National Headquarters Web Page by going the general information page, clicking on the Aerospace Education icon and then clicking on Aerospace Education in the window on the top right side of next page.

After extending the deadline for 3rd Quarter AE report 16 out of 31 squadrons and one out of five groups submitted the required reports. We are now approaching the most important reporting period of year. The final reports are due by 10 January 2004. Please send these to Wing Headquarters so they can be properly logged in. I have a summary of AE activities from most squadrons based on the quarterly reports and I can see that there have been many interesting AE activities held within Virginia during the past year.

For any of you needing help, general information or report forms please contact me. My Email Address is kd4sv@arrl.net and my home address is Major David C. Scull, CAP, 7897 Wellington Drive, Warrenton, VA 20186, Phone: 540 349-9310. Remember, the 4th Quarterly Report is due 10 January 2004.

12. DRMO Screening - "New" AV equipment secured from the DRMO will be mailed / assigned to several squadrons next week. Just a word about audio visual equipment:

Most of you have requested LCD/InFocus - type projectors. I need to advise you that projectors of this type are very expensive to maintain. While a bulb for an overhead projector may range in price from \$10 - 30, a bulb for an LCD projector may cost up to \$300 depending on the make and model. Also, the bulb life ranges from 1000 hours to about 4000 hours, also depending on the make and model. I will try to inform you of the cost of maintaining the AV device before I assign it so you can decide if you can afford it. Do not expect VAWG/HQ to subsidize.

I am currently attempting to mate appropriate computer connections, power cords, etc. Seldom do these devices ever come complete with these items and I can almost promise you there will be no instructions.

All AV equipment will be issued on 37Es. You will be responsible for the disposition of these expensive items. They will be charged to your squadron on CATS (interactive supply system) by Col Friedenbergl.

If no longer usable, you will be required by regulation to turn them in so I can return them to the DRMO, or obtain permission to destroy the item if return is not possible. Only NHQ can give this permission, but I can assist.

Please be patient. These goods are not easy to come by, and only about half of them are in suitable condition to assign to units. Yours in service to VAWG, Charlene Shidisky

Safety Pilot: Full-Time Safety for Part-Time Pilots

by Susan Parson
Deputy Safety and Stan/Eval Officer for Group 3

You don't have to be around aviation very long to hear scathing remarks about the skill – or lack of skill – displayed by the so-called "weekend warrior" pilots. Unfortunately, it is also true that you don't have to be involved in aviation very long to meet a few of them yourself. I still remember the "weekend warrior" who burst into the base leg of a busy pattern, and then announced a 360° turn for spacing that took him right into my student pilot's downwind leg. Another (this time on an IFR flight plan) chose to make a straight in landing at JYO – in the opposite direction to established flight training traffic! – after ATC advised him to switch to the advisory frequency.

As these examples illustrate, "weekend warrior" pilots are the ones whose lack of skills, courtesy, and good judgment give general aviation a bad name. Although professional obligations limit many CAP pilots (myself included) to weekend flying, "weekend warrior" attitudes, skills, and behaviors have no place in CAP flying. We owe it to ourselves, to CAP, to the mission, and indeed to the entire general aviation community to adhere to higher standards of conduct and performance at all times. Whether you are a full-time or part-time pilot, safety and professionalism are full-time concerns. Let's look a some of the ways to be a weekend flyer rather than one of the much-maligned "weekend warriors:"

Attitudes: You've probably heard the familiar formula for aviation: *attitude plus power equals performance*. In the war against "weekend warriors," remember that *attitude* has the *power* to affect your *performance*. Remember the IMSAFE mnemonic (free of Illness, Medication, Stress, Alcohol, Fatigue, Emotion)? This memory aid should help you remember that an attitude affected by any of these factors, especially strong emotions, can have an adverse impact on your flying performance.

Skills: "Practice makes perfect" is another familiar formula that lends itself to an aviation twist: Practice Makes Proficiency. Make it a point to fly as often as you can, and make it a point to have a proficiency improvement goal for each and every flight you make. If you need a "flight plan" for proficiency, you need look no farther than CAPR 60-1, Attachment 7, which offers a detailed flight profile for self-conducted proficiency flying. You can also call on a CAP instructor or check pilot to help you sharpen your skills.

Behaviors: Most of us have heard the Golden Rule, which advises us to treat others as we want them to treat us. The boorish behaviors seen in the “weekend warrior” breed are not consistent with the Golden Rule, and they are equally inconsistent with the high standards of behavior expected of CAP pilots.

Newsbreak

Group 3- Congratulations to SM Susan Parson, Group 3 Dep Safety/ Stan/ Eval Officer, on her appointment as a Form 5 Check Pilot. Susan resides in Northern Virginia, works in DC, and a very energetic addition to our expanding Group 3 area. Her contact info is listed on the Paperless Wing site. Click on Operations, then click on Form 5 check pilots.

Danville Composite Squadron – In November, the Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) of Pittsylvania County ran a mock disaster; a massive tornado striking Chatham Middle School. Participating as disaster victims were the Cadets and senior members of the Danville Composite Squadron. The Cert leaders expressed how wonderful the cadets were, their professionalism and how instrumental they were in the success of the CERT Evaluation.

Hampton Roads Composite Squadron- Please join with me in congratulating C/Lt Col Tim Bateman on the completion of his Eaker Award and his associated promotion. Former National Commander Col (CAP General) Richard Anderson has agreed to present Tim with this award at our upcoming Christmas banquet, if his schedule permits.

Three of our pilots and six new senior members are participating in the familiarization and preparatory training class for their mission pilot rating or scanner rating. These classes are being taught by Maj Bateman and Lt D. Roberson. Six seniors and ten cadets recently completed the wing runner course in preparation for upcoming Group 5 glider ops.

Holston Valley Composite Squadron- The Squadron has been fairly busy with three members attending the 2003 Middle East Region Conference in Richmond where C/SSgt William Garrison competed and placed 2nd in the Cadet Speak-Off. 2d Lt Fanni S. Routh-Marsh and TFO Justin Adkinson participated and graduated from Squadron Leadership School in Danville Virginia. The Squadron would like to welcome C/AB Maggie C.N. Barrett to the Squadron making her only the second female in the squadron since 2000. Congratulations to C/SSgt William T. Garrison on being awarded the Wright Brothers Award for Completion of Cadet Phase One.

Langley Composite Squadron- On 12 Nov 2003 the Langley Comp Sq Honor Guard presented the colors at the Grand Opening Celebration for the Bass Pro Shop in Hampton, Va. The cadets on the Honor Guard were: Ryan Douglas, Chris Meadows, Scott Brumley, and Maria Miller.

On 17 Nov 2003 The Langley Comp Sq held an Open House/ Parents Night. The highlight of the evening was the presentations by ten cadets on CAP topics and events of the past year. The cadets and their topics of discussion were: C/2Lt Chris Gates...the streamers on the Squadron flag C/A1C Scott Brumley...CAP Core Values C/MSgt Ryan Douglas...Cadet Honor Guard and the powered flight solo C/TSgt Clark Jackson...Hawk Mountain Ranger School C/2Lt Anthony Mascaro...Glider solo C/SSgts Brett Kessler and Josh Carey...Summer Encampment C/AB Andrew Sherwood...ES overnight C/2Lt Lucas Smith...Red Cross Hurricane Assistance C/Capt Tyler Crockett...ELT locating

Following the presentations, the Group 5 Commander, Maj Joe Bateman, assisted with promotions and awards. C/2Lt Chris Gates and C/2Lt Lucas Smith were each presented their Mitchell Awards. C/SSgts Brett Kessler and Josh Carey were presented their Wright Brothers Award. Three cadets were promoted to the listed ranks: Brett Kessler, C/TSgt; Scott Brumley, C/SrA; and Andrew Sherwood, C/Amn. Cadets Tyler Crockett, Ryan Douglas and Maria Miller were each presented a Certificate of Appreciation for their help in cleaning the squadron after the flooding from Hurricane Isabel. Also, Cadets Ryan Douglas and Maria Miller were sworn in as members of the Langley Composite Squadron Honor Guard

The last formal event of the evening, prior to refreshments and tours of the facility, was the Change of Command for the Cadet Commander. C/Capt Tyler Crockett relinquished Command and C/2Lt Lucas Smith accepted Command.

Leesburg Composite Squadron- The Leesburg Composite Squadron, led by unit commander Stephen Hertz, presented an overview of the Civil Air Patrol operations to the Leesburg Airport Commission. Hertz was supported in the presentation by Maj Jeff VanEtten who presented an overview of Emergency Service operations and Maj John White who provided insight to cadet operations. The event was a good opportunity to provide the commission with a better understanding of the CAP in the community and the benefits of supporting the CAP operations at Leesburg Airport. The meeting, attended by 6 commission members and about 40 concerned citizens was a great success and has already led to further scheduled meetings with members of the Loudoun County Emergency Services.

Newport News Composite Squadron (NNCS) is the proud recipient of a \$1000 WalMart bonus grant. The grant was awarded by the Yorktown WalMart to assist the squadron in the purchase of Emergency Service training equipment. We greatly thank WalMart for its generosity and assistance in supporting CAP ES programs.

NNCS had an opportunity to speak before the Peninsula Airport Commission in November. NNCS members briefed the Commission about the many activities of the squadron which greatly contribute to the Newport News community. Commission members seemed pleased and pledged continued support to the squadron. Members in attendance

included LtCol Richard Shultz, Lt Col Fritz Schaller, 2Lt Rod Bland, 1Lt Roland Wright, 1Lt Jim Byrd, SM Cindy Byrd, 1Lt Helen Woods, Capt Mike Portanova, and 1Lt Pat Parker.

Training also continues for NNCS members. Three NNCS members, 2Lt Bart Drummond, 1Lt Helen Woods, and Capt Mike Portanova, of NNCS attended the table top mission exercise at Wing. Pilots of NNCS received a cold weather operations briefing from CFII Capt Richard Barhydt, formerly from chilly Colorado.

The weekend of 2 and 22-23 November 2003 were busy with cadet orientation flights originating from Newport News Williamsburg International. Pilots 1Lt Jordi Catusus-Servia and SM David Rutishauser flew a total of 14 cadet orientation flights this month. The rear seats in N9841L were fully occupied in all but one instance so cadets received an additional 38 hours of back seat experience. Additionally Capt Mike Portanova and Lt. Col Richard Schultz have just received cadet orientation flight endorsements. Cadets who flew this month were Beale, Arnold, Wingfield, Hunt, Johnson, Petkofsky, Arnott, Swartz, E. Bullis, and Byrd.

NNCS continues to have 1-2 prospective cadet visitors per week and has two new cadet members this month. They are Knight and Bowermaster.

Nine cadets are planning to attend the Color Guard and DDR Training weekend on December 5-7 at Ft. Pickett. We are eagerly awaiting the outcome of the DDRI Initiative request so that adequate Color Guard and DDRI resources will be available to support the NNCS cadet program and the adjacent Langley and Hummel squadrons that were proposed in the initiative.

Many awards and promotions will occur at the 9 December Holiday Party. Most notably, C/CMSgt Sturdy has met the requirements to receive the Mitchell Award. Additionally, C/SSgt Wingfield will receive the Wright Brothers Award.

The NNCS cadet web page has been updated to reflect the reorganization of the national web pages. The NNCS web page is located at <http://www.geocities.com/phfcap/cadets>.

Prince William Composite Squadron - Prince William Composite Squadron conducted a ground team training exercise on Saturday, 15 November 2003. Training was attended by senior members and cadets from Prince William and Burke squadrons. The following Civil Air Patrol personnel attended the training. SM Paul Palmer C/A1C Phillip Sperry, Joel Wofford, Spencer Gibson, C/A Charles Lafrancois, Joshus Wofford; C/MSgt Micahel Conner; 1st Lt. Irby Allen, Dave Harback and Capt Michael Conner.

Compass courses were set up for evaluation of ground team task O-0201 "Use a Compass". Location of target points were double checked the old fashioned way using map, compass, and common sense.

Training started on time at 0900. Personnel were provided an opportunity to complete the following tasks required for ground team recertification.

- O-0001 "Assemble Ground Team Individual Equipment"
- O-0002 "Conduct Individual Refit"
- O-0102 "Prevent and Treat Fatigue"
- O-0902 "Exercise Universal Precautions"
- O-0201 "Use a Compass"
- O-0202 "Measure Distance with Pace Count"

In cases where CAP standards were met, personnel were provided with documentation showing successful task completion. The mission of this training activity was to provide an opportunity for current ground team members to complete some requirements for recertification and to provide ground team member trainees with training and evaluation to progress toward their mission specialty qualification. The mission was accomplished. The next training activity will be Saturday, 27 December.

Roanoke Composite Squadron- Congratulations to these cadets on their promotions; C/A2C Justin Boitnott, Kyle Owens, Richard RichardsonIII; C/A1C Stephen Williams, John Woodard; C/Sram Katrina Litchford, C/SSgt Marshall Cox, Jared Varney and C/MSgt Daniel Bessette. C/A2c Dominique Litchford earned her General ES rating. Lt Col Kabler was presented the Red Service Ribbon with device to represent 25 years of CAP service.

Southside Composite Squadron- Congratulations to C/CMSgt John Carter and C/CMSgt Nicholas Skaperdas on earning the Armstrong Achievement. Congratulations to C/Amn James McCook, C/A1C Benjamin Fagan, and C/SrA Guy Butts III on their promotions.

On Saturday, November 15, seven cadets from Southside Composite Squadron traveled to ECPI-Innsbrook to use CAP Flight 2000 Space Shuttle Simulator. Although they were not able to complete the launch sequence, they learned some valuable information about computer systems.

The weekend of November 21 and 22, seven cadets participated in a squadron SARX. On Friday night, they had training that included a radio class. On Saturday morning they were divided into two teams, dropped at different sites in the training area with the senior member, and had to find the "crash site" after being given the coordinates. Both groups

made it, with Bravo arriving first. The cadets survived on MREs donated by the Echo Battery, Army National Guard but all were ready for McDonalds by the end of the day on Saturday. Two cadets also received an orientation ride.

On Tuesday, November 25, Southside Composite Squadron held its family meeting for parents.

West Richmond Cadet Squadron- Six cadets and five senior members from the West Richmond Cadet Squadron got their first taste of search and rescue during a joint training exercise conducted with K-9 Alert Search and Rescue. During the exercise, members of the all-volunteer SAR organization familiarized the cadets with the types of searches SAR dogs can perform and some of the scenting techniques the dogs use to locate their targets. The seeds for the training exercise were sewn about a year ago, when two members of K-9 Alert made a SAR dog presentation during one of the squadron's weekly drills. At the time, only a few of the cadets had completed any significant amount of ES training and most did not have any. The visit by the dogs helped to stir up a little interest in ES and during the next year the entire squadron became General ES qualified, completed the Basic Communications User Training, and received training in a number of other ES areas.

The culmination of this training was the combined training exercise with the members of K-9 Alert. During the exercise cadets worked with the dog handlers as they performed single and multiple missing person searches and cadaver searches. The cadets got a chance to showcase their map reading and communications skills by plotting the locations of the finds on maps and calling in the details of the finds to mission base. They also learned how to secure a scene in order to preserve evidence. The cadets, who got to see the fruits of their training, considered the exercise a great success. As for the members of K-9 Alert, they were impressed by the skill and dedication of the cadets and invited the squadron to participate in any of their future training events.

On October 18, members of the West Richmond Cadet Squadron and Byrd Field Squadron visited the US Army Quartermaster Museum and the US Army Women's Museum, located at Fort Lee, Virginia. The cadets were greeted by Drill Instructor of the Quarter, SSgt Alexander, of G Co. 244th QM Battalion, who hosted the cadet's visit to Fort Lee. Highlights of the Quartermaster Museum tour included a D-Day display featuring a DUKW, a.k.a. "The Duck", amphibious landing craft, uniform collections dating back to the Indian Wars, one of the three Jeeps used by General George Patton, and General U.S. Grant's saddle. The US Army Women's Museum showcased the contributions of women in the Women's Army Auxiliary Corps (WAAC's) and the Women's Army Corps (WAC), which was the name the organization, took on once women were made full members of the US Army. After the museum tours, the cadets made a stop at one of the base dining facilities, where they cadets dined on a sumptuous fair of cheeseburgers, pizza, and other assorted delicacies. Following lunch, SSgt Alexander took the cadets on a tour of the company's barracks, where Army soldiers are housed during their Advance Individual Training (AIT). While there, the cadets got a chance to see how the soldiers lived and to speak with some of the soldiers about what it was like to be stationed at Fort Lee. One of the CAP cadets, C/SSgt Brian Rickman, also took the opportunity to show off a bit with an M-16 parade rifle as he demonstrated some of the rifle drill movements that the squadron had been working on. All of the cadets had a terrific time touring the museums and the barracks, which allowed them to get a bird's-eye view of what a career in the military might be like.