

In the Loop

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2004 Annual Conference & Banquet a Success!

The SC Wing Annual Conference and Banquet, held 12-13 March at Shaw AFB, was a resounding success. We experienced record attendance, not only overall, but in the number of cadets present. We were also honored with the presence of many dignitaries, including Maj Gen Richard L. Bowling, the CAP National Commander, who served as keynote speaker. Also in attendance were Col Al Allenback (CAP National Executive Director); Col Carey Stegall, USAF (20th Operations Group Deputy Commander, representing Shaw AFB); Lt Col

Gerald E. Sohan, USAF (Commander, Middle East Liaison Region); Col Charles S. Glass, CAP (MER Commander); Col Joe Vazquez, CAP (MER Vice Commander); and Lt Col Stephen Couchman, USAF (CAP-USAF MELR Director of Training). We were also honored to have many members of Middle East Region staff who so graciously donated their time to helping in their areas of expertise: Lt Col Roy Douglass (Deputy Director Professional Development);



Major General Richard L. Bowling, the CAP National Commander, speaks at the Banquet.

Lt Col Karen Copenhaver (Director Public Affairs); Lt Col Phyllis Griffin (Director Cadet Programs); Lt Col Jett Mayhew (Director DDR); and Lt Col Charles Sersun (Counterdrug Officer).

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All comments and contributions welcomed!

Welcome to the first issue of *In the Loop*. And congratulations to 1st Lt Omer Kenworthy of Low Country Composite Squadron for winning the naming contest. I hope this newsletter proves to be informative and fun. Some of the columns you'll see in every issue are Professional Development

Awards, Promotions, Cadet Milestones, and the Wing Calendar for the coming quarter. Other columns will come and go as events take place and special things happen. Everyone is invited to contribute, especially stories of special interest. And if you have an idea for a regular column that would be of interest to the membership as a whole,

don't hesitate to let me know. In the meantime, keep those articles and pictures coming, and...

Enjoy!



Chaplain's Corner.... Chalplain (Capt) Jack Epperly, Wing Chaplain

I am trying to place a Chaplain and an MLO (Moral Leadership Officer) in every squadron that we have in SC. I feel this is necessary for the benefit of the Squadron Commander, the Cadets, and the entire Squadron. It will help to enrich the Moral Leadership class required for the Cadets every month. It will take

some of the responsibility (or load) off the Commander so he can attend to other duties. Also, we need to have a complete CISM team (crisis intervenors) composed mostly of Chaplains and MLO's. This is necessary in case (may it never be) there is a major catastrophe and individual and group counseling is needed.

Defusing and Debriefing's may also be needed on a large scale, not only for the first responders, but also for the victims. Your help in recruiting these Chaplains/ MLO's is much needed.



Aerospace Education... Capt Jonathan Reid, Director of Aerospace Education



The symbol for CAP is the 3-bladed propeller. We all know what those blades mean... Cadet Programs, Emergency Services, and..... AEROSPACE EDUCATION! Yes, its true! But, how often do we focus on only two of those three blades as individual members and units? As any good pilot or mechanic will tell you, in order for a plane to fly, the prop has to be well-balanced. Having just been appointed as Director of Aerospace Education for the Wing, its my job to get our third blade prepped, dressed, and ready for action!

I am quickly learning the true

depth of the program resources available to squadrons, cadets, and senior members in the AE arena. If you haven't taken a moment to check out what is available even at the www.cap.gov, take a look! Did you know that CAP provides financial grants for school programs that support aerospace education? Did you know that a teacher in your local district can receive ready-to-go curriculum for teaching science through Aerospace? Did you know that there is a Senior Member education program for aerospace with its own set of goals, awards, and ribbons? Did you know that Aerospace Education is not just about launching model rockets? Take a look at our own resources and join me as we work

to re-emphasize the Aerospace Education mission in our Wing.

Over the next several months, I plan to make several squadron visits to assist commanders and their staffs in evaluating their AE programs, providing assistance with program ideas and materials, and providing financial support for units that show initiative in AE. It is my hope that by spreading the news and building the program from within, we will be better prepared to expand and develop AE in South Carolina.

Please do not hesitate to contact me concerning any AE issues or questions. NHQ CAP has assured me of their support in our AE mission, and I'm looking for-

"Rumor has it that SCWG has been assigned a new aircraft especially to support AE. Because of the incredible advances in modern avionics technology, it doesn't require a pilot's license or a minimum age to fly it -- just the desire to learn. Look for it soon in the skies near you!"

Professional Development Awards... 2d Lt Tim Gleaton, Director of Professional Development

Wilson (Level V)

Garber (Level IV)

Capt Nancy Gleaton 001

Loening (Level III)

Capt Carol Theiler 090

Certificate of Proficiency (Level II)

Capt Russell Albright 056

Capt Jack Pierce 106

2d Lt Thomas Reid 084

Capt Deborah Waldrop 092

Membership (Level I)

Lt Col Andre Bauer 999

SM Donna Boggs 032

SM Edward Crankshaw 014

SM Hope Craver 032

2d Lt Victoria Easterlin 032

SM Kathryn Elrod 106

SM Manuela Evans 106

2d Lt Cynthia Grimley 032

SM Derek Hunter 099

SM Sean Motyl 106

2d Lt Jane Newton 106

2d Lt Allen Patterson 106

2d Lt Martha Patterson 106

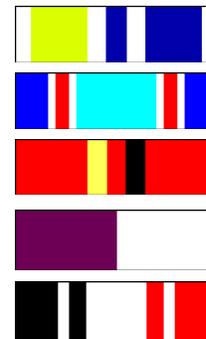
SM Scott Picton 099

2d Lt Dwayne Potter 092

SM David Sealy 106

Capt Tommy Tucker 106

1st Lt Fredric Zink 106



2nd Quarter Calendar

APRIL

03	Graded SAREX, Wing HQ
04	Commander's Call/ CAC, Wing HQ
09	Good Friday
11	Easter Sunday
16-17	MER Cadet Competition, Fort Pickett, VA (Go Florence!)
24	Wing HQ Maintenance Day
30-May 02	MER SAR School, Fort Pickett, VA

MAY

01-02	MayFly Airshow, Florence, SC
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08	Commander's Call, Wing HQ
13	FAA Safety Meeting (1900), Wing HQ
15-16	SLS, Wing HQ
22	Form 5/91 Clinic, Columbia

JUNE

06	Commander's Call/CAC, Wing HQ
12	Ground Team Training, TBD
13-19	MER Region Staff College, Raleigh, NC
25-Jul 03	Cadet Encampment, McCrady ANG Center, Eastover

Cadet Milestones (1 Jan – 31 Mar 2004)

Spaatz (C/Col)



Eaker (C/Lt Col)



(C/Maj)

Earhart (C/Capt)

Robert F. Long IV 075



(C/1st Lt)

Mitchell (C/2d Lt)

Connor J. Baird 802
Walter Donald Hurley 032



Goddard (C/CMSgt)



Doolittle (C/SMSGt)

Daniel A. Herb 020
Robert Michael Herb 020
Christopher A. Herring 092



Lindbergh (C/MSgt)

John P. Collins 097



Rickenbacker (C/TSgt)

Frank B. Culick 020
S. Hugh Ervin 020
Corey K. Medlock 090



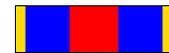
Wright (C/SSgt)

Matthew P. Hornung 090
Sean Ryan Staham 090
Matthew L. Thomas 096



Feik (C/SrA)

Julienne T. Gosselin 090
Laura C. Hubbard 097
Molly J. Hubbard 097



Arnold (C/A1C)

Adam B. Parcell 090
Tammie G. Thompson 803
Benjamin R. Weigold 032



Curry (C/Amn)

Alex C. Beebe 092
Lauren A. Edwards 090
Bradley C. Fowler 090
Youskue Zen Matsui 090
Jeremy R. Moon 092
Jonathan W. Wright 092
John H. Wyrick 092
Emily K. Young 092



NOTE: All cadet enlisted achievements are from information provided by the Cadet Advisory Council. If your name does not appear, make sure your CAC Representative is turning in the information on their monthly report. Cadet officer achievements are from CAPWatch as of the end of the quarter.

Squadron Focus

W. A. Perry Middle School Cadet Squadron “A More Excellent Way”



Capt Cynthia Taylor
Commander



Kneeling L-R: Cadets C. Ward, D. Oree, D. Kelly, L. Jones, C. Mack, A. Green, L. Potts. Standing L-R: Cadets C. Gordon, S. Young, S. Wadington, M. Myers, S. McFadden, L. Hamilton, D. Robinson, T. Thompson.



2d Lt Roslyn Peterson
DCC

Congratulation to the staff and cadets of W. A. Perry Middle School Cadet Squadron on receiving their second Aerospace Education Excellence Award in 2003! In addition, cadets were also recognized for the successful completion of the Science, Engineering, Mathematics, and Aerospace Academy (SEMMA) winter session held at the Challenger Learning Center in Columbia, SC. The NASA SEMMA program uses a series of hands-on, inquiry-based classroom curriculum enhancement activities which are aligned with the national math, science, and technology standards.

Winter Cadet Training Weekend... C/1st Lt Ian Sutton, C/MSgt Sammy Stodghill, C/TSgt Michael Pegram



On March 26-28, the SC Wing held a Cadet Training Weekend at Dent Middle School in Columbia. One hundred fifty-seven cadets reported on Friday night and were immediately exposed to the environment they were going to be living in for the next two days. As the cadets gradually settled in, the discipline requirements

begin to surface. They were led by 1st Lt Steve Revis, as Commandant, and C/Maj Andrew Sutton, as Cadet Commander. In addition, C/2d Lt Vanderbilj served as Deputy Cadet Commander and C/1st Lt Ian Sutton served as Executive Officer. On Saturday cadets started the day with physical training, followed by drill and many classes the rest of the day. Drill and Ceremonies, Dress and Appearance, can CAP History taught by cadet instructors were part of the curriculum. Saturday was concluded with sports and games, as well as a social hour where

cadets could relax and converse. The cadets graduated on Sunday, with many parents in attendance for the Pass and Review ceremony. The location, Dent Middle School, is also the home the Dent Middle School Cadet Squadron, who were excellent hosts. CTW is a “dress rehearsal” for summer encampment, and provides valuable training for cadets to take back to their squadrons. Summing up the weekend, C/Amn Winters remarked, “It’s a lot of fun but it is intense. I would encourage other cadets to come and make

their squadrons better. It is motivating.” Embracing the mission of the training exercise, C/Amn Rachel Wallace said, “It is fun, it is a good experience, and it teaches self-discipline.” The weekend was eventful and productive, and there is no doubt the future leaders of our wing and nation were in development.



SC Wing Conference (continued from pg 1)...

Many of our Wing members were honored with special awards, among them the three highlights – Cadet of the Year (C/Maj Michael Riddick of Aiken Composite Squadron, who also received the USAF Torch Award); Senior Member of the Year (Capt Jonathan Reid of Wing Staff, who missed his own presentation because he was called out to run a mission); and Squadron of the Year (shared by Aiken Composite Squadron and Blue Ridge Composite Squadron). Other awards included Communicator of the Year (Maj Jay Lindler); Supply Officer of the Year (2d Lt Shirley Carlan); Logistician of the Year (1st Lt Tommy Meyer); and Safety Officer of the Year (2d Lt Neil Lown). Maj Cindy Aulbach and Capt Nancy Gleaton were presented plaques in recognition for their outstanding contributions to the Wing during 2003. And let's not forget the two Color Guards who contributed – York County Composite Squadron, who posted colors for the General Assembly, and Florence Composite Squadron, who did the honors for the Banquet.

We had so much fun this year we thought we'd do it again! So... the dates for the next conference are 11-12 Mar 2005, once again at Shaw AFB. Mark those calendars and be prepared for another great time and (hopefully) some surprise guests!



C/Maj Michael Riddick of Aiken Composite Squadron accepts the USAF Torch Award from Lt Col Stephen Couchman, USAF, CAP-USAF MELR Director of Training. Cadet Riddick was also the 2003 Cadet of the Year.



Col Saul Hyman, SC Wing Commander, greets attendees at the General Assembly.



Cadet Programs Seminar



Conference Staff is recognized at the Banquet.



Our own indoor waterfall – in reality, a break in a bathroom pipe!



A record number of cadets attended this year!



Col Al Allenback, CAP Executive Director, addresses the General Assembly.



Lt Col Karen Copenhaver, MER Director Public Affairs, speaks at a seminar.



Cadets find about USAF recruiting opportunities.

Senior Member Promotions (31 Jan – 31 Mar 2004)

Lieutenant Colonel
R. Andre Bauer 999

Major

Captain
Russell A. Albright 056
Nancy Z. Gleaton 001
John T. Graves, Jr. 096
Marshall Reid Houston 099
Glenn M. Melberg 805
Carol R. Theiler 090
Deborah B. Waldrop 092

1st Lieutenant
John Alex Cello 097

Floyd M. Griffin 002
Jeffrey N. Hardee 032
Franklin R. King 056
Louis Mays, Jr. 075
Paul A. Piersma 084
Josh D. Pusser 097
Steven L. Revis 001
Sidney E. Rickenbaker 056
James W. Sams, Jr. 096
Margaret R. Sweatt 032
Richard Sweatt 032
Fredric C. Zink 106

2d Lieutenant
Adam Bryant Boyd 092
Victoria G. Easterlin 032

Yarborough M. Gleaton II 001
Shane C. Golden 005
Cynthia P. Grimley 032
Timothy A. Hill 106
Jan M. Kelly 099
Kenneth L. Langley 092
Stephen V. MacQueen 032
Jane K. Newton 106
Allen F. Patterson 106
Martha O. Patterson 106
Dwayne A. Potter 032
Guy E. Skaggs 032
David W. Tilley 020
Patrick T. Walsh 099
Greg A. Weigold 032
Robert V. Whitmire 805

Public Affairs... Capt Chris Hodge, Public Affairs Officer

The public affairs office is charged with getting the word out about CAP activities. Opportunities routinely present themselves such as CAP News, local newspapers and television, as well as many others. I need your help to acquire the information. Any event is newsworthy:

- Advancement of Cadets or Seniors;
- Awards of any type, CAP or otherwise (such as awards at school);
- Activities (glider, trips, SAR, SAREXs, Cadet Orientation Flights, special guests,...)
- Anything else that might be noteworthy

You can write the article and I can help place it. You can provide me with the facts and I will write it — whatever works best for you. Please don't hesitate to burden me with items, no matter how trivial. Get the information to me any way it is easiest for you. If there is a special event coming up, inform me and I will try to attend, take pictures, take notes, and get interviews. All material, including pictures, is always available to any CAP member upon request.

On the flip side of this coin is publicity that may be detrimental to CAP's image. As you can imagine with CAP's penchant for regulations, there is much guidance with regard to handling of derogatory in-

formation. Please don't hesitate to call for advice. In any event, don't take it upon yourself to talk to the media or give interviews. Just as with Emergency Services, this type of information should only come from official sources at the Wing level or above.

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