

Arkansas Wing Civil Air Patrol Year in Review - 2006

CADETS

New Cadet Commander Named and Three Receive Mitchell Award in 107th

By

Lt. Col. Pete Orlebeke

(February 2) At a special ceremony at the 107th Composite Squadron in Mountain Home, Cadet Lieutenant Jesse Galloway assumed the position of cadet commander for the squadron. Receiving the Billy Mitchell award and promotion to Lieutenant were cadets Josiah Marcum, Jared Thomas, and Jediah Backus.



Cadets Jesse Galloway, Jared Thomas, Josiah Marcum, and Jediah Backus.

42nd Composite Squadron Wins Arkansas Wing Color Guard Competition

(March 4) The color guard from Little Rock's 42nd Composite Squadron came out on top of today's Arkansas Wing

Cadet Competition against units from the 95th in Texarkana and the 115th in Rogers. After a day-long series of events including a written test, drill, a quiz bowl, and raising of the colors, overall scores were close and the judges required extra time to double-check the point totals before the winner was announced early in the evening.



42nd Composite Squadron
Color Guard

The 115th Composite Squadron was unopposed in the drill team competition and they, along with the 42nd's color guard, will represent the Arkansas Wing in their

respective categories at the Southwest Region Cadet Competition at Davis-Monthan Air Force Base on April 6-9.

102nd Cadet Called to Active Duty in Iraq

(May 4) Cadet 2nd Lt. James Garret Jones, Cadet Commander of the 102nd Composite Squadron in Russellville, was recently called to active duty with the Arkansas Army National Guard's 185th Aviation Battalion. Currently undergoing training at Fort Hood, Texas in preparation for deployment to Balad, Iraq, he serves as a Blackhawk helicopter mechanic. Jones joined the 102nd as a cadet in April, 2002 but is in the process of being reclassified to senior member status as a result of this extended active duty. Jones becomes the fourth member of the Arkansas Wing to be deployed as part of Operation Iraqi Freedom or Operation Enduring Freedom.



Police Officer talks with Cadets of the 115th

By

Lt. Anne Formanek

(May 9) Corporal Craddock of the Rogers Police Department had the audience's full attention when he visited the 115th Composite Squadron to give a presentation on gangs. The presentation, held during the Squadron's weekly meeting, centered on how to recognize signs of gang membership and activity in the community. Craddock gave an in-depth briefing on the typical nonverbal signs that gang members display and how potentially disruptive those signs could be to an educational atmosphere. He also discussed the changing nature of gangs, and how they are evolving from the stereotypical structures of the 1980's. The audience, cadets with several senior members and parents sprinkled in, was fascinated.



115th Holds Milestone Ceremony

By
Lt. Anne Formanek

(July 18) The 115th Composite Squadron in Rogers held a Milestone Ceremony today to promote several cadet officers. The Milestone Ceremony featured State Senator Jim Holt as guest speaker. Senator Holt was introduced by squadron commander Lt. Col. Max Gore to a large audience of cadets, parents,



and guests. The Senator then presented the Earhart Award to cadet Alison Ruark and the Mitchell Award to cadets Anthony White, Arthur Formanek, and Calvin Johnson. Cadet Ruark was promoted to the rank of Cadet Captain, while cadets White, Formanek, and Johnson were promoted to the rank of Cadet 2nd Lieutenant.

Senator Holt then addressed the audience by briefly speaking on the importance of leadership. He expressed how CAP cadets play an important role in continuing the tradition of strong moral strength that our country's founding fathers began. A short reception was held after the ceremony, in which members of the audience could enjoy refreshments and talk with the Senator.

95th Holds Mess Dress Night

By
S/M Lisa Worthington

(August 1) The 95th Composite Squadron of Texarkana held their first Mess Dress Night on the evening of August 1st at Lee's Catfish and Steakhouse. Among the achievements recognized was that of Cadet Kassondra Brown, who, received the Billy Mitchell Award and was promoted to Cadet 2nd Lieutenant. C/2Lt Brown has previously served as a member of the squadron's cadet staff in both supply and aerospace education.

107th Promotes Two Cadets

By
Maj. H.P. Orlebeke

(August 15) The 107th Composite Squadron in Mountain Squadron has promoted Cadet John Johnson to the rank of Captain after he received the Amelia Earhart award, the first from the squadron to do so in over five years. Cadet Johnson served as Cadet Unit Commander, and was one of two recipients of the squadron's Solo Scholarship.



Cadet Josiah Marcum has been promoted to 1st Lt. with the completion of the tests required for the Billy Mitchell award, and was recently appointed the Cadet Squadron Commander. Cadets Johnson and Marcum, along with 100 cadets nationwide, attended the Blue Beret encampment at the Oshkosh Air Venture, one of the largest aviation events in the world.

115th Conducts Cadet Change of Command

By
Lt. Anne Formanek

(October 17) On Tuesday, 17 October, the 115th Composite Squadron in Rogers conducted a formal cadet change of command, to recognize Cadet 2Lt Jacob Allen as incoming Cadet Commander. The change of command ceremony, a time-honored tradition which formally symbolizes the continuity of authority, was conducted before the fully assembled squadron. Squadron Commander Lt. Col. Max Gore presided over the ceremony, as outgoing Cadet Commander 2Lt Ian Hassett relinquished his command of the cadets to Deputy Cadet Commander 2Lt Jacob Allen. A pass-in review of the cadets followed the ceremony. Afterwards, a short reception with cake and refreshments was held.

Cadet 2Lt Jacob Allen has been a cadet since February 2002, and previously held the position of Deputy Cadet Commander in the 115th. He holds nationally recognized search and rescue qualifications in the form of SARTEC2. He is also a certified First Responder in providing care for medical emergencies. He has also earned the Eagle Scout rank, the highest achievement rank in boy scouts, one that only about 5% of scouts earn.

Arkansas Cadets Attend Texas NCO Academy

By
Capt. Geneva Jones

(November 12) C/SSgt Seth Masters and C/SSgt Sam Balloun of the 102nd Composite Squadron attended the Texas Wing NCO Academy on Nov 10-12 at Camp Mabry in Austin Texas. The Academy included intermediate training in leadership and effective communication skills. The cadets also received extensive instruction in drill and ceremonies and customs and courtesies. Other topics covered

were the Civil Air Patrol Cadet Protection Policy and the USAF Core Values.

Cadets in 99th Receive Awards

(December 18th) At the annual awards banquet held in West Memphis two cadets from the 99th Composite Squadron were presented awards by Col. Bucky Britton. C/1Lt Tabitha Nilsen was presented with her Billy Mitchell Award and C/TSgt Robert Compton received the 99th's Cadet of the Year Award.

MISSIONS

Arkansas Wing Responds to Benton County Tornado

(March 13) After high winds and a tornado struck northwest Arkansas Sunday evening, the Arkansas Wing of the Civil Air Patrol was activated early Monday morning to conduct damage assessment flights and to deactivate aircraft emergency beacons set off by storm damage.

The 115th Composite Squadron in Rogers launched a 6-person ground team under Lt. Holly Jones at about 7:00 AM after being activated by the Air Force Rescue Coordination Center, whose satellites had picked up numerous emergency beacons transmitting from the Bentonville-Rogers area. Shortly after leaving 115th headquarters, the team picked up the signals and started tracking them and eventually pinpointed their location at the Bentonville airport. At the airport the team discovered eleven planes which had been damaged enough that the emergency beacons had been accidentally activated and Lt. Jones' team shut down the beacons.

While the ground team worked at the Bentonville airport an aircraft from the 115th, with Lt. Col. David Winslow and Maj. Marina Scott aboard flew over northwest Arkansas to determine if emergency beacons may have been activated elsewhere. However no other beacons were heard and after those at Bentonville were shut down, the aircrew returned to Rogers.

At the request of the Arkansas Department of Emergency Management, an Arkansas Wing aircrew from the 83rd Composite Squadron in Ft. Smith was

also sent to Benton County area where they took aerial photographs of damaged areas from Gentry to Centerton to Bentonville. The crew, Lt. Col. Scott House and Capt. Frank Maslakow, took digital photographs that were sent to the National Operations center and local emergency managers using a direct satellite phone link in the aircraft while in flight.

Wing Conducts Damage Assessment after Tornadoes in Northeast Arkansas

(April 3) For the second time in a month an aircrew from the Arkansas Wing of the Civil Air Patrol took to the skies after a destructive Arkansas tornado outbreak. After tornados and high winds struck northeastern Arkansas Sunday night, the Arkansas Department of Emergency Management and Greene County officials requested Civil Air Patrol assistance in assessing storm damage.

Lt. Col. Herb Williams, Lonoke, and Capt. Joel Buckner, North Little Rock, launched the Arkansas Wing's new Cessna 182TG aircraft at about 11:00 AM from headquarters at Adams Field in Little Rock and after picking up an Arkansas Department of Emergency Management official in Conway flew to the area near Colt to take aerial photos of the destruction.



Damage at Marmaduke, Arkansas

Later, Capt. Buckner flew Greene County Judge Jesse Dollars over Marmaduke where Capt. Buckner observed that the tornado "wiped out the north half of town." At the conclusion of the mission digital photographs taken by the Civil Air Patrol were then transmitted to the Arkansas Department of Emergency Management for further study.

Wing Answers Two ELTs in Two Days

(April 8) The Arkansas Wing responded to two ELTs on Friday and Saturday. A ground team consisting of Arkansas Wing staff members was mobilized for the first, at Star City on Friday. Lt. Col. Chuck Bishop, Maj. Tom Rea, and 1st Lt. Tommy Rea were just about to reach the search area when the Air Force called off the mission due to loss of signal. The second ELT was at Jonesboro airport

today and was handled by Maj. Gary Angelo of the 113th Composite Squadron and Capt. Craig Kaminicki and Capt. John Brandon of the 120th Composite Squadron. This beacon was found in a parked aircraft that had landed at the airport at about 3 PM.

107th and 115th Team Up to Silence ELT in North Arkansas

(June 8) After the accidental activation of an emergency beacon in a home-built airplane at a private airstrip near Midway in Baxter County this evening, teams from two Arkansas Wing squadrons quickly responded to locate and disarm the device. The aircrew from the 115th Composite Squadron in Rogers included Lt. Col. Max Gore and Captain Craig Young while Lt. Col. Gary Smith led the ground team from the 107th Composite Squadron in Mountain Home.

Wing Participates in Search for National Guard Helicopter

(August 9) This morning the Arkansas Wing assisted in search and rescue efforts following the crash of an Arkansas National Guard helicopter that was conducting a counter-drug flight in Carroll County. A CAP aircraft from the 115th Composite Squadron in Rogers was taking part in the operation in conjunction with the Arkansas State Police and National Guard when the accident occurred.

Soon after communications were lost with one of the helicopters participating in the day's activities, another National Guard helicopter heard a faint emergency beacon and the CAP aircraft, crewed by Lt. Col. David Winslow and Capt. Craig Young, used direction-finding equipment to begin searching for the source of the distress signal. But while they were in the process of locating the beacon one of the other National Guard helicopters found the downed helicopter. An Arkansas National Guard pilot and Arkansas State Police officer were both seriously injured and were taken to local hospitals for treatment. The CAP plane orbited above the crash site for nearly two hours and relayed radio communications between on-site rescuers and command post personnel.

Arkansas Wing Assists in Search for Missing Woman in Pike County

(September 28) After a seventy-eight year old resident of Amity was reported missing September 19th, the Arkansas Wing was actively involved in assisting local authorities in the search for the woman, who remains missing at this time.

From September 20-28 aircrews from Texarkana, Hot Springs, and Little Rock flew 8 sorties for a total of 23.8 hours in response to a request from the Pike County Sheriff.

While most flights were conducted during the day, on the evening of the 20th an aircrew comprised of members of the Wing staff and the 42nd Composite Squadron made use of a sophisticated thermal imaging device in an attempt to find the woman, but did not observe any heat sources consistent with a missing person.

The following day another high-tech sortie was conducted by the 40th Composite Squadron, who flew with an employee of International Paper using a heat-sensing equipment, normally utilized to spot stress caused by machinery malfunctions, but was also unsuccessful in locating the missing woman.

The mission was conducted under direction of the Air Force Rescue Coordination Center and was performed at no cost to local agencies.

COMMUNITY SERVICE & RELATIONS

Arkansas Wing at the Fort Smith Air Show

**By
Major Marina Scott**

(March 25-26) Arkansas Wing members from the 83rd and 115th Composite Squadrons assisted the Arkansas Air National Guard in the air show at Fort Smith this weekend. Ten cadets from the 115th and three cadets from the 83rd helped the 188th Fighter Wing by manning the ice cream sales booths from 8 to 5 on both Saturday & Sunday. On Sunday, March 26th C/2Lt Chase Correll did an outstanding job of commanding the cadets and arranged for a private



tour of the Navy E-6B communications airplane and an F-15 Eagle.

Cadets were able to meet the Thunderbird pilots including the former Civil Air Patrol cadet Captain Nicole (Ellingwood) Malachowski, the first female Thunderbird pilot.

115th Assists in Fundraiser to Bring Moving Wall to Rogers

**By
Major Marina Scott**

(March 25) The 115th Composite Squadron assisted VFW Post 3031, of Rogers, in a fund raising event selling grilled-chicken meals to help raise money to bring the Vietnam Moving Wall to Rogers this summer.



Two cadets and two senior members participated in this project. Cadets Kranz and Langston waved signs to bring in customers and assisted filling orders while senior members constructed signs, filled the plates, and took orders.

95th Composite Squadron Cadet Receives Civic Award

**By
Major Charles Russell**

(May 5) Cadet Senior Master Sergeant Samantha Stephenson was selected by the Leadership Texarkana organization to receive its annual Wilbur Smith award for Outstanding Youth. Cadet Stephenson, a Texas High School student, is involved in civic activities such as Race For The Cure, Highway Cleanup, Key Club, National Honor Society, YWCA, and Rotary Club Flag Program

Since joining Civil Air Patrol in March, 2005 Samantha has progressed to the rank of Cadet Senior Master Sergeant. Most notable among her achievements with CAP is her assistance in developing and participating in a Squadron Color Guard Unit. She was a leader in teaching proper handling and respect for the US flag. This Color Guard Unit competed in the Arkansas Wing Competition and was selected to represent Arkansas Wing in Southwest Region competition.

Cadet Stephenson was selected to be Texarkana Squadron's Drug Demand Reduction NCO. In this capacity she has done an excellent job of providing informative presentations to Cadets and Senior members.

Cadet SMSgt. Stephenson is highly respected by all members of the 95th Composite Squadron and we congratulate her on this accomplishment.

99th Participates in Arkansas Tourism Day Ceremonies

**By
Lt. Col. Larry Webster**

(May 15) Cadets from the 99th Composite Squadron participated in Arkansas Tourism Day by raising the United States and Arkansas State flags at a ceremony today in West Memphis. Cadets Tabitha Nilsen, Robert Compton, Mason Addison and Cody Davis raised the flag in front of local and state dignitaries attending this ceremony. The unit has supported this activity for 5 years.



99th Presents Colors at AEMA Conference

**By
Lt. Col. Larry Webster**

(August 30) Cadets from the 99th Composite Squadron in West Memphis presented the colors at the annual Arkansas Emergency Management Conference in North Little Rock. The color guard was comprised of C/A1C Mason Addison, C/CMSgt Tabitha Nilse, C/SSgt Robert Compton and C/A1C Desiree Feltmeyer. After the presentation the cadets went to Little Rock National Airport to see Air Force One, which was in town for a scheduled Presidential visit, taxi out and takeoff.



Jonesboro Cadets Assist at Missouri Airshow

**By
Capt. John Brandon**

(July 7-8) Cadets from the 120th Composite Squadron traveled to Cape Girardeau, Missouri to assist the Missouri Wing in activities at the annual Cape Air Festival air show. The Jonesboro cadets joined others from Springfield, Poplar Bluff, Festus,

St Charles, and Cape Girardeau, Missouri, and Chicago, Illinois in work activities in connection with the air show. The cadets were involved in handling vehicle traffic, crowd control around military aircraft, staffing entry gates, flight line crowd control, and other duties that were assigned to them. The Cape Air Festival drew large crowds, and numerous national air show aerobatic acts joined together to make the event successful.

The Squadron Commander of the host Trail of Tears Squadron expressed his appreciation and gratitude to the 120th, and requested that they participate in the event again next year. Cadets from Jonesboro who participated in the event were Airmen Carson Benton and Nathaniel Fisher, and S/Sgt Logan Spurlock. All of the attendees from Jonesboro recently completed the American Red Cross CPR training.

99th Participates in Vietnam Moving Wall Tour

(August 10) Cadets from the 99th Composite Squadron in West Memphis presented the colors at the opening ceremony for the visit of the Vietnam Moving Wall to Marion Arkansas on August 10th and also participated in the closing ceremonies on August 14th.



During the opening ceremony cadets C/Amn Desiree Feltmeyer, C/TSgt Cody Davis, C/CMSgt Tabitha Nilse and C/SSgt Robert Compton served as the color guard.

95th Posts Colors at Preparedness Conference

By

S/M Lisa Worthington

(August 8) The 95th Composite Squadron of Texarkana was chosen to post the colors for the 3rd Annual Arkansas Preparedness Conference in Little Rock. The team was comprised of C/Lt. Fitzhugh, C/CMSgt Stevenson, C/TSgt Woods, and C/TSgt Worthington. Following the pledge of allegiance and posting of the colors, the members attended some of the conference sessions.



115th Assists in Muscular Dystrophy Telethon

By

Lt. Anne Formanek

(September 4) Members from the 115th Composite Squadron in Rogers were on hand to answer phones this morning for the Muscular Dystrophy Association's 2006 Jerry Lewis Telethon. Twenty-one individuals from the squadron took donations



over the phone in a live broadcast from the Northwest Arkansas Mall in Fayetteville. The Jerry Lewis

Telethon, a national event broadcast locally on KFSM Channel 5, is a tradition that draws tens of millions of viewers across North America. It has occurred annually since 1966. Last year it raised \$54.9 million for funding research for the cure and treatment of neuromuscular diseases.

97th Receives \$5,000 Grant

(October 19) The 97th Composite Squadron in Batesville recently received a \$5,000 grant from the Independence County Recreation Committee. The funding will be used primarily for cadet activities, utilities, general expenses, and to support a ground team training exercise. The hanger leased by the squadron for over 20 years is in poor condition and the grant will allow for improvements to be made to the inadequate electrical system and to address possible termite issues.

Arkansas Wing at the Airshow

(November 5) Several dozen Arkansas Wing members came to the Arkansas Airpower airshow held at Little Rock Air Force Base this weekend. Officers and cadets from the 42nd Composite Squadron manned a recruiting booth and static display featuring the Wing's new Garmin G-1000 equipped Cessna 182 and a Cessna 172. The 102nd, 115th, and 120th Composite Squadrons supported airshow staff by handing out brochures at an information booth and spent Friday and Saturday evenings at Camp Warlord on the base. Members of the 40th, 67th, 95th, 97th, 107th, and 120th Composite Squadrons and the Tennessee Wing came to see the show and stopped by the CAP display to say hello.



95th In Veterans Day Parade

By
2nd Lt. Lisa Worthington

(November 11) The 95th Composite Squadron took part in the Veterans Day Parade in Texarkana today. The unit's cadet color guard consisting of C/2nd Lt. Davyd Fitzhugh, C/ MSgt Wesley Woods, C/MSgt Kendall Worthington, C/Amn John Watson, and C/AB Devin Jones participated in event. The crowd responded with applause when the color guard reversed the order of the Texas flag and Arkansas flag as they crossed the state line.



95th Earns Honors in Texarkana Christmas Parade

(December 5) Cadets from the 95th Composite Squadron won third place in the marching band competition during Texarkana's Christmas Parade Monday evening. Despite the cold weather, a good-sized crowd came out to watch the parade and the lighting of the town's Christmas tree.

102nd in Christmas Parade Capt. Marchelle Jones

(December 2) The cadets of the 102nd Composite Squadron lead the Hector City Christmas Parade on Saturday December 2nd. The color guard consisted of C/TSgt Seth Masters, C/Amn Robert Deason, C/Amn Justin Moore and C/Amn Eric Whitbey. The Squadron banner was carried by C/ Amn James Albertson, C/Amn Adam Davis and C/Amn Kyle Metcalf.

Arkansas Wing Participates in Wreaths Across America Campaign

Lt. Anne Formanek and Maj. Blake Sasse

(December 14) Members of the 42nd and 115th Composite Squadrons honored our nation's veterans by placing wreaths representing the 5 armed services and POW/MIAs at the National Cemeteries in Fayetteville and Little Rock.

In Fayetteville, with around 100 people in attendance, cadets of the 115th began by posting the colors. Tommy Monk, Director of the Fayetteville National Cemetery, opened the ceremony, and the 115th's Chaplain Don Seaman spoke the invocation. Following the invocation, Capt Dave Myers, Deputy

Commander of the 115th, discussed the purpose and dignity of honoring those who have fallen in service to our country. The Honorable Congressman John Boozman (R), 3rd Congressional District, then addressed the crowd. Also present were Fayetteville Mayor Dan Coody, Bucky Crouch, State Commander of the American Legion, and representatives of all five military branches.



Congressman Boozman 115th Color Guard

Members of the 115th Honor guard assisted active duty service members in placing the wreaths on respective service graves and the 115th's Capt Harris played taps, while a rifle team from VFW Post 3031 executed a rifle salute.

In Little Rock, 1st Lt. Bruce Brown, commander of the 42nd Composite Squadron, started by asking the crowd for a minute of silence to remember our veterans and then gave the opening remarks. The wreaths were placed at the main flagpole in the cemetery near the Pearl Harbor Memorial by cadets from the 42nd. After closing remarks from Lt. Brown, Commander Chuck Polk, US Coast Guard Reserve then spoke to the crowd. Mr. Robert Augustyn then played taps.



Besides CAP and USAF personnel, members of the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary, the state commander of the VFW, and others including representatives from the local affiliates of ABC, CBS, and NBC and the Little Rock Arkansas Democrat-Gazette were in attendance.

OUR PEOPLE

Arkansas Wing Pilot Named Flight Instructor of the Year

(February 24) Major Charles B. Welch, Jr., was recently recognized by the Federal Aviation Administration as the Flight Instructor of the Year for Arkansas as well as for the FAA's Southwestern Region. This award recognizes Maj. Welch for his outstanding work in the Civil Air Patrol's flight safety program, as a flight instructor for Henderson State University, and as an Aviation Safety Counselor for the FAA.



Major Welch, a resident of Arkadelphia, served in the Air Force and the Arkansas Air National Guard where he flew a variety of planes including fighter, reconnaissance, and aerial refueling aircraft. His civilian career was as a commercial airline pilot with Braniff and U.S. Airways from which he retired in 2000. He joined the Civil Air Patrol in 2001 and served as commander of the Hot Springs squadron prior and in 2003 became the Arkansas Wing Standards and Evaluation Officer where his focus is on ensuring the safety of CAP flight operations.

Wing Members Win CAP Academic Scholarships

(April 17) 1st Lieutenant Catherine Scott and Cadet Jonathan VerHoeven, of the 115th Composite Squadron in Rogers, won \$250 Academic Scholarships from the Civil Air Patrol to further their education. Lt. Scott will be starting her senior year in Aerospace Engineering program at Texas A & M University and Cadet VerHoeven will soon graduate from John Brown University in Siloam Springs and plans to continue on to law school.

1st Lt. Bruce Brown Takes Command of the 42nd Composite Squadron

(April 17) At a ceremony held this evening at Arkansas Wing Headquarters in Little Rock, 1st

Lieutenant Bruce Brown of Cabot assumed command of the 42nd Composite Squadron. Lt. Brown, who was a Civil Air Patrol cadet in high school, holds an Associates Degree from Sacramento City College and retired as Director of Track Maintenance after 35 years of service with the Union Pacific railroad. Several years ago he re-joined the Civil Air Patrol and after becoming a qualified aircrew member has been active in search and rescue and disaster relief efforts, including aerial damage assessment flights in Louisiana following Hurricane Katrina.



Lt. Brown follows Captain Joel Buckner of North Little Rock, who assumed command of the 42nd in January 2004. Capt. Buckner, a U.S. Navy veteran who fulfilled two tours of duty as a pilot during the Vietnam War, is currently employed by Ozark Bank and will continue with the organization as Arkansas Wing Finance Officer.

Chaplain Sharp Goes to the Circus

(April 22) Col. Charles Sharp, Civil Air Patrol Chief of Chaplains (second from left), gave the benediction on military night at the Scrimitar Shrine Circus at Barton Coliseum in Little Rock. Col. Sharp was filling in for the chaplain from Camp Robinson, who has been deployed. Arkansas Wing Homeland Security Coordinator Lt. Col. Herb Williams, who is an officer in the Shrine, is pictured on the far left.



Cadet from 95th Receives Naval Academy Appointment By

Major Charles Russell

(April 24) Cadet 1st Lieutenant Joshua Mann of the 95th Composite Squadron in Texarkana has been selected to attend the U.S. Naval Academy this fall. Cadet Mann earned his Private Pilot license while serving as squadron cadet commander and plans to pursue flight training in the Navy.

Chaplain Leo Smith Passes Away

(April 25) Lt. Col. Leo E. Smith of Camden, Chaplain Emeritus of the Arkansas Wing, passed away today at age 85. He was a minister at the Cumberland Presbyterian Church for 56 years and was employed by Wood Electric/Weather Buster Corporation. Chaplain Smith joined the Civil Air Patrol in May 1965 and served for many years as Arkansas Wing Chaplain and Wing Director of Communications. He was known for his radio skills and was instrumental in setting up the Wing's first major communications network.

115th Wins CAP Unit Citation Award By

Lt. Anne Formanek

(May 12) The 115th Composite Squadron in Rogers was recently awarded a Unit Citation Award for the Year 2005. This award was in recognition of meritorious service for the period from October 1, 2004 to September 30, 2005, and for being awarded the Squadron of Merit award for the Arkansas Wing in 2005. The Unit Citation Award is given by



National Headquarters to units exhibiting exceptionally meritorious service or exceptionally outstanding achievement, setting the unit above and apart from similar units. This is the 115th

Composite Squadron's third Unit Citation Award.

The 115th was presented with the Squadron of Merit in October 2005 during the Wing Conference. The Squadron of Merit is an annual award established to recognize the outstanding squadron in each wing. The 115th Composite Squadron has received the Squadron of Merit award for four of the past five years. National Headquarters uses a set of specific criteria to designate a Squadron of Merit: squadron strength/size, squadron growth rate/recruiting and retention, cadet achievements/awards, cadet encampment attendees, and cadet orientation flight attendance.

Lt. Col. Jim Stevens Passes Away

(May 22) A Memorial Service for 63 year old James Craig "Jim" Stevens of Mountain Home was held at 3:00 p.m. on Sunday, June 4, 2006 at the First Christian Church of Mountain Home with Rev. Lee Nirschl officiating. Jim passed away Monday, May 22 at the local Hospice House.

Jim Stevens was born December 15, 1942 in Washington, Iowa to James Wilbur and Lucille E. Peterson Stevens. He married Sharon E. Fuson on March 9, 1963 in Des Moines, Iowa. Jim served as a Des Moines police officer from 1966 – 1973. Jim moved to Mountain Home in 1975 where he served as a city police officer from 1975 – 1986. Jim was the city's first full-time Mayor from 1986 – 1991 and served as City Councilman from 1997 – 2006. He also served the city as a volunteer fireman and EMT.

Lt. Col. Stevens was well known to Arkansas Wing members as one of our best Incident Commanders. He served as commander of the 107th Composite Squadron in Mountain Home and since early 2003 was the Arkansas Wing Inspector General.

Texarkana Cadet Earns Scholarship

By

2nd Lt. Lisa Worthington

(August 28) Cadet Second Lieutenant Davyd Fitzhugh of the 95th Composite Squadron was one of two CAP cadets in the nation selected to receive the Robert Rice Brewer Memorial Scholarship. The scholarship will pay Cadet Fitzhugh's tuition for the Experimental Aircraft Association's Aeroscholars on-line Aviation Science Course.

Col. Jensen to Become Region Vice Commander

(September 9) Col. Joseph C. Jensen, Arkansas Wing Commander, released this message to the Wing today:

Dear Friends:

As many of you know, the term of Col. Tom Todd as Southwest Region Commander will end in November, 2006 and Col. Reggie Chitwood has been selected as his successor. Col. Todd and Col. Chitwood are making transition plans, and Col. Chitwood is assembling the staff he will need to assist him. The new Region Commander must, of course, select a Vice Commander and one requirement of the Vice Commander selectee is prior service as a CAP Corporate Officer. As some of our members already know, Col. Chitwood has asked me to join his staff as the Southwest Region Vice Commander.

I believe that I share the same sentiment as all members of the Arkansas Wing family: We should

serve our great organization in the manner in which we am most needed. After careful thought, and discussion with many persons of wise counsel, I am convinced that I will be of the best service to Civil Air Patrol serving in the position that Col. Chitwood has asked me to assume. Therefore, I have agreed to join Col. Chitwood's staff after he assumes command of the Southwest Region on November 4, 2006.

I would like to take the opportunity again to let each and every one of you know how much I appreciate your dedicated support of and service to the Arkansas Wing, and how much Ashley and I value your personal support and friendship. Also, I will not be a stranger; I plan to remain active with the Arkansas Wing and to assist in any way that your new Wing Commander desires.

Again I sincerely appreciate your support and dedication during my term as Wing Commander and Wing Vice Commander. If there any questions that I may answer about the change of command, please let me know.

Joseph C. Jensen, Col., CAP Commander Arkansas Wing, CAP

Major Henry Lile Earns FAA Award

(September 14) Major Henry Lile, Arkansas Wing Deputy Director of Safety, received the Federal Aviation Administration's Wright Brothers Master Pilot Award at a ceremony during an AOPA Safety Meeting in Little Rock tonight. This award recognizes the efforts of pilots who have followed and continue to follow the precaution and awareness of safe operations. Most of all, FAA recognizes pilots who have contributed and maintained safe flight operations for 50 or more consecutive years of piloting aircraft.

Major Lile began flying at the age of 13 when at the local airport going to as well get and teach soloing in a 1947 he has models Wing's 182 with noted was where I started out."



he was told, "If you're hang around we might something out of you you to fly." Since Porterfield Collegiate in qualified in numerous including Arkansas ultra-modern Cessna glass cockpit which he "quite a contrast from

Though he was a member of the Civil Air Patrol in the 1950s, Major Lile left the organization for other interests, including serving as a flight surgeon in the Air Force and Air National Guard. He returned to the Civil Air Patrol in May of 2003 and is a qualified Mission Pilot and has actively participated in search and rescue and disaster relief missions in Arkansas and the southeastern United States.

New CAP Unit in Monticello Holds First Meeting

(September 18) Seventeen potential recruits and current local members attended the first meeting of Monticello's new Civil Air Patrol unit on Monday night. Major Craig Kaminicki, who will head the new organization, opened the meeting with a presentation on the primary purpose of the Civil Air Patrol, which are to provide trained volunteers to assist in emergency situations, developing strong youth leaders, and educating the public and our members on the benefits provided by aviation and space exploration. Colonel Joseph Jensen, commander of the Arkansas Wing, then discussed the need for CAP members in southeast Arkansas to better respond to search and rescue and disaster relief missions in this region.



120th Recruits at Fair

by
Captain John Brandon

(September 24) The 120th Composite Squadron manned a fair booth at the Northeast Arkansas District Fair during the week of September 18 – 23 for the purpose of attracting new members to CAP. Both Cadets and Senior Members prepared displays for the booth, and were on hand daily to provide information to the public about the missions and activities of CAP. The response from the public was very encouraging, and many indicated their interest to attend a CAP meeting to learn more about CAP. The response was so positive, that a special meeting night was scheduled for September 28 to accommodate and provide additional information to potential new members.

Arkansas Wing Holds Annual Conference

(October 14). The Arkansas Wing held its annual conference in Little Rock this weekend at Wing Headquarters at Little Rock National Airport. Over 130 members from the Wing's 12 squadrons attended a social dinner Friday evening, training sessions all day Saturday, and a banquet and awards ceremony Saturday night.

The conference opened with a presentation by Wing Commander Col. Joseph Jensen and then a brief from Marie Neese, of National Headquarters. In order to prepare for CAP's significant responsibilities in performing search and rescue and disaster relief missions, the emergency services training in the afternoon focused on classes needed to allow CAP to operate in a multi-agency environment (ICS-700) and on utilizing web-based systems used to document individual skills (MIMS) as well as provide real-time information to the 1st Air Force and other agencies on the status of CAP resources and ongoing missions (WMIRS).

Seminars on aerospace education and public affairs were held and the Army's Chemical Stockpile Emergency Preparedness Program mobile trailer was on hand to educate members about the program to destroy chemical weapons at the Pine Bluff Arsenal.



Cadet activities including a model airplane contest and a Cadet Advisory Council Meeting were ongoing throughout the day.

The Wing Banquet and Awards Ceremony was held at the Doubletree Hotel in downtown Little Rock Saturday evening. The keynote speaker was Major Lawrence Mattiello, Southwest Region Safety Officer and editor of CAP's safety newsletter the Sentinel. Maj. Mattiello spoke about new concepts in administering CAP's safety program.

The following awards were presented at the banquet by Col. Thomas Todd, Southwest Region Commander, Col. Reggie Chitwood, Southwest Region Vice Commander, and Col. Joseph Jensen, Arkansas Wing Commander:

Squadron of the Year

115th Composite Squadron (Rogers)

Squadron Commander of the Year

Capt. David Robbins (40th Composite Squadron)

Outstanding Unit Public Affairs Officer

Maj. Pete Orlebeke (107th Composite Squadron)

Commanders Award for Excellence in Flight Training

Maj. Bruce Bailey (107th Composite Squadron)

Cadet of the Year

C/Lt. Col. Brandon Looney (99th Composite Squadron)

Cadet Senior Officer of the Year

C/Lt. Col. Richard D. Hunt (40th Composite Squadron)

Cadet Junior Officer of the Year

C/2Lt. Ian G. Hassett (115th Composite Squadron)

Cadet NCO of the Year

C/CMSgt. Johanna Gomez (115th Composite Squadron)

Robert L. Penton Aircrew Excellence Award

Lt. Col. Thomas Eastman (115th Composite Squadron)

Ground Team Member of the Year

Lt. Col. Charles Bishop Jr. (Wing Staff/National HQ)

Lt. Col. Jim Stevens Mission Staff Excellence Award

Lt. Col. Herb Williams (Wing Staff)

Senior Member of the Year

Maj. Blake Sasse (Wing Staff)

This year the Mission Staff Excellence Award was renamed in honor of Lt. Col. James C. Stevens, who was the Arkansas Wing's senior Incident Commander for many years. Lt. Col. Stevens passed away in 2006 and his wife, Lt. Col. Sharon Stevens, helped present the new award.

Additionally, Robert Betzold (CAP-USAF State Director) was awarded the FAA's Arkansas Aviation Safety Counselor of the Year Award and the Air Force Association named the 115th Composite Squadron as their Arkansas CAP Squadron of the Year.



The Banquet concluded with the announcement that upon the change in command at Southwest Region on November 4th when Col. Reggie Chitwood will become Region Commander and Col. Joseph Jensen takes his place as Region Vice Commander, that Lt. Col. Robert "Bucky" Britton will assume command of the Arkansas Wing.

Chaplain Appointed for 120th

By

Capt. John Brandon

(October 20) Captain Peter Connolly of the 120th Composite Squadron of was recently appointed as a Chaplain by National Headquarters of CAP. Captain Connolly was presented the award at the Arkansas Wing Conference in Little Rock by Col. Charles Sharp, National Commander of Chaplains.

Connolly has been involved with CAP since 1989, with a break to attend the Salvation Army College for Officer's Training in Atlanta, Georgia. Before attending seminary, Capt. Connolly received the Grover Loerning Award and served as Vice Commander and Commander of Cadets. He received the Senior Rating in Aerospace Education, and the Master Rating in Cadet Programs.

In 1995-1998, Connolly served as a CAP Group Chaplain in Georgia, and he completed a Southeast Region Chaplain Regional College and obtained his Master rating as a Chaplain. Returning to Northeast Arkansas, Connolly joined the 120th Composite Squadron as an ordained minister in the free Methodist-Episcopal tradition with an ecclesiastical endorsement.

Chaplains in the CAP are required to have the same qualifications as the U. S. Air Force, and may be called upon to assist Air Force Chaplains with their duties. With his prior service to CAP and the Salvation Army, Connolly brings considerable experience to the 120th Composite Squadron in Jonesboro. His responsibilities include providing religious support in a pluralistic environment and services to all members of the squadron, regardless of their faith group. Captain Connolly plans to serve two other squadrons that are currently without chaplains.

Captain Connolly is actively involved with The Least of These, and the Cross Timbers Bible College and Seminary, and is the founder and president of both ministries. The Least of These is a ministry of compassion dealing with the end of life issues to the families of nursing home residents. He also helps train new ministers of the gospel. His wife is also involved with CAP, and plans to become an Aerospace Education Officer.

Col. Britton Assumes Command of Arkansas Wing

(October 28) In a letter from Col. Joseph Jensen, outgoing Wing Commander, it was announced that Lt. Col. Robert "Bucky" Britton assumed command of the Wing today: "It is my pleasure to announce the appointment of Robert "Bucky" Britton as your Arkansas Wing commander, and his appointment to the grade of Colonel, effective 28 October 2006. The effective date of the change of command is one week earlier than originally planned to accommodate some command transition issues.

Col. Britton brings thirteen years of CAP experience, with extensive command and staff assignments, to the Command of the Arkansas Wing. I am certain that the Wing will continue with it's excellent performance under Col. Britton's leadership, and I ask you to join me in supporting him in his new assignment.

I will be officially joining the Southwest Region staff on November 4, 2006 and will be working with Col. Britton until then to complete the command transition. I would again like to thank everyone in the Wing for your support over the last several years, and I look forward to the continued success of the Arkansas Wing with the leadership of your new Wing Commander.

Joseph C. Jensen, Col., CAP"

Maj. Buckner Named Wing Vice Commander

(November 1) Maj. Joel Buckner of North Little Rock was selected as the new Vice Commander of the Arkansas Wing today. Maj. Buckner had been serving as Wing Finance Officer following a tour as commander of the 42nd Composite Squadron from January, 2004 to April, 2006.

115th Holds Christmas Banquet

By

2nd Lt. Anne Formanek

(December 12th) The 115th Composite Squadron in held its Awards and Appreciation Banquet on Tuesday, 12 December, at the Benton County Senior Activity Center in Bentonville. An annual event, the Christmas banquet is held to acknowledge the accomplishments of the squadron's cadet corps and officer members, and to show appreciation to those who have contributed to the squadron's activities.

Squadron commander Lt. Col. Max Gore opened the banquet by addressing the crowd, and introducing the color guard, which then posted the colors. The National Anthem was performed by a string ensemble, and Chaplain (Capt.) Don Seaman gave the invocation. The guests then enjoyed a catered dinner.

The Awards and Recognition began with a Milestone Ceremony. Three cadets received promotions to second lieutenant. Amanda Beasley, Johanna Gomez, and Jason Finney had their ranks bestowed by their parents.



The Cadet Programs awards followed the Milestone Ceremony. Gomez was named the squadron's Cadet of the Year. Senior Cadet Officer of the Year was Cadet Col. Jonathan VerHoeven. Junior Cadet Officer of the Year was Cadet 2nd Lt. Ian Hassett. Beasley received the Cadet NCO of the Year Award.

Awards were presented to Hassett and Beasley on the behalf of the Air Force Association and the Air Force Sergeants Association, respectively.

Local recruiters from the four branches of the military were also on-hand to present awards to the cadets.

Third Congressional District Representative John Boozman (R-Ark.) spoke briefly, and State Senator Jim Holt (R) and Arkansas Wing Vice-Commander Maj. Joel Buckner also attended.

Lt. Col. Gore presented appreciation awards to the 115th's generous corporate sponsors, Wal-Mart and Eureka Pizza, before presenting the officer member awards.

Capt. Dave Myers, Deputy Commander for Cadets, received the 2006 Officer of the Year Award for his efforts and dedication to the squadron's cadet program. Capt. Myers was also honored with the Cadets' Choice for Officer Member of the Year Award.

Maj. Jason McNully received the Grover Loening Award, signifying his completion of the Level III training requirements. He was also honored with an appreciation award for his dedication to emergency services and ground team training.

Commander's Commendations were presented to the following ten officers for their contribution to the success of the squadron:

1st Lt. Elmer Crumbliss and Cadet Sponsor Sally Finney for their efforts in testing aid... 1st Lts. Holly Jones and Evelyn Allen for their efforts in Emergency Services... 2nd Lt. Lori Johnson for her efforts in Administration/Personnel... Maj. Jeff Smith for service as the technical coordinator for the 115th's drill team... Maj. Marina Scott for distinguished work as Professional Development Officer... Capt. Craig Young for his work as Deputy Commander for Seniors... Capt. William Drittler for his efforts as Finance Officer... and Lt. Col. Tom Eastman for covering the safety aspects of the squadron.

In a concluding award, Lt. Col. Dave Winslow and Maj. Scott presented Lt. Col. Gore with a scale model of the squadron's Cessna 172.

The Christmas banquet signaled the close of a successful 2006, a year in which the 115th received Squadron of Distinction recognition from the Arkansas Wing as well as its fourth Unit Citation from National Headquarters since 2002.

Two From The 95th Attend Winter Encampment in Nevada

(December 31st) 2nd Lt. Lisa Worthington and C/MSgt Kendall Worthington of Texarkana's 95th Composite Squadron recently returned from a winter encampment held at Nellis Air Force Base near Las Vegas Nevada December 26-31. Encampment attendees had the opportunity to meet with Thunderbird pilot and former CAP member Maj. Nicole Malachowski and Red Flag aggressor squadron members and received briefings on Red Flag command center operations and the Pave Hawk helicopter.

TRAINING

97th Composite Squadron Assists in SWAT Exercise

(January 12) The 97th Composite Squadron participated in an emergency response drill at the Batesville Regional Airport this evening that was organized by the Independence County Sheriffs Office. The scenario involved a small plane that was hijacked in Missouri and landed in Batesville to obtain fuel, where the pilot activated his plane's emergency beacon. First Lieutenant Jeremy Hudson responded to the simulated beacon signal and upon his approach to the plane saw the hijacker with a gun and retreated to the airport control tower. Lt. Hudson then called squadron commander Lt. Col. David Todd who relayed information about the situation to authorities who carried out the law enforcement and emergency medical portions of the exercise. Though this event was not typical of a normal CAP mission, members of the Arkansas Wing often participate in training designed to improve the capabilities of other local and state agencies.

Wing Holds CLC Class

(January 28-29) Thirty-two students from nine Arkansas squadrons and one student from the Louisiana Wing completed the CAP Corporate Learning Course this weekend at Wing headquarters in Little Rock. This two-day course teaches mid-level CAP officers about how our programs are administered at the state level and prepares them to take on increased responsibility within the organization. Completion of the course is a prerequisite to promotion to the rank of Major.

Arkansas Wing Conducts Statewide Exercise

(March 11) Volunteers from the Civil Air Patrol took to the skies today to practice their search and rescue skills in the third day of an exercise spanning the entire state. Members from Arkansas Wing squadrons used light aircraft to practice flying and observation skills used to locate missing aircraft and conducted aerial photography sorties over critical infrastructure to simulate damage assessment missions that Civil Air Patrol could be assigned after natural disasters or a terrorist attack. In Jonesboro, members of the 120th Composite Squadron trained with direction-finding equipment used to locate

aircraft emergency beacons while at Wing Headquarters three officers working to become Incident Commanders participated in a tabletop exercise designed to test their planning and decision-making abilities.



2LT Robert Williams and Maj. Henry Lile plan a sortie

115th Concludes Ground Team Academy

By

Lt. Anne Formanek

(March 14) This weekend the 115th Composite Squadron concluded a two-weekend training academy for ground team certification. Held annually, the Highlands Ground Team Academy is a CAP ground team certification program for both teenage and adult volunteers. Students were trained in urban direction finding, basic woodland search skills, electronic search techniques, as well as helicopter and aircraft signaling. They practiced simulated rescue techniques intended to prepare for downed aircraft scenarios.



The Academy graduation ceremony was held Tuesday night, March 14 at the Rogers Airport. Cadet Airman William Smith was awarded the John E. Chapman Honor Graduate award for exemplary dedication and focus on mission. The Jesse Somek Honor Cadre award went to Commandant of the Academy Cadet Ian Hassett for his portrayal of outstanding leadership and teamwork.



The importance of the Academy was demonstrated this Monday when recent graduates were called out to search for aircraft Emergency Locator Transmissions and missing persons after severe weather and tornadoes hit Northwest Arkansas. After satellites had picked up numerous emergency beacons transmitting from Benton County, the Squadron launched a ground team to track them.

115th Participates in Oklahoma SAREX

**By
Lt. Anne Formanek**

(March 25) This weekend the 115th Composite Squadron Squadron participated in a tri-state search and rescue exercise in Norman, Oklahoma that was hosted by the Cleveland County Composite Squadron. Capping off a busy month of ground team activity for the unit, members were excited to work with a teams from Oklahoma, Texas, and New Mexico.

Six senior members and two cadets from Arkansas Wing received hands-on training in advanced ground search techniques, disaster assessment, and air-to-ground coordination. First Lieutenants Evelyn Allen, Alicia Heinze, Holly Jones, and cadet First Lieutenant Jacob Allen each led ground teams from Oklahoma and Texas while First Lieutenant Craig Heinze flew as an aircrew member with an airborne radio repeater in the aircraft.



Air Force representatives were impressed with the efficient management of the mission. and the large turnout in what was one of the largest multi-state SAREX's in recent history.

115th Assists in Terror Attack Drill

**By
Lt. Col. Max Gore**

(March 29) "Police, fire and rescue agencies from throughout Northwest Arkansas responded to Bud Walton Arena in Fayetteville after an explosion was reported Wednesday morning. By mid-afternoon, a second explosion, chemical exposure, a defused third bomb and an evacuation of the stadium had taken place. In real life, there were no explosions, no injuries, no evacuations. There wasn't even a basketball game. What there was: a multi-agency terror-preparedness drill for response agencies in the region. The "wounded" being helped to ambulances were volunteer college students, while the "bombs" were simple bags. The "chemical contamination" was simply artificial smoke."

The above account of a terrorist response exercise appeared in several northwest Arkansas newspapers. Multiple agencies from Benton and Washington counties, Fayetteville, Bentonville and other nearby communities participated in this exercise which

included five members of the 115th Composite Squadron of Rogers. 1st Lt. Dave Myers, 1st Lt. Evelyn Allen, 1st Lt. Alicia Heinze, 2nd Lt. Stuart Allen, and Cadet Joseph Allen were involved in the treatment of simulated head wounds and various injury simulations. Officials who were present noted that their prior emergency management knowledge, medical and ES training, played a great part in making the exercise a great success.

99th Conducts Field Training

**By
Lt. Col. Larry Webster**

(April 2) The 99th Composite Squadron held a bivouac at Village Creek State Park where cadets got training in the use of an ELTs, compass training and shelter building. After an introduction to the use of direction finding equipment in locating emergency beacons, the group broke up into two teams and began searching for a practice beacon which both teams successfully located. Cadets then built shelters to protect themselves in the event of a storm and water was thrown over the shelter to see if the cadet who built it got wet. The night ended up with a cook out of hamburgers, hot dogs and chili.



Cadets from the 99th test shelter for waterproofing

Arkansas Wing Conducts Earthquake Preparedness Exercise

(June 15) Today over 30 volunteer pilots and aircrews from nine Civil Air Patrol squadrons participated in the first day of a three day exercise to prepare for missions that would follow a major earthquake in the northeastern part of the state. In order to simulate the sort of damage assessment missions that would be assigned to CAP by the Arkansas Department of Emergency Management, 10 light aircraft were flown over highways and airports to determine if they would be capable of being used to bring in disaster relief supplies and aerial photography sorties were flown over critical infrastructure such as hospitals and schools. This exercise was particularly timely as the Governor's Earthquake Advisory Council was meeting today in Blytheville.

Arkansas Wing Members Attend National Staff College

(July 15) Four members of the Arkansas Wing returned today from CAP's 2006 National Staff College at CAP National Headquarters, Maxwell Air Force Base, Ala.

Lt. Col. Robert Britton, Lt. Col. Alfred Gore, Lt. Col. James Williams, and Maj. Faye Williams, and were among the elite cadre of adult volunteers selected for the National Staff College -- the organization's top course in leadership development.

Students received more than 40 hours of intensive coursework in such subjects as executive leadership, group dynamics, governance and finance, ethical business conduct, interagency cooperation and strategic resource management.

This year's presenters included several Air Force and industry leaders: U.S. Air Force Air University Commander Maj. Gen. Stephen R. Lorenz, CAP National Commander Maj. Gen. Antonio J. Pineda, CAP Senior Air Force Adviser Col. Russell D. Hodgkins Jr., Air War College Deputy Commandant Dr. Suzanne Logan, Air War College Dean of Students Col. Wade Johnson and CAP Executive Director Don Rowland.

"We're excited to be able to return to the academic circle of Maxwell Air Force Base and take advantage of the senior military instructors at the Air University and Air War College," said Lt. Col. Peggy Myrick, a member of CAP's California Wing and director of the National Staff College. "We couldn't ask for a better group of men and women to mentor our volunteer leadership."

Wing Holds Statewide Exercise

(July 15) This weekend the Arkansas Wing held a statewide search and rescue exercise. Friday was devoted primarily to aerial photography missions while Saturday and Sunday focused on more traditional emergency beacon and visual search techniques. At least 37 sorties and nearly 63 flight hours were accomplished over the three day period.

Arkansas Wing Prepares for Air Force Evaluation

By

Maj. Robert Allison

(August 26) The Arkansas Wing conducted its Mission Evaluation Preparation Exercise today, launching five aircraft and two ground teams from different sections of the state. The scenario included two missing/overdue aircraft searches and one homeland security task.

Aircraft conducted a route search for the first overdue aircraft along its intended route from Crossett to Harrison while others participated in another route search from Little Rock to Newport. Ground teams from the 115th and 99th Composite Squadrons conducted successful searches for emergency beacons, one of which was initially discovered by an aircrew from the 42nd Composite Squadron. Meanwhile, other aircrews conducted homeland security reconnaissance missions along the Arkansas River.

Due to a line of incoming thunderstorms several squadrons were unable to participate and the overall mission had to be concluded early due to safety concerns related to these hazardous conditions.

Four Members of the Arkansas Wing Attend Region Staff College

By

Major Marina Scott

(July 22) Maj. Henry Lile, Maj. Joel Buckner, Capt. James Matthews, and Maj. Marina Scott attended the Southwest Region Staff College at Kirtland Air Force Base NCO Academy in Albuquerque, New Mexico, July 15-22.



The Region Staff College is designed to assist perspective executives at the squadron level and above to become more effective leaders and managers within the Civil Air Patrol. In this roll, the college provides opportunities for students to be exposed to the latest in management theory and training. They learn to apply the principles of communication, management, and leadership; and by this experience learn to fully understand the value of working as a team in meeting and fulfilling the missions of the Civil Air Patrol.

The staff of professional Air Force senior noncommissioned officer educators conducted most of the instruction at the NCO Academy.

Joel Buckner won Best Speech and his seminar won Best Spirit. Henry Lile & Marina Scott were in the seminar that won the Best Program Planning. James (Chic) Matthews was in the Seminar that won Best Guidon & Best Seminar.

First Surprise SAREX a Success

(July 25) Arkansas Wing held an un-announced search and rescue exercise this evening in central Arkansas. Major Tom Rea, Wing Director of Emergency Services and 1st Lt. Tommy Rea, Wing Aerospace Education Officer set an practice emergency beacon out and then called the 42nd Composite Squadron to inform them of the exercise. In only an hour and a half an aircrew comprised of Lt. Col. Robert Penton and Capt. Joel Buckner launched an aircraft from Little Rock National Airport then located and shut off the beacon that had been placed at the airport in Conway. This is the first exercise of this type that will be held in the Wing over the next few months to provide a real test of emergency response capabilities.

42nd Assists in Mass Casualty Training

(August 17) Cadets from the 42nd Composite Squadron in Little Rock served as "victims" in a mass casualty drill held at the Little Rock Convention Center today.

The exercise, designed to help train medical professionals in responding

to large scale medical disasters,

simulated the explosion of a bomb at a rock concert. Participants were made up to simulate a variety of traumatic injuries and received

instructions on the symptoms they were supposed to present to the medical personnel tasked to quickly asses the seriousness of their injuries.



115th Participates in Airport Disaster Drill

By

Lt. Anne Formanek

(August 30) Northwest Arkansas Regional Airport (XNA) conducted a large-scale nighttime disaster drill on Wednesday, August 30, where local responders tested their skills. Members from the 115th Composite Squadron in Rogers were on hand to assist as responder teams.

The drill portrayed an emergency scenario where a terrorist vehicle breached airport security, breaking through the perimeter fence and crashing into an aircraft. The plane, represented by a 50-passenger school bus, is similar in capacity to regional jets that service XNA. Airport emergency crews, Benton and Washington County police, fire and rescue units, and other surrounding agencies took part in the drill.

With a moulage kit borrowed from the Department of Emergency Management, two senior members and two cadets applied mock injuries that added a high degree of realism to the drill. From burns to bruises, broken bones and blood, a variety of situations were presented to challenge the responder teams. Some of the situations they faced were fire from the explosion, injured children, deaths, and early childbirth. Altogether, the event was an excellent drill, providing significant experience for the 20 cadets and senior members involved.

Twenty-One Graduate from Squadron Leadership School

(September 17) Twenty-one Arkansas Wing members from six squadrons attended the annual Squadron Leadership School held this Saturday and Sunday at Wing Headquarters in Little Rock.

The course is the gateway to a leadership position in CAP squadrons. Among the topics discussed were CAP Corer Values, Military Customs, Safety, Emergency Services qualification procedures, Cadet Programs, Aerospace Education, Homeland Security, and CAP's relationship with the Air Force.

The following attended the class: Loren Ainsworth, Richard Bennett, William Chiles, Elmer Crumbliss,



Curtis Cumbie, Richard Davis, Tracie Fitzhugh, Linda Hatridge, Lance House, Jeremy Hudson, Lori Jo Johnson, Kevin Mansfield, Jeff Rooker, Donald

Seaman, Frank Warner, Robert Williams, Ron Wingfield, Reba Wingfield, Lisa Worthington, and Paul Young.

115th Faces "Sudden Havoc"

By

Maj. Cecil Engles

(September 19) As part of a large-scale terrorism exercise, codenamed Sudden Havoc, involving over 60 agencies and 500 personnel in Sebastian County, an Arkansas Wing aircrew from the 115th Composite Squadron consisting of Lt. Col. Max Gore, Maj. Marina Scott, and 1Lt. Curtis Cumbie were tasked with taking digital imagery of 5 sites where simulated terrorist attacks took place. Additionally, they took Crawford County Judge Jerry Williams on an orientation flight over the exercise area. Judge Williams, a pilot himself, was very impressed with the Civil Air Patrol and our equipment.

40th Holds Bivouac

By

Lt. Col. Charles Bishop, Jr.

(October 8) The 40th Composite Squadron participated in a bivouac this weekend at Crystal Springs Recreation area on Lake Ouachita. Lt. Col. Chuck Bishop and C/Lt. Col. Dan Hunt taught basic and advanced ground ELT tracking. EMT Matt Wilder instructed the cadets in basic First Aid. Basic Ground Team procedures were covered by Lt. Col. Bishop and EMT Wilder. Cadet Hunt, Lt. Col. Bishop and EMT Wilder coached Basic Woodcraft and Survival Skills, including natural shelter and fire construction. C/A1C Sampson did yeoman's work in helping the cadets learn map reading. A 4 mile hike tested all participants' endurance with a much appreciated lunch break halfway through the trek. A special thanks went to Mrs. Pamela Sampson, who provided support and adult supervision during the bivouac.



First Aid Training in Texarkana

By

2nd Lt. Lisa Worthington

(November 18) In a day-long work session, six cadets from the 95th Composite Squadron completed the basic First Aid training required as part of CAP's ground team member qualification program. C/1st Lt. Sims, C/2nd Lt. Fitzhugh, C/2nd Lt. Brown, C/MSgt Woods, C/SSgt Hatridge, and C/SSgt Brown learned

to apply bandages and splints, to treat weather related injuries, and the the use of AEDs.

Arkansas Wing Mission Capabilities Evaluated by the Air Force

(December 9) Today the Arkansas Wing concluded a two-day statewide exercise overseen by the Air Force to evaluate CAP's readiness to undertake search and rescue, disaster reconnaissance, and other emergency missions. The Air Force, which assigns about 85% of the search and rescue missions that they receive in the United States to the Civil Air Patrol, conducts these evaluations every two years.

The exercise scenario called for the Wing to simulate the search for a missing aircraft and to conduct damage assessment and aerial photography flights over areas supposed to have been affected by an earthquake and a terrorist attack. Seven aircraft, 3 ground teams and approximately 60 members participated in the evaluation.