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SQUADRON SENIORS COMPLETE NATIONAL STAFF COLLEGE
Maj Mike "Monty" Montgomery
Public Affairs Officer

MAXWELL AFB, AL – The John J. Montgomery Memorial Cadet Squadron, located in San Jose, California, sent two of its senior officers to attend National Staff College (NSC), from Oct 15 – 22, 2005.

National Staff College is the capstone course for senior members in Civil Air Patrol. Held annually at CAP National Headquarters, NSC is designed for members who are, or will be, assuming positions of importance within CAP.



Maj J. Montgomery, Maj Gen Pineda, and Maj M. Montgomery

Maj Michael "Monty" Montgomery, commander for the San Jose cadet unit, was joined by Squadron 36's leadership officer, Maj Johanna Montgomery. The Montgomerys were two of sixty-one students from across the nation that aspired to complete NSC.

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IN MEMORY OF CADET CYNTHIA SCOTT
Cadet Chenny Zhang
Bravo Flight Commander



As Cadet Cynthia Scott's flight sergeant at this year's encampment, I feel that she deserves at least one article written in remembrance of her. Cadet Scott died in a tragic car accident early Sunday, October 16, 2005. She served faithfully for six years in Civil Air Patrol and was the Cadet Commander of Camarillo Composite Squadron 61, Group 4 of the California Wing. The following is an interview with C/2d Lt Valerie Holmes, who attended encampment with Cadet Scott and became very close friends.

Zhang: How do you know Cadet Scott?

Holmes: She was in my flight at encampment.

Zhang: What position was she in the flight?

Holmes: She was the 3rd element leader.

Zhang: What special talents did Cadet Scott have that benefited to the flight?

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Both CAP officers looked forward to completing CAP's most prestigious leadership course. Maj Jo Montgomery commented, "The quality was absolutely fantastic. NSC was filled with 40 hours worth of intense presentations, ranging from strategic leadership to how CAP senior officers should represent the Civil Air Patrol during a formal press conference."

NSC was not only formal presentations. "Aside from the classes, the individual seminars in which we participated was where the conversation got interesting and where we applied the lessons we'd learned," noted Maj Mike "Monty" Montgomery. "This entire experience allowed me to not only refine the leadership training I've gathered throughout my CAP tenure, but allowed me to take an inward look to better define what I could – and should – do better as a commander."

Both Montgomerys attended the formal NSC graduation banquet at the end of the course, which was also attended by key CAP figures such as Air Force Lt Gen (ret) Nicholas Kehoe, Chairman of the CAP Board of Governors, and CAP Maj Gen Antonio Pineda and Brig Gen Rex Glasgow, Civil Air Patrol's National Commander and National Vice Commander, respectively. 🇺🇸

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Cadet Scott.....from Page 1

Holmes: She was really good at putting on and measuring insignias!
(Laughs) She would do it for everyone in the flight before inspections.

Zhang: Was she a leader in the flight?

Holmes: Yeah, when we had our personal time she would tell people, "you do this" and "you do that" and telling everyone what to do so she kept the whole flight really organized and always keeping good time management. And when we were done eating she would fall the flight in outside before Sgt. Zhang came out so we would look organized and professional. And she was really good at making sure that the cadets knew all their memory works!

Zhang: Were you two close?

Holmes: Yes! Because she slept two racks to the left of me and we would (laughs) always talk after lights out. Oh, and we were both element leaders so Sgt. Zhang made us clean the bathrooms (laughs again) so we bonded in the bathroom! (Sighs) Good times!

Zhang: And was she good at cleaning the latrines?

Holmes: Heck yes! She made sure that all the rusts on the toilets were cleaned off and toilet papers were all aligned and all the sinks were shiny.

Zhang: Do you remember any particular event that was funny with Cadet Scott?

Holmes: (Laughs) Oh my, when we were marching around me and Scott would sing "The Used" and "My Chemical Romance" and no one would notice except for Cadet Purtell who kept telling us to shut up but it was so funny! (Laughs then sighs) We were rad.

Zhang: How did the flight think of Cadet Scott?

Holmes: Everyone loved her! She was always happy and everyone wanted to be around her. And after inspections, if someone was crying or depressed, she would talk to them and make them feel happy. 🇺🇸



*Cadet Cynthia Scott
1987-2005*

SQUADRON 36 PAUSES TO RECOGNIZE ITS VETERANS IN HONOR OF

VETERANS' DAY – NOVEMBER 11, 2005

(Where possible, The Glider Express has collected early photos of Squadron 36's veterans.)



Todd Bejsovec
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(Sq. 36's AE Officer)



Jo Montgomery
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Jim Sena
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NEW GUIDE (replaces the SOP)

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Squadron 36 congratulates the following members for accomplishments since our last newsletter!

Cadet Michael Nordby
(C/AB, new member)



COMMANDER'S CORNER

Maj Mike "Monty" Montgomery
Commander



In the October 27 edition of the San Jose Mercury News, the front page had an article that confirmed many of my worst fears – surely, fears that many parents share as well. Locally in Silicon Valley, parents are becoming highly concerned about the amount of stress young people endure today. In fact, Stephen Peeps, president and CEO of the foundation that commissioned the survey I read about, said, "It may be a bit dramatic, but in some ways what this (survey) suggests is there's no more carefree childhood."

Wow, that's powerful stuff! And to a large degree, a bit depressing when compared to what many of us "white 'n gray" wearin' folks recall.

I remember swinging on the tire swing in Suburbia, USA, playing with my friends out in undeveloped fields and woods until supper time, going and visiting the old folks in nursing homes to play checkers, and things of this sort. However, our young folks today keep themselves mighty busy – perhaps too busy to enjoy being young or at the very least: too busy to enjoy the kazillions of programs to which they belong.

CAP competes against advanced placement classes, football, band, volleyball, and the like: all of which, in amounts that we adults (likely) never endured. Nevertheless, the lesson my grandmother taught me still holds a lot of water: "whatever you do in life, make sure that it is both rewarding to you as a person and is rewarding to your personal goals. Then, once you commit your family name, don't fail to act or you'll dishonor yourself and your family."

To you the cadets: our program expects a lot of you. We expect you to be on time, to prepare for your meetings well before you walk in the door, to make sure your uniform looks good, and to be prepared to learn and/or practice a new skill. However, our program is not designed to take the fun out of life; that is, Squadron 36 must not be considered a program that expects you to think and function exactly like your adult armed forces contemporaries. Work hard, but have fun doing it: you're only a teenager once. We compete for your time and that's a good and bad thing because, this fact compels you to make choices in life. It's a painful thing to turn 18, go out into the world, and see that one can't advance to the top of anything by simply "going through the motions." Rather, advancement takes commitment, often times, at the exclusion of things we'd rather be doing. Again, this is both a good lesson, but one that can be bitter at times...sometimes, even we adults can forget that.

To you the seniors: we owe it to our young folks to remember what fun we had when we got together as kids ourselves. It's not unrealistic for us to hold young folks accountable for adhering to deadlines, doing things by the regulations, and sometimes having to offer bad news that "nope, you don't meet the qualifications for 'X.'" Compassionate leadership demands what's best for the organization and, in the long run, what's best for those we supervise/manage/lead. But at the same time, don't forget that our young folks will have 80+ years to be grown ups...let 'em enjoy life a little and so long as they are still held accountability, let 'em laugh and take moments to breath fresh, fun air.

To all...if Civil Air Patrol is a gateway to things you as a cadet or senior think are fun and exciting, then I ask you to make an active choice to support your gateway with quality. Don't rely on others to do the work for you; we must "spend a little money in order to make a little money" and in that adage, you have to "spend a little quality time in order to get a little quality time" out of CAP. The folks that benefited from CAP's response to Hurricane Katrina will back this up. NASA will vouch for this after many CAP personnel scoured Texas and Louisiana in order to retrieve the shuttle Columbia. Many armed forces officers and enlisted personnel will support what they did in CAP as getting them to where they are today.

Ask yourselves what fun things you are doing and where they'll lead...I'm betting that Civil Air Patrol, if given your priority, can be fun AND give you the lifelong rewards you as cadets so dearly crave and the lessons we seniors hope you experience! 🌐

HEAD'S UP!

January 2006 is fast approaching. Come January, the commander must assign new senior staff members and will also assign new cadet staff members.

Take a look at your schedules, take a look at your long-term CAP goals, and then step up accordingly!

CADETS:

A Cadet Commander will be appointed, as well as appointments and/or reappointments for cadets in all cadet staff. All grades may apply for ALL positions but...all grades must be prepared to substantiate their desires. Consult AFH 33-337, *The Tongue and Quill*, as well as CAPR 10-1, *Preparing and Processing Correspondence*, and submit a formal memorandum. Include what you would like to do and why.

SENIORS:

There will be an even distribution of all current staff positions. Be prepared to assume a bit more of an even role in the running of Squadron 36. Submit your desires early in order to get your preferences!

Not sure how to access your online CAP information? Best learn how...keeping your information current is YOUR responsibility!

Step1: Go to www.capnhq.gov

Step 2A: If you are NEW, click the "First time e-services" link, follow the instructions, and then return to Step 1.

Step 2B: If you are not new, enter your CAPID and your password.

Step 3: On the left-hand side, look down the list and find "interactive personnel system." Click that link.

Step 4: Enter your first and last name or simply hit "search."

Step 5: Look for the sentence in red that says, "if you would like to change info, click here." Click that link.

Step 6: The first section is "Personal Information." Click that link.

Step 7: Fill in as much as you can – PARTICULARLY your height, weight, eye color, hair color, etc. (Don't worry, folks can't read your weight BUT it is required for 101 cards, so simply do so.)

Step 8: Click "finished"

Next newsletter...we'll discuss how to input other information into your records!

WHY I JOINED CIVIL AIR PATROL

C/AB Reese Williams
Alpha Flight Member



I have been vastly interested in everything pertaining to flight and aerospace technology ever since I was young. My grandfather, who served in the Navy in World War II, taught me a bit about flying at a very early age. I learned how to take off, land, and fly (at least on a computer simulator) before even learning how to read. I have maintained an acute passion and interest in flight up to this day.

This was a major driving force in my decision to apply to the Air Force Academy. At times during the particularly long and painful application process,

I had talked to a few people who had mentioned CAP. I did more research about the program on my own, and quickly became interested in joining. Because of the military discipline, leadership, and aerospace education that CAP provides, it became clear to me that it would be a perfect stepping stone along the path to the Academy.

I am also proud to be part of an amazing community, surrounded by people I can undoubtedly trust, knowing that each and every one has unsurpassed character integrity that is quite rare amongst my peers at school. I look forward to further getting to know the many amazing personalities of the squadron in the future. My only regret is not knowing about CAP earlier and thus joining at a relatively late age. 🙏

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MEMBER SPOTLIGHT: CADET DAVID PATRICK

C/Amn Michael Campos
Alpha Flight Member



I remember on a dark January night, I reported for the first time to CAP. The same day I met Cadet Patrick and it was the beginning of our friendship. Cadet Patrick heard about CAP on the history channel and his love for flying motivated him to join. During his time in CAP with us he has volunteered his time and has helped out with several air shows, such as Watsonville, and has attended the 2005 CA-NV Encampment. Cadet Patrick has participated in the honor flight and has a story of making a marching "jody" call with Cadet Zavala from Tehachapi that involves

Papa Roach's song Last Resort. He is respected among the cadets and senior members and is always friendly, loyal and trustworthy. When interviewed for this piece, one cadet said, "I think Cadet Patrick is funny, hard working and dedicated to this program. I still can't believe he left his post at an air show to see a steam powered water pump!"



Cadet Patrick

Outside of CAP, Patrick is a High School senior in Morgan Hill. He volunteers his time to help out in the library and at the animal shelter. He plays four instruments, did two years in the marching band, and is currently on his high school's varsity lacrosse team. In the future, Cadet Patrick hopes to become a senior member in CAP and plans on attending Virginia Tech University or Santa Clara University. 🙏



KEY CIVIL AIR PATROL FIGURES

Maj Gen Antonio J. Pineda, CAP
National Commander

Brig Gen Rex Glasgow, CAP
National Vice Commander

Col Merle V. Starr, CAP
Commander, Pacific Region

Col Virginia M. Nelson, CAP
Commander, California Wing

Maj Mitchell I. Richman, CAP
Commander, Group 2

Maj Michael S. Montgomery, Jr., CAP
Commander, Squadron 36

C/SMSgt Gregory Luedtke, CAP
Cadet First Sergeant

C/SMSgt Christopher J. Palmer, CAP
Cadet Projects NCO

C/CMSgt Kenneth Orvick, CAP
Alpha Flight Cadet Commander

C/MSgt Chenny Zhang, CAP
Bravo Flight Cadet Commander



KEY GOVERNMENT AND AIR FORCE FIGURES

George W. Bush
President of the United States

Donald H. Rumsfeld
Secretary of Defense

Pete Geren
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Lt Col (ret) Mike Prusak, USAF
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Step 4: The first pull-down box should be selected to say "OPS-Emergency Services"

Step 5: The second pull-down box should be selected to match your SQTR (i.e., "UDF, etc.)

Step 6: The third line should ask you for your trainer's CAPID. Get that info from your SQTR and type that into the white box.

Step 7: The fourth line should ask you for a mission number. If you got a task completed during a SAREX, put the SAREX's mission number in the white box...otherwise, leave it blank.

Step 8: The fifth line should ask you for the date you completed the task you wish to enter. Type the date in "mm/dd/yyyy" format (i.e., 05/26/1977.)

Step 9: Click "Display Tasks"

Step 10: From there, go down the list and check the appropriate box(es) besides the task you completed.

Step 11: Select "Submit Tasks" when done.



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