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A NEW MITCHELL IN THE WORKS

By 2d Lt Jacoba Sena
Public Affairs Officer

July 27, 2006 was a momentous day in the life of one of Squadron 36’s cadets. After an hour-long PRB, Squadron 36’s cadet commander, Cadet Aaron Guerrero, completed the last hurdle he needed in order to become a Billy Mitchell Award recipient.

Presiding at the promotion review board (PRB) were Maj Michael Montgomery, Maj Johanna Montgomery, Lt Col James Sena, and Capt Mike Hodges.

The PRB was the final step in a long path to earning a Mitchell Award. In addition to the PRB, Cadet Guerrero completed a comprehensive test covering aerospace knowledge, passed the Physical Training test, and showed that he was ready to become a cadet officer.

Guerrero’s promotion was certified by National Headquarters, with date of receipt as July 27, 2006, and awarded Guerrero Mitchell #54929 (implying that he is the 54,929 recorded recipient.)

Congratulations, Cadet Guerrero! 🎉



A beaming Cadet Guerrero after completing his Mitchell PRB



ENGINEERING TECHNOLOGIES ACADEMY

By Cadet Ken Orvick



Between the dates of July 8 and July 15, I attended the National Cadet Activity entitled Engineering Technologies Academy in Dayton, Ohio. Cadets came from all over the country to experience what, hopefully, their future might hold. Coming to this event meant that you had a passion for engineering and wanted to learn more about it. I know for me, I wanted to see what engineering was all about. Not only did it show the possible jobs for civilian life in engineering, but also careers in the military as well.

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Throughout the event, we were introduced to and taught about Civil, Electrical, Computer, Mechanical, Biomedical, and many other types of engineering. The teachers included professors from Wright State University – where we were staying – military officers stationed at Wright-Patterson AFB, and civil service workers from secret military laboratories! Through hands on activities, classroom lectures, and just being awestruck by current technology, we learned about how engineering is being used today.



We programmed robots on the computer; circuited mock pacemakers for the heart, used Excel for design optimization, and designed and printed 3D models of futuristic ideas. Not only that, but we got to ride Segways, were taught about future technology like fuel cells, saw wind tunnels, and explored military labs. However, it was not all fun and games. We had to read over 100 pages about all different types of engineering and also about etiquette. Overall, it was coolest experience to learn not only about engineering, but also college and military life.

Some work was involved, yes, but we also had free time with friends to do anything we wanted to do. Considering the fact that we were staying in college dorms on a active campus, we were never bored. In our free time, we went swimming, played a lot of foot bag in the student union, walked around campus, started soccer, football, and volleyball games, and hung out in the lounge. Some of the best moments included having a beauty pageant walk by me while playing foot bag in my white v-neck t-shirt, and walking through a cheerleading camp in our uniforms.

The only bad parts about the whole activity were: the packing list did not warn me to bring a lot of money, having to eat the same food at the mess hall everyday, and the stupid tornado warnings we got over there in Ohio.

My only regret is that I did not go to this event sooner. I encourage all those who want to learn more about engineering to attend this event. 🙌



*As with all other areas of your life,
you only get out of Civil Air Patrol,
what you put into Civil Air Patrol.
So, put in your BEST!*

A VISIT WITH A GREAT AMERICAN HERO

By Chaplain (Capt) David Prado



On Tuesday July 11, 2006, I had the privilege of making a pastoral call to a great American Hero, Chaplain (CMDR) John Berger, US Navy retired, at O'Connor Hospital in San Jose, California. He was in great spirits and was pleasantly surprised to see me. As always, he was his usual humorous SELF.

Apparently, he fell while trying to raise the American flag at his home. He suffered an impact injury from his head hitting the concrete on the ground and another on his hip also impacting against the concrete. He got himself up while bleeding from the head and proceeded with his wife's daughter to take Ione (Mrs. Berger) to the hospital for a scheduled surgery. Once at the hospital, he was checked for his injuries and released. Two months later, on the day of his routine checkup for his heart his doctor rushed him to the emergency at the hospital (O'Connor) across the street where he was diagnosed with symptoms of trauma to the head from his previous injury. Surgery followed as soon as he was fit to undergo it.

Chaplain John encouraged me more, I think, than I did him. In the three years that he has mentored me, I have learned many things, but that day's lesson really touched my heart. He did say I could quote him as he said, "David, every trial has a triumph. Every thorn has a crown. Every dark night has its day. I always knew that the Lord was with me throughout this ordeal." I have never been

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WHY GO TO NATIONAL STAFF COLLEGE?

By Lt Col James H. Sena
2006 NSC Graduate

If you would have asked me a few months or years ago if I would go to National Staff College (NSC), I would have said, "NO." Even though it is the capstone to all senior member leadership courses, I still would have said, "NO." One of the main reasons many senior members who are eligible for NSC do not go, and the reason I did not want to go, is because it is held in Alabama. Not that there is anything wrong with Alabama, except for its climate. Yes, it is supposed to be HOT and very, very humid, which makes it even HOTTER. I guess I was lucky; it was only "Dry Hot," like it often is in Pheonix, Arizona. NSC is usually during the fall, but every 3-4 years, it is held during the summer so that senior members in the education field can come to the course.



Lt Col Sena and his Gold seminar study group.

lecture for 6 days, receiving your certificate, and going home. Expect to study the materials for the lectures in the evening and, during the day, have discussions on the lectures that you just heard. That is not to say that we didn't have any free time. Our seminar group managed to go out for dining twice during the week. We found some very good BBQ ribs, chicken, and steak with really good sweet tea to wash it down.

At NSC you will hear some of the best, most down-to-earth speakers, that you will ever hear. One such speaker was Lt Gen Lorenz, Air University Commander. He was also the Commandant of Cadets and Commander of the Air Force Academy from 1996 thru 1999. I think what inspired me the most about this man was that he never expected to become a general, let alone a three star general, by having graduated in the bottom quarter of his Air Force Academy class. As he said, he would make the other 75 percent of his class shine. An aspect he credits with allowing him to achieve so much was: continuing to read. He still reads and always will continue to read. He told us to set aside at least one hour per day just to read.

The major thing that this course wants you to take home is that you need to see the bigger picture. You need to think strategically, not tactically. At the squadron level, you need to think tactically; while at wing, region and national, you need to look at things strategically ("the big picture.") Most of the time, we look at things from our local perspective; from a squadron or group perspective. This course will compel you to look at things from your commander's perspective (wing, region and national). Let me tell you, once you start looking at things from their perspective, you may see things the same way they do.



Always a time to study.

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Air Force leaders sign memorial spire

by Staff Sgt. Julie Weckerlein
Air Force News Service



Chief of Staff of the Air Force Gen. T. Michael Moseley signs the tip of the last spire to be added to the Air Force Memorial in Arlington, Va. on Aug. 3. The memorial is scheduled to be completed on Oct. 14. (U. S. Air Force photo/Tech. Sgt. Cohen A. Young)

8/3/2006 - WASHINGTON (AFPN) -- Two of the Air Force's top leaders signed a segment of the nearly completed Air Force Memorial during a visit to the construction site in Arlington, Va., on Aug. 3.

Chief of Staff of the Air Force Gen. T. Michael Moseley and Chief Master Sgt. of the Air Force Rodney McKinley both inked their signatures with permanent marker on a portion of stainless steel. The piece will soon be lifted on top of the tallest of the three spires that make up the memorial.

"I think this is something that Airmen and the citizens of the United States can be proud of," Chief McKinley said. "It represents the very best of what we have to offer in the Air Force."

General Moseley said he appreciates all the hard work that has been put into the memorial.

"It shows where we've come from, the past," he said. "At the same time, this represents where we go in the future."

CAWG Coming Events

Mark your calendars for these dates.

More details will be passed on as they become available.



For Cadets:

Cadet Officer's Basic Course (COBC) NAS Lemoore

Dec 26 -31, 2006



For Seniors:

Unit Commanders Course, Northern California

Sep 30 – Oct 1, 2006



For Everyone:

CAWG Conference, Doubletree Hotel, Bakersfield, CA

Oct 27 -29, 2006

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The next National Commander?

The graduation banquet on the last night was excellent. Great food and a good speech by Brig Gen Edward Crowell, Air War College Commandant.

So, if asked if I would recommend National Staff College even though you do not need it for a promotion, then let me sum it up by saying: I have applied for staff at the next National Staff College. Besides I could not let two local majors achieve something that I had not achieved. I want to thank both Major Montgomerys for giving me the little push that I needed to take that next step that I thought I did not need. For those of you that need that little push, I will be there for you. 🙏

Another great part of going to National Staff College was meeting and getting to know the people in my seminar. Remember; to attend NSC, you must be at least a major with priority given to lieutenant colonels and colonels. Most attendees have been squadron and group commanders. In my seminar, we had one wing commander (NJWG), one group commander from Maryland, and a squadron commander from Florida. Our group was also honored to have the first female attendee from Puerto Rico. When the week was over, I could say that I have good friends in New Jersey, Maryland, Florida, Oregon, Arkansas, Iowa, Nevada, Georgia, and Puerto Rico. All said come and stop by whenever I am in their area(s).

The visit to National Headquarters was very interesting. We were taken to see the board room where the national commander meets with all his region and wing commanders. To sit in the National Commander's chair was quite interesting.

(Don't let the National Commander know.)



Maj Gen Antonio Peneda with the Gold Seminar members at the closing banquet.



St. Louis selected as inaugural AF Week location

The Chief of Staff of the Air Force, General T. Michael Moseley announced that Scott Air Force Base and the St. Louis metro region were selected by Air Force officials to host the inaugural Air Force Week during the second week of August.

The Thunderbirds will perform at the Scott AFB Air Fest and will also perform a fly over during the week's activities.

<http://www.afweek.af.mil/news/story.asp?id=123024374>

THE NOC

By Lt Col James H. Sena
Professional Development Officer

Is this another knock-knock joke or something else? For all of you who are into Emergency Services, pay attention: this is something you need to know. The NOC is the National Operations Center at National Headquarters. It is a small group of individuals who monitor every CAP mission in the nation. If your CAP mission is in need of resources, you need to call the NOC. The NOC will do its best to get you what you need, whether it is personnel, aircraft, equipment or supplies. This however, does not mean that you will get everything you ask for.



Maj Scott Furr, USAF, leading the practicum.

request that comes up, because if you are unable to do the mission, maybe some else can respond.

At National Staff College this year, the different seminars were tasked with a new exercise for homework called the Practicum. We were given homework every night to work as a team: the questions and answers that we would ask the NOC for different missions. Sometimes the homework built on the previous night's mission. These exercises gave us a good insight into the NOC and the future of CAP. Oh, and did I forget to say, it was fun too! 🙌

The NOC may also ask for resources from you. You will need to determine if you will accept or reject this request.

In an emergency, small or large, you may be tasked to work with many agencies. You may also get requests from just about everywhere, state, local, federal, etc. The incident commander needs to make a lot of decisions; many may have to do with resources. The NOC is alert to all CAP missions going on and also knows of the assets that are or could be made available. This would be one of the first places to contact. Besides, the

NOC needs to know of any



*Maj Scott Furr, USAF
Lending a bit of Air Force expertise to CAP senior officers.*

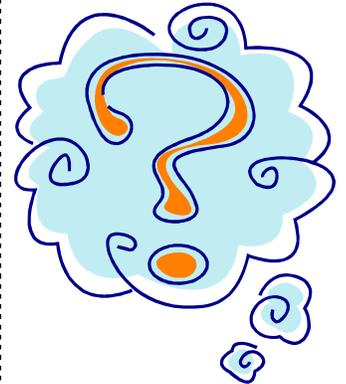


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called "pastor" by a more humble man than Chaplain John Berger. My heart was really lifted up by his perseverance and great courage. His cheerful attitude and outlook on life under such difficult conditions is an example to us all. You see, Chaplain John believes in a God who is far greater than himself. Because of that, and because he trusts in God's promises through His Word, this man is able to overcome overwhelming circumstances time and time again in ways that simply baffle the mind.

My challenge to all of my readers is to search out your relationship with God to see if it is capable of bringing you through the tough times in life. No one can walk alone without faith in a higher power. Sooner or later, we will find that we definitely need spiritual power to face the difficult times in life. I would be happy to discuss these matters with anyone who would like to talk and consider.

Chaplain John has, through his service to Civil Air Patrol, given us all a priceless legacy in character and faith that we will remember for many years to come. Having served in three wars, and having served Squadron 80 and Squadron 36 with his outstanding example of integrity, we can truly say that God has privileged us with having a "Great American Hero" to walk among our ranks. May we all keep him in our prayers that he may recover quickly. 🙏



Thinking CAP

We had no lucky winners last month...
Okay all you cadets and seniors...(and families too!)
Get your thinking caps on and answer these questions...

1. What special activity did Cadet Orvick recently attend?
2. What city was selected to host the inaugural Air Force Week?
3. What is the NOC?
4. Why are CAP core values important outside of CAP?

If you know the answers, email them to:

jsena@mindspring.com

A winner will be selected from the correct entries... and yes, there will be a prize!

Be sure to include your name with your entry.

SCHEDULE

AUGUST 2006

Aug 1, 2006

NOTE: Unless otherwise indicated, all meetings and activities will begin and end at Squadron 36's regular meeting location.

Start Class: Double-Up Drill, all cadets. Middle Class: Junior Cadet Element - Leadership Ch 1 (Listening), Senior Cadet Element - Leadership Ch 4 (Roles). End Class: Debrief, all cadets. Service Uniform or CAP equivalent.

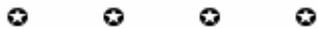
Aug 3, 2006

SENIOR MEMBER STAFF MEETING: Cancelled.

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NOTE: ITEMS IN RED FACTOR INTO CADETS' ATTENDANCE RECORDS.

NOTE: ITEMS IN BLUE ARE FOR SENIOR MEMBERS ONLY.



The "Who's Who" of the USAF and CAP are here, along with their biographies!

<http://sq36.cawg.cap.gov/keyfigures.html>



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



Cadet Aaron Guerrero
C/2d Lt



Cadet Matthew Herbert
C/SrA



Cadet Andrea Pepper
C/Amn

CORE VALUES – ARE THEY REALLY GOOD FOR ANYTHING?

By Capt Michael A. Hodges
Deputy Commander

(Editor’s Note: Capt Welcome to Capt Hodges, our guest columnist, while Maj Montgomery is on a short vacation.)



You never know what CAP can bring you. I’ve been doing this a very, VERY long time, and through the years I’ve learned that the people you meet in CAP are good people to know, both inside and outside the organization.

I’ve recently begun working in a new career field, and if all goes well, I will move into management. A CAP friend of mine, a man I’ve known a few years and trust implicitly, offered me this position. Why? Is it because CAP has given me a “leg up” when it comes to interviews? (Think PRB’s, folks – they’re nothing more than a strenuous job interview.) That may also have something to do with it, I think.

But, if you want to get the whole story, and really understand why I’ve been given this tremendous opportunity in the private sector, you have to delve a little deeper, and really begin to understand what CAP has done for me.

We all know CAP’s core values, right? Integrity, Volunteer Service, Excellence, and Respect. These are not values that apply only to CAP, they are guidelines to by which to live your life. Without adherence to the code of conduct that these values imply, CAP could not function, and would have a reputation that would be scandalous beyond compare. I have strived, for as long as I can remember, to live by these values. I can tell you from experience that living by these values outside of CAP is beneficial in ways that you may or may not yet appreciate.

My CAP friend offered me this opportunity because he realizes that I can be trusted to get the job done. I can be trusted to make decisions for the benefit of the organization, and put my own needs second. He believes that I will not only complete the tasks that I am given the right way the first time, but that I am capable of supervising others in a manner that ensures that they will do the same. Why does he believe these things? Because to his way of thinking, I have *demonstrated competence* in these areas through my performance in uniform.

How does this apply to you, as cadets in our organization? It’s simple, really. It is one thing to go into a promotion review board and “toot your own horn” and *talk* about how important our core values are, and another thing entirely to *show* that you are trustworthy, loyal, competent, and responsible and do your best both in and out of CAP to embody the values of Integrity, Volunteer Service, Excellence, and Respect. 🇺🇸



PUBLIC AFFAIRS... DOES THAT MEAN YOU?

By 2d Lt Jacoba Sena
Public Affairs Officer

Often, both cadets and senior members think that public affairs is only the responsibility of the Public Affairs officer. Is that really the case?

As explained at the PAO workshop held by Group 3 at March Air Reserve Base on July 28-30, the answer is a resounding NO!

While the PAO may be responsible for the interaction between the community and the unit, each member represents Civil Air Patrol while appearing in the Civil Air Patrol uniform. As such, each member is responsible for presenting the image of Civil Air Patrol, in essence, presenting a “public affairs” face to the community.

Yet, it is not only while in uniform that you convey the image of Civil Air Patrol. Whenever anyone knows you are a Civil Air Patrol member, they will equate your behavior with CAP. If you present a good image, they will think highly of CAP. If you present a poor image, that too will reflect on CAP.

So, always remember: You are the face of CAP! Let us all be proud of the image you portray. 🇺🇸

Parents!

Did you know CAP has a section on its website just for you?

CAP has a webpage devoted to information just for parents. The URL for the site is:

http://www.cap.gov/visitors/quick_info/for_parents.cfm

On this page, you can find things such as:

Parents Guide – This brochure explains the basic goals and policies of the CAP Cadet Program. The contents include:

- Welcome
- Overview of the Cadet Program
- Cadet Activities
- Cadet Membership
- Partnering with Parents
- Testimonials

Investing in America’s Youth –

This pamphlet summarizes how CAP transforms youth into leaders through the Cadet Program. Subtitled "A Strategic Overview of CAP Cadet Programs," the pamphlet considers what long-term outcomes the Cadet Program achieves for America and the cadets themselves.

Contents include discussions about how CAP:

- Develops leadership skills in youth
- Develops youth into responsible citizens
- Develops character in youth
- Inspires in youth a love of aviation and space
- Introduces youth to aerospace careers
- Motivates youth for academic success



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