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Connecticut Wing aircraft at Hartford-Brainard Airport, Hartford, Conn.
(Photo: Major Peter Milano)

Connecticut Wing UDF Team Locates Emergency Beacon at Bradley International Airport



Major Peter Milano, Connecticut Wing Public Affairs

Civil Air Patrol's Connecticut Wing executed an emergency signal search resulting in a find at Bradley International Airport, Windsor Locks, Connecticut.

Connecticut Wing Emergency Services received notification from the Air Force Rescue Coordination Center (AFRCC) on January 15, 2015 of an active emergency signal emanating from the proximity of Bradley International Airport. A Civil Air Patrol Urban Direction Finding Team (UDF), consisting of First Lieutenant Matt Winot, Major David Stansfield and First Lieutenant Doug Gebhardt, was launched at 5 p.m. EST from Connecticut Wing's 103rd Composite Squadron based out of Granby, Connecticut, with the task of locating and silencing the beacon.

The team proceeded to Bradley International Airport and worked to fix the most likely location of the signal based on GPS data received from AFRCC. According to Lieutenant Colonel Mike Heath, Connecticut Wing Emergency Services Officer, "the UDF team located the building where the signal was emanating within 45 minutes of arriving on site. Once the building was opened, it was discovered that the signal came from a personal response beacon, attached to a military parachute." The beacon, registered to the 157th Refueling Wing, New Hampshire Air National Guard, was silenced and the UDF team returned to base.

The find highlights the readiness of Civil Air Patrol's Connecticut Wing to quickly and effectively respond to emergency situations in the state. The beacon was sounding for 24 hours but couldn't be located before Civil Air Patrol was notified.

- Learn new skills or update your qualifications at the next wing wide training exercise -

- February 21, Hartford/sub base New Haven
- April 25, Hartford
- June 13, Hartford
- August 21-23, Hartford

Contact your squadron or group emergency services officer to participate.
For additional information contact Connecticut Wing Emergency Services
at emergencyservices@ctwg.cap.gov



Connecticut Wing Hosts Corporate Learning Course

*Major Meghan Brownell,
Professional Development Officer
Western Connecticut Group*

Building on the success of professional development courses held in 2014, Connecticut Wing conducted a Corporate Learning Course under the direction of Maj. Meghan Brownell, Western Connecticut Group Professional Development Officer, the weekend of January 31, 2015 at the headquarters of the Stratford Eagles Composite Squadron, located on the grounds of Stratford Municipal Airport, graduating 17 students from four wings; Connecticut, Massachusetts, New York, and Rhode Island.

necticut Wing conducted a Corporate Learning Course under the direction of Maj. Meghan Brownell, Western Connecticut Group Professional Development Officer, the weekend of January 31, 2015 at the headquarters of the Stratford Eagles Composite Squadron, located on the grounds of Stratford Municipal Airport, graduating 17 students from four wings; Connecticut, Massachusetts, New York, and Rhode Island.

The course originally had over 25 members registered, which would have made it one of the largest classes in recent history, but sadly the inclement weather kept some of the students from attending as they were traveling from great distances. The class was noteworthy for several reasons including the many instructors from nearby wings which included New York and Rhode Island. Connecticut Wing instructors included the current wing chief of staff, former wing commanders, wing staff, squadron commanders, group and squadron staff and the current Northeast Region Chief of Staff, Colonel Jack Ozer. The students all felt that this was one of the best courses they had ever attended, an indication of the high

quality of instruction Connecticut has become known for. Planning is already under way to conduct at least one more CLC and SLS this year along with a Unit Commanders Course in the Fall. The cadet programs staff has also scheduled a Training Leaders of Cadets Seminar for March 28 & 29, 2015.



**CLC Director Major
Meghan Brownell**
(Photo: Major Jeff Travers)



**Lt. Col. Jim Ridley
addresses students**
(Photo: Major Jeff Travers)

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- See the flyer on page nineteen -

[Training Leaders of Cadets Seminar](#)





Corporate Learning Course Staff and Students
Jan 31 - Feb 1 2015
(Photos: Major Jeff Travers)



CTWG Holds Squadron Leadership School

Major Peter Milano
Connecticut Wing Public Affairs

Connecticut Wing held a Squadron Leadership School on January 10 and 11, 2015 at Silver City Cadet Squadron headquarters, located at Meriden Markham Airport.

Attendees were provided with a basic understanding of Civil Air Patrol operations at the squadron level and learned how those operations affect CAP's national missions. Utilizing case studies, discussion and group assignments, attendee's also learned about CAP customs, core values and communications. SLS is required for completion of Level II of the CAP Senior Member Professional Development Program.

Co-director Captain Paul Panoad (CT-014) said SLS Director Major Roger Malagutti (CTWG Stan/Eval Officer) brought in instructors with extensive Civil Air Patrol and military experience, providing students with a unique learning experience. Twelve students successfully completed the program.



Squadron Leadership School Students

(Photo: Major Roger Malagutti)



CTWG Chief of Staff, Lt. Col. Jim Ridley

(far right), addresses students.

(Photo: Major Roger Malagutti)



Captain Richard Levitt (standing), Waterbury Composite Squadron (CT-011), instructs students at the Squadron Leadership School.

(Photo: Major Roger Malagutti)

DiBlanda takes command of Danbury's 399th Composite Squadron Cadets

Major Peter Milano, Connecticut Wing Public Affairs



Cadet Second Lieutenant Matthew DiBlanda, a resident of Waterbury, Connecticut, accepted command of Civil Air Patrol's 399th Composite Squadron cadets at the unit's Change of Command and Awards Ceremony held on December 16, 2014.

Cadet Commander DiBlanda joined Civil Air Patrol in May 2012. A friend asked him to join, and after attending a few meetings his interest was piqued. "I visited for a

couple of meetings and knew that Civil Air Patrol was what I wanted to do." He initially joined the 143rd Composite Squadron in Waterbury, Connecticut but soon transferred to the 399th Composite Squadron in Danbury. "Since then, I've done so many activities and made so many friends through CAP that I couldn't possibly list them all," said DiBlanda. "Some of my favorites have been encampment, orientation flights, earning all of my operations qualifications and competing regionally on a drill team." DiBlanda's orientation flights have included powered and non-powered flights and he noted "the experience of flying in a glider is breathtaking."

The new cadet commander has held most positions on the cadet chain of command, from element leader to deputy cadet commander. "Having experience in all the different jobs has been one of the most important parts of climbing the chain of leadership for me. I have found that in order to lead effectively, it helps tremendously when you've been in the shoes of those whom you're trying to lead," said DiBlanda. "My main goal for the squadron is to form



Cadet Second Lieutenant Matthew DiBlanda accepts the squadron flag from 399th Composite Squadron Commander Major Jim Vigar and Mr. Gary DiBlanda.

(Photo: Major Peter Milano)

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an even closer knit family among all of our members. If you can't trust your teammates, the mission suffers.”

DiBlanda was promoted to cadet second lieutenant in October 2014 and received the General Billy Mitchell Award, the second milestone in the cadet program that marks completion of the leadership phase. Only 15% of Civil Air Patrol cadets obtain the award, making them eligible for advanced placement to the grade of airman first class (E-3) should they choose to enter the U.S. Air Force. Among DiBlanda's achievements are mission qualifications which include ground team member level 3 (GTM3), urban direction finding (UDF), mission radio operator (MRO) and mission staff assistant (MSA). DiBlanda continues to enhance his mission ready skills through additional preparation, currently training as communications unit leader (CUL) and ground team member level 2 (GTM2).

DiBlanda's progress from airman in the 143rd Composite Squadron to commander of the 399th Composite Squadron has been an exciting journey. “It goes to show how the CAP experience can be unique for everybody and mean different things for different people. I sincerely believe that Civil Air Patrol can change lives, and I'm thrilled to be such a large part of the squadron that's given so much to me,” noted DiBlanda.

CADET OATH

I pledge that I will serve faithfully in the Civil Air Patrol Cadet Program and that I will attend meetings regularly, participate actively in unit activities, obey my officers, wear my uniform properly, and advance my education and training rapidly to prepare myself to be of service to my community, state, and nation.

“CAP instills the organization's core values in its cadets — respect, integrity, volunteer service and excellence.”

CAP National

Read General Joe Vazquez's
“National Commander's Update” online
capmembers.com/national_commanders_update



Thames River Composite Squadron News

*Lieutenant Colonel Stephen Rocketto
Public Affairs Officer/CT-075*

The Annual Citrus Fruit Fundraiser ended and a profit of approximately \$3,500 was realized.

The theme of the squadron goals is "Meet Less, Do More." Staff planning will ensure a more efficient operation with less time spent in general meetings. Measurable goals are in line with Connecticut Wing goals and include more senior flying, more Cadet O-flights, strong support for the upcoming wing evaluation, 100% Senior ICUT qualifications, more media coverage, and increased Cadet promotions.

The Aerospace Education Plan of Action includes 100% Yeager achievement, continued cadet emphasis on Aerospace Education programs and Rocketry, completing the STEM Astronomy Module, making one section of the weather satellite down-link operational, increasing the Aerospace Education Officer staff, and continuing a strong outreach program in schools and community organizations.

Stratford Eagles Squadron News

Captain Chet Galemba, Logistics Officer/CT-022

Last fall (2014) the Stratford Eagles Squadron started a Yankee Candle Fundraiser. After preliminary groundwork by seniors, program operation was a piece of cake and resulted in a squadron deposit of over \$1000.

We first contacted Susan Rogers, Yankee Candle Regional Sales Consultant (srogers1@yankeecandle.com), and quickly set up an account. The entire program can be accomplished via the internet and participants (squadron members) need only devote 15 to 20 minutes to complete set up. Once the squadron was approved by Yankee Candle, a deposit account number was given. Connecticut Wing then approved the program.

Once set up and approved by CTWG, the rest is easy. We approached squadron members, handing out two flyers, one from Yankee Candle and the second, an instruction page with a suggested cover letter and group number. Basically, we instructed computer literate cadets to ask their parents or guardians to assist them in developing a distribution list of friends and relatives, and submitting a plea letter to assist us with the fundraiser. The customer simply goes to Yankee Candle Fundraiser on the internet, enters the group number and goes shopping. Simple, 15 minutes work by our members and we are on our way.

Now is a good time to set up the program for inception in August, getting a head start on the holidays. Many people buy from Yankee Candle around the holidays and the candles are made in the USA. We earn 40% of the Gross Sales. This Program is a no brainer and with minimal effort can reap great rewards for your squadron.

For additional information contact Captain Chet Galemba at chetree51@sbcglobal.net



CADET AWARDS & PROMOTIONS



FIRST LIEUTENANT

Administrative Officer

Zachary Capron CT-074



SECOND LIEUTENANT

Mitchell Award

Joseph Taylor CT-042

Anthony Berardo CT-801

Shelby Simpson CT-801



CHIEF MASTER SERGEANT

Goddard Achievement

Carson Hadley CT-074

Michael Rautter CT-801



SENIOR MASTER SERGEANT

Doolittle Achievement

Kimberly Donato CT-022



MASTER SERGEANT

Lindberg Achievement

John Finkeldey CT-073

Aaron Mullally CT-801



TECHNICAL SERGEANT

Rickenbacker Achievement

Jakob Leon CT-074

Robert Ettinger CT-801



STAFF SERGEANT

Wright Brothers Award

Matthew Schaupp-Ryan CT-004

Mason Stabile CT-004

Kory Rautter CT-801



SENIOR AIRMAN

Feik Achievement

Olivia Pease CT-074



AIRMAN FIRST CLASS

Arnold Achievement

Shalymar Herrera CT-022

Sean Oppenheimer CT-022

Rajay Williams CT-022

Paul Flayhan CT-042

Alexander Kemp CT-071

Taylor Alward CT-801

Frederick Zering CT-801



AIRMAN

Curry Achievement

Matthew Mazzola CT-042

Brandon Lydon CT-058

Christian Amato CT-073

Zoe Blanchard CT-074

Evan Chowanec CT-074

Brian Sacco CT-801

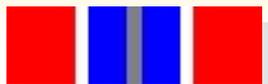


OFFICER ACHIEVEMENTS & PROMOTIONS

CONNECTICUT WING STAFF APPOINTMENTS

**ASSISTANT DRUG DEMAND
REDUCTION OFFICER**
Lt. Col. Robert Hoar

AEROSPACE EDUCATION YEAGER AWARD



Thomas Manemeit, Senior Member
Thames River Composite Squadron

FAA BASIC WINGS PROGRAM

Phase IV Completed

Lt. Col. John deAndrade
Thames River Composite Squadron

Cadets, Senior Officers & Squadron Public Affairs Officers

Submit your news, photos and event listings for publication to
publicaffairs@ctwg.cap.gov

This is a great time to start listing activities to ensure members have plenty of planning time to attend your event or training.



**Deadline for the March
issue is March 6, 2015**

CIVIL AIR PATROL NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS

What: 2015 National Conference
"Preparing for Tomorrow's Challenges"

Where: Walt Disney World Swan Hotel
Orlando, FL

When: August 27-29, 2015

Registration will open mid April 2015
Be sure to watch www.capmembers.com for
special early bird rates

HIGHLIGHTS:

**Command Council Meeting and Opening
Reception -- Thursday, Aug. 27.**
**General Assembly and Learning
Labs -- Friday, Aug. 28**
**CAP National Awards Program,
Learning Labs, Cadet Day
and Banquet -- Saturday, Aug. 29**

If you have questions, email events@capnhq.gov

PLUS, two days (August 25-26) are set aside for additional professional development opportunities at the preconference workshops. Workshops will include the Public Affairs Officer Academy, Operations Conference, Cessna G-1000 Ground School, GIIEP course, Training Leaders of Cadets, Grant Writing, Government Relations Officer training, "Do You Want to be a Wing Commander", Inspector General training and more.

Come prepared to visit Vanguard, which will be on-site and ready to fulfill all your uniform and accessory needs.

Located in the heart of the Walt Disney World Resort, the award-winning Walt Disney World Swan is a deluxe Disney resort hotel and your gateway to Central Florida's illustrious theme parks and attractions. The Orlando vacations resort is located in between Epcot and Disney's Hollywood Studios and close to Disney's Animal Kingdom Theme Park and Magic Kingdom Park. Discover the magical surroundings, superior service, luxurious facilities and redesigned guest rooms featuring the Heavenly Bed. Enjoy the new Mandara Spa, 17 spectacular restaurants and lounges, five pools, a white sand beach, two health clubs, tennis, nearby golf and many special Disney benefits.

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receive the discounted rate.

SCHEDULE & TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES



Connecticut Wing TRAEX

February 21, 2015
Hartford Brainard Airport
(contact your ES Officer to participate)

Northeast Region Ground Search and Rescue School

April 18-26, 2015
Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst, NJ
For more information visit ner.cap.gov
or contact Lt. Col. Ronald Volungus
ronvol@juno.com

Connecticut Wing TRAEX

April 25, 2015
Hartford Brainard Airport

Northeast Region Mission Aircrew School

April 25 - May 2, 2015
Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst, NJ
For more information visit ner.cap.gov

Northeast Region & Pennsylvania Wing Joint Conference

May 15-17, 2015
Gettysburg, PA
(registration opens March 1)

Connecticut Wing Encampment

July 2015
Camp Niantic, Niantic, CT
(dates to be announced)

AF Operations Evaluation TRAEX

August 21-23, 2015
Hartford, CT
(contact your ES Officer to participate)

National Conference

August 27-29
Orlando, FL
(registration opens mid-April)

Howard E. Palmer Cadet Ball

September 12, 2015
U.S. Coast Guard Academy

Training offered by external organizations:

ICS 300: Intermediate ICS

March 24-27, 2015
USCG Sector Delaware Bay
1 Washington Avenue, Philadelphia, PA
For questions or to register email:
Robert.Ward@uscg.mil

ICS-300: Intermediate ICS

April 13-15, 2015
FEMA Region III
615 Chestnut Street, Philadelphia, PA 19106
For questions or to register email:
FEMA-R3-Training@FEMA.DHS.GOV

ICS-400: Advanced ICS

April 16-17, 2015
FEMA Region III
615 Chestnut Street, Philadelphia, PA 19106
For questions or to register email:
FEMA-R3-Training@FEMA.DHS.GOV

First Air/CPR Training

First Aid and CPR Training is available to all members of Connecticut Wing.

If you want to schedule training please contact Major Marlene Welch at

medictroll27@gmail.com

Civil Air Patrol Policy of Nondiscrimination

It is Civil Air Patrol policy that no member shall be excluded from participation in, denied the benefits of, or subjected to discrimination in any CAP program or activity on the basis of race, sex, age, color, religion, national origin, or disability (formerly handicap). It is Civil Air Patrol policy that no applicant meeting CAP's minimum age requirement will be denied membership in CAP on the basis of race, sex, age, color, religion, national origin, or disability (formerly handicap).



Chaplain's Corner

*Captain James Solomon
Chaplain/CT-042*

Before my recent trip to North Africa, I came across a story that I thought you too might

appreciate when it comes to what it takes to see the “diamond in the rough” of others. In October 1947, there was a geologist by the name of Dr. John Williamson who was doing some work in the country of Tanzania. One day, he found himself driving in a deserted area, slipping and sliding along a rain-soaked road. Suddenly his four-wheel drive vehicle sank up to its axles in the mud and got stuck.

Pulling out his shovel, Dr. Williamson began the unpleasant task of digging out of a mud hole. He had been at it for a while when his shovel uncovered something strange. It was a pink-like stone of some sort. Being a geologist and naturally curious about rock formations, he picked it up and wiped away the mud. The more mud he removed, the more excited he became, and could hardly believe what he saw. When the stone was finally clean, Dr. Williamson was beside himself with joy. He had discovered a diamond.

Now, any diamond at all would be a surprise in that situation. But Dr. Williamson found what became known as the famous pink diamond of Tanzania worth millions of dollars. That stone today sits in the Royal Scepter of Great Britain, and Dr. Williamson is famous around the world for his find -- as accidental as it may have been.

How does this relate to you and Civil Air Patrol? Well, I often find that the greatest treasures there are to find are in other people, namely, our teammates. Yet, sometimes we don't see what each person has to offer unless we look beneath the surface of their lives. Just as it wouldn't be wise to judge a book by its cover, let's not judge others by how they look or whether or not we feel we have something in common with them. Instead, if we spend the time it takes to truly get to know them, we can bring out the best in them by maximizing their strengths and minimizing their weaknesses in how we relate to them. After all, when you build your teammates up, you inadvertently build up yourself up, because everyone on a valuable team is valued.



Cadet Programs Updates

*Major Joseph Provost
Director of Cadet Programs, Connecticut Wing*

The Connecticut Wing Cadet Advisory Council now meets monthly at CTWG HQ on the third Wednesday

of every month. A very productive meeting was held on February 4, 2015 with many new initiatives. The next meeting will be held Wednesday March 18, at 7 p.m. The uniform of the day is blues and all CAC Representatives and Alternates are requested to attend.

The National Cadet Special Activities wing approval process has now been completed. All cadets that applied for an activity were approved and will be contacted by the individual activity directors for a potential slot and payment between March and April.

2015 CTWG Encampment: Cadet Command Staff applications are due by March 6. Cadet and senior staff applications are due by April 3. Student applications are due by July 1. Encampment dates are not set in stone, but will be around the second or third week in July. Cost of encampment is \$160 for cadets, \$50 for full-time senior staff and \$25 for part-time senior staff.

Applications can be obtained by accessing the following link

<http://ctwg.cap.gov/how-to-apply.html>

Applications must be completely and legibly filled out, thoroughly reviewed and signed by the applicant's squadron commander before being sent to:



Encampment Registrar:

1st Lt. Rebecca Lajoie, CAP
2015 Encampment Registrar
101 Sabin St
Putnam, CT 06260



Questions about encampment should be directed to

encampmentadmin@ctwg.cap.gov

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[2015 CTWG Encampment](#)

Connecticut Wing Recruiting Three Tools You Can Use Today!

Major Art Dammers
Connecticut Wing Recruiting/Retention Officer

Civil Air Patrol offers publications to help your recruiting efforts. Listed below are three tools you can use

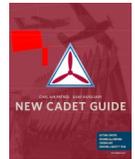
today, containing all the information needed to recruit new members. To access any of the following items click on the thumbnail or copy and paste the *http://* link into your web browser and search.

1) How to Create a Unit Recruiting Plan - created by Major Barb Buckner, CAP National Recruiting & Retention Manager, in October 2014. A nice assessment and plan of action summary of what you can do to get the word out at your squadron. (http://www.capmembers.com/media/cms/How_to_Create_a_Recruiting_Plan_40BC7413CDFA0.pdf)



(click to open)

2) The New Cadet Guide - sixteen pages of what the Cadet Program is all about. Does a great job of answering questions that a prospective member might have about the CAP Cadet experience. Sets expectations for a first year cadet. Currently sent to new cadets after they join CAP but I feel that it's the best cadet recruiting tool we've ever printed. (http://www.capmembers.com/cadet_programs/?the_new_cadet_guide&show=entry&blogID=1099)



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3) Leading Edge Magazine - Hands down the best snapshot of what's happening in Connecticut Wing every month. Stories involving cadets, senior officers and pilots can be found on every page. Click the patch to the right to access the webpage with the most recent issue. (<http://www.ctwg.cap.gov/>)



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You can now access back issues of the magazine as well at [Leading Edge Magazine](#)

(<https://www.dropbox.com/sh/hetb0qaeg90lva2/AAD1WztgexqQ45VhvLwNFPONa?dl=0>)

So are the recruiting wheels turning yet? Lots of activities going on at National, Region and especially Connecticut Wing. So get your answers ready on why would someone want to join "your squadron". If you need assistance in answering that question, please contact us with any recruiting challenges you might have.

Your Connecticut Wing Recruiting & Retention team is here to help you grow!

- ◆ Major Art Dammers, CTWG Recruiting/Retention Officer, artdammers@gmail.com
- ◆ 2d Lt. Sean Jackson, CTWG Assistant Recruiting/Retention Officer, smjackson0512@gmail.com

To order recruiting material go to [CAP National Recruiting and Retention](#)



Aerospace History

Lieutenant Colonel Stephen Rocketto, Connecticut Wing Aerospace Education Officer

February 4, 1957 - The USAF takes delivery of its first Boeing KC-135 Stratotanker.



Boeing KC-135E

(Photo: Lt. Col. Stephen Rocketto)

February 5, 1925 - Clyde V. Cessna, Walter Beech and Lloyd Stearman found Travel Air Manufacturing Company Ltd.

Feb. 6, 1933 - Jim Mollison flying a de Havilland Puss Moth solos the South Atlantic, Senegal to Brazil, becoming the first person to solo both the North and South Atlantic Oceans.



Havilland Puss Moth

(Photo: Lt. Col. Stephen Rocketto)

Feb. 7, 1927 - Georgetown University medical school in Washington, D.C., offers the

first aviation medicine course in the United States.

Feb. 8, 1913 - While bombing Fort Bizani during the First Balkan War, Russian pilot N. deSackoff is sacked when his aircraft is shot down. He manages to land, repair his plane, and return to base. Sackoff has earned the distinction of being the first pilot shot down in combat.

On this same day in 1988, The Federal Aviation Administration retires an aircraft registration number for the first time, 16020, the number carried by Amelia Earhart's Lockheed 10E when she and Fred Noonan were lost near Howland Island in 1937.



Earhart's Electra

(Photo: USAF)

Feb. 10, 1908 - First Army airplane contracts signed with Wright Brothers.

Feb. 11, 1959 - A US meteorological balloon, carrying a special instrumentation package, achieves a record height of 146,000 ft.

Feb. 12, 1935 - The USN dirigible Macon goes down in a storm off Point Sur, California. After suffering severe damage in a storm, Lt. Cmdr. Herbert V. Wiley elects a controlled water landing and skillfully brings the aircraft down losing only two men of the 83 man crew. Wiley, who served in all four USN commissioned dirigibles, survived the loss of the dirigible Akron off New Jersey, two years

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previously, and goes on to command the battleship West Virginia in WW II, retiring as a Vice Admiral.

Feb. 13, 1943 - USMC aviators, operating out of Guadalcanal, fly the Vought F4U Corsair on its first operational mission.

Feb. 14, 1951 - First Flight of the Republic F-84F Thunderstreak.



Thunderstreak in Thunderbird Livery

(Photo: Lt. Col. Stephen Rocketto)

Feb. 15, 1931 - In a test of night formation flying, nineteen Army aircraft fly from Selfridge Field, Michigan to Bolling Field, Washington, D.C.

Feb. 16, 1977 - A modified McDonnell YC-15 makes the first flight of the General Electric CFM56 high bypass turbofan.



YC-15 retired to "The Boneyard" sans engines

(Photo: Lt. Col. Stephen Rocketto)

Feb. 17, 1953 - First Flight of the Lockheed 1049C Super Constellation.



Super Connie at Fantasy of Flight

(Photo: Lt. Col. Stephen Rocketto)

Feb. 18, 1947 - The first launch of a missile from a submarine occurs when the USS Cusk fires a Loon from its deck while surfaced.



Ford JB-2 Loon - US Built V-1

(Photo: Lt. Col. Stephen Rocketto)

Feb. 20, 1972 - A USCG Lockheed HC-130H "Hercules" sets a new world record for unrefueled flight by turboprop aircraft. It flies a distance of 14,052.94 km (8,732.5 mi.) Taiwan to Scott AFB in Illinois.

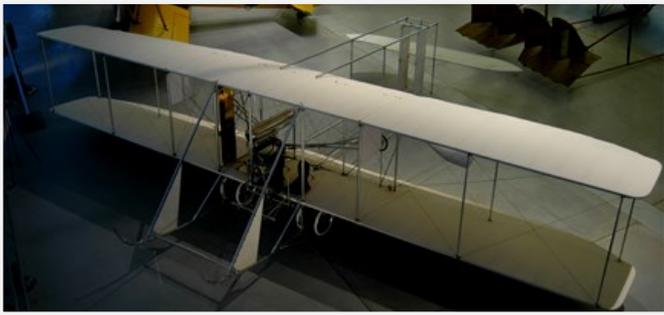
Feb. 21, 1911 - Robert F. Collier, the publisher of Collier Magazine, delivers a 1910 Wright "B" aircraft to the Army in San Antonio, Texas. The aircraft is rented to the Army at one dollar per month. Lt. Benjamin Foulois, who had previously received an hour of flight instruction from Orville Wright and with the assistance of Wright pilot Philip O. Parmelee and correspondence with the Wright Brothers, taught himself to fly. On 2 March, 1911, he performed the hat trick of his first solo takeoff, first solo landing, and first crash.

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After a long and distinguished career, he retired as a Major General.



Model B at The Smithsonian
(Photo: Lt. Col. Stephen Rocketto)

Feb. 22, 1925 - First Flight of the D.H. 60 Moth under the control of none other than Geoffrey deHavilland.



D.H. 60 Moth
(Photo: Lt. Col. Stephen Rocketto)

Feb. 23, 1934 - First flight of the Lockheed Electra, a twin-engine, all-metal monoplane airliner.



Lockheed Electra
(Photo: Lt. Col. Stephen Rocketto)

Feb. 24, 1940 - First Flight of the Hawker Typhoon, a British single-seat fighter-bomber.



Hawker Typhoon
(Photo: Lt. Col. Stephen Rocketto)

Feb. 26, 1949 - The Boeing B-50 Superfortress, Lucky Lady II, makes first nonstop refueled flight around world. The flight covers 23,452 miles (37,742 km) in 94h 1m and requires four inflight refuelings.



Lucky Lady II at Chino
(Photo: Lt. Col. Stephen Rocketto)

Feb. 27, 1929 - Col. Charles Lindbergh crashes in Mexico City, dislocating his shoulder. His fiancée, Ann Morrow, escapes unharmed.

Feb. 28, 1918 - Regulation of the airways begins as President Woodrow Wilson issues order requiring licenses for civilian pilots and owners.



Connecticut Wing Training Leaders of Cadets Seminar

Civil Air Patrol

IMPORTANT FACTS

- Dates: March 28 & 29, 2015
- Location: Brainard Airport, 269 Maxim Road, Hartford, CT
- Registration due by: March 15, 2015
- Every Cadet Programs Officer needs a TLC to advance to the Senior Rating in the Cadet Programs Officer specialty track.
- Hours: 0900—1630
- Classes taught by experienced CAP officers, command and staff.

Pre Register: <http://ctwg.cap.gov/tlc-registration-form.html>

Purpose of the School

The Training Leaders of Cadets (TLC) program prepares senior members to lead cadets at the squadron level. TLC is administered at group level or higher. The TLC Director is a CAP officer who specializes in Cadet Programs.

To foster a learning environment that encourages open discussion among seniors, cadets are prohibited from participating in TLC. Students must complete 80% of the course to graduate.

Students receive credit for graduating when their course director submits a CAPF 11.

Cadet Programs Officers require a TLC as part of their requirement for the Senior Rating in Cadet Programs.



Senior members take part in a group exercise during a past TLC



Cost

\$25.00pp

Lunch not included



For information contact:

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Connecticut Wing
Director of
Cadet Programs
860-634-7371

cadetprograms@ctwg.cap.gov

What topics are being taught?

- Core Values for CP Officers
- Adolescent Development
- Leading Indirectly
- Leadership Feedback & Mentoring
- The Cadet Senior Team
- Partnering With Parents
- Cadet Welfare & Legal Issues
- Military Skills Clinic
- Orientation & Membership
- Cadet Advancement, Testing, Records
- Resources for Great Activities
- The Weekly Squadron Meeting
- Weekend & Summer Activities

Requirements

- Be a CAP Senior Member in Good Standing
- Completion of Level 1
- At minimum enrolled in a specialty track and working on achieving technician rating.





2015 Connecticut Wing Encampment Camp Niantic, Niantic, Conn.



- Final dates are pending, but plan on the third or fourth week in July
- Cadet Command Staff Applications due: March 6, 2015
- Cadet/Senior Staff Applications due: April 3, 2015
- Student Cadet (basics) Applications due: July 1, 2015

Cost

- Cadets \$160.00
- Full-time senior staff: \$50.00
- Part-time senior staff: \$25.00



A Civil Air Patrol Basic Cadet Leadership Encampment can be the most significant and worthwhile training experience of a Civil Air Patrol cadet's membership. Training is what the encampment is all about.

If a cadet wishes to earn their General Billy Mitchell Achievement, become a cadet officer, and attend certain NCSAs or serve at an encampment as a staff member, they must first attend and graduate from a basic encampment.

For additional information email

encampmentadmin@ctwg.cap.gov

- For application questions visit the *How to Apply* Webpage -

<http://ctwg.cap.gov/how-to-apply.html>

- Register on the Connecticut Wing 2015 Encampment Webpage -

<http://ctwg.cap.gov/2015-ctwg-encampment.html>

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* Brigadier General Larry Myrick

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* Colonel Dan Leclair

NER Commander

* Colonel Mary Feik

* Vanguard

* National and Regional staff specialists

Pre conference Training

Off-site location: Ft Indiantown Gap:

* 2-day Senior Inspector General (IG) Course

* 2-day Aerospace Education (AE) Seminar

- Registration opens March 1 -

Eisenhower Hotel & Conference Center and the Aspire Hotel Suites, Gettysburg, PA.





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