



Falcon Flyer

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Commander's Note

After several years of commanding Squadron 10 with grace and style, LtCol. Liz Blackey moved up to take on new duties at Group and Wing level earlier this year. She will still be helping out Sq10 with recruiting and moral leadership for cadets.

Squadron 10's new commander is Maj. Larry Edwards. Before taking command he passed a serious interview test at Group after many squadron members encouraged him to take on the often thankless command duty.

In real life, Maj. Edwards practices medicine as a podiatrist surgeon. In his free time since 1990, he joined the Civil Air Patrol, got rated as a commercial/instrument mountain & counter-narcotics mission pilot, earned a find award for a non-distress ELT at Moffett, received the CAP Yeager Aerospace Award, served as Sq10's Deputy Commander for Seniors and an assistant finance officer, and became rated as a technician in the Cadet Program. Seems he has Done-It-All in

Training Exercises

***PLR98-035. On 6-9 March, 1Lt. Tony Stieber and LtCol. George Center went to the Marina Airport (old Fort Ord) for the annual California-CAP USAF evaluated Search & Rescue Exercise. LtCol. Center's management of safety at the flight line earned an excellent rating from the Air Force. Aircraft came from all over the state and the targets were located well enough for a satisfactory rating.

***DRE-PLR98-048. On 29-30 May, the San Francisco Bay Area's Group 2 ran a Disaster Relief Exercise with a scenario of an earthquake on the East Bay's Calaveras Fault. Headquarters for the exercise was at Squadron 80 at Reid-Hillview Airport in San Jose with staging areas in Palo Alto and Oakland. The exercise showed CAP's capabilities to the Alameda County Sheriff's Office of Emergency Services. The Sheriff's Office was impressed by the CAP slow-scan airborne video

CAP so far, but he plans to help Sq10 continue to grow and thrive, and has promised to contribute his own comments for the next Falcon Flyer.

Recent Activities Missions

***Air Force Rescue Coordination Center (AFRCC) #98M0252, 7 Feb 98. 1Lt. Tony Stieber responded in miserable weather to an ELT signal in San Mateo County. Signal disappeared before found.

***AFRCC#98M0445A, 5-6 Mar 98. Mission Coordinator 1Lt. Brent Chapman ran a fast nighttime mission to locate in Marin County a downed Piper PA-31 with one aboard. About three hours after the alert from the Air Force, Sq10 friend Maj. Jan Ostrat in his C206 pin-pointed the good ELT signal from the Piper near Novato. He led in a Coast Guard helicopter to confirm the wreckage and no survivor before CAP ground teams reached the crash site.

service for damage assessment. Approximately a half dozen Sq10 members supported the exercise. Capt. Joe Lawrence went above and beyond the call of duty by not only serving all day with a ground team since his accident last year from which he is still recovering, but also by reporting in to authorities an actual emergency of a grass fire sighted by him and a fellow team member.

Squadron Activities

Thanks to efforts by new Senior Member Russ Ayers, Sq10 has enjoyed hearing from several interesting speakers. In April we heard from two California Highway Patrol C185 pilots who fly around the San Francisco Bay "working speed" and assisting fellow law enforcement officers with chases and surveillance. Those who came learned about all the hot spots for car and motorcycle speeders and the minimum speed a vehicle must be at before the airborne CHP becomes interested. Other recent speakers have come from the Moffett

Federal Airfield Spacecamp, Merced's Aviation Challenge, and from Trimble Corporation which Sq10 learned is the maker of GPS for the very profitable and high-end markets.

In May, our new squadron commander led a small team of truly dedicated volunteers in the long overdue and ugly job of building cleanup. Please check the wish list on the large blackboard in the building for the projects still to be done.

Also in May, Capt. Jennifer Mellone spoke about her work as a reservist with Naval Intelligence. She gave many interesting details to Sq10 cadets and senior members about working for the Navy and what Intelligence the Navy wants.

Airshows

Moffett Field Boy Scout-o-Rama. Sq10's C/Sgt Michael Blackey, C/B Tim Silva, LtCol. Liz Blackey, and Maj. Wendy Holforty went to Moffett Federal Airfield to support the Boy Scouts in promoting aerospace in the Bay Area. They report Hangar One was packed with exhibits, booths, and people.

Watsonville. In the largest turnout ever of CAP at the Watsonville Airshow over Memorial Day Weekend, over 300 CAP cadets came to assist at the show. They worked crowd control, airplane marshalling, and vehicle parking. Sq10 cadets C/TSgt Gavin Woodman, C/MSgt Roxanne Aguilera, C/B Diana Dang, C/Sgt Michael Blackey, and C/B Tim Silva participated.

Cadet Program News

The cadets have been following a new schedule to ensure all cadets can progress through the cadet program as quickly as possible and have a good variety of activities. The results have been impressive with more cadets joining and staying at the squadron as well as earning more stripes.

Since the beginning of the year, Sq10 has welcomed six new cadets: Jill Wise, Kim Wise, Steven Rohlf, Brenton Romano, and Daniel Samson. At this rate, the cadets are starting to take over the Sq10 building from the adult senior members.

After months of drafting and redrafting, squadron cadets have completed a new Standard Operating Procedure for the Squadron's cadet program with assistance from the Deputy Commander for cadets, Maj. Wendy Holforty, and the Leadership Officer, Capt. Joe Lawrence.

It's official: the Cadet Commander, C/MSgt. Roxanne Aguilera will be entering the Naval

Academy this summer after she passes command of the cadets to the new Cadet Commander. All squadron members, their families, and neighbors are invited to the cadet command change ceremony with a pass in review on 23 June at 7:15 PM. Please wear a blues uniform if you have it to honor the hard work all the cadets and their leaders have been doing recently.

Other News

Our new squadron commander has requested that all senior members try if possible to wear some sort of CAP uniform for meetings on the first Tuesday of each month. He is obliged to wear a uniform as commander and would appreciate some company. A squadron T-shirt and jeans might count: ask him. There might be PRIZES awarded for the most appropriately dressed.

Communications

National-CAP announced the National Communications Radio Net is back. It is on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday at 0930Z on 7635 KHz. If you don't have your own CAP callsign or radio with that frequency, try using the squadron's CAP radio. National is now boasting CAP has 19,417 radio stations. Expect the National Net to be busy.

Pilots & Aircraft

For CAP pilots concerned about the recent uncertainty with FAA regulations and exemptions for CAP flying, the latest news from National-CAP is very good. CAP submitted its petition for exemption for the new private pilot reimbursement only-for-search-and-location regulation at the end of March. On 29 May 1998, the FAA granted CAP everything it wanted in its petition except the request for a permanent exemption. Instead CAP must petition to renew the exemption every two years. This exemption allows CAP private pilots to be reimbursed for non-search-and-location CAP flying such as cadet and AFROTC orientation rides. In July, CAP expects to have its current exemption to the Part 135 air taxi rule extended for another two years. This exemption allows CAP commercial instrument pilots in some situations to

fly transport missions without doing all the Part 135 documentation.

Group 2 announced a new CAP corporate aircraft management scheme for the two birds in the Group. The aircraft are expected to rotate through the Group. Current plans are to have the C182 rotate clockwise around the Bay Area after finishing its engine overhaul in Monterey and base the Piper Dakota semi-permanently at Palo Alto. Pilots are encouraged to take F5 checkrides to be ready to fly both the planes. California-CAP announced that all corporate planes must be flown at least 200 hours per year or the planes would be reassigned. Due to the great amount of counternarcotic flying down in the Southlands, all of Group 2 must work hard together to fly these two planes to prevent them from migrating south. Maj. Wendy Holforty has said she is able and available to give checkrides in both aircraft now.

Safety

This Spring, Capt. Steve Philipson was invited to CAP's new National Mountain Flying working group at McClellan AFB. The group is collating and rewriting the mountain flying training guides used around the country to teach CAP pilots the latest techniques in mountain searches. The new Pacific Region CAP/USAF Director of Training, Maj. Mark Thompson, USAF, is organizing the effort.

Promotions and Awards

Liz Blackey and George Center are now CAP Lt. Colonels after years of arduous and dedicated service to CAP. Call them "Colonel" and they may smile at you.

Joe Lawrence was promoted to a CAP Captain and earned the Grover Loening Award last fall. Squadron 10 members are already calling him

Upcoming Activities

At Squadron 10

9 & 16 June ELT/Direction Finding Training, 8:00 PM

13 June Scanner Class/Emergency Services Parts 1 & 2, 9:00 AM to midafternoon

23 June Cadet Change of Command, 7:15 PM (Wear blues if possible.)

Captain, but due to his rather busy medical schedule to recover from his accident last year, no one has seen him with captain bars lately, but he has been seen in a CAP uniform this year.

2Lt. Carl Gabrielson stunned the squadron Aerospace Officer by being the first squadron member since 1995 to take and pass the Yeager Aerospace Test for Senior Members. The test is a comprehensive assemblage of air and space basic facts from a slightly out-of-date textbook, but the answer key is generally up-to-date, so the ugly rumors about the test are mainly untrue.

New Emergency Services Qualifications

Ready after several tests and forms as newly registered and sworn California State Disaster Workers for any search or disaster are: C/B Tim Silva, C/B Sander Fejervary, C/B Mike Dang, and SM Russ Ayers. This brings Sq10's total emergency services capability to 27 people ready for those calls to shut off ELTs, hunt for missing aircraft, transport rescue dogs, and all sorts of other odd activities.

Editor's Corner

Once again, Squadron 10's newsletter appears after a long hiatus. The newsletter has a new name thanks to the winning suggestion from Capt. Jennifer Mellone after a contest a while back. The "Flying" refers to our organization's air-mindedness and "Falcon" is the squadron's mascot. Everyone is very welcome to make suggestions, submissions, corrections, and any comments to improve this newsletter by passing notes or even yelling at the editor, the squadron's Public Affairs Officer.

Away

- 6 June Cadet Orientation Rides and Beach BBQ, Gr2 Watsonville Airport & the nearest State Beach. Families and Friends Welcome to BBQ. \$10 requested for the catered food.
POC: Sq10's Maj. Holforty
- 6-7 June Navigation/Route/DF Search Exercise (Funded), Santa Maria. BBQ Saturday Night
POC: Capt. Stuart (805)466-9831
- 8 June National-CAP Inspection of California-CAP
- 12-3 June National Stan/Eval Program (Funded), Concord Airport, old terminal
POC: Capt. Watkins (714)847-7130
- 12-3 June Table Top Search & Rescue Exercise, Gr1 Whiteman Airport
POC: Krogstad (805)254-6106
- 20 June Level I for new Senior Members, Travis AFB, details TBA
- 20-7 June Pacific Region Staff College, Nellis AFB
- 27-8 June Search & Rescue Exercise, Gr25 Auburn Airport
- 29 June California-CAP Cadet Encampment: staff applications due with letters of intent
send to POC: Maj. Edinboro (510)753-5339, email: GTEEdinboro@AOL.com
- 13-4 July Squadron Leadership School, West Covina Airport
- 15 July California-CAP Cadet Pathfinder/Survival School on 22-30 Aug, Applications Due
POC: LtCol. Florer (520) 855-2386
- 15 July California-CAP Cadet Encampment, Camp San Luis Obispo, Basic/AT Applications Due, POC: Maj. Edinboro (510)753-5339
- 18-9 July Level 1, Beale AFB
- 18-9 July Ground Search & Rescue Rodeo (Funded), Fresno
- 18-9 July Corporate Learning Course, Gr9, Edwards AFB
POC: Maj. Brown (805)572-6006
- 25 July Search & Rescue Exercise, Gr2, Reid-Hillview Airport
- 27 July California-CAP Cadet Ferman Award (\$5,000) applications due
POC: LtCol. Jones (818)885-0687
- 13-5 Aug National Board Meeting and Conference, Atlanta, Georgia (USAF Airlift planned)
- 11-3 Sept California-CAP Conference, Fresno Holiday Inn Center Plaza
POC: Mr. Nelson (209)292-5639
- 19 Sept Level 1, Gr25, McClellan AFB
POC: LtCol. Melvin (916)633-0146
- 25-7 Sept Basic Cadet School, Gr25, Beale AFB
- 24 Oct Mountain Search & Rescue Exercise, Bishop

