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New Year's 2004 Edition



Accountability for All In 2004!

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Reminder from the Wing Chief of Staff



Michigan Wing Headquarters meetings are normally held on Thursday nights from 7 to 9 PM and on the second Saturday of each month from

0900 to 1300. It needs to be noted that not every member of Wing Staff is available at every meeting. I once again strongly suggest that if you have business with someone at Wing Headquarters, that you contact them either by email or phone to confirm that they will be available during the time frame you will be at Wing.

It should also be noted that NO radios, supplies or equipment is issued out unless the Logistics / Communications Officer is present or prior arrangements with them have been made. The State Director (Tom Scanlon) is not authorized to issue CAP equipment to our members without prior arrangement with the appropriate CAP person responsible for that equipment.

Lt. Col. Ronald Padavan, CAP MIWG Chief of Staff



SAFETY NOTES

Winter Driving Safety Tips

While the current lack of snow and ice in those regions not hit by the storm should not lull vehicle operators into a sense of false safety. If you are thinking about driving through a winter storm, or in snowy conditions, consider the following suggestions of our friends in the Canadian Automobile Association.

1. Know the Hazards. Understand conditions: high winds, heavy snow, freezing rain, and blizzard.
2. Tune up your Car. This includes brake checks, lights, ignition system, battery, tires, windshield, exhaust system and heating system.
3. Prepare yourself (the driver). Let someone know your route, keep the radio tuned to a local station, wear a safety belt, stay on main roads, don't pass, don't drink alcohol, and wear warm clothing.
4. Think about a winter driving survival kit. Shovel, sand, salt or kitty litter, traction mats, tow chain, compass, cloth or roll of paper towels, warning light, road flares, extra clothing and footwear, emergency food pack, axe or hatchet, booster cables, ice scraper and brush, road maps, matches and a 'survival candle' in a deep can (to warm hands, heat a drink or use as an emergency light), fire extinguisher, methyl hydrate (for fuel line and windshield deicing), flashlight, first aid kit, and a blanket.

Hopefully none of us will be caught in a situation where all of the above would come into play, but being prepared for the worst is better than being unprepared with our lives on the line.



Tis The Season

Enjoy this "most wonderful time of the year"...safely!
Have a Merry Christmas and Wonderful New Year!



Stay safe, drive safe. Have a safe and happy holiday season!

2Lt. Joe Buford, CAP Safety Officer

Great Lakes Aviation Conference 6-8 Feb 2004 Lansing

Attention Cadets

The Great Lakes Aviation Conference 6, 7, 8 February will be held at the Lansing Center, Lansing Michigan. This event is one that any Pilot, Mechanic, FBO Operator or Administrator must attend. Over 100 aviation exhibitors will be offering a wide array of products & services along with ongoing conference speaker programs.

PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

IA and CFI renewal program, Pilot seminars, Maintenance Seminars, Fractional ownership sessions Aircraft owners program, Avionics presentation, Aircraft Builder program, Special sections for educators Airport managers and FBO sessions

CONFERENCE TIMES

Friday 9:00 AM - 7:30 PM Saturday 7:00 AM - 6:00 PM Sunday 9:00 AM - 2:00 PM

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2Lt. Joe Buford - Award - Certificate of Proficiency

2Lt. Joe Buford - Appointment - Acting Wing PAO

SM Melony Buford - Promotion - 2Lt.

SM McKinney Range - Promotion - 2Lt.

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Editor's Note

In order to ensure that all members are informed of Wing events and important information. We are asking all members to assist us. Members with articles, announcements, photographs, information on events, promotions, awards, new members or other forms of information of interest to Wing members are encouraged to submit their material for publication in the newsletter. Submit photos with full descriptions please.

Please send your submissions/questions via email to the Newsletter Editor, 2Lt. Joe Buford at jbuford@miwg.cap.gov **no later than the 15th of the month** for inclusion in the next scheduled issue. Thank you.

Cadet Calendar



Events and Activities

1 January 2004

New Years Day - LOC - Everywhere - POC - Anyone

10 January 2004

Special Activities Screening and CAC Meeting - LOC - Flint - Lt. Col. C. Boehmer- Flint - POC- Lt.Col. C. Boehmer

17-18 January 2004

MIWG Communications University - LOC - Macomb Community College, Clinton Township Campus - POC -1Lt. W. Chesney

24 January 2004

Train the Trainer Course - LOC - DNR Office between Gladstone and Escanaba - POC - Major S. Cerny

31 January 2004

IC Refresher Course - LOC - Lansing - POC - Major C. Heerenga

Happy New Year Michigan Wing Cadets

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31 - IC Refresher Course - LOC - Lansing Michigan - Major C. Heerenga

31 - Duty Position CAPF- 2A's (Personnel Authorizations) due at Wing Headquarters for 2004

MI Wing's Newest Members

This space has been reserved to welcome our new members to Michigan Wing.

Please see page 7 for a complete listing of our newest members and their squadrons

Welcome new members to Michigan Wing!

VACANT STAFF POSITIONS AT WING HEADQUARTERS

Wing Headquarters is currently seeking personnel to fill the following staff positions:

***Wing Public Affairs Officer
Plans and Programs Officer***

All interested members should contact

Lt. Col. Ronald Padavan,
Chief of Staff via email at
rpadavan@miwg.cap.gov or
by phone at (586) 774-6644
for further information.



Air Force

Print News **Today**

Air Force news from around the world



Applications Available for Teen Aviation Camp June 5 -11

12/19/2003 - SAN ANTONIO (AFPN)

Thirty-six teens will have the opportunity to attend the fifth annual Air Force Teen Aviation Camp at the U.S. Air Force Academy. The camp will run June 5 to 11. High-school students who have completed their freshman or sophomore year and are interested in the academy and aviation camp should submit an application by March 12. Applications and student criteria for the 2004 Teen Aviation Camp is available at local youth centers. Students will be notified of their selection to the camp by April 9.

"The camp gives an insight into what life at the academy will be like," said Bridget Kieschnick, a youth specialist at the Air Force Services Agency and camp project officer. "It shows what the environment and the facilities are like and what the opportunities are at the academy." Teens participating in the program will experience a mix of activities intended to provide learning and social experiences.

During the weeklong camp, teens will participate in aviation activities, as well as a challenging variety of "wilderness events" in the great outdoor environment Colorado provides. (Courtesy of Air Force Services Agency) Original story can be viewed at <http://www.af.mil/stories/story.asp?storyID=123006248>

Reprinted from AFPN Today Magazine

New Scholarship Available from Texas A&M University Corps of Cadets

Attention Spring Graduating Cadets

Dear MI Wing Members:

There's a new scholarship opportunity for CAP cadets at Texas A&M University. TAMU's Corps of Cadets program will be very attractive to CAP cadets looking to continue developing their leadership skills while in college. Being a member of the TAMU Corps of Cadets is an experience similar to being a cadet at a service academy, except military service after graduation is not mandatory.

Last month, when we went to press with our special scholarship issue of "Cadet Programs Today," the TAMU scholarship info had not yet been finalized. Therefore, while we will publicize this scholarship through "CAP News" and other outlets, **we're asking for your help to publicize this fabulous opportunity within your wing or region.**

TAMU leaders are absolutely delighted to partner with CAP - they're **EAGER** to give scholarships to CAP cadets - so please encourage college-bound cadets in your wing to apply. Let's not let free money go to waste! If TAMU is able to award the ten scholarships it has set aside for CAP cadets this year, there's a good chance that TAMU will make even more scholarships available to CAP in the following year.

For full details and application instructions, click the link below and then click "College Scholarships" at URL: **<http://level2.cap.gov/index.cfm?nodeID=5583>**

If you have any questions about this scholarship opportunity, feel free to contact me directly.

Curt LaFond, Headquarters Civil Air Patrol, Program Manager & Instructional Systems Designer, e-mail: **clafond@capnhq.gov** - **www.cap.gov**

Source: Curt Lafond, HQ CAP / LMP NCAC

IC Refresher Course Will be Held on 31 JAN for Interested Members

ATTENTION: All Incident Commanders, Base Staff, and Personnel Interested in Training

On 31 JAN 04 there will be an IC Refresher course and overview of using the MMU/WMU program along with police and procedures for Michigan Wing and mission forms and paperwork requirements. Location: MAC building at (LAN), Lansing, MI.

Schedule: 0800 Sign in, coffee and donuts - 0900 Introductions - 0915 Required mission forms & new 108 procedures - 1030 WMU utilization - 1200 Lunch (on own) - 1300 Running missions using the MMU - 1400 Open forum, questions and answers - 1500 End of session ---- maybe 1600. We are limited to class size and have authorized 5-6 aircrafts for the training.

Please contact me if you will be attending and if you will be flying. If you are planning on flying contact me as well, please make sure your aircraft is full so we can get as many people there per aircraft. I don't think there will be a problem, but we only have 5-6 aircraft authorized per funding dollars. Please contact me so I can track funding. I will also will be giving the flight release for aircraft flying into the training. If you have laptop computers and need the MMU program installed please bring it with you and I will see that it is installed while you are there.

My email: **cmh@provide.net** Please contact me as soon as you know if you will be attending or have any questions. **I really need ALL ICs there.**

Carol Heeringa, MAJOR CAP MIWG/DOS



Lt. Col. Curtis J. Boehmer - Director of Cadet Programs Welcomes New Members to MIWG



Iwould like to take this opportunity to welcome all of the following New Members. These fellow CAP members all joined in November.

If you see any of them or know someone from there unit give them a big welcome to the BEST Organization and Family around.

Congratulations to the units that received the new members. Take good care of them.

Happy Holidays to you and also to those who've been around awhile. Our new members and their squadrons are listed below:

GLR-MI-610 - CADETS: Drebenstedt, Reagan T., Hang, Omega **SENIORS:** Drebenstedt, Robert T. II, Eisley, James E.

GLR-MI-257 - CADETS: Batten, Jared T., Fiedler, Casey E. A

GLR-MI-183 - CADETS: Bell, Timothy J., Blickle, Frederick W.

GLR-MI-238 - CADETS: Kramptiz, Anthony R. **SENIORS:** Dumas, Thomas J., Rice, Randolph M.

GLR-MI-063 - CADETS: Hensman, Joshua D., Ice, Benoit Joel - **SENIORS:** Grear, Celesta A., Hensman, Linda M.

GLR-MI-068 - SENIORS: Harris, Benjamin J., Harris, Jo Ellen C.

GLR-MI-036 - CADETS: Johnson, John K.

GLR-MI-075 - CADETS: Kubiak, Magann M., Tomlinson, Bretton O.

GLR-MI-260 - CADETS: Leach, Zachary D. - **SENIORS:** McNew, Bruce Daniel, Nurance, Mark H.

GLR-MI-610 - CADETS: Riley, Timothy C., Weller, Alexander C. **SENIORS:** McKay, Janice L., Scherping, Charles L.

GLR-MI-007 - CADETS: Murdock, Jordan Reece

GLR-MI-176 - CADETS: Murray, Nathan Keane, Vasich, Megan R.

GLR-MI-015 - CADETS: Parker, Zackary R., Turner, Adam R.

GLR-MI-036 - CADETS: Riley , Andrew W. **SENIORS:** Stomack , Diana L.

GLR-MI-077 - CADETS: Sidman, Aaron J.

GLR-MI-094 - SENIORS: Stahl, Aaron I.

GLR-MI-241 - CADETS: Van Overbeke, Sean P.

GLR-MI-119 - CADETS: Vandermate, Jonathan S.

Source: Lt. Col. Curtis Boehmer, MIWG DCP

Chaplain's Corner

EVERY WINNER HAS SCARS

Life is made up of a series of experiences. Each one will make you stronger, even though it may be hard for you to realize it at the time.

Life is your classroom in which you're being tested, tried, and passed. Always try to stay in the midst of life and activity.

Don't isolate yourself from the action. Your character develops itself in the stream of life. The setbacks and hardships you endure actually help you in your march forward to success. The world was built to develop your character.

Life expects you to make progress in reasonable time. That's why those third grade school chairs are so small.

For the Wing Chaplain,

Christine R. Frantz, Captain, CAP (MLO) MIWG/HCDA

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Lt. Col. Sherry Jones, CISM Special Advisor Attention All CAP Members Kentucky Wing to Host Basic CISM Course



For those who were unable to attend the recent MIWG CISM course, good news from the Kentucky Wing DOS (and if you elect to travel, they have procured a phenomenal hotel rate as well). Plan early ...

Everyone, the (Kentucky) wing is hosting a Basic Critical Incident Stress Management course on 21-22 Feb 04. This course is designed to train emergency responders to help fellow responders deal with the high level of stress associated with our line of work. This course typically costs in excess of \$200 but we are able to do it for only \$25 per person. Upon completion of the course you will be qualified to be a Peer Debriefing on a Critical Incident Stress Team. The course is registered with the International Critical Incident Stress Foundation.

Space for the class is very limited and is open to all the wings in Great Lakes Region as well as state agencies. Those interested should sign-up as quickly as they can. More information can be found on the wing website on the Upcoming Events page.

<http://www.kywgcap.org/~wingevents>

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E-mail: dos@kywgcap.org e-mail

URL: <http://www.kywgcap.org/~dos>

If I can be of any assistance, please contact me by email at: cism@cap.gov, or via phone: H 586.773.2629, C 586.362.7437. Visit our Great Lakes Region CISM web site at <http://glr.cap.gov/cism>.

Source: SHERRY JONES, RN, EMT-P

Lt. Col., CAP

MIWG CISTC-A

GLR CISM Team Coordinator

Special Advisor to the National Commander for Critical Incident Stress Management



Lt. Col. Sherry L. Jones

THE CIVIL AIR PATROL DOESN'T JUST WING IT

NEWS OF THE FORCE: Tuesday, November 25, 2003

From a 1,000-foot-high window on the world, Capt. Eric Templeton teaches people to identify pieces of airplane wreckage measuring no larger than four square feet. "But they won't actually be square," clarified Templeton, an engineer from Chicago who doubles as a pilot for the Civil Air Patrol (CAP).

Even on a clear day, distinguishing between a downed twin-prop and a derelict car is no simple matter, he added. And the members of the CAP rarely are called into action in cloudless, sunny weather. That's why they practice every chance they get. The pilots and their observant passengers learn to pick out details on the ground almost subconsciously. Meanwhile, CAP ground crews train to follow directions from their eyes in the sky, and to hone in on emergency signals emitted from crash sites. Sometimes, the drilling coincides with the real thing, as it did Saturday at the Coles County Airport near Mattoon, Illinois.

A few of the CAP volunteers who flew practice sorties over the area most of the weekend had also been part of an actual search mission late Friday night in southern Illinois, which turned out to be a false alarm -- the beacon finally tracked to Lambert International Airport likely had been set off accidentally. But both situations sharpened the skills of the CAP members, skills which are often utilized in more serious situations, according to Maj. John Bernard, a commander for the CAP group that covers most of east central Illinois. He said the CAP captured many of the aerial photos following the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attack, and also was the main search and rescue force after the Space Shuttle *Columbia* broke apart as it reentered Earth's atmosphere in February.

Bernard, of Paris, has been a pilot for 30 years. A retired business executive, he was inspired to join the CAP in light of Sept. 11, when the top priority of the US Air Force's auxiliary wing changed from search and rescue to homeland defense.

"There was a need," he said. "And we're still needed. We do it because nobody else wants to."

According to Bernard, the CAP roster covers all walks of life. Those participating in Saturday's drill included lawyers, doctors, police officers, computer programmers, school teachers and ministers. One of them was Joseph Barron, an attorney from Charleston. By day, he is the general counsel for Eastern Illinois University.

By night -- or rather, by any time -- he is a lieutenant colonel for the CAP. A 20-year veteran of the CAP, Barron noted he sometimes has to give legal advice without the benefit of a good night's sleep. "We always get called in the middle of the night," he said. The CAP members, he added, do more than look for crashed aircraft. They may be brought in to locate a runaway child or assist in a police manhunt. "Being a pilot myself, I know that if I was lost, I would want someone looking for me," said Barron. "I do it on behalf of my fellow pilots, and anyone else who is missing." Participation in the CAP has other benefits as well. Scott Robison, a Coles County sheriff's deputy from Charleston, became a pilot in July, and he signed up with the CAP as a means of logging more flight time. Otherwise, the cost of renting an airplane could exceed \$100 per hour.

For Blake Gough, a junior at Kansas High School, the CAP afforded a chance to learn about aerospace technology, leadership and physical fitness. He is a member of the CAP's cadet program for teenagers, and aspires to operate Harrier jets for the US Marine Corps.

"I've always liked the military; I love the discipline, and I love to fly," said Gough. At the ripe age of 17, he has flown several times on a Blackhawk helicopter, and rode on a KC-135 tanker plane during a refueling mission. "It's a really great program," he said. For more information about joining the CAP, call 1-800-FLY-2338, or visit the patrol's web site at www.capnhq.gov.

Source: *Nathaniel West, Journal Gazette Times-Courier Staff Writer*

Are You In The Loop? - Join the Wing Email List

I have received several request on how to get on the Michigan Wing e-mail list. If you know of any Cadet or Senior Member currently not on the list and wishes to subscribe to the Michigan Wing e-mail, please pass on this information to them. Members will need to go on-line to the Michigan Wing Web Site at <http://www.miwg.cap.gov> Click on "**Member Services**", enter "Last name & Member Number", click on "E-Mail List" and complete requested information. Members joining the email list can be assured of receiving the latest information and announcements occurring within Michigan Wing.

Virginia Przekaza, Lt. Col, CAP Director of Administration Michigan Wing HQ

2004 Applications Available Spring 2004

*Corporation for National
and Community Service*

Presidential Freedom Scholarships

Welcome to the official website of the Presidential Freedom Scholarship program. The program is designed to highlight and promote service and citizenship by students and to recognize students for their leadership in those areas

The 2004 application will be available by spring 2004. Students currently in their junior or senior year of high school are eligible to be selected for the scholarship. Please see the FAQ section of this site for other eligibility requirements. The application for the 2004 program will be posted as soon as it becomes available. As in years past, we anticipate a late spring deadline. Please take a few minutes to explore our site to learn more about the scholarship program. We appreciate your interest in the Presidential Freedom Scholarships.

When faced with challenges such as illiteracy, poverty, crime, and a lack of usable open spaces, our nation has always relied upon the dedication and action of citizens. That is why President Bush has called on every American to dedicate at least two years of their lives to service to their community, our nation, and the world. Today, the **Corporation for National and Community Service** continues a long tradition of citizen involvement and supports President Bush's call to service by encouraging students to improve their communities through service. One initiative that encourages these habits is the Presidential Freedom Scholarship program.

More than 30,000 scholarships have been awarded to students nationwide! Students in every state in the nation as well as the District of Columbia have been recognized. Through the program, each high school in the country may select up to two students - juniors or seniors - to receive a \$1,000 scholarship in recognition of outstanding leadership in service to their community. With funds appropriated by Congress, the **Corporation for National and Community Service** provides \$500 for each scholarship, which must be matched with \$500 secured by the participating school from the community. In addition to the scholarship, students receive a certificate from President George W. Bush, a letter of recognition, and a gold President's Student Service Award pin. This web site is divided into three sections for:

Students School Personnel and Boys & Girls Club Personnel Local Matching Supporters

Students | School Personnel and Boys & Girls Club Personnel
Local Matching Supporters | FAQs | Contact Us | Links | News
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Please send comments or questions regarding this program to: info@studentservicescholarship.org

MI-238 Pilot Randy Rice Responds to Short Notice Call for Assistance

Need Some Assistance?

We've all heard the story that starts, *"I was sitting there minding my own business when the phone rang."*

That's exactly what happened December 15th at approximately 1:00 o'clock in the afternoon. *"Good afternoon, plant 36. This is Roy. How can I help you?" "Hi, this is Connie (airport manager) from Mason Jewett airport."* Came the reply. Oh, Oh Strange thoughts and a feeling of foreboding invaded my mind at that point. Just the day before Connie and I had discussed arrangements to use Mason Jewett Airport for aircrew training flights scheduled for February. I could picture in my minds eye those arrangements turning "south" at warp speed. *"Hi Connie, I'm happy to hear from you but I have a feeling this isn't a social call,"* I answered. *"Roy, I got a favor to ask,"* replied Connie in a voice somewhat filled with concern. *"Connie, I only do favors for people I like,"* I jokingly answered. *"What can I do for you?"*

After a small chuckle Connie replied, *"Roy, I got a phone call a couple of minutes ago from a controller from Lansing tower. I was wondering if you could possible point me in the right direction on an issue."* *"Well, I'll try,"* I answered. *"What type of situation are we talking about?"* Shortly thereafter the story unfolded as Connie relayed information she had concerning an unnamed air traffic controller at Lansing's Capital City Airport. He had just been diagnosed with a very serious brain tumor and his condition/prognoses was far from good. The immediate problem, he desperately needed special transportation arranged for a flight from Lansing to Raleigh, N.C. in a pressurized aircraft the following Saturday December 20th. He had an appointment with a specialist at a hospital in Raleigh who agreed to review his case. Needless to say that was only five days away.

"I was wondering if you happened to know anyone who could make this happen," Connie asked. Hmm...Thoughts started running through my mind starting with frustration over this person's situation at this time of year, to concern about his special need for a pressurized aircraft. Lastly, the short time element involved for all this to come together. *"Connie, let me make a some phone calls and I'll get right back to you as soon as I can,"* I told her.

After a few comments and "goodbyes" I found myself looking at the back of my hand as it rested on the receiver lying in the phone cradle. Suddenly a thought came to mind. I remembered recently flying a check ride with a new "CAP" member from the Pontiac Unit. It was during our general conversation concerning his recent flight experience that he revealed he flew almost monthly for an organization called "Angle Flight". I remembered Randy's answer to one of my many questions that day. The question was something along the line of why do you do this? *"I had a really bad accident that changed my life,"* Randy commented. *"God gave me a second chance at life. It's through special flights like this; transporting people who need assistance because of special or health reasons that I have the opportunity to repay a debt owed. These flights not only keep me active, they also make my overall flight time beneficial to others."*

With dread I reached in my left back pocket to retrieve my wallet, the one with a bunch of "Post-it Notes" tucked in it with names and phone numbers of "CAP" members I've flown with over the past month or so. Normally I clean my wallet of non-essential "Post-It Notes" fairly often. I was sincerely hoping I hadn't removed this one. Hiding between two blue "Post-It Notes" I saw a folded piece of white paper. On it in my scribbled handwriting was the name "Randy Rice" and his phone number. Talk about a miracle. It never ceases to amaze me how some things seem to be in the right place when you need them the most. Call it divine intervention or whatever. On the second ring, Randy answered the phone. After I explained the situation Randy told me he'd make a couple of calls and call me right back. To help speed things along and avoid possible confusion, I gave Randy Connie's phone number. Within what seemed like only a few minutes my phone rang. *"Good afternoon, plant 36. This is Roy. How can I help you?" "Hey Roy, this is Randy. I called "Angle Flight" and right now we have seven pressurized planes available that can make Saturday's flight. One is at Detroit City. I've called Connie and gave her the information... She's passing it on to the Lansing folks, etc.."* said Randy. I looked at my watch and realized slightly over fifteen minutes had passed since I had first talked to Connie starting this whole process. It certainly goes without saying without Randy Rice's help, this wouldn't have happened as fast as it did. Shortly thereafter my phone rang again. *"Good afternoon plant 36. This is Roy. How can I help you?" "Hi Roy." This is Connie. "I got a call from Randy Rice, he passed on the information and I've called Lansing tower and they're calling "Angel Flight", etc..."* To say Connie and everyone else was overjoyed, and somewhat amazed at our response to help make this happen is an understatement. We know we have some very special people in CAP; Randy Rice certainly is one of them. It's only when you are lucky enough to have an opportunity to do something special for someone who seriously needs assistance, do you fully realize that good feeling you receive in return.

We as "CAP" members all owe "Randy Rice" and the "Angel Flight Organization" our sincere appreciation for their help in making this special situation happen.

Submitted by: Roy A. Kauer, Major, CAP MI-192

Laptop Computer Systems Have Arrived

Members of Michigan Wing and particularly ALL UNIT COMMANDERS

The following units have already been issued laptop systems and are **NOT ELIGIBLE** for consideration: **MI-007, MI-009, MI-011, MI-015, MI-075, MI-100, MI-117, MI-176, MI-183, MI-249, MI-265, MI-271, and MI-276.**

ALL OTHER UNITS:

Please have your **UNIT COMMANDER** or **SUPPLY OFFICER** submit a request as follows: send your **UNIT NAME** and **CHARTER NUMBER, MAILING ADDRESS, CONTACT NAME, TELEPHONE AND EMAIL ADDRESS. DO YOU HAVE CADETS? DO YOU HAVE A CORPORATE AIRCRAFT? A LIST OF ATTENDED UNIT ACTIVITIES FOR THE PAST YEAR ESPECIALLY ANY ACTUAL OR TRAINING SAR'S ATTENDED?**

EMAIL THIS INFORMATION TO: jbalmas@miwg.cap.gov
BE SURE TO PUT LAPTOP REQUEST FOR (YOUR UNIT NUMBER) IN THE SUBJECT LINE.
THE WORDS "LAPTOP REQUEST" MUST BE IN THE SUBJECT LINE REQUESTS NOT MADE IN THIS MANNER WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED.

Col. Mayo is the final decision authority on which units receive laptop units with some of the criteria being the order in which your request was received, activity participation, whether your unit is the custodian of one of the corporate aircraft, and unit location.

Do not email or call Col Mayo, LTC Burke, LTC Padavan, etc. as **ALL** requests will be processed through the office of the LG (me), and presented to Col. Mayo for approval.

EVERY ELIGIBLE UNIT THAT SUBMITS AN APPLICATION WILL BE CONSIDERED! SO GET YOUR REQUEST IN SOON! EVERY LAPTOP SYSTEM RECEIVED FROM NHQ WILL BE ISSUED TO A UNIT!

Iwanted to have all of the laptop systems issued by Christmas, however **I have yet to receive a request** from any unit! (my first mass email was on 6 November!)

I know that the holidays are quickly approaching, but I would greatly appreciate if all requests be made **NO LATER THAN 31 DECEMBER 2003**. The hope is that all systems will be issued to units by 31 January 2004. There will be approximately twenty systems available for issue; I will issue another email sometime next week with the exact number, once all of the systems have been received and added to the asset database. Let us work together to make MIWG the best wing in the country!

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Civil Air Patrol, Michigan Wing

Source: Wing email sent 13 Dec 03

MIWG CAP GT and USCG Work in Joint Effort to Locate EPIRB

Mission #03M2745 started at an unheard of 13:14z (08:14L) daylight, wonderful daylight, bright sunny Saturday with only a cloud or two in the sky. AFRCC informed us that the Coast Guard had worked the signal all night and had DFed it to a marina located on Detroit's east side. The Coast Guard did not give AFRCC the name of the marina because the weather was bad preventing them from getting a boat into the marina....did I say it was sunny and bright?



I am not that far from Detroit, and when I called the UDF team from Selfridge I got a laugh as well, same weather there, anyhow. Lt Butkis with Cadets Croff, and Griffith went out as the UDF team. Shortly after departing Selfridge the team headed to Detroit. Enroute they picked up a signal, following it to a Marina, believing they had it narrowed down, called me. I called AFRCC to see if they had a data base that would tell us the owner of the craft.

AFRCC did not have the information and was advised to contact the Coast Guard for further assistance. After several calls I spoke with a Petty Officer whom stated that a team had recently called in advising that they were on the pier narrowing the signal down, although they were at a different marina. Arranged for contact between the Ground Team and the Coast Guard to work together. It worked out well. The Ground Team found the vessel and the Coast Guard, located the EPIRB on board. Great coordination and nice work on both sides. Many thanks to all.

Source: Major Carol Heeringa, MIWG/DOS



ATTENTION CADETS: Applications now accepted for intern program

11/13/2003 - **WRIGHT-PATTERSON AIR FORCE BASE, Ohio (AFPN)** -- Air Force Research Laboratory Propulsion Directorate officials are kicking off the 3rd Annual Wright Scholar Research Assistant Program for summer 2004. High-school juniors and seniors can now apply for the opportunity to work hands-on research, while under the guidance of science and engineering mentors. This program also gives students an up-close look at Air Force careers and educational opportunities.

Application deadline is 16 Jan. The paid internships run for a 10- to 12-week period for up to 40 hours per week. Students will experience science and engineering tutorials given by Air Force Institute of Technology officials, and a weekly guest lecture series covering topics from rocket science to robots and mechatronics. Students will also participate in the University of Dayton Summer Science and Engineering Enrichment program. Eligible student applicants must meet the following qualification requirements: Be 16 years old at the time of appointment, Be a U.S. citizen, Be a high-school junior or senior at time of application. Seniors must provide a college acceptance letter before working, be in the top 20 percent of their class or have a 3.25 overall grade point average. Home-schooled students may be considered if they score in the top 20 percent overall on a national standardized test. For instructions on how to apply for this program and more information, visit www.pr.af.mil/jobs/scholar.htm. People may also call Shelly Rich at (937) 255-1870, Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. EST, or e-mail her at shelleyrich@wpafb.af.mil

Story and Source: Shelley R. Rich, Air Force Research Laboratory Propulsion Directorate

Rocket Engine Project in Michigan Wing

A Special Comment from 1Lt. William Chesney, MIWG DC

This is unlike me to tell you about AE stuff but this is very impressive and I think this SM should be encouraged. Matthew Borton, Kalamazoo Composite Squadron, has built a rocket engine from scratch. It is an impressive as well as very expensive project. SM Borton estimates that he has spent about one thousand dollars (\$1000.00) so far. He is asking, (and I AGREE Wholeheartedly!) for some financial assistance.

SM Borton recently purchased the Hydrogen Peroxide fuel (for testing) to the tune of one hundred sixty dollars (\$160.00). I have already passed the hat at Wing Headquarters and I would like to take any donations from Squadrons, individuals, etc to help this senior member with this project. I feel strongly this could and should be a National newsletter article when finished. I am serving as the contact person to collect funds and get them to Matthew along with the names of the donates if you wish to be known. Below is the link to the current project. SM Borton also tells me he has purchased a nozzle for his next engine which will use LOX and JP-5 and theoretically has a capable thrust of 18, 500 lbs. Obviously he will need support for this endeavor as well. The Squadron's web page displaying the rocket project on it can be found at http://http://mi009.miwg.cap.gov/rocket_engine.html. Please send checks or give me cash in person.

Thanks so much for your support of this project! My contact information is as follows: 1Lt. William D. Chesney, MIWG DC - 586-468-8345 Home and FAX - 313-215-4986 Cell (work hours) - 313-276-1662 Pager 24/7 alpha from <http://www.arch.com>



Cadet Program Summit to be Held in February

It has become clear over the past 14 months that the Cadet Program with Michigan Wing is adrift. The Wing has not produced the number of quality cadets that is the backbone of a great Program. The direction of the Cadet Program is not clear, it appears that pieces are here and there but not functioning within a concise and focused manner.

Major opportunities are presented and ignored or at least not utilized. Do we need these opportunities? Do we need new and different opportunities? What I do know is we need purpose, focus, and direction.

My staff and I could come up with the purpose, focus and direction.

However, it may not be what we need! Therefore, I am asking any Civil Air Patrol member that has an interest in the Cadet Program to participate in a Cadet Program Summit. This will initially be a one day event. Then we will see what grows and develops from this summit.

Here is a proposed agenda.

Welcome

Purpose of the day/What will we accomplish

Develop our Belief Statements

Develop our Mission Statement

Address the critical areas of concern.

Develop measurable objectives for each area

Develop action steps to meet the objectives

This plan will be a three to five year strategic plan for the Cadet Directorate to follow. I believe that with input from all areas, Senior, Cadet, Aerospace, ES, we will develop a strategic plan that will help to propel Michigan Wing's Cadet Program and more importantly our Cadets to the head of the Organization.

If you are interested in joining us please return this email with your Name, Grade, email address, by the first of January. We will set a date for the Summit for February.

Thank You for your willingness to help bring the cadet program back to the high standards we hold.

Curtis J. Boehmer, Lt. Col., CAP MIWG DCP

