

Civil Air Patrol/Cape May



CAPE MAY COUNTY SQUADRON CIVIL AIR PATROL

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From the Commander

First of all, I would like to congratulate our squadron Public Affairs Officer, 1Lt Sandra Kooker upon being named North East Region's "Squadron Public Affairs Officer of the Year for 2008". This is a monumental accomplishment and shows all the hard work she has put into CAP and our Squadron. Quoting our Wing's PAO, "1Lt Kooker has raised the bar for other squadrons to emulate."

On 25 October 2008, Cape May County Squadron participated in the New Jersey Wing's Guided Training Exercise, participating in Ground Missions and Air Missions. Though the weather did not cooperate for Air Crew tasking, we had a crew standing by to assist. Afterwards, our squadron along with members from the Atlantic County Squadron performed a couple of ELT Searches on the airport to enhance their training.

Over the past month, we have made some changes to our Cadet Program Department. I want to make it clear to all our cadets that Captain Richard Simon is now our Deputy Commander for Ca-

dets and he has a huge responsibility on his shoulders to maintain the high standard that Captain Wayne Avellino has set for the squadron. Captain Avellino has had to take on a lesser role due to personal issues in his busy life, but is still active in our squadron as our Cadet Leadership Officer, and he will continue to hold all members to a high standard.

Just a reminder to all Emergency Services qualified personnel; you must complete the NIMS ICS Training for your specialty no later than 31 December 2008 to remain qualified to perform Emergency Services Missions and Training. If you need assistance, contact 2Lt Evan Kooker or Captain Barstow for more information and where to take your training online. We will be participating in the Wing SAREX planned on 22 November 2008, with Air Crews being based out of Cape May and Ground Teams being based out of Atlantic County Squadron. Let's get busy with your GES and ICS-100
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courses that are required to participate.

I want to say hello and welcome to Commander Miles Barrett, USN. He is the Base Chaplain for the United States Coast Guard Training Center in Cape May. Commander Barrett is assisting the squadron as our Character Development Officer in place of Chaplain Coffey, LCDR/USN who was transferred to Camp Pendelton, California earlier last month.

Cadets, let your Cadet Commander know if you are interested in participating in the Wing Cadet Band or Drill Team and Color Guard. Here is a great chance to show what you can do along with members from all over the Wing.

“SEMPER OPTIMUS “

**Kevin L. Barstow, Captain/CAP
Commander, NER-NJ-009**

A Note From the Cadet Staff

It is good to see that people are finally starting to promote at the squadron. However, many people are not progressing because they do not know what to do. If you have any questions about what to do for promotion, ask. Talk to your flight commander or first sergeant, and they should be able answer any questions that you have. If they do not know, then they will ask somebody that can find out for you. It will be impossible for you to complete your promotion requirements if you do not know what they are, so do not be afraid to ask.

**C/1Lt Tristan Kooker
Cadet Executive Officer
NER NJ-009**

Promotions



C/SSgt Dylan Rutherford to
C/TSgt
C/Amn Louis Sicilia to C/A1C



To All Cadet Personnel:

Uniforms issued by USAF are accountable. When personnel leave, squadron uniforms will be turned in. This is a Must! If you have any questions, see Supply.

Maj Wayne Ingling
SM Lisa Barstow
Supply Officers

Public Affairs

I want to remind everyone to keep checking the squadron site for the calendar of events and information on what is going on, both with the squadron and the NJ Wing:

<http://capemay.njwg.cap.gov/index.html>

Parents, we can always use your help with snack and drink donations for the meetings, as well as trash bags and office supplies to keep our squadron running! Please help if you can.

I want to say a quick thank you to everyone who helped out at Cold Spring Village with the parking detail, as well as the Lower Twp library's 25th anniversary and open house.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me:

ejsltb@comcast.net

Thank you,
1Lt Sandra Kooker
Public Affairs Officer

Upcoming Events:

11 November Veterans Day wreath ceremony @ CMCH

18 November NASA speaker Ken Mattingly @ Burlington Co. College

22 November Group SAREX (register NLT 11/18)

6 December Cape May Christmas Parade

13 December Wreaths Across America @ Cold Spring Cemetery

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Maj John Sammons
Maj Richard Simon
C/2Lt Michael Quinn



Anniversaries

Capt Richard Simon
C/Amn Timothy Fisher
C/A1C Brendan Flynn
C/Amn Joseph Papperman
C/TSgt Dylan Rutherford

Welcome New Members

Commander Miles Barrett, USN

Leadership

I just wanted to drop everyone a short hello to say that I haven't forgotten about you. Things have been really busy for me since the summer. Between my son playing football, my daughter cheer leading, my wife working on Thursdays and my increased responsibilities at work, there really hasn't been much time for me!

I wanted to congratulate Capt Tony Simon for taking over for me as Deputy Commander for Cadets. Capt Simon knows the cadet program better than anyone (since he is a former cadet himself). Please give Capt Simon the respect that you showed me while I was in his position. Keep studying and promoting and lets make our squadron the best composite squadron in New Jersey! Also, congratulations to 1Lt Kooker (NE Region Public Affairs Officer of the Year) Way to go NJ-009!

I will be stopping by the squadron whenever I have a Thursday night to myself. I hope to be able to come down during the month of November or December (no promises, just hopes)!
Semper Vigilans,

Capt Wayne Avellino
Leadership Officer
NER NJ-009

Cadet Program

During the past year, the squadron has placed an emphasis on Emergency Services and Aerospace Education, and our Cadet Programs has been running a little rough, mostly due to personal changes and scheduled activities that have taken a lot of our time. As we are winding down this year, we are planning on getting our Cadet Programs back to its previous glory. There is a little polishing up in some areas of concern that will be addressed in the next few weeks and months, as I will be working with our Senior and Cadet Staff to make the necessary adjustments. As the new Deputy Commander for Cadets, I plan to prepare the squadron's Cadet Program to encompass the coming changes in the near future for our cadets. (continued)

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I just want to pass on to our Cadet Staff, that first impressions last a long time. If you are wearing the uniform properly, use the proper customs and courtesies, and are respectful and polite, not only to members in our squadron, but to visitors as well, they will take away a sense of our squadron being squared away. If you look sloppy in uniform, are rude or disrespectful, this too will have a lasting effect on people.

Capt Tony Simon
Deputy Commander for Cadets
NER NJ-009

Character Development

Welcome to our new Character Development Officer –formerly known as a Moral Leadership Officer - Commander Miles Barrett, USN. The first Character Development class was a huge success!

Welcome to the squadron!



Aerospace Education

I am a senior member 43 years of life, with 350 flight hours +/- . I was approached by 1Lt Wuerker about flying with CAP. A couple days later I came by and met with the NJ-009, and found a good group of people. Some I just met, and some I already knew. After taking all the tests and other items we all must do, I realized it's not just about flying but it is about the auxiliary, it's purpose, and it's members. I like the experiences exchanged between our pilots at NJ-009 and the others I meet along the way.

I recently became the Aerospace Education Officer. I have a good group of cadets with brains and craftsmanship at the helm, and soon we'll be launching rockets. A funny story was my first time I met with NJ-009. The cadets were on ground teams for an ELT search at Utches Marina. On their last ELT search, the ELT was retrieved after being placed by the fish dumpster.

I'm not surprised I signed up and you can put it at the TOP!

2Lt Lance Williams
Aerospace Education Officer
NER NJ-009

First steps in rocket building by cadets.





Support Search & Rescue

GET LOST !

Hello from the Emergency Services corner! Recently we had some good training in ELT locating, and our cadets and seniors members were challenged. I know many of you would like to participate in this type of training to prepare for some real world missions when they come our way. The following link will help you get to the point where you can come out to train. All you have to do is go to this link and pick which test you want to take and have your CAP ID handy and your on your way. To start you need to do CAP 116 and parts 1 and 2 of the 117. You also need to take the NICS 100 test, the link is on the page so you shouldn't have a hard time finding it.

<https://tests.cap.af.mil/newtests/test.cfm?grp=dos>

The next link will help you find more information about Emergency Services and will help you on your way to a rewarding career in ES.

<http://level2.cap.gov/index.cfm?nodeID=5785>

The following link will help you review the same material you will be covering if and when you choose to attend Ground Search and Rescue School, also known as GSAR. Pronounced "Gee Sar," GSAR is a very challenging and rewarding experience and I recommend it to all of our members Seniors and Cadets.

http://level2.cap.gov/visitors/programs/operations/emergency_services/emergency_services_curriculum.cfm

Remember you need to have 116 and 117 part 1 and 2 along with NICS 100 completed before you can participate on missions. Good luck, and if you need any type of help don't be afraid to ask. If we don't know the answer, we will do our best to help you get the answer.

2Lt Evan Kooker, Emergency Services Officer, NER NJ-009

From the Cadets

Since the fall of 2007, I have been receiving flight training through Civil Air Patrol. Getting my flight training this way has worked out much better than flying with a civilian school. For one, it is much cheaper to fly with Civil Air Patrol; it only costs about \$70 per hour, while some civilian schools could cost up to \$180 an hour. In addition, while some of the civilian instructors are only motivated by profit, Civil Air Patrol instructors volunteer their time, so they have a genuine interest in how their students are doing. For example, my instructor, Captain Eugene Harris, has been willing to spend entire weekends flying with me for up to 5 hours a day. I highly doubt that you could get a civilian instructor to do that for \$180, let alone for free. Surprisingly, I know of very few cadets who have taken advantage of this great opportunity.

These past few months, I have also been working on the application process for the United States Air Force Academy. The application process was exceptionally long, as I had to write essays, do a physical fitness test, and medical exams for the Air Force. In addition, I had to do a separate application for each of the three congressmen I applied to for nominations. I finally finished the process about a week ago, and now I just have to wait on the status of my medical exams, and see if I will get a nomination. If I do not get into the Academy, I still plan on doing Air Force ROTC during col-

lege, so I can become an Air Force Officer after graduating.

C/1Lt Tristan Kooker



Cape May Co. Library's Lower Twp Branch's 25th Anniversary Open House— dancing and tug-of-war!

