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From the Commander

We now enter our busy season for Search and Rescue. Now is the time to ensure all of your Emergency Services gear is in good working order. We need more cadets to become General Emergency Services (GES) qualified to help our squadron perform missions we are tasked by the U.S. Air Force Rescue Coordination Center.

On 22 March 2008, Cape May County and Atlantic County Composite Squadron's completed 7 hours of Emergency Services Training. We conducted 3 ELT missions, a Downed Aircraft scenario, a Missing Person search, performed Crash Scene Management and Security procedures, and tracked signs and footprints from a simulated aircraft crash.

Approximately 17 members received training, and many qualified themselves in Urban Direction Finding, Ground Team Members and a Ground Branch Director. Another multi-squadron training mission is being planned for May 2008, stay tuned for more details.

The New Jersey Wing recently held its annual Wing Conference at Fort Dix. Our Interim National Commander, Brig General Amy Courter, was our Guest Speaker and informed the Wing Members in attendance what was happening within CAP on a National

Level. This was an informative briefing. Two members of our Cadet Staff were escorts for the National Commander, C/2Lt's Michael Quinn and Coleman Calhoun. This is a great honor to be selected to perform escort duty for our Distinguished Guest.

The Cape May County Composite Squadron was recognized for the efforts many of our squadron members do to help CAP perform Missions for America.

Some award recipients were: **C/2Lt Michael Quinn (Phase II Cadet of the Year)**, **2Lt Sandra Kooker (Public Affairs Officer of the Year)**, **1Lt Richard Simon II (Communicator of the Year)**, **Major Richard Simon (Administration/Personnel Officer of the Year)**, and lastly, **Captain Kevin Barstow (Ground Team Member of the Year)**. **A job well done by all award recipients.**

The New Jersey Wing Cadet Basic Encampment is being held from 26 July to 02 August 2008 at Fort Dix/McGuire Air Force Base. The cost is only \$100.00 for an intense week of training, team building skills, military knowledge, and food and lodging. Cadets need Basic Encampment in order to apply for National Activities and other events. Check with your Cadet Staff for more details and requirements to attend. *(continued page 2)*

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The New Jersey Wing Emergency Services Academy is conducting its annual Spring Ground Search and Rescue School at Fort Monmouth this year. The dates are 18-20 April, 25-27 April, and 02-04 May 2008. Pre-registrations must be sent to LtCol. Olszewski at richjo5@optonline.net.

Cadets are encouraged to participate in Orientation Flights, especially since our squadron has an aircraft assigned to the unit. Every Cadet is authorized 2 Orientation Flights to learn about Aerospace Education and Flying. Cadets are encouraged to sign-up for flights with Captain Richard Fellows or your Cadet Staff. This is a Great Opportunity to fly in a aircraft and enjoy the thrill of being in the air. Don't let this opportunity pass you by.

“SEMPER OPTIMUS”
Captain Kevin L. Barstow, Sr.
Commander, NJ-009

Upcoming Events:

18-20 April Spring GSAR
19 April NJ Wing SAREX
25-27 April Spring GSAR
2-4 May Spring GSAR
10 May Squadron SAREX

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Capt Richard Fellows
C/SSgt Victoria Stackhouse
C/Amn Joseph Papperman



Anniversaries

1Lt Jessica Avellino
C/SrA Adam Alexander

A Note From the Cadet Staff

Great job this month guys. We had many cadets attend activities all over the wing. I would also like to thank 2Lt Williams for his aerospace class. I know last week was spring break but we need to get more members active. You guys need to talk to your friends at school ask them why they can not come and bring in some fresh meat (joke).

C/2Lt Coleman Calhoun
Deputy Cadet Commander

Just a note from the PAO...

My husband, son, and I attended our first NJ Wing Conference this past Saturday. Last year I had only just recently joined CAP, so I didn't go to the Wing Conference because I really didn't know much about it. If only I had known! I highly recommend everyone attend next year. Listening to the Interim National Commander Brig General Amy Courter was very interesting. After a break for lunch, there were interesting workshops for everyone to choose from -cadets and senior members alike. In addition, there were some great displays that included, among other things, ES gear and collectible aeronautical related coins.

One of the things I have found in my short time being a CAP member, is that you really get to meet interesting people and make new friends when you get out and get involved. When I was growing up, I was always a little quiet and shy. It still surprises me sometimes when I look at all the things I've done in CAP so far. I've learned so many new things and have had countless new experiences -things I never thought I'd try!

What I'd like everyone to get from my rambling here, is that all members should push themselves to try new things and not be afraid. Cadets, please always feel free to ask any question you might have. If you're not sure how to go about something, ask your chain of command. There are a lot of things to learn in CAP, and sometimes the forms, paperwork, and regulations can be confusing and a bit daunting. Don't be afraid to ask someone if you're not sure how to do something. Don't miss out on opportunities - we are here to help. Always feel free to email me if you need something, and I will try

to help.

Also, please remember, that the squadron is open at 1800 hrs for members who want to test. Keep studying and keep testing! If you need a little help studying for a test, ask your chain of command - we always have someone willing to help mentor if needed.

If you haven't already, please check out our squadron's website—it has a lot of important information, including useful links and a calendar of events:

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

Don't forget to sign up for **NJCAP** if you haven't already. There is a link on our website. It is an important way to get updates from NJ Wing via email. Also, please check your contact info in **e-services** on **www.cap.gov** and make sure it's all correct, including your email. **NJCAP** will not work if your email is not updated and correct on the national database.

Our squadron has Squadron Challenge Coins available for \$20. They really are beautiful, and make a nice keepsake.



Thank you,

2Lt Sandra Kooker, PAO
ejsltb@comcast.net

Parents, we need your help! We always welcome parents who would like to join the squadron, either as a regular Senior Member or as a Cadet Sponsor Member. If that's not your thing, how about this—we are trying to start a booster club for the squadron. It will be the "Friends of Cape May County Composite Squadron." We will need parents who are willing to help out, and in particular, a parent willing to be the chairperson. Please contact me if you are interested, no experience necessary!

Senior Member In the Spotlight

- **Name:** Evan John Kooker
- **Job/Profession:** Correctional Officer
- **When I was a kid I wanted to grow up to be:** Fire Fighter
- **Excuse me if I brag about:** My Son.
- **If I could invite four people to dinner, I would invite:** My Wife, My Son and Bill Gates.
- **And we would discuss (at dinner):** How we could get Bill to pay for my son's college.
- **If I could be invisible for one hour, I would:** Help someone.
- **My favorite singing group:** U2
- **The one TV show I'm glued to is:** Top Gear on BBC America.
- **If I could eat three things for the rest of my life, they would be:** General Tso's chicken, Bratwurst, and Chicken Cordon Blue.
- **The worst movie I ever saw was:** Any Horror Movie.
- **The best movie I ever saw was:** It's a Wonderful Life.
- **The person I look up to most is:** My Wife.
- **If I could have anything in the world, I would want:** A Pinzgauer 4x4
- **Something I've always wanted to do is:** Learn to shoot better.
- **Place I'd like to visit:** Alaska
- **If I could change one thing about myself, it would be:** I would like to have 20/20 vision.
- **Where I'd like to be and what I'd like to be doing in ten years is:** Getting ready to retire and spending time with 2LT Kooker.
- **My goal in CAP is:** Get more training in Emergency Services and having Fun while doing it.



Cadets, if you are interested in Glider Flights, be sure to take the Wing Runner Course online. Find it at::

www.njwg.cap.gov

Look for Operations, then Flight Training Courses and Tests, and SSF/CAP Wing Runner Course– then click on Wing Runner Course. After you take the test, print out your certificate and bring it to the squadron for your file.

From the Cadets

This Spring Break was very eventful! I saw my best friend from college and we hung out and went to the movies. In addition, Easter Sunday was a day of reflection and eating plenty of food, which is never bad! One thing that did disappoint me over the Break was that I had wanted to go to Puerto Rico. I had been there before, but a second time would have been amazing!

Next week school begins again. I can't wait because it is one step closer to graduating!

C/MSgt Christine Aigbogun

Hi, well recently I signed up for a paintball team. We are being charged \$25 or so and we haven't had any games or meetings. Well, we had one meeting, but no one came. Well, I've also been playing amateur paintball with my friends. It's more like a slaughterhouse though. On April 4th I'm going on vacation to California.

CAB Ryan Fontaine

This past week I went to a small one day but intense SAREX at Atlantic County Composite Squadron. I

enjoyed doing the SAREX and going for GTM3. It was also nice seeing my flight commander there and some cadets that I haven't seen since Encampment.

We successfully completed three long ES missions. Capt Avellino had his hands very full dealing with each mission. I just hope that we can get a SAREX at our squadron and get the Maule up in the air. But overall, the SAREX went very well and I enjoyed it a lot!

C/Amn Louis Sicilia

Over Spring Break I played paintball. I had a lot of fun playing it. I hit a lot of my friends and my dad. Other than that I haven't done much else.

C/Amn John Edwards

I have enjoyed my Spring Break so far. I rode my bike down to Court House. I was kind of bored, but other than that I had fun.

C/AB Matthew Rickards

From the Cadets

This weekend I attended the Wing conference. It was great experience. I got to meet the National Commander, Brig. General Amy Courter. I also got to do a rifle performance for the Honor Guard Seminar. Later that evening C/2Lt Quinn and I performed a POW/MIA Memorial Table at the banquet. It was a long day but I had an over good time.

C/2Lt Coleman Calhoun



This July, I will be serving on encampment staff as a flight commander. Even though I first attended basic encampment in 2005, this will be the first time I will be returning to encampment as a member of the staff. This will be my first command experience outside of the squadron, and while I am worried a little, I also think that this could be a fun and interesting experience. This year, we are expecting there to be about 200

cadets at basic encampment, which means that it will be one of the largest in the history of New Jersey Wing.

Earlier, in June, I will be going to the Cadet Officer School in Maxwell AFB, Alabama. This activity is 10 days long, and represents one of the most challenging and rewarding opportunities in Civil Air Patrol. I will get the chance to visit the National Headquarters of Civil Air Patrol, and learn from high ranking Civil Air Patrol and Air Force officers. In addition, I will get to meet other cadet officers from around the country who have similar goals and interests to me.

In the past few months, we have had more cadets coming to our squadron than before. However, I would still like to see people progressing and becoming involved in outside activities. Promoting and doing things such as attending encampment really opens up a lot more opportunities. For example, you need to have attended encampment in order to go to a national activity or become a cadet officer. Also, attending an activity such as GSAR can improve your emergency services skills greatly, enabling you to participate in more missions.

C/2Lt Tristan Kooker

From the Cadets

Over the past 3 weeks I have been studying very hard for my Wright Brothers test. So far it has been a challenge for me, but on Thursday, April 3, 2008, I **will** pass my test and be on my way to bigger and better tasks and achievements in Civil Air Patrol.

One week ago I came back very disappointed from a New Jersey Wing Dragon Drill Team practice. No one is showing up to the practices. Those cadets who are showing up feel the wrath. I don't quite get it. We have a great time at practice. We learn a lot and we are working towards a great goal. In order to compete in the competition a full drill team is needed, and as of now we do not even have enough people to fill all of the slots.

All of this boils down to that fact that we have worked hard for the past 7 months of practice and we are primed to be the winners of the national competition but we may not even make it there because many of my fellow cadets don't seem motivated enough to make it to the finish line. I hope that a clear message can be sent to my fellow teammates that everyone needs to step up to this challenge to show up and participate so we can be able to say, "We are the New Jersey Wing Dragon Drill Team and we are Number one!"

C/SrA Dylan Rutherford



Cadets, before you know it, it will be time for soaring in the glider! All cadets are authorized 5 orientation flights in a powered aircraft, and also 5 flights in a glider. Our squadron keeps our glider at Woodbine Airport. You must have your Curry in order to do the flights. If you are interested, try the Wing Runners Course on the NJ Wing site. Complete the



course and bring your certificate to the squadron. The glider is an experience you really shouldn't miss.

