

## Civil Air Patrol/Cape May

### From the Commander



CAPE MAY COUNTY SQUADRON CIVIL AIR PATROL

# SQUADRON

As the Holiday Season is fast coming upon us all, I would like to express my gratitude for having one of the Best Squadron's in New Jersey. The many wonderful cadets and seniors we have here are a pleasure to work with. I want to express my thankfulness for having an excellent cadet and senior staff to assist me, which makes my job as commander, much more enjoyable and efficient.

The month of November has been busy for us all; we have started K-9 training to have a qualified K-9 Team at the squadron, thanks to SM Diana Akeret. We still have a more training to conduct to become qualified, but we are on our way. We recently had the privilege to go to Burlington County College to listen to speaker Astronaut Ken Mattingly, who was not only an Apollo Space Program astronaut, but also served in the Space Shuttle Program. We were honored by the college to be seated in the front row during the speaking engagement and be invited to speak personally to the speaker afterwards and get a group

photo with Mr. Mattingly.

We recently had a NJWG SAREX conducted at the Atlantic County Composite Squadron on the 22<sup>nd</sup>, several members attended and trained to qualify or re-certify in their Emergency Services qualifications. The training exercise went very well, and all members who attended were engaged and trained in real world type missions that Civil Air Patrol would be called upon to perform. This exercise was a vast improvement over past exercises and things ran very smoothly and efficiently. Thank you to all who came out to train with us and other squadrons from our Group.

As a reminder for all cadets, the National Cadet Special Activities applications are to be filled out and signed by the Squadron Commander by January 1, 2009. I would like you to look through the available activities and apply on or just after 01 December 2008.

Plan on attending our Wreaths Across America ceremony being conducted on

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Saturday, 13 December 2008 at the Cold Springs Cemetery in Erma, New Jersey at 12 noon. We will be laying wreaths to Honor and Remember our Veterans. This is a solemn and sobering event you should not miss.

Remember to check out our squadron's calendar for any events, classes, and training that is announced. Our web site address is:

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

then look under Google Calendar to see what is happening here at the squadron.

I want to wish you a Happy and Joyous Holiday Season and enjoy your Thanksgiving and I hope you enjoy being with your friends and family, but keep our troops overseas and stateside in your minds as well, and wish them a safe and speedy return to their loved ones.

**“SEMPER OPTIMUS “**

**Kevin L. Barstow, Captain/CAP**



**Promotions**

C/A1C Dylan McLain to C/SrA



C/A1C Brendan Flynn to C/SrA



C/Amn Timothy Fisher to C/A1C



C/Amn Matthew Rickards 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  
2nd Lt Lisa Barstow  
Supply Officers**

**A Note From the Cadet Staff**

Most of the cadets arrive at the squadron only a few minutes before the meeting starts. While there is nothing wrong with doing this, you are missing out on great opportunities to get help. Since most of the cadet staff arrives about 45 minutes before the meeting starts, this is the perfect opportunity to get mentored so that you can do well on your next test. In addition, you can hand in any paperwork you have before the meeting, so that you do not have to use up your break time. On a final note, applications for National Cadet Special Activities can be submitted starting December 1st, and I encourage you to submit them as early as possible.

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

**Upcoming Events:**

**6 December** Cape May Christmas Parade  
**13 December** Wreaths Across America @ Cold Spring Cemetery  
**18 December** Family Potluck Christmas Party

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY!**

Capt Kevin Barstow  
Capt Richard Simon  
1st Lt Sandra Kooker  
C/1st Lt Tristan Kooker



**Senior Member Promotions**

SM Lisa Barstow to 2nd Lt  
SM Joann Greenstein to 2nd Lt

**Anniversaries**

Capt Kevin Barstow  
1st Lt Robert Zeier  
C/Amn Ryan Fontaine  
C/A1C Matthew Rickards

**Welcome New Member**

C/AB Alexander Hudson

## Cadet Program

It is getting colder outside and that generally means that the holidays are coming up. During winter break, I have a challenge for you cadets: use that time to prepare for your next tests.

There is a thought of having Family and Friends Night at the end of January, and we all want to impress our parents. How can our parents be more proud of us than when we are in front of them getting a promotion or an award? You can do this; we all are here to help each other. Find a buddy, study a section and quiz each other. Nothing can stop us once you find a plan that works. Good Luck and have a safe and fun holiday.

**Capt Tony Simon**  
**Deputy Commander for Cadets**  
**NER NJ-009**

## Public Affairs

As the year comes to a close, I'd like to thank all the cadets and senior members who contributed to the squadron newsletter during the year. I appreciate all the submissions everyone gave me - there wouldn't be a newsletter without your input! It is especially nice to read the letters from the cadets! I also want to thank the parents and families who helped with snacks and with special events the squadron had this past year. Your help is greatly appreciated!

Looking back over the past year I have to think of all the good experiences I've had due to CAP - squadron events, GSAR, glider encampment, NJ Wing Encampment, and SAREX's to name a few. Many of the things I did this year in CAP were new to me, and sometimes not easy. But I made it through, learned new things, and became a better person and a better CAP member. I want to encourage everyone to get out there and try new things in CAP in 2009. CAP has a lot to offer it you take advantage of it.

**1Lt Sandra Kooker, Public Affairs Officer, NER NJ-009**

## Cadet In the Spotlight

- **Name:** Tyler Hentges
- **School:** Middle Twp Middle School
- **Age:** 14
- **Grade:** 8
- **Excuse me if I brag about:** my driving skills, I race karts!
- **If I could invite four people to dinner, I would invite:** Jeff Dunham, Adam Sandler, Travis Pastrana, and Ricky Carmichael
- **And we would discuss (at dinner):** comedy and racing
- **If I could be invisible for one hour, I would:** listen to secret government affairs
- **My favorite singing group:** Don't really have one.
- **The one TV show I'm glued to is:** George Lopez
- **If I could eat three things for the rest of my life, they would be:** Wonton soup, macaroni and cheese, chicken and broccoli
- **The worst movie I ever saw was:** High School Musical
- **The best movie I ever saw was:** Hancock
- **The person I look up to most is:** my Dad
- **If I could have anything in the world, I would want:** P-51 Mustang
- **My first real job after college will be:** a pilot in the military
- **You will never see me wearing:** a dress...
- **If I could change one thing about myself, it would be:** nothing
- **Where I'd like to be and what I'd like to be doing in ten years is:** a professional rally car racer
- **My goal in CAP is:** to achieve a high rank and become more popular after I join the Air Force



***Happy Holidays!***





**Support Search & Rescue**

**GET LOST !**

I hope everyone has had a safe and Happy Thanksgiving! I missed many of you at the recent SAREX; it was a very rewarding training opportunity. We only had a small amount of seniors and cadets that attended the SAREX. I was very happy to see C/TSgt Coughlin, C/Amn Fontaine and 2Lt Greenstein attending and training! We all trained on different scenarios from ELT's to missing persons. Many of our attending members completed many tasks and got signed off on these tasks to help them be productive members of our Ground Teams.

If any of you have any questions about the SAREX, feel free to ask C/Amn Fontaine what it is like to search for an ELT out in the marshes or what it is like to conduct a ramp search. If you have more questions, get with C/TSgt Coughlin on how difficult it is to find one person lost in the woods of the Atlantic County Park. I am sure both of these Cadets will be happy to tell you that even though it was cold and windy they had a good time working with cadets from other squadrons. I am looking forward to seeing many of you Cadets and Senior members at the next SAREX, so get your gear together and make plans on attending!

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

## *From the Cadets*

The last few weeks of CAP have been fun. I participated in a VFW Parade with the NJ Drill Team. The drill team practices have officially started and so far they have been very fun. Other than being promoted to Tech Sergeant CAP has been pretty standard. Hopefully in 2 years I will be an officer and be able to be the commander of the drill team.

C/TSgt Dylan Rutherford

This week (November 13) I finally wore my BDU's! Yes! Yes! Remember that date. I should get an award for that. Just to let you know, I got my hat and belt from [www.thehock.com](http://www.thehock.com). The hat and belt cost less than on Vanguard and were shipped to me very quickly.

C/SrA Brendan Flynn

This past Saturday, I participated in a search and rescue exercise at the Atlantic County Composite Squadron building. Not only were people from our squadron there, but people from Atlantic and Cumberland squadrons also attended. First, my team went on an ELT search that was much harder than I expected. After searching through woods and marshland for

nearly two hours, we eventually found the ELT with the help of another team. After finishing that mission, we ate lunch and rested for a little while. Then, we drove to Hammonton Airport to perform a ramp check and search for a "missing" aircraft. Fortunately, we completed that mission much more quickly than the ELT search, and we were soon able to return to the squadron. Overall, it was a great refresher for everyone's Emergency Services skills.

As I have mentioned before, it is almost time to apply for National Cadet Special Activities. According to the Civil Air Patrol website, there are almost three dozen activities listed, which span a wide variety of interests. In addition, these activities are a great deal; most of the only cost about \$300 for a one-week event, while many civilian camps can cost over \$1,000 per week. In addition, there are many other wing and region activities that will be held this summer. If you have already attended encampment, I would greatly encourage you to consider applying to one of these activities. If you have not attended encampment, you definitely should as soon as possible.

C/1st Lt Tristan Kooker

## *From the Cadets*

This past Monday I took my written drivers test to get my GDL Student Learners Permit in my drivers ed class. Unfortunately, I didn't pass the test so I will need to take it next week. If I don't pass it for the second time I will need to go to the DMV to take the test there. If I pass the test I will go on a driving course and get my average license. So wish me luck because I really want and need to drive!

C/A1C Louis Sicilia

This month at CAP has been fun. We got a new Chaplain from the Coast Guard so we can do moral leadership. I also got promoted to Senior Airman this month, which is good because I can start learning leadership positions for the squadron. Civil Air Patrol has been a great experience for me; I'm glad that I joined.

C/SrA Dylan McLain

The other day I ran 16 miles straight from my house on Route 9 to the Dennis Township Recreation Center. I am preparing for the "Johnnies Run" on the 30<sup>th</sup> of this month. The run is a charity run for children with Down Syndrome and Child-Leukemia.

I have won the race the last two years, winning the Johnnies Cup and having my name engraved on it. I would like to win it again this year.

C/A1C Timothy Fisher

I am excited for this coming meeting today, because we are going to have a class about dogs. Although I have already obtained my GTM1 qualification, I am glad to have a refreshment course, because our squadron has just received the unique opportunity to work with a couple of dogs and their trainer on a regular basis.

C/TSgt Craig Coughlin

I haven't really bee at CAP much due to football, but at least I can come sometimes, and my attendance here will start to increase when it's over. School is going good; I'm actually starting to understand all my classes. I have so much homework that I don't really have any time for anything. Hopefully I will have some more free time when football is over.

C/Amn Matthew Rickards