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Central Iowa Composite Squadron, Civil Air Patrol

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Words of Inspiration

"Be real. Others know when you are just going through the motions of good leadership. "

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Safety Tip of the Month

Remember to take it slow in the snow!



Color Guard Champions

By Capt Doug Jansen



Members of the Central Iowa Color Guard fold the United States Flag during the Iowa Wing Color Guard Competition in Cedar Rapids..



C/SMSgt. Lauren Seruya leads the Central Iowa Color Guard through the drill portion of the Iowa Wing Color Guard Competition..

Sixty years after the organization of the Civil Air Patrol on December 8, 1941, cadets from the Central Iowa Composite Squadron Color Guard won the Iowa Wing Color Guard Competition in Cedar Rapids, IA.

Several months of vigorous training paid off in full for these dedicated cadets. Five cadets competed at the competition that pitted them against several other color guards made up of young men and women from across the states. Cadets competed in six events. Cadets presented the colors indoors and outdoors, competed in a standard drill competition, took a comprehensive written examination, and physical fitness test. Cadets competing included C/SMSgt. Lauren Seruya, C/MSgt. Aaron Larimer, C/SSgt. Sean Frantz, C/Amn. Eric Richardson, and C/Amn. Drew Schlosser. Escorts and support staff included Capt. Doug Jansen, TFO Troy Ruffin, SM Jim Schlosser, C/Amn. Ereik Wright, and C/AB Jackie Elliott.

The Central Iowa Color Guard will now represent the Iowa Wing at the North Central Region Color Guard Competition in Nebraska in March 2002. C/SMSgt. Lauren Seruya won the "fleet foot" award for best physical fitness score and also the best overall score on all of the events. Cadets will continue to practice every Sunday from noon until 4 pm to continue to prepare for the upcoming competition. Keep up the good work!

Search Management Course



*Members of one of the mission base teams discusses search strategy for a tabletop exercise with Incident Commander **Capt. Jansen** at the AFRCC Search Management Course at NEWG HQ.*

Three members of Iowa Wing traveled to Lincoln, NE to learn more about search and rescue management at the Air Fore Rescue Coordination Center Search Management Course. Two Air Force Rescue Controllers directed the two-day course at Nebraska Wing Headquarters. On the first day the Air Force instructors discussed the difference in Emergency Locator Transmitters, how the COSPAS/SARSAT satellites track ELT's, incident command, different resources that are available, and mission resource management.

Capt. John Halbrook, Capt. Doug Jansen, and 2Lt. Brandon Hanson survived Husker territory to complete the 2 day course. The guys also got to stop at the Strategic Air Command Museum on the way back to Ames. The team got to see several of the aircraft that SAC used to operate during the cold war.

Storm Lake Update

Our new flight in Storm Lake has been growing by leaps and bounds. Membership in Storm Lake is at 17 cadets and seniors. Storm Lake is now meeting at the Storm Lake High School on Monday nights from 7 to 9 pm. Recently we have conducted General ES, Basic Radio Operator Training, Level 1, and Cadet Protection Training. In the next few months we plan on conducting orientation flights, Advanced Radio Training, and CPR and First Aid Training.

CAP Sponsors Race Car

National Headquarters announced a multi-year agreement as the primary sponsor of the NASCAR Busch Series No. 46 Lewis Motorsports Chevrolet. By signing on as primary sponsor, CAP hopes to increase awareness of their three primary missions: Cadet Programs, Aerospace Education, and Emergency Services. "The NASCAR Busch Series offers the Civil Air Patrol an affordable and effective marketing platform that will provide the vehicle to inform and educate the general public about CAP," said CAP National Commander, Brigadier General Richard Bowling.

"The enormous reach of the sport will enable us to introduce our 60 year old organization to millions of people over a short period of time." Bowling continued, "This will provide the impetus necessary to effectively augment and advance CAP missions."

CAP found a good fit with driver Ashton Lewis, Jr., and the family owned team of Lewis Motorsports. The No. 46 Civil Air Patrol Chevrolet will make its debut run on February 16, 2002 in the Daytona 300 at the Daytona International Speedway.



CAP unveils its new Busch Series race car. Driver Ashton Lewis, Jr will drive the car in the NASCAR Busch Series races this year.



The Central Iowa Color Guard stands for inspection at the Iowa Wing Color Guard Competition

New Iowa Director of Radiological Monitoring

Maj. John Hawkinson has been appointed as the new Iowa Wing Director of Radiological Monitoring. Maj. Hawkinson assumes this job that he used to do when he was Iowa Wing Director of Emergency Services several years ago. Maj. Hawkinson has a large task ahead of him trying to write policy to direct our sample transport and radiological monitoring training. He is organizing training from the Duane Arnold Energy Center and Linn County Emergency Management for contaminated sample transport in January.

Communications School

On November 17th, Central Iowa Composite Squadron hosted its second communications school for 2001. Six members of the squadron completed the school, earning both their Basic and Advanced Communications User Training. Members also received mission radio operator training as well as field training in radio station setup. Students assembled a portable radio mast, Lt Col Ralph Tomlinson, Maj John Hawkinson, Capt Suzanne Tomlinson, SM Jim Schlosser, C/Amn Drew Schlosser, and C/AB Andy Boyd completed the school

Promotions

Vince Dasta to FO
Justin Pedersen to C/2Lt
Erek Wright to C/Amn



Commander's Corner

Well, another two months have passed. These past two months have been the busiest in our squadron history. In the past two months our cadet corps has tripled from 6 to 19. With this increase in both the Ames and Storm Lake cadet programs we have seen a lot of training because of this. Several of our new cadets will become Cadet Airmen in the next few weeks, allowing them to participate in emergency services and participate in orientation flights. In December Justin Pedersen passed his Mitchell Exam making Justin our first Mitchell cadet. We have attained all of the milestones with the exception of the Eaker Award, but I think that will soon change.

Our seniors have doubled from 12 to 25. This will mean a lot of training for our new seniors. We've been conducting most of the same training for both cadets and seniors, but we will have to focus on our education of our seniors because we have such a wide variety of skills required for our mission to conduct our program and lead the cadet. I welcome our new members and hope that our staff will help to spin up our new members quickly and in a way that emphasizes quality and safety. With this spin up we will have plenty to do. There is going to be a mountain of training available in the next few months. I hope that many of us will be able to attend to increase our proficiency in all areas of our mission. With your enthusiasm I have no doubt that we will yet again hold onto the Squadron of the Year honor. So please continue in your training, fly, drive, train, but most of all...be safe and have fun!

New Members

Michael Boyd
Patrick Kelly
Nick Sand
Paul Smith

Jackie Elliott
Ariana McLaughlin
Anthony Smith



Total Members:

45!

Upcoming Schedule			Squadron Staff	
Date	Activity	Location	Position	Name
8 Jan	Meeting: ML, AE, LL	Ames Airport	Commander	Capt. Jansen
12 Jan	NCSA Selection Board	Cedar Rapids	Deputy Commander for Cadets	1Lt. Calhoun
15 Jan	Meeting: SE, AE, LL	Ames Airport	Deputy Commander for Seniors	Lt. Col. Tomlinson
19 Jan	Radmon Tabletop	Cedar Rapids	Cadet Commander	C/SMSGt. Seruya
22 Jan	Meeting: TBD	Ames Airport	Admin	Maj. Hawkinson
26 Jan	Orientation Flights	Ames Airport	Aerospace Ed.	Capt. S. Tomlinson
29 Jan	Meeting: CPFT	Ames Airport	Communications	Maj. Hawkinson
2 Feb	Commanders Call / CAC	Waterloo	Emergency Services	TFO Ruffin
5 Feb	Meeting: SE, LL	Ames Airport	Finance	Lt. Col. Tomlinson
12 Feb	Meeting: ML	Ankeny Airport	Historian	Capt. Halbrook
15-17 Feb	Ground Team Training	Camp Dodge	Logistics	1Lt. Calhoun
16 Feb	Air Operations Exercise	Ankeny Airport	Moral Leadership	Capt. S. Tomlinson
19 Feb	Meeting:		Operations	Lt. Col. R. Tomlinson
21 Feb	Damage Assessment Training	Ames City Hall	Personnel	TFO Ruffin
23 Feb	CPR/FA Training	Ames Airport	Public Affairs	Capt. Jansen
26 Feb	Meeting: CPFT	Ames Airport	Recruiting	C/Maj. Robinson
2-3 Mar	SLS/CLC	Camp Dodge	Safety	Capt. Halbrook
2-3 Mar	Cadet Leadership School	Camp Dodge	Testing	Capt. S. Tomlinson

Reminders:

- Be sure to take your new General ES Test Online
- Check out the wing website for the latest changes to the proposed 2002 Wing Calendar.
- Squadron dues will be collected beginning in January

Projects In Progress:

- Training New Volunteers!!!
- Installing the new radios we just received.



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