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## Iowa Camps to Survive!

*By Captain Doug Jansen*

What does building a natural shelter, navigating through the woods, eating MRE's, tying knots, carrying a patient on a stretcher, and landing a rescue helicopter all have in common? All happened at the 2003 Survival School. Fifty members from Iowa and Nebraska Wing participated in the school at Camp Dodge.

Classroom and field instruction was given to train students to complete the skills to become CAP Ground Team Members. Survival School, the second of the two schools focuses on the outdoor skills required to become a Ground Team Member. Students were broken up into five ground teams to complete the skill stations where they demonstrated everything from knot tying to fire building.

"The Survival School focused on classroom and field work for survival, land navigation, and first aid skills for our ground teams" said Captain Doug Jansen, the activity commander. "This was the first time many of the students experienced working outdoors for a prolonged period of time."

Des Moines Methodist Hospital's Life Flight Helicopter crew conducted classroom training to certify the students to be ground technicians for the helicopter. The training included how to request their support, prepare a landing zone, communicate with them on Mutual Aid, and how to load a patient onto the helicopter. After the training, the students setup an LZ for the helicopter to land on. The helicopter came in and the crew gave the students a tour of the helicopter. The students practiced loading in different simulated patients into the helicopter.

Saturday afternoon the teams marched out to the training areas and setup camp. Afterwards they began rotating through scenarios to help them complete tasks to become ground team members. Due to the dry weather, Camp Dodge instituted a fire ban that did not allow for cooking by fire like the staff had planned. Thanks to the 1Lt Petit

from Nebraska Wing, he convinced a local McDonald's and Hy-Vee to donate food to feed the hungry troops.

Saturday night students found out just how hard it is to look for a missing person, ELT, or complete a compass course at night. One scenario involved a downed UH-1 Huey Helicopter. Students used Direction

Finding equipment to locate a downed UH-1 Helicopter and rescue the pilot.

After sleeping in until 0700 hours, the students ate a hot oatmeal breakfast and began rotating through skill stations which included instruction and evaluation in knot tying, stretcher bearing, natural shelter building, orienteering, and fire building. After 24 hours in the field the students were worn out. After tearing down camp, the school held a ceremony to lower the flag and depart camp.

The weekend concluded with a class on preventing disease transmission to satisfy the requirement for bloodborne pathogen training. Students who completed both schools now just need to make up any skills they didn't master, complete Basic Communications Training, and Basic First Aid Training to become Ground Team Members.



# Commander's Corner

*By Col Russ Smith*  
**Iowa Wing Commander**

Summer time activities are well underway. We have cadets traveling all over the country to various special activities and many schools and activities will be held for senior members as well. We are hosting the United States Air Force Rescue Coordination Center Seminar on June 21 and 22 at Camp Dodge. We have van loads of cadets attending the Illinois Wing Encampment, the Wisconsin Wing Encampment (both at Volk Field in Wisconsin) and cadets attending the North Central Region Encampment at Camp Ashland Nebraska. We have smaller contingents going to Camp Rapid in the Dakotas as well. We have 3 aircraft and Instructors going to the Minnesota Wing Flying Academy July 11 through 20th in Mankato. Truly this is a busy time for Iowa CAP!

As I write this and think about our members traveling all over the country and indeed out of the country I want to urge them to learn as much as possible on these trips and be good ambassadors as they represent IOWA CAP when they travel. A professional attitude and well groomed appearance whether it is a senior member at Region Staff College or a cadet at Camp Rapid South Dakota is very important. I would appreciate a quick e-mail on your return telling me what you did, and how it affected your CAP career.

It's important to develop networks with the people that you meet and e-mail makes those networks very easy to continue to develop long after the activity is over. I still network with members in other regions, many of whom I have not served with for over a decade. Their



perception on a problem or solution to a problem sometimes keeps us from “reinventing the wheel”.

As a final note I want to thank all the cadets who made the trip to IOWA CITY on Wednesday June 11th for the CAC meeting. They looked SHARP and we received many comments from the airport personnel on having them there. Thanks for a job well done! We are in the process of setting up a wing headquarters at the Iowa City Airport and we will pass on more information on that later.

Have a SAFE SUMMER. This is the time when accidents are HIGHEST due to the tremendous amount of activity going on. Pay attention and as our DO says, if it doesn't feel right, don't do it!

# National News

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## C-172s As 'Hostile' Aircraft... Are You Kidding?



by: Major Nena Wiley, SWR  
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AOPA is questioning a Defense Department exercise over the Washington, D.C. area. The nighttime exercise was to have sent two F-16 fighters to intercept two Civil Air Patrol Cessna 172s over the nation's capital to test procedures for "identifying and confronting hostile aircraft," according to defense officials. The exercise, which has to be conducted in VFR conditions, was rescheduled to June 5 (last night) between 10:30 p.m. and midnight EDT.

"We're extraordinarily disappointed that the military essentially told the press that a Cessna 172 is being viewed as a 'threat' aircraft," said AOPA President Phil Boyer. "There is no threat analysis we're aware of that suggests that these light general aviation aircraft represent any significant risk to the public. But the publicity surrounding this exercise can only contribute to the unfounded public paranoia concerning GA aircraft."

Just to make it "fair" (more-likely because of noise considerations), Major Don Arias, a spokesman for the North American Aerospace Defense Command (NORAD), said the interceptors wouldn't be allowed to use

afterburners below a certain altitude. [We do not know if they would be allowed to use them, even in the event of a real threat —ed.] AOPA also questioned the coordination of the exercise, noting that senior Transportation Security Administration officials knew nothing about it until it was reported in the press. AOPA has requested that it be allowed to monitor the exercise, but so far the military has not given its approval.

AOPA's Washington, D.C., Legislative Affairs office contacted members of the Senate and House armed services committees. Some of those members of Congress have already raised their questions with the Defense Department.

The association also raised concerns about the safety of the exercise, noting that an intercept is always a risky procedure, particularly when conducted between aircraft having large speed differentials.

"Frankly, if the concern is public safety and security, we wonder why they are conducting this exercise at night over a densely populated area and in one of the busiest air traffic corridors in the nation," said Boyer.

# *Emergency Services*

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## How To Renew Your 101

**By John Halbrook, Captain, CAP  
Iowa Wing Director of Emergency Services**

If you are interested in renewing your 101 cards then you need to do the following:

1. Maintain your membership. You cannot be ES qualified if you are not a member.
2. Submit a CAP Form 100. CAPF 100's are available from your squadron or at [www.forms.cap.gov](http://www.forms.cap.gov)
  - a. The form 100 should be typed and completed in full
  - b. The form should indicate that you wish to renew your qualifications.
  - c. You need to check off every specialty that you wish to renew.
  - d. The form 100 needs the squadron commander's signature.
3. Submit documentation
  - a. For EVERY specialty you are renewing you need to provide documentation that you acted in this position over the past two years.
    - i. Write the mission numbers on a piece of paper and attach this paper to your request.
    - ii. Acting in some positions will count as mission participation for others please reference 60-3 Attachment 4 for details.
  - b. For more details on what your specialty specifically requires, look at the 101 Renewal Documentation information on the back of this sheet.
4. Submit all documentation to the Iowa Wing DOS at
  - a. Post Office Box 1285, Ames, Iowa 50014
  - b. The DOS' home address is not an appropriate place to send paper work
5. METL/ART - Mission Essential Task List & Annual Recurrency Tasks
  - a. Will be required to be completed by 1 January 2004.
  - b. Required to renew Ground Team Member, Ground Team Leader, Urban DF Team, Mission Radio Operator, and Mission Safety Officer
  - c. It is highly recommended that you complete METL/ART tasks prior to turning in your renewal information
  - d. Please submit METL/ART early and often so that you do not lose your qualification.
6. If your paperwork is complete and correct, within 48 hours of receipt of your paperwork your renewal will be posted on the Wing ES Qualification Roster in the Members Only Section of the Wing Website. Within 4 weeks You should receive some form of communication from the DOS office back to your squadron. If you do not receive any input e-mail the DOS at [dos@iawg.cap.gov](mailto:dos@iawg.cap.gov). Please be polite and professional, and any problems will be alleviated in a quick and orderly manner.

Thank you for your help and continued support of CAP Emergency Services.

# News from Around the Wing

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## SAREX in Combat

*By Ltc Mercer Richardson*

The US Air Force has awarded Captain Tricia Howe the Distinguished Flying Cross for her gallantry in air operations as the navigator of a KC-135 tanker participating in the rescue effort of a downed F-15 pilot in the vicinity of Tikrit, Iraq. Her tanker was suddenly diverted from its over water orbit, flew over 300 miles inland over hostile territory and set up an impromptu tanker orbit keeping the SARCAP and other mission aircraft refueled during the SAR effort. Captain Howe is a former Mitchell cadet and Administrative Officer of the East Iowa Cadet Squadron in Cedar Rapids, Iowa. Her actions reflect great credit on the US Air Force and the Civil Air Patrol.

## EAA B-17 Tour

*By C/2DLT Jeffery Carstensen, CAP*  
**Davenport Composite Squadron**  
**Cadet Public Affairs Officer**

Cadets From the Davenport Composite squadron on May 5<sup>th</sup> received a special tour of a B-17 Flying Fortress. During the tour the cadets were able to sit in the cockpit and look at the different controls of the restored B-17. The tour guide also gave interesting information on the history of the B-17. It was a major asset to the United States winning World War Two. The tour guide also pointed out that there are less than a dozen B-17 that are still flying today. The cadets were able to see the entire plane including the front gunner compartment and the bomb room where 12 100lbs General-purpose bombs were kept. The tour was a very enjoyable and informative lesson on the history of aviation and the B-17.

## *Note from the Inspector General:*

*By Major Eric M. Schneider, CAP*  
**Inspector General, Iowa Wing**

In the past few months, I've dealt with a number of cases, where cadets felt they had been "yelled at".

When a senior member walks up to a cadet and quietly asks him to remove his hat in a building, that is not being yelled at", nor does it matter, whether or not the senior member is from the cadet's home unit.

When a senior member screams at a cadet from 50 ft away, in front of other cadets and members of the public, so that the cadet is embarrassed and humiliated, that constitutes "Hazing" and is a violation of CAP regulations.

The distinction should be obvious, but some cadets perceive any "negative" comment from a person in authority as being "yelled at", while some seniors need to reacquire themselves with the provisions of the Cadet Protection Policy.

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## June, July, and August

6/24/2003	6/24/2003	Ft. Calhoun Sample Transport Exercise
7/5/2003	7/6/2003	FlyIowa 2003
7/9/2003	7/9/2003	Wing Staff Meeting
7/11/2003	7/19/2003	IA/MNWG Flight Encampment
7/12/2003	7/19/2003	Illinois Wing Summer Encampment
7/12/2003	7/20/2003	Joint Dakota Emergency Service Encampment
7/17/2003	8/5/2003	International Air Cadet Exchange
7/20/2003	7/26/2003	National Emergency Services Academy
7/23/2003	8/5/2003	National Blue Beret Activity
7/29/2003	8/4/2003	2003 EAA Air Venture
8/2/2003	8/2/2003	Evaluated Operations Exercise
8/6/2003	8/6/2003	Wing Staff Meeting
8/9/2003	8/9/2003	Local Operations Exercise
8/15/2003	8/17/2003	Wing Ding
8/25/2003	8/27/2003	National Boards
8/30/2003	8/30/2003	Tow Pilot Training

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