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PICTORIAL / ACHIEVEMENT ISSUE

FROM THE COMMANDER

It is still hard to believe that 2008 is over and we're already over halfway through January. Time flies! Part of the reason is because we're so busy doing so many good things. In addition to remaining Vigilant, we have to keep pressing forward and stay on top of everything we do. Here are a couple of important announcements that everyone should know about...



- Most of us know **CAPT. MIKE MIZNER** He has been a frequent visitor and supporter of our squadron. He is leaving his post with NV Wing Cadet Programs to assume Command of the 70th Cadet Squadron in February. This is a definite loss to the Wing, but a positive gain for the 70th. Congratulations Capt. Mizner!
- We are in the process of re-chartering as a **DUAL CAP VENTURE**

CREW UNIT. A leader of the Venture Crew of Southern Nevada will be at our meeting February 3rd to update our leaders on how CAP can support Venturing & vice-versa. Any of our Officers, Cadet Staff & parents that would like to attend are definitely welcome. I expect this meeting to start at 1900.

- The **WING COLOR GUARD COMPETITION** will be held in Hawthorne, NV the weekend of April 18-19. In addition to the team, it would be great to have a bunch of supporters there to cheer us on to another Wing victory.
- In June, members from the **NV WING INSPECTORS GROUP** will be conducting our Subordinate Unit Inspection (SUI). An SUI is where experts from the different functions of CAP come to our unit and ask a LOT of questions & evaluate how well we are supporting CAP's missions & complying with regulations. This is an important event & ALL staff members need to prepare. LtCol Roberts & I will be assisting everyone in preparing for this important event.
- There are no dates (or location) set for **ENCAMPMENT** yet. That doesn't mean that you shouldn't plan on going. There are a number of encampments each year. If NV doesn't put one on, I highly recommend you attend the encampment in California. So – **ATTENTION ALL CADETS** – If you haven't been to encampment yet, **GO THIS SUMMER!** It will be one of the most memorable experiences you have from CAP!

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As always, if you have ideas, questions or concerns, please let me know what's on your mind.

LtCol DAVID JADWIN, CAP NCS COMMANDER

WING CONFERENCE WRAP UP

I want to thank everyone who attended Wing Conference. From what I could tell, we had the largest cadet turnout of any squadron in the wing. Way to go!



I also want to thank our drivers & escorts who, without them, the cadets could not have attended. I appreciate your dedication Maj. Harris, Lt Tolis & Lt Schoop.

We were recognized for a number of accomplishments at Wing Conference – both individual and as a squadron. As a unit, we received the Squadron of Merit Award for 2008. Squadron of Merit is for the best Cadet/Composite squadron in the Wing each year. This is 2nd Squadron of Merit and, along with our Squadron of Distinction (best unit in the Pacific Region), that makes 3 ‘Best of’ awards in our 8 years of being a squadron! We also received another certificate for an Accident Free year.

Individually, a number of members received recognition. They include; (see PIX pg. 3)

- C/LtCol McLaughlin – Eaker Award
- C/Capt Crisp & C/Capt Brown – Mitchell Awards
- C/TSgt Cruz-Colon – Enlisted Cadet of the Year
- C/LtCol McLaughlin – Cadet Officer of the Year
- LtCol Brown – Character Development Officer of the Year
- Maj Harris – Observer of the Year

CAP Achievement Medals were awarded to: C/CMsgt Dredla, Lt. Tolis, and Lt Mayes & SM Ted Mohrhardt.

All members that were part of Nevada Wing during the Steve Fossett search (September 2007) were awarded the National Commander's Unit Citation Award. We will publish a list of NCS members who qualify in the next few weeks.

CONGRATULATIONS TO EVERYONE, NCS COMMANDER

JAN 13, 2009 NCS MEETING

- 10 written tests taken / 6 passed
 - CADETS ERIC CHAVEZ and TREY WHISNANT both passed the CURRY AWARD
 - JAN 20 & 27 NEXT 2 WEEKLY NCS MEETINGS THIS MONTH – ALL WELCOME
 - JAN 27 NEXT TESTING AT 5:30 PM
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2009 NCS AWARDS CEREMONY CONGRATULATIONS



Lt Col DAVID JADWIN < PRESENTING TWO TOP GUN MODEL AWARDS TO C/SMSgt ARIYA LE. >



C/Capt NICOLE CRISP < AND C/Capt MARIE BROWN > BOTH RECEIVED THE BILLY MITCHELL AWARD.



1Lt GEORGE TOLIS < AND C/CMSgt MICHAEL DREDLA > RECEIVED CAP ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS FOR OUTSTANDING SERVICE.



MAJOR PATRICK HARRIS < WAS PROMOTED IN RANK AND RECEIVED THE OBSERVER OF THE YEAR AWARD; THE FIRST EVER. MAJOR HARRIS HAS ALSO COMPLETED LEVELS 3 & 4 OF SENIOR MEMBER TRAINING. Lt Col BROWN > RECEIVED CHARACTER DEVELOPMENT OFFICER/THE YEAR



C/Lt Col ANDREW McLAUGHLIN < RECEIVED CADET OFFICER OF THE YEAR AWARD AND THE IRA C. EAKER AWARD. C/TSgt RUBEN CRUZ-COLON > RECEIVED THE ENLISTED CADET OF THE YEAR AWARD.



C/SGT WILLIAM McLAUGHLIN < AND NCS COMMANDER JADWIN > SHOWING OUR SQUADRON'S MERIT AND DISTINCTION AWARDS.

PHOTOS page 3: 1Lt ARNY GAMSON

CADET ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS

BE SURE TO CLICK ALL THE [HYPERLINKS](#) FOR MORE INTERESTING EXTENSIVE INFORMATION.

These awards are given to cadets who pass their unit tests, and also accompany an advancement in grade. Cadets who become Senior Members may wear only their highest ranking cadet achievement ribbon on their senior member uniform.

General A. SPAATZ ACHIEVEMENT



Carl A. Spaatz ribbon

The General Carl A. Spaatz Award is the highest award in the [Civil Air Patrol cadet](#) program. The award honors [General Carl A. Spaatz](#), who was the first [Chief of Staff of the United States Air Force](#) and the second National Commander of the Civil Air Patrol.

The Spaatz Award may be awarded to cadets who "successfully complete all phases of the CAP cadet program and the General Carl A. Spaatz Award examination" consisting of a comprehensive leadership and aerospace education written examination, a graded essay and a physical fitness test. The Spaatz Award is arguably the most difficult honor to earn in the CAP cadet program. Only .05% of CAP cadets ever earn the Spaatz award.

Cadets earning Spaatz Award are also promoted to [Cadet Colonel](#), the highest grade obtainable in the cadet program. Upon reaching the age of 21, Cadet Colonels are eligible to transfer to the Civil Air Patrol Officer program with appointment to the grade of Captain. Cadet Colonels who voluntarily transfer to the Officer program between the ages of 18 and 21 receive the grade Senior Flight Officer.

By regulation, this award should be presented by a military or CAP general officer, governor, congressman, federal judge, or a cabinet-level official.

General IRA C. EAKER ACHIEVEMENT



Ira C. Eaker ribbon

The General [Ira C. Eaker](#) Award is given by the [Civil Air Patrol](#) in honor of the former Deputy Commander U.S. Army Air Forces and aviation pioneer. It is presented on behalf of CAP by CAP National Headquarters to cadets who have completed the specific requirements in the Phase IV of the cadet program. The award is accompanied by promotion to the grade of [Cadet Lieutenant Colonel](#).

By regulation, this award should be presented by a region commander (or designee) or higher, a governor, congressman, federal judge, official appointed to a federal office, or a military officer in the rank of colonel (or the equivalent) or above.

AMELIA EARHART ACHIEVEMENT



Amelia Earhart ribbon

The Amelia Earhart Award is a cadet achievement of the [Civil Air Patrol](#) presented in honor of [Amelia Earhart](#), pioneering aviatrix and aviation record-setter. This award is presented on behalf of CAP National Headquarters to denote the successful completion of the specific requirements in Phase III of this program. Cadets receiving the Earhart Award are promoted to [Cadet Captain](#). By regulation, this award should be presented by a wing commander (or designee) or higher, an official appointed to a state or federal office, or a state legislator or state judge.

General BILLY MITCHELL ACHIEVEMENT



Billy Mitchell ribbon

The General [Billy Mitchell](#) Award is earned by [Civil Air Patrol cadets](#) who have successfully completed the second phase of the cadet program. It marks the end of the enlisted phase of the cadet program; cadets are promoted to [Cadet Second Lieutenants](#) upon receipt and, by extension, Cadet Officers. The award is given in honor of Maj Gen William "Billy" Mitchell, former Deputy Chief of the [Army Air Service](#) and military aviation visionary.

In order to earn this award, cadets must pass a series of leadership, [aerospace](#) and physical fitness tests and attend moral leadership training for each achievement from Cadet Airman Basic through Cadet Chief Master Sergeant. In addition, cadets must attend a military-style encampment before this award is made, and have maintained active membership in the Civil Air Patrol for at least 18 months since joining. 15% of Civil Air Patrol cadets achieve the Mitchell Award.

Mitchell Cadets who chose to enlist in the [United States Air Force](#) or the United States Coast Guard are promoted to E-3 upon enlistment and completion of Basic Military Training (BMT), instead of E-1. Mitchell Cadets who enlist in the Marine Corps, Navy, or Army are promoted to E-2 upon completion of BMT. A silver star is worn on the ribbon to denote successful completion of Cadet Officer School. By regulation, this award should be presented by a group commander (or higher), the wing director of cadet programs, a state or federal official, or an elected local official.

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NEIL ARMSTRONG ACHIEVEMENT



Neil Armstrong ribbon

The Neil Armstrong Achievement is awarded for successfully completing the specific requirements of Achievement 8 in Phase II of the [Civil Air Patrol](#) cadet program. Awarded for the second achievement of Chief Master Sergeant.

Dr. ROBERT H. GODDARD ACHIEVEMENT



Robert H. Goddard ribbon

The Dr. [Robert H. Goddard](#) Achievement is awarded for successfully completing the specific requirements of Achievement 7 in Phase II of the [Civil Air Patrol](#) cadet program. Accompanies promotion to [Cadet Chief Master Sergeant](#). NOTE: A silver star worn on the ribbon denotes successful completion of the [Model Rocketry](#) Badge requirements (if Mitchell Award has been earned).

General JIMMY DOOLITTLE ACHIEVEMENT



Jimmy Doolittle ribbon

The General [Jimmy Doolittle](#) Achievement is awarded for successfully completing the specific requirements of Achievement 6 in Phase II of the [Civil Air Patrol](#) cadet program. Accompanies promotion to [Cadet Senior Master Sergeant](#).

CHARLES A. LINDBERGH ACHIEVEMENT



Charles A. Lindbergh ribbon

The [Charles A. Lindbergh](#) Achievement is awarded for successfully completing the specific requirements of Achievement 5 in Phase II of the [Civil Air Patrol](#) cadet program. Accompanies promotion to the grade of [Cadet Master Sergeant](#).

Captain EDDIE RICKENBACKER ACHIEVEMENT



Eddie Rickenbacker ribbon

The Captain [Eddie Rickenbacker](#) Achievement is awarded for successfully completing the specific requirements of Achievement 4 in Phase II of the [Civil Air Patrol](#) cadet program. Accompanies promotion to the grade of [Cadet Technical Sergeant](#).

WRIGHT BROTHERS ACHIEVEMENT



Wright Brothers ribbon

The [Wright Brothers](#) Award is awarded for successfully completing the Phase I of the [Civil Air Patrol](#) cadet program. It marks the transition of a cadet to the non-commissioned officer status in the [Civil Air Patrol](#) cadet program, and accompanies promotion to the grade of [Cadet Staff Sergeant](#). Prior to the creation of the [Mary Feik Achievement](#) in April 2003, the Wright Brothers award was the 3rd Achievement and accompanied promotion to the grade of Cadet Senior Airman.

MARY FEIK ACHIEVEMENT



Mary Feik ribbon

The [Mary Feik](#) Achievement is awarded for successfully completing the specific requirements of Achievement 3 in Phase I of the cadet program. Accompanies promotion to the grade of [Cadet Senior Airman](#).

General H. H. "HAP" ARNOLD ACHIEVEMENT



H. H. "Hap" Arnold ribbon

The General [H. H. "Hap" Arnold](#) Achievement is awarded for successfully completing the specific requirements of Achievement 2 in Phase I of the cadet program. Accompanies promotion to the grade of [Cadet Airman First Class](#).

General J. F. CURRY ACHIEVEMENT



J. F. Curry ribbon

The General [J. F. Curry](#) Achievement is awarded for successfully completing the specific requirements of Achievement 1 in Phase I of the cadet program. Cadets must successfully complete the Physical Fitness test, Leadership chapter 1, and have participated in at least 1 moral leadership class. Accompanies promotion to the grade of [Cadet Airman](#).

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