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## PHOTO EDITION

### APRIL 7 AWARDS MEETING



Mrs. Victoria McLaughlin receiving flowers for all the support she gave to the Color Guard. She is flanked to her right by her two sons Andrew (rear) and William and surrounded by The Color Guard Team that won awards at the Color Guard Competition on April 4 at Hawthorne, NV ; (from left) C/SMSgt Ruben Cruz-Colon, C/SRA Tevin M. Stewart, C/MSgt William McLaughlin-Color Guard Commander, C/1Lt.Nicole Crisp-Deputy Cadet Commander, Mrs. McLaughlin-Testing Officer, C/A1C Eric P. Chavez-Hallet, C/A1C Charles M. Cheeld, (rear C/Lt Col Andrew McLaughlin-Cadet Commander.



C/1Lt Nicole Crisp presenting awards to the NCS Color Guard. C/A1C Eric P Chavez-Hallet (far right) received **HIGHEST SCORE LEADERSHIP EXAMINATIONS**. All of the Color Guard received **FIRST PLACE MILE STANDARD DRILL**, **SECOND PLACE IN RANKS INSPECTION** and **ALL RECEIVED PARTICIPANT AWARDS** from NV Wing.

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**AWARDS & PROMOTIONS  
CONTINUED**



< SM Edward Watson & C/AIC Jacob Mallett >  
receive the **STAFF APPRECIATION SUPPORT  
AWARD** from Lt Col Richard Brown.



**C/SRA Devlon Hayley**  
**A1C Christian Dennis**  
**AMN Robert Sanders**

**CONGRATULATIONS WAY TO GO!!**

Photos by 1Lt Army Gamson



**C/CMSgt Ariya Le** (center) received his  
**ARMSTRONG ACHIEVEMENT AWARD.**  
< Deputy Cadet Commander Nicole Crisp was  
promoted to C/1<sup>st</sup> Lt. 1Lt David Sidle, Leadership  
Officer at right >.

**PROMOTIONS**



**A1C Thomas Wishnant III**  
not present (NCS file photo)  
**Amn Michael Hofhein**  
not present

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NV WING scheduled Orientation  
Flights - NLV & JEAN Airports

**CADET'S IN THE SKY**

**SM Edward L. Watson,**  
Transportation Officer



April 11, The day started out gloomy and drizzly. As I picked up a couple of cadets to go to the North Las Vegas Airport, the cadets were watching the sky trying to figure out if it was possible for them to get up into the wild blue yonder. The closer we got to the airport the more it began to drizzle. Upon arrival, there was a brief moment of sunshine and their faces lit up with excitement of the possibility that they would be off flying. After waiting for a short while, sitting there with fingers, toes and tongues crossed, hoping that the rainy weather would go away. The pilot spoke up and said, "We may have an hour delay but **fly we will today**". This was music to their ears! An hour later or so they were up, up and away into the wild blue yonder. We had six cadets in all show up. There were nine that signed up but evidently they took one look at the weather and said, "No Way".

As I drove three of the cadets home, I was astonished at the conversation between them. They talked about the maneuvers that they were allowed to do in the sky. The excitement and the joy that was in each one's voice as they were trying to out speak each other. This is a day that they would not trade for anything. What an outstanding program and an opportunity for young men and young women to be involved in. It is hard for me to vision except for two that they are flying but are not driving. The cadets were high off CAP and not drugs.

What a day! What as day! I feel so honored and privileged to be a part of such a fine program.

Edward L. Watson

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NV WING COLOR GUARD COMPETITION  
HAWTHORNE, NV - APRIL 4

(SPECIAL THANKS TO BGen James K. McLaughlin, USAF who took and sent me these pix.) Editor





**THESE TWO PIX ARE CLASSICS!!**

Above & below



Team-Spirit  
Willingness to act as a member of a group rather than as an individual.



from left

- C/1Lt Nicole Crisp, Deputy Cadet Commander
- C/A1C Eric P Chavez-Hallet  
HIGHEST SCORE LEADERSHIP EXAMINATIONS
- C/MSgt. Ruben Cruz-Colon
- C/CMSgt William McLaughlin  
Color Guard Commander
- C/SRA Tevin Stewart
- C/A1C Charles M. Cheeld
- BGen James K. McLaughlin, USAF A  
Father proud of his Son and his CAP TEAM.

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**REMEMBER**

**TESTING APRIL 14<sup>th</sup> MEETING, 1<sup>st</sup> period.** If you forgot to sign-up, Contact Mrs. McLaughlin.

**ROCKETRY WEEKEND MAY 2-3, Sat/Sun 9am-4pm each day. \$20.00** Sign-ups at April 14<sup>th</sup> Meeting. Any questions contact Mrs. McLaughlin

<mailto:CLANLACHLAN@EMBARQMAIL.COM>

**NEED STYROFOAM MEAT TRAYS** (from butcher Dept. at Grocer) for rocket parts. Bring to any meeting until Apr 30.

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## Auxiliary officials play important role in North Dakota floods

A good story about CAP work with the North Dakota flood, Check it out show your family/friends what CAP can do!

1Lt David Sidle

[www.af.mil/news/story.asp?id=123141938](http://www.af.mil/news/story.asp?id=123141938)

This visual image from Air Force Auxiliary officials show damage done by flood waters along the Red River in North Dakota. Air Force Auxiliary officials have flown more than 30 sorties and captured hundreds of visual images to give emergency responders and on-scene commanders the most up-to-date picture of the affected areas. (U.S. Air Force photo)

3/30/2009 - TYNDALL AIR FORCE BASE, Fla. (AFNS) -- Critical integration of efforts and resources from Air Force Auxiliary officials has helped the citizens of North Dakota during the recent flooding that hit that region in the past several days.

The Air Force Auxiliary is the official federal aviation arm of the Civil Air Patrol that provides emergency services to the Air Force and its customers.

The North Central Region of CAP has been flying Air Force Auxiliary missions since March 19 when the unit received word about the potential of flooding in the Red River area of North Dakota, as well as other surrounding areas in Minnesota and South Dakota. Since then, they have flown more than 30 sorties and captured hundreds of visual images to give emergency responders and on-scene commanders the most up-to-date picture of the affected areas.



In the case of flooding, CAP imagery can alert decision makers of damage to vital infrastructure, which can ultimately help save lives.

Falling under the operational control of Maj. Gen. Henry C. "Hank" Morrow, the Joint Forces Air Component commander, the Air Force Auxiliary works around the clock to assist federal, state, county and local government and law enforcement agencies.

One of the added benefits of employing Air Force Auxiliary in its role is the amount of money saved by the Air Force. On average, it costs \$120 an hour to fly and maintain a CAP aircraft, whereas the cost of flying an Air Force fighter, helicopter or larger aircraft is much higher, making CAP a cost-effective force multiplier and essential part of Air Forces Northern's Defense Support for Civil Authorities mission.

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### BE SURE TO READ

The March/April Sentinel is posted on the Safety web page at [http://members.gocivilairpatrol.com/media/cms/Sentinel\\_4BC92A4694638.pdf](http://members.gocivilairpatrol.com/media/cms/Sentinel_4BC92A4694638.pdf).

**BE SAFE – SEE YOU AT THE NEXT MEETING TUES / APRIL 14**

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