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New Pacific Region Commander

ALL,

After interviews, input and deliberation IAW the Region Commander Selection process I instituted last year, I am pleased to announce that I have selected Col Larry Myrick to be the next Pacific Region Commander!

Col Myrick is a former California Wing Commander, and has a long background of service to CAP. Most recently, he has served as the Vice Commander of Pacific Region. His experience and familiarity in PCR will enable him to hit the ground running and continue the positive momentum. Col Myrick's term as PCR/CC will begin on 1 May, with the change of command occurring at the NEC meeting in Salt Lake City next week. Please congratulate Larry at your convenience.

I thank Col Ernie Pearson for his leadership, communication, and oversight of the Pacific Region of CAP. He has served in an exemplary manner, and in addition to the legacy he leaves in PCR, he has served in instrumental ways in significant national initiatives:

as leader of the Large Wing Affinity Group, and as a key member of the Organizational Excellence team. As many of you know, Ernie is stepping down from PCR/CC to lead the Organizational Excellence (OE) initiative as the National OE Officer for CAP. I thank Ernie for all of his past effort and achievement, and look forward to his continued success. Please congratulate him on a job well done.

Thank you to Col Chuck Carr, the chairman of the interview committee, and to Colonels Bob Diduch and Jim Rushing for their service on the committee.

Please direct any questions to me.

Thank you for your service to CAP. I look forward to seeing many of you next week at the NEC meeting.

Best Regards,

Amy S. Courter, Maj Gen, CAP

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FIRST 'GREAT START' GRADUATES



<Cadets Amn Eric Chavez-Hallet, Charles Cheeld, Cody Johnson, Rozzi Kornfeld, Paige Dixon, Terry McDowell and Katie Prokopick

ILt David Sidel
Leadership Officer



This week we graduated 11 cadets from the Nellis Composite squadrons (NCS) first ever 'great start' program developed by CAP's National Headquarters. The course walks new cadets through their first steps as service volunteers to the local community, state and nation by learning the essential basic skills required to be an operational cadet as the rank of Cadet Airman (One stripe). Some of these skills include wear of uniforms, custom and courtesies, drill and how to act as part of a team in the follower position.

Many lessons have been learned by the young cadet training staffs who have been working very hard to instill these basic skills with high quality training classes with hands on instruction to this new program. I would like to especially thank C/SSgt. Lauren K Smith who has taken the challenge as being the first ever primary training instructor for this course being a new Staff Sergeant. New cadet staff slots are being assigned right now by the cadet commander for the next rotation to replace my role in the program, this will result with the "great start" program to be completely cadet operated and managed within the next two rotations. Future classes will be posted soon, but at least one class a physical quarter is our goal allowing fresh recruitment numbers.

As we move past the first rotation of the "Great Start" program, we will a move to start development of "front line supervisors" or lower level Non-commission Officers (Sergeants) and the role of future career planning for all cadets. This will move the squadron into a "walk phase" (Crawl, walk, run) for the goal of a completely cadet operated, cadet program with little to no senior member interaction. Stay alert for updates in the coming weeks!

TANGO FLIGHT

C/Amn Paige Dixon



My experience in Tango flight was exceptional. Once I attended a second meeting, and was able to become acquainted with some of CAP's members, I knew, instantly that I wanted to be a part of it.

Tango flight began the day of my third meeting, and was extremely helpful in confirming my choice. It started off as a large group of newbies. We had an orientation on standard rules and we were taught basic drill. I was glad to be in Tango flight, not knowing what was expected of me, it gave me knowledge to fully understand the inner workings of CAP. They went at a slow enough pace to keep all of us on the same level, yet quick enough that we covered all we needed to. They even went over the 1st chapter in the leadership handbook which helped me pass the test to be promoted.

Mixed in Tango flight, were a couple of older members who made sure to answer all our questions. They showed us how to do things properly and how to wear the uniform correctly. It was an honor to work with them. Watching them I learned how CAP can affect you and was very pleased. They are now my role models, I want to be just like them.

Tango flight prepared me for what's in store as I continue the Civil Air Patrol program, it also gave me the chance to meet other cadets who are just like me. I hope that eventually I can be a role model to new cadets and teach them all that being in Tango flight has taught me.

FIRST PRIMARY TRAINING INSTRUCTOR TANGO FLIGHT



C/SSgt Lauren K. Smith

**1Lt DAVID SIDLE TO ATTEND BASIC AIRBORNE COURSE AT
ARMY FORT BENNING, GA**

1Lt David Sidle, Leadership Officer NCS CAP is on active duty in the Air Force. He will be departing this week for Fort Benning, Georgia to attend the Three week Basic Airborne Course (BAC). This is the same type of the Airborne Operations as seen in Northern Iraq 2003 or in the movie "Band of Brothers" with round parachutes in mass numbers; the Army hosts the school for all DoD Branches including the Air Force.

He will be returning 15 May as an Airborne Firefighter for the 99th Civil Engineer Squadron, Fire Protection Flight (Nellis Fire Department), Airborne team. For more information about the course, check out the main Army Web Site.

<https://www.infantry.army.mil/airborne/airborne/>



The 1st Battalion (Airborne), 507th Infantry Regiment has the responsibility to conduct the U.S. Army Airborne School. The Airborne School instructors are the world renowned "Black Hats" and are from the U.S. Army, Marine Corps, Navy and Air Force. Students are trained in the use of static line deployed parachutes.

Students are trained by the same Platoon Sergeants, Section Sergeants, and Squad Leaders for all three phases of training, (Ground, Tower, and Jump). The execution of this teaching philosophy strengthens unit cohesion, discipline, and supervision while providing quality paratroopers throughout the force.



Nellis Composite Squadron ACTIVITIES

MAY 2009



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		28 APRIL 6:30p Weekly Meeting			1 MAY	2 12p NCS Cadet Staff Training
3	4	5 6:30p Weekly Meeting	6	7	8	9 5p NCS Combat Dining-In
10	11	12 6:30p Weekly Meeting	13 7p Wing Staff Meeting	14	15 PCR Conference/ Cadet Competition SAREX	16 PCR Conference/ Cadet Competition SAREX
17 PCR Conference/ Cadet Competition SAREX	18	19 5p Cadet Commander Interviews 5p Cadet Staff Interviews 6:30p Weekly Meeting	20	21	22	23 8a NRA Qualification Firearms Training 8a Orientation Flights
24	25	26 5:30p Achievement Testing 6:30p Weekly Meeting	27	28	29	30
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