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Achievement Night at NCS

The New Centurions Presented
 by SM Victoria McLaughlin
 NCS Testing Officer (center)

C/SMSgt Lauren Smith (left) and C/CMSgt Ruben Cruz-Colon (right) scored a perfect



100% on their recent tests. This entitles them to a free pizza. Cadet Smith was promoted to C/SMSgt.

Cadet Cruz-Colon passed his Armstrong test. This is the **second time**

Cadet Cruz-Colon has attained a 100%. On May 5th He scored 100% in Aerospace 6, Space Environment. **The obvious question is.... does he receive 2 pizzas??**



(l-r) DC-C Lt Col Jay Roberts, Cadet Commander C/1st Lt Nicole Crisp, C/TSgt Tevin Stewart and Squadron Commander, Lt Col David Jadwin.

Cadet Commander Crisp has been appointed Cadet Public Affairs Officer. Cadet Stewart has been promoted to C/TSgt.

Promoted



C/A1c Mario D'Angelo



NCS file photo

Promoted

C/SrA Thomas Wisnant

Not present for pinning

Membership Application Process

1st Lt Dianne Crisp

Membership Officer

With the upcoming Open House recruiting drive, I wanted to let everyone know NCS's policy on the membership application process. Visitors (guests) to NCS are required to attend three consecutive meetings. On the third night, they may submit their application and checks. Their application is reviewed and a membership board is scheduled. Senior members must also be fingerprinted.

New Members

Another Father and Daughter Team



Commander Jadwin (lft) presents CAP Hat to Steve Bright & Serrah Brown

The first step in this process is to gather contact information from the guests on their first visit. They are given a name tag to wear and parents are identified as such. A tour of our building is conducted while the CAP and NCS programs are introduced. Contact is maintained with the guests throughout this four week period. Basic contact information is gathered from the guests so that we may contact them, preferably through email. After the first visit, a Welcome Letter is emailed from Col Jadwin. They are emailed our Cadet Welcome Packet which contains the application. A Senior Member Welcome Packet is due out soon. Then, they receive our newsletter. They also receive emails regarding any information deemed pertinent for them to receive. Each week, thereafter, they receive our newsletter. As stated above, the application and checks are reviewed on the third visit and their membership board is scheduled.

C/CMSgt Michael Johnson

Returns to NCS



Welcome and
Congratulations to all

In addition to this membership application process, prospective cadet guests are to wear the squadron alternate uniform. The alternate uniform dress is: white button-down shirt tucked in, dark pants, dark socks, and casual dress shoes. (This alternate uniform is not required for the Open House.)

I am the current recruiting officer. I interact with the guests from the first visit until the membership board is completed and their application is signed by Col Jadwin and mailed off. Everyone at NCS is encouraged to make our guests feel welcome. If you see an unfamiliar face with a name tag, please greet them. If you see an unfamiliar face without a name tag, please introduce them to me so the membership process can begin.

Thank you for your assistance and if you have any questions, please ask OR CrispCap@live.com .

Announcements

Cyber Patriot Competition



Capt
Michael
Mizner

Commander,
70th Squadron

Capt Mizner presented this interesting computer competition plan to our Group at the meeting.

To All Interested

This year the Nellis Composite Squadron and the 70th Cadet Squadron will be entering the *CyberPatriot* national competition. This competition is open to all CAP and AFJROTC cadets across the country and we are putting together a Southern Nevada team.

There are 4 cyber competitions; the first 3 are complete online and with a local computer. For the final round there will be eight teams selected and travel to Orlando Florida to compete onsite. Below is the description of each level of the competition. Prior to each completion there will be a lot of online training and hands on practice. If you think you have the knack for learning about computers and how they work and want to compete on a National level please send me an e-mail ASAP. mmizner@nvwg.cap.gov.

Please don't worry if you are lacking hardware / software or training. I have all of the equipment we will need and the education training and background to make sure you can win!



Samuel Jensen,
C/1st Lt., CAP

Cadet Commander
70th Cadet Squadron

NCS archive photo

All Southern NV Cadets

FTX

Field Training Exercises (FTX) are one of the most popular activities for southern Nevada cadets, since you will be meeting cadets from other squadrons, working together as a team to accomplish different goals, and you may have the opportunity to learn new ground search and rescue skills from other cadets who have recently graduated from the National Emergency Services Academy's Advanced Ground Search and Rescue school!

If you wish to attend the FTX in October (3rd through the 5th) please reply to this E-mail to let me know; mmizner@nvwg.cap.gov

However, if you want to get a head start you can complete and return these forms. For the CAP Form 31, only the 1st, 3rd, and 4th pages need to be completed, and signed by your parents if you are under 18. Some of the blocks such as unit charter number, etc. have already been entered for you. The second form that needs to be completed is the CAP Form 60, which is for emergency contact information.

The activity fee will be relatively low, but more information will come as to what the final price will be. If you have any questions please E-mail to me;

mmizner@nvwg.cap.gov



Growing our Safety Culture Part 2 of 4

SM Jorge Torres
Safety Officer

Last week we discussed the application of “Semper Vigilans” / “Always Vigilant” to our goal of creating a culture of safety within the squadron. On this issue, we will expand this concept by looking at the idea of Situational Awareness.

Situational awareness is the idea that we need to be prepared for whatever our environment throws at us. This can be things within our control such as our speed of travel or how many distractions we allow ourselves while driving; to things beyond our control such as weather, other vehicles, etc. Being aware of our situation would allow us to respond quickly, efficiently and most importantly, safely to any of these changes. It is true that not all accidents are preventable. However, the fallout from any bad situation can be greatly reduced when we are aware of our surroundings. A key element here is not focusing on any one thing for too long.

Let us look now at how we apply situational awareness to situations in and out for the squadron. Following are some scenarios. Read and discuss these with your family and friends and try to answer the questions. Submit your answers this by coming Tuesday. The best answer for each question will win a prize.

1. While driving to work or school, you are distracted by the conversation on the radio, the incoming text on your phone and the cute boy/girl walking on the sidewalk. You don't notice that two cars ahead, someone stopped suddenly. As you are getting closer to the car in front of you, you break hard, but it's too late, you hit the car in front of you. There are no injuries, but both cars have quite a bit of damage. Could situational awareness help you avoid the accident? How? >>>

2. You and a friend are walking home from the bus stop and decide to take a short cut through the neighborhood. Your friend wants to go into an empty house that has a pool in the back and you agree. You decide to take a swim and jump in the water. As you're swimming, you notice your friend is having a hard time. He's holding his leg and saying it hurts. As you're helping him get out of the pool, he slips and hits his head getting a cut. Your friend will need a few stitches, but other than that, you are both ok. How would situational awareness help in a situation like this?

By identifying the hazards, we can start our activities one step ahead. Situational awareness allows us to maintain that advantage and complete our actions safely. Once we have identified both initial and situational hazards, we need to communicate them to everyone in our unit. Next week, we will discuss how to do this in a way that generates the appropriate response. Start applying these concepts this holiday weekend and enjoy a great Monday off.

STAY SAFE!

Submit your answers to
anasmedic@gmail.com

Newsletter Updates

Event

Lt Col Harrison, through Capt Thomas Cooper, NV PAO has advised us of the following event;

Glider and O rides this upcoming Sat., Sept. 12 at Jean Airport.

Times are;

0730 Arrive Ranch House/NLV Airport,

0800 Arrive Jean Airport.

Be sure you notify Lt Col Jadwin, NCS Commander if you intend to go;

[David Jadwin, Lt Col, CAP](mailto:David.Jadwin@cap.org)

Notify the Commander by E-mail and at the Meeting tomorrow/Tues Night and sign up. this was discussed at the last meeting. Senior Members are welcome to ride.

We will notify Lt Col Harrison ASAP;

lhc.harrison.cap@gmail.com

Correction



Nicole Crisp,
C/1st Lt, CAP
Cadet Commander
Nellis Composite
Squadron

Flying in a Blackhawk Helicopter
(ask her about that)

snickcap@cox.net

The correct date for the

OPEN HOUSE
Tuesday, 29 September.

The corrected copy of the OPEN HOUSE Poster is on the next page 6.

Correction



New SM (at right)
Steve Bright's name was incorrect
in the original Edition, now
corrected on page 2.

Nellis Composite Squadron

OPEN HOUSE

29 September, 2009

Open house will be at the Airman Leadership School, Nellis AFB

For visitors requiring transportation there will be a Civil Air Patrol van for pick up and drop off in the visitor Center parking lot at 6:15 PM.



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- **Please join us for refreshments and demonstrations from 6:30-9:00 PM.**