

OPEN COCKPIT: JAN-MAR 2010

MISSIONS DIRECTORATE

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Electronic Flight Release, Scheduling & Discrepancy Reporting: The eFlight Release process has been in use for several months now and the results are impressive. Eighty-two percent of the sorties released since 1 Oct have been done electronically. Wings are making the transition smoothly. We expect the use of the paper CAPF 99 will be discontinued soon except for very limited circumstances where a flight release officer does not have access to a computer or smart phone. Several wings are also beta-testing aircraft scheduling and discrepancy reporting modules. These will be brought online for all wings in the coming months. Please continue sharing your ideas with us so that we can continue to make the modules better for everyone. (Contact: Terry Raymond – traymond@capnhq.gov)

FY10 Training and Cadet Orientation Flight Budgets: Additional training and cadet orientation flight funds have been distributed to the regions/wings. Keep in mind, as you develop plans for your training and cadet orientation flight activities, more funding will be coming soon. The final FY10 budgets will be distributed around the end of February. We are sorry for the delay, but we could not distribute the funds earlier due to congressional delays in approving the Department of Defense Appropriations Bill and the additional amount of time it took for the funds to flow down through federal government channels. (Contact: John Desmarais – jdesmarais@capnhq.gov)

Narrowband Transition Update: We have reached the deadline for completion of the narrowband transition, but many wings have not completed the installation of all their narrowband repeaters. Please help your communications staff install the remaining repeaters so your wing can take advantage of the outstanding features of the new equipmen. (Contact: Pete Wharton - david.wharton@dla.mil)

National Emergency Services Academy: Applications are currently being accepted online for the 2010 NESA from 12-26 June. Personnel can find more information for this year's courses, scholarship information and how to apply online at www.nesa.cap.gov. Unit commanders will receive automated e-mails to approve their personnel as their members apply. Approvals are done online; group (as applicable) and wing commanders will also be notified once subordinate-level commanders approve their personnel. (Contact: John Desmarais - jdesmarais@capnhq.gov)

Critical Incident Stress Management: There are still a few wings and regions that do not currently have CIS officers or coordinators assigned. We need interested personnel to get involved. It is imperative each wing and region name a CISM officer or coordinator and that they begin participating in the regular national conference calls so that, in the event of a situation requiring CISM services, support can be coordinated quickly and efficiently. (Contacts: John Desmarais - jdesmarais@capnhq.gov or Sam Bernard - sbernard@cism.cap.gov)

EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS DIRECTORATE

Director: Jim Mallett – jmallett@capnhq.gov

National Level Annual Awards: Just a reminder that all national-level annual awards nominations are due to the region by 15 Feb, with region nominations due to the appropriate National Headquarters area by 15 Mar. This year we have one new award: The Inspector General of the Year Award. Don't let your nominee be disqualified from consideration by missing the deadline. Check CAPR 39-3 or the appropriate functional regulations for complete nomination requirements and details. (Contacts: Susie Parker - sparker@capnhq.gov - or Frances Sides - fsides@capnhq.gov)

Wing Commanders Course: This course is scheduled for 13-19 Mar at Maxwell AFB, AL. Region commanders should submit nominations to Bobbie Tourville via e-mail not later than 22 Jan. Those eligible for nomination for attendance are: wing commanders who have been selected over the past year and have not attended the course, wing commander-selects who will be sworn in within 180 days of the

course and region vice commanders who have not previously attended. (Contact: Bobbie Tourville - bjtourville@capnhq.gov)

Officer Basic Course on Blackboard Learning Management System: The era of online learning through the Blackboard Learning Management System is off and running as of 1 Jan when 250 members began the Officer Basic Course online. The OBC is the replacement for the ECI-13 CAP Senior Officer Correspondence Course. Due to enrollment limitations (based on licensing fees) and the tremendous response (1,200 enrollment requests so far), we've developed a lengthy waiting list of individuals ready to start in the course. The good news on wait times is that the course is functioning very well, and it appears members are finishing the course quickly. In less than two weeks, over 80 individuals have completed the course. We are also reviewing programmed funding to increase the seats available under our Blackboard license. If you have attempted to register for the OBC and haven't received a response that your request was received, contact Ron Olienyk at rolienyk@capnhq.gov. If you are in Level II training and wish to enroll in the online OBC, you can simply e-mail your name, CAPID and e-mail address to: officerbasiccourse@capnhq.gov. You'll be notified of an anticipated course start date. If you do not wish to wait for a slot, you can still enroll in ADL-13 (old ECI-13) until 1 July 10.

Other Blackboard Initiatives: The IG community is also taking full advantage of the Blackboard online learning system by conducting four IG Basic courses and two senior level courses in the last two months. For information on IG courses, contact Larry Stys at lstys@ix.netcom.com. If you are considering developing online courses or training sessions, contact Ron Olienyk at rolienyk@capnhq.gov. Ron will guide you through the process of using the Blackboard system to develop and present your course. Class size will initially be limited based on our current Blackboard license capacity, but this is an excellent opportunity to develop and present pilot courses. As funds become available, we plan to expand our Blackboard license capacity to allow many more opportunities for members to complete online courses.

Drug Demand Reduction Program: The Drug Demand Reduction Program continues to raise drug awareness. In 2009, the DDRP fostered a drug-free environment in 580 squadrons and communities, serving 7,950 cadets and 6,968 seniors. It also raised drug awareness by partnering with 60 local substance abuse prevention agencies and coalitions. DDRP improvements included a new cadet learning module entitled, "Fit For Flying," which focuses on the human element in flying and explains how drugs, alcohol and over-the-counter medications can seriously affect human performance in the three-dimensional world of flight. This module will be available in April 2010. (Contact: Mike Simpkins - msimpkins@capnhq.gov)

Aerospace Connections in Education (ACE) Program: The CAP K-6 ACE Program continues to be a strong grade-level specific external AE program, currently serving 62 schools in 23 states. The ACE Program is an aerospace-themed, cross-curricular program focusing on skill development to foster: science, technology, engineering and math or STEM-related career exploration; strong character; and physical fitness to live a healthy and drug-free lifestyle. For more information on ACE go to www.capmembers.com/ae and/or send an e-mail to ace@capnhq.gov.

Teacher Orientation Program Flights: Formally known as the Fly-a-Teacher Program, TOP Flights are going strong again in 2010. Within the first two months of this year, CAP expects to fly almost 100 teachers. For more information contact go to www.capmembers.com/ae. (Contact: Judy Stone - jstone@capnhq.gov)

Aerospace Education Officer Schools: Four AEO schools are confirmed for 2010 with the additional possibility of two more. For now, the confirmed schools will be located in: Pensacola, FL, 23-26 Jun; Hawaii, 7-10 Jul; Massachusetts Military Reservation, 22-25 Jul; and the USAF Museum in Dayton, OH, 11-14 Aug. For more information, go to www.capmembers.com/ae and click on announcements. (Contact: Dr. Jeff Montgomery - jmontgomery@capnhq.gov)

Aerospace Education Member Online Membership: Any teacher interested in becoming an AEM can easily apply for membership online by going to <https://www.capnhq.gov/CAP.AEOnlineApplication.Web/AEMOnline.aspx>. The many benefits to teacher members of CAP include over 20 national academic standards-based K-12 AE materials, awards, grants, college credit and professional development opportunities to include the Teacher Orientation Program Flight. (Contact: Debbie Dahl - ddahl@capnhq.gov)

Aerospace Education Newsletter: The AE Newsletter is now a quarterly publication and can be found at http://members.gocivilairpatrol.com/aerospace_education/stay_informed/index.cfm. It contains current AE news and upcoming events, AE officer and teacher spotlight articles, and AE lesson plans and activities. Please submit information about outstanding CAP members and programs, "Region to Region" AE-related events, and current AE news to the AE Newsletter Editor, Judy Stone at jstone@capnhq.gov.

Aerospace Education E-NewsBrief: The AE E-NewsBrief provides monthly AE updates pertaining to current and upcoming events, contests, awards, grants and useful Web sites to assist AEOs, AEMs and senior members who are educators in implementing the AE mission in units, schools and communities. Please submit information for inclusion to Judy Stone at jstone@capnhq.gov. The monthly updates are at http://members.gocivilairpatrol.com/aerospace_education/stay_informed/ae_newsbriefs.cfm.

Aerospace Education Excellence Award (AEX) Program: The AEX Program annually promotes AE to over 30,000 CAP adults, cadets and students across the country. The AEX hands-on AE activity program is available for CAP squadrons and teacher members. Each unit or AEM wishing to participate in the AEX program will need to register electronically. The 2009-'10 AEX Program information, application and award completion report are at www.capmembers.com/ae. To register, go to e-Services at <http://www.capnhq.gov> and select AEX. (Contact: Debbie Dahl - ddahl@capnhq.gov)

Air Force Association/CAP Aerospace Grants: In order to provide CAP units and teacher members a funding source to conduct special AE projects and programs, the AFA provides funding for 20 \$250 grants per quarter on an alternating basis between CAP units and teacher members. The March and September grants are for teacher members, and the September and December grants are for CAP units. All applications need to be received at NHQ/AE by the end of the month for each grant cycle. Information, applications, and after-action reports are found at the AFA link at www.capmembers.com/ae. (Contact: Susan Mallett - smallett@capnhq.gov)

National Cadet Special Activities: We've received more than 2,000 applications, including nearly 400 from senior members volunteering to support the cadets and for our slate of 30-plus NCSAs this summer. Wings have until 15 Feb to "approve," "red light" or "green light" their applicants. (Wing DCPs have been sent detailed instructions on how to accomplish this.) After the wings act, NHQ will slot all approved applicants as "primaries" or "alternates." For details, please see www.ncsas.com. (Contact: Joe Curry - jcurry@capnhq.gov)

Scholarships: We've received 183 applications for college and flight scholarships, including 10 applications from senior members. Now a board of volunteers, each with extensive Cadet Program and professional experience, is scoring those applications. Competition is sure to be tough since 52 percent of the cadets have earned the Earhart Award. Squadrons and wings have until 15 Feb to approve the applications online. We expect to announce the winners by mid-March. Stay tuned to the Cadet Blog at www.capmembers.com/cadets for details. (Contact: Steven Trupp - strupp@capnhq.gov)

Learn to Lead: "Learn to Lead" modules 1 and 2 -- brand new leadership texts for Phase I and II cadets, are on track to launch on 1 Apr. Cadets who join after that date will automatically be enrolled in the new program, while current cadets may remain in the "old" program or switch to "Learn to Lead" at their option. For details see www.capmembers.com/learntolead. (Contact: Neil Probst - nprobst@capnhq.gov)

Online Cadet Achievement Testing: Concurrent with "Learn to Lead," cadet achievement tests will become available online in April. Milestone award exams will continue to remain hard copy only and

locally controlled. For details, see www.capmembers.com/oats. (Contact: Neil Probst - nprobst@capnhq.gov)

CyberPatriot: CyberPatriot is a new activity where CAP and AFJROTC cadets defend a computer network against a virtual attack. CAP has four teams traveling to Orlando in late February for the CyberPatriot II national finals, sponsored primarily by the Air Force Association at their annual Symposium. The program is seeing a great deal of interest from Air Force general officers. Participating teams are: Beach Cities Cadet Sq 107 (PCR-CA-285), Torrance, CA; Rochester Oakland Comp Sq (GLR-MI-202), Rochester Hills, MI; Burlington Comp Sq (MER-NC-022), Burlington, NC; and Seacoast Composite Sq (NER-NH-010), Portsmouth, NH. Good luck to them all! Look for CyberPatriot to become an annual cadet event. For more details, see www.capmembers.com/cyber. (Contact: Steven Trupp - strupp@capnhq.gov)

National Character & Leadership Symposium: CAP is sending a contingent to the National Character and Leadership Symposium at the U.S. Air Force Academy in February. The Academy bills NCLS as the premiere venue for youth character education in America. Congratulations to the winning applicants: Cadet Pamela Blanco, PR; Cadet Jeremiah Coogan, NC; Cadet Emily Greiner, NJ; and Cadet Kristopher Poskey, CO. Col Larry Trick, MD, is the activity director. (Contact: Curt Lafond - clafond@capnhq.gov)

Cadet Alumni Association: The search is on for a special project officer to help CAP reconnect with the 1 million former cadets floating around the U.S. Similar to an academic alumni association, the CAP Cadet Alumni Association would allow former cadets to keep in touch with each other, and perhaps serve Cadet Programs as a development and force-structuring tool. We are hoping to find a volunteer with experience in Cadet Programs and one who also has a strong business skill-set to help create a structure and business plan for our alumni association. For details, see www.capmembers.com/alumni. (Contact: Lt Col Ned Lee at nedlee6@aol.com)

Legislative Day & Civic Leadership Academy: The seventh annual Civic Leadership Academy will take place in Washington, DC, from 20-27 Feb, concurrent with the CAP Winter National Board. To fulfill the requirements of the CLA curriculum, cadets must participate in Legislative Day and visit legislative representatives. (Contacts: Steven Trupp - strupp@capnhq.gov - or Lt Col Bill Brockman, activity director - brockmanzoo47@hotmail.com)

Legislative Day "Borrow-a-Cadet": Wing commanders who would like have a top-notch cadet assist them for Legislative Day are asked to contact the Maryland Wing POC, Lt Col Rory Garnice at rgarnice@gmail.com.

Squadron of Merit: In addition to all national cadet awards, wings should be selecting their Squadron of Merit winner and forwarding that unit's name to Steven Trupp at strupp@capnhq.gov.

Air Force Association National CAP AE Cadet of the Year Award: For information about the AFA National CAP AE Cadet of the Year Award, go to the AFA link at www.capmembers.com/ae. (Contact: Susan Mallett at smallett@capnhq.gov)

Summer Encampments: People are starting to call national headquarters and seeking information about encampments. To have your encampment listed on our Web page, please e-mail the date, location, URL and POC info to jcurry@capnhq.gov.

Cadet Year in Review: For a look back at the cadet community's accomplishments in 2009, see the "Cadet Year in Review" at www.capmembers.com/cadetyear.

FINANCE DIRECTORATE

Director: Susan Easter – seaster@capnhq.gov

New Finance Regulation: The new finance regulation, CAPR 173-1, is finalized and consolidates CAP's financial requirements into one regulation. This consolidation was possible due to the Wing Banker Program. New requirements in the regulation include: Budgeting, use of Sertifi for invoice approval and posting selected documents on eAccounting.

WMIRS: FM has information pertaining to uploading fuel receipts on the FM page under "Hot Topics." This information will assist wings that have corporate fuel cards and provide insight into an efficient, paperless process.

PUBLIC AWARENESS DIRECTORATE

Director: Marc Huchette – mhuchette@capnhq.gov

2010 CAP Legislative Day: This year's Legislative Day will feature customized handouts for each of CAP's 52 wings. The handouts will include highlights of the wing's accomplishments over the past year and data of interest to elected officials in Congress, such as the wing's cadet and senior membership, number of squadrons, aircraft by type, saves and funding. Full contact information is provided for each wing, as well as the names and e-mail addresses for leadership at the wing, regional and national levels. The handouts also provide an overview of achievements related to CAP's three congressionally mandated missions of emergency services, cadet programs and aerospace education. This information will be posted online and made available for use by all wings for communications, marketing and promotional purposes.

2009 CAP Financial Report: The CAP Financial Report will be available this spring. Published as a full-color booklet, the back section will detail CAP's finances for the previous fiscal year, illustrating the organization's accountability and fiscal austerity, while the first section will present a view-book format of photos with deep captions and lively, succinct copy to detail the myriad ways in which CAP serves its fellow citizens. The report, which replaces CAP's Annual Report to Congress, will feature sections on search and rescue, disaster relief, homeland security, cadet training, aerospace education, the chaplain corps, counterdrug missions, technology, safety, professional development, public service projects like Wreaths Across America, and renowned members. Sections will be designed to be self-contained for easy printing from CAP's Web site to use for marketing and recruitment.

Public Affairs How-To Guide: In a collaborative effort of volunteers and CAP National Headquarters staff, CAP Public Affairs is working on a "How-to Guide for Public Affairs Officers." A much-needed update to the 190-1 pamphlets, the manual will provide practical advice and tools for CAP's PAOs to use for marketing and publicizing CAP's work at the local level. Covering both tried-and-true communications techniques and the newest technological tools, the guide is currently under review. Once approved for publication, it will be produced as a hard copy as well as posted online, where its hot-links to more information will be particularly easy to access. It is anticipated the guide will be a "living document," updated on an ongoing basis.

PLANS & REQUIREMENTS DIRECTORATE

Director: Johnny Dean – jdean@capnhq.gov

Development work on several new eServices software applications continued in October-December of 2009.

Operational Resource Management System: The ORMS was soft-launched in November in order to give property managers an opportunity to experiment with the system without affecting actual data. The launch was completed during the first week of January and ORMS is now up and running in eServices. The new system virtually eliminates paperwork and converts all property transactions such as transfers, reports of survey, annual inventory and individual equipment issue to online processes. All CAP members may access ORMS under "My Utilities" to see a list of all property they have been issued and accept newly issued items.

National Check Pilot Standardization Course: Development of the National Check Pilot Standards Course also continued during this period. The application is now in its beta testing phase and expected to go live in March. This application will provide a comprehensive multimedia course and exam capability for all check pilots in CAP.

IG Tracking Application: Work on the IG Tracking Application is almost complete. This application will permit commanders to track and manage responses to IG issues. This program is in beta testing and is expected to be complete in late February 2010.

Online Safety Briefing Application: The online Safety Briefing application is also currently in beta testing and will launch in March. This program was created at the direction of the NEC and will provide a way to track all required safety training for CAP members.

Cadet Leadership & Aerospace Testing: Cadet leadership and aerospace testing will soon be online. Work is expected to be done in March. This application will allow cadets to test online and will then automatically update the cadet's achievements record upon successful completion of each test.

Chaplain Online Reporting Application: Work on the Chaplain Online Reporting application also continues. This eServices feature will permit chaplains to complete the CAPF 34 and 34A online. This application will launch in late February.

New Wing Administrators: Four new wing administrators were hired during the first quarter of FY10. Please take a moment to welcome Janet Hinds to the Indiana Wing, Cheryl Magyar to Michigan, Crystal Norman to Alaska and Yolanda Ter-Hark to Tennessee.

CAPWATCH Changes: The CAPWATCH downloads in the Microsoft Access format have been discontinued as of 1 Jan. The text file version, which has been available for several months to help with the transition, will continue. The tools and processes used to create the Access versions are no longer supported by Microsoft, which makes it impractical to continue this format. A detailed mapping of the tables and fields in the Access and text versions is available under the Documentation link. (Contact: Joe Hall – jhall@capnhq.gov)

GRISOFT, Inc Anti-Virus Software License Update: The GRISOFT, Inc. Anti-Virus Software license update is now available in eServices. For more information, please go to eServices (www.capnhq.gov) --> Downloads section --> GRISOFT, Inc. Anti-Virus Software. (Contact: Joe Hall – jhall@capnhq.gov)

LOGISTICS DIRECTORATE

Director: Gary Schneider – gschneider@capnhq.gov

Numerous Mission-Significant Contracts Awarded: Numerous mission-significant contracts were awarded, including 19 aircraft, nearly 100 vehicles, which includes 60 purchased on short notice at the end of the year with expiring funds, 330 laptops for field use, Association Management Software, Learning Content Delivery System, HF/ALE, Motorola radio refurbishing, repeater installation and 17 Consolidated Maintenance contracts, which included nine renewals. LGC also supported purchase of Enhanced Vision Systems, aircraft tugs and numerous facility upgrades for the Alaska Wing, and standup of the Surrogate Predator operation in Louisiana. (Contact: Bud Hemphill – bhemphill@capnhq.gov)

Vehicle Buys: In FY09, with the yearly vehicle buy and the end of the year additional vehicle buy, we were able to purchase 98 new vehicles, which allowed our wings to replace the oldest vehicles in their vehicle inventory and improved the overall safety and reliability of the CAP vehicle fleet. Sixty of the vehicles were funded using FY09 fallout money from the Air Force. All vehicles were delivered to the wings prior to the end of December. For the first time in recent history we were able to achieve our annual vehicle-buy goals. (Contact: Duane Schultz – dschultz@capnhq.gov)

Aircraft Fleet Modernization: In the aircraft arena, we continued to modernize the fleet by adding new state-of-the-art Cessna 182T aircraft equipped with Garmin G1000 equipment. During the 4th Quarter of FY09 we accepted 19 new 182Ts. We selected five of our older, but better aircraft and equipped them with new engines, applied the CAP paint scheme and upgraded the interiors. We also added a new avionics package, complete with the Garmin 430 GPS, XM weather and Aspen EFD 1000 Pro Evolution Flight Display. The first refurbished aircraft is complete and is on its way to the Puerto Rico Wing. We also increased the number of wings under the consolidated maintenance program to 48 bringing the total number of aircraft in the program to over 500. (Contact: Dan Daniel – ddaniel@capnhq.gov)

Web-Based Property & Accountability Management System: LGS staff teamed with our XP and IT counterparts to create a Web-based property management and accountability system. The new system and its governing regulation, CAPR 174-1, provides guidance and standards for acquiring, controlling, managing and disposing of all forms of CAP property. The system successfully completed a beta test period and was fully deployed in January 2010. This new system combines the best features of CAPs legacy communications and property management systems and promises to streamline processes, strengthen accountability and improve utilization and protection of valuable CAP resources. (Contact: K.C. Jones – kjones@capnhq.gov)

NHQ Mailroom Staff “Unsung Heroes”: The mailroom staff, the unsung heroes of NHQ, has pulled double duty during renovation of the National Headquarters building. In addition to regular quarterly mail-outs, the mailroom packaged and processed requests for more than 70,000 recruiting items, over 5,500 AE items and more than 38,000 CAP forms, pamphlets and certificates. Additionally, they completely reorganized the CAP warehouse, creating unique locations and moving property to improve storage and handling of CAP publications and recruiting material. (Contact: Bob LePage – rlepage@capnhq.gov)

VOLUNTEER ADVISOR/TEAM LEADER REPORTS

SUPPORT

Senior Advisor: Col Joseph “Skip” Guimond – jguimondjr@verizon.net

Support Section Functioning well: The Support section is functioning well and continues to pursue CAP’s long- and short-range goals and objectives. Col Dave Braun has been appointed as the new uniform team leader and we are seeking to fill the existing staff vacancy for a marketing advisor and an awards and promotions team leader.

Professional Development: The new CAP OBC continues to be a great success with over 2,000 enrolled since its inception a short time ago; CAPM 50-17 in final coordination prior to publication for comments; PD specialty track has been published; developing new “tools” for region/wing PDOs and assisting the new NHQ staff transition; and NEC committee on the evaluation of senior NCO attendance of NSC has submitted its report to the national commander. (Advisor: Col Bryan Cooper – thorGodofThunder@verizon.net)

Marketing: Presently seeking a new marketing advisor; continuing project to create a simple checklist for new CAP members to outline the steps to becoming a mission pilot, scanner or observer; working with HQ operations staff and Col Andy Skiba to zero in on required content; and developing a new marketing strategy for review by the national commander. (Advisor: Col Joseph “Skip” Guimond – jguimondjr@verizon.net)

Public Affairs: Revised PA specialty track is undergoing final staff coordination including a new PAO handbook; national PA plan is completed and being reviewed by senior staff; new MIO/PIO training program will be incorporated into this year’s National Emergency Services Academy; numerous PAO workshops are scheduled for 2010 around the country; and work continues on a new PAO resource store that will feature member-created templates, images, training aids and other PAO/PIO resources. (Team Leader: Maj Al Pabon - Al.Pabon@mncap.org)

Aerospace Education: Updated CAPP 15 has been completed and CAPP 215 is in the final review phase; RC Model Airplane Program development group (Col Larry Trick) and Robotics Program development group (Capt Nick Ham) continue their work (robotics nearing completion with new emphasis on RC Airplane Program); random pool of questions for a new online Yeager test is being generated; AEO Schools in 2010 will be expanded to five or six and are being finalized; AE continues to seek a sponsor for the CAP AE Teacher of the Year Award; and work continues on the proposed expansion of the AE Teacher of the Year Award to include regional winners. (Advisor: Col Mike Murrell – mj.murrell@gmail.com)

Member Affairs: Submitted recommendation for new Awards & Promotions team leader and a new roster of team members for approval; developing a new-member's checklist for qualification into most popular specialty qualifications (Fast Start programs), which has been expanded to include cadet and officer members; and supporting both the Uniform & Awards and Promotions teams in their substantial efforts to coordinate and streamline these issues for the membership and leaders. (Advisor: Lt Col Rick Moseley – r.moseley2@verizon.net)

Uniform Team: Working with the NHQ staff to finalize a revision to CAPR 39-1; and working on many uniform items for the Winter National Board meeting. (Team Leader: Col Dave Braun – dbraun@gwi.net)

Awards & Promotions Team: Processing numerous national award and promotion recommendations; and working on a rewrite of CAPR 39-3 and the release of a pamphlet covering the preparation of award and promotion requests (draft presented at the NB with excellent reviews). (Interim Team Leader: Lt Col Rick Moseley – r.moseley2@verizon.net)

Information Technology: The Operations Resource Management System went live on 11 Jan; AMS work in progress and on schedule (estimate 6-8 months for full integration); working on briefing for national commander; Ops Quals Version 2 scheduled for release 2 Feb; NCPSC online course continues in beta version in test with good input to date; aircraft scheduling as an add-on to WMIRS now being tested in three wings (full implementation expected soon); cadet testing online is planned and should begin testing soon; CAPR 110-1 revision in progress; IMU integration is in progress; "What I Need to Do" functionality for PD and specialty tracks under review; online cadet scholarship application is in the works; and online chaplain application is projected for a "winter" release. (Advisor: Lt Col Bill Hughes – wnhughes@hughes.net)

Government Relations: House and Senate pass \$4 million restoration to FY09 O&M budget and \$4 million in additional funding for FY09 aircraft acquisition; 2010 legislative agenda approved by BOG and FY 2010 Legislative Day planning package sent to CAP leadership team for distribution to wing and region commanders; preparing numerous CAP briefings to various governmental agencies; and continuing planning for 2010 Legislative Day and 2010 Washington office operations and volunteer activities. (Consultant: Col John Swain – swain.dcoffice@capnhq.gov)

Legislative Team: Developing templates and training programs as templates for wing legislative teams; assisting with Legislative Day planning and operations; and working to fill all region and wing legislative officer positions (identifying existing personnel and providing a list to the national commander -- letters being drafted for national commander review and approval). (Team Leader: Lt Col Jeff Wiswell Sr. – wisgroup1@aol.com)

Cadet Programs: Coordinating NCC working group to reach consensus on NCC upgrades (plan to present interim findings at Winter NB meeting and develop an agenda item for Spring NEC); prepared outreach for alumni association project officer (to be forwarded through channels to recruit an officer with background in nonprofit management to assist in drafting a proposal for CAP leadership action); continuing coordination with IFLY Corp. to develop a partnership for the benefit of cadets; draft of 52-18 Implementation Guide (Military Training Philosophy) is in process; and 2010 NCSAs are on schedule. (Advisor: Lt Col Ned Lee – elee@scscourt.org)

National Cadet Special Activities: 2010 NCSA cycle is on schedule (over 2,500 applications received -- wing/region approvals due 15 Feb); seeking an activity director for NFA Southeast (Glider) and Engineering Academy; and continuing to assist ADs with curriculum development including development of overall learning outcomes as well as individual learning outcomes for each activity. (Advisor: Maj Joe Winter – winterjoe@msn.com)

NCAC: Working the issues of potential physical fitness program revision, cadet orientation rides, DDR recognition, cadet training in C-182s and the new NCSAs; working on CFI issue for possible revision to CAPR 60-1; and preparing for NCAC meeting at Winter NB. (Advisor: Col Larry Trick - lawrence.trick@navy.mil)

DDR: Revisions to CAPR 51-1 in final staff review; “Fit for Flying” program is in final review prior to staff coordination; developing a standard format for DDR goals and objectives; developing a checklist to be used by wings for the DDR Wing of the Year Award; updating the DDR Web site; and working with wings and local units on numerous DDR activities, including parades and “Cadet Ken” appearances. (Team Leader: Lt Col Jett Mayhew – jettm14@aol.com)

Spatz Association: Continuing liaison with the Spatz Association; publicity for the Aerospace Leader scholarships has been launched (one or two \$2,500 scholarships will be awarded at the Winter NB dinner); and the Spatz Association will hold its 2010 dinner and awards event at the Winter NB On 27 Feb. (Advisor: Maj Steve Austen – swausten@carolina.rr.com)

Urban Programs: Prepared draft Urban Programs Policy Letter; and submitted long-range objectives for Urban Programs. (Team Leader: Col George Boyd – bsdia@sbcglobal.net)

Operations

Senior Adviser: Col Andy Skiba – aeskiba@cs.com

National Check Pilot Standardization Course Online Beta Testing Completed: The Stan/Eval team has completed the National Check Pilot Standardization Course online beta testing and anticipates full implementation of the course by late February 2010. Once this is accomplished, all wings will be notified of the new procedures for check pilot renewal utilizing the interactive online course.

CAPR 60-1 Under Review: Based on numerous inquiries, a review of CAPR 60-1 addressing the G1000 avionics equipped aircraft check pilot requirements is being conducted. As we have gained operational experience with this avionics system, it is apparent we can address the check-pilot requirements with an in-house training program to qualify our check pilots and ensure they meet the factory training standards established previously.

ARCHER Program Manager Needed: The Advanced Technology Group has numerous projects in the works based on operational issues and the advent of new technology opportunities that surface daily. We get daily inquiries on additional ARCHER potential applications for missions. There is still a need for an overall ARCHER Program Manager.

CAP Glider Program In Transition: Based on recent CAP National Board actions, the CAP glider program is in a transition period. Glider centers of excellence will be established within each region and a reduction in the number of gliders that will remain active in CAP with those not active being retained as spare parts inventory.

Narrowband Transition Still Underway: Communications transition to the narrow band frequencies remains the major program still being worked on. As we are firmly established in the depths of winter in most of the country, activity relating to the installation of the new transmitter repeater sites has ground to a near stop. Numerous other communications issues abound with the frequency issues for repeaters and encryption issues being near the top of the issues that your communications team is working on.

Final Report To Board: This will be my final report to the board as the senior advisor for Operations and I would like to take this opportunity to let you know it has been an honor to work with all the members of the CAP National Board and NEC during my assignment as the senior advisor. You have a great group of dedicated volunteers working the various specialties that make up the Operations team. I will work with my successor to make the transition as seamless as possible.

Standardization/ Evaluation: In the past three months, Stan/Eval has accomplished the final culmination of transitioning the National Check Pilot Standardization Course from ground-based instruction to a multimedia interactive online course. The course has completed beta testing and is currently undergoing final editing prior to going online "live" to the membership in February; Since the check ride associated with the prior NCPSC was eliminated, specific tasks have been added to the CAPF 5 for both CAP instructors and check pilots (modified CAPF-5 will be introduced simultaneously with the online course); developing a basic introductory VFR course on flying a C-182 Nav III, G1000 equipped aircraft (course will offer option to those pilots transitioning from C-172 and round-gauge instrumentation to glass technology and will be followed by the current FITS training course); developing a course guideline/syllabus for G1000 instructor pilots; and an optional hands-on emergency pilot course for advanced observer training that will include eight hours of ground school and three hours of in-flight training is under discussion (concept was presented to CAP/USAF and Operations Infinity Group for comment -- currently on hold). (Advisor: Lt Col Leslie Vazquez – dov@leslievazquez.com)

Operational Missions: A team of both NHQ staff and ES volunteer members determined during a finalizing review of the draft CAPR 60-3 that there are no policy changes from the previous editions of CAPR 60-3 and CAPR 60-6, which are now combined in the new proposed CAPR 60-3 – document should be finalized by 7 Feb for submission to the National Board for review prior to the 30-day comment period. (Advisor: Lt Col Ernie Bilotto – capad@cox.net)

FEMA: Region 4 liaison, Ed Wolff, working with FEMA on some communication issues; Region 9 liaison, Jan Ostrat, reported on some interaction with FEMA due to the earthquake in the Eureka, CA, area. (Team Leader: Col Don Prouty – HDCAP82@aol.com)

Advanced Technology Group: GPS locators and trackers performed field test during CAP missions in NY wing and shared test-program results with ATG for their review. CAP continues to develop airborne sensor capabilities with ARCHER, ADIS, Surrogate Predator, FLIR Tests and other programs. Currently working with the FCC on a work around solution for the mobile broadband Air Cards. CAP has also been invited to present ARCHER-related work at the 2010 Annual American Society of Photogrammetry and Remote Sensing/AAG meeting 14-18 Apr in Washington, DC. The National Guard - ARCHER Employment proposal identifies significant new potential mission opportunities for CAP with NG assuming coordinator role in customer briefing, awareness and marketing. (Team Leader: Col Gene Hartman – nodak1@verizon.net)