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**Cadets!**

Please have your parent or guardian sign here to indicate that they have received and read the FIREBALL.

Parent Signature:

Cadets should bring a signed FIREBALL with them to the first drill after they receive it.

The Lewis County Composite Squadron (LCCS) **cadets** are doing an outstanding job in all aspects of their training, service to the community, to the Civil Air Patrol and the Nation. The attitude and initiative displayed by these young ladies and gentlemen demonstrate the same characteristics that I saw during my work with the applicants for the U.S. Air Force Academy. Our cadets do not wait for things to happen – they make them happen!

I would like to issue a challenge to each Senior Member (now to be referred to as “Officer” – so as not to be confused with “old and decrepit” as the term “Senior” indicates – *Letter, Gen Pineda, Aug 06*). I ask each Officer to become more involved, study, progress, train and push forward to accomplish our portion of the “Missions For America”.

Let’s start now. I encourage adults with an interest in the welfare of our youth to consider joining us at the LCCS. Give of what time you can spare to help us help our cadets to become more knowledgeable and motivated about their future.

The adult “drills” are held at the Scout Lodge in Chehalis on the first, second, and fourth Thursday evenings of each month. The start time is 6:30PM and usually concludes at about 9PM. Call me for more information: (360) 985-2776.

The first Thursday drill of each month is to cover “Finance and Planning.” The second Thursday is “Adult Training Drill” and will cover the requirements and training for progression within the CAP system. Classes will be offered on various subjects. The fourth Thursday will be the “Staff Planning Drill” for the next month. All drills are open to all officers, cadets, and interested parents.

In addition, Squadron pilots are requested to attend drill at Napavine High School on the third Saturday of each month. The pilot uniform for that drill is flightsuits. The monthly requirement for CAP Flight Safety and other training will take place.

This is the Impossible Job: Will we ever be able to do our job as well as the youth of our nation? I hope not – our Senior Years will be in their hands. But, by our efforts, we can add to the successes and accomplishments of our portion of the tasks before us.

*“The highest reward for a person’s toil is not what they get for it, but what they become by it.” John Ruskin*

## TEAMWORK

Afterburner - C/Capt David Peterson

Well August is about over, and so is summer. It's back to school and we are over with all the fun summer activities. The best activity that I went to this summer was Encampment - Cascade Falcon XI!

There were several reasons that this was the best activity by far. The most prominent of these reasons was the teamwork that I saw displayed by my flight and by all the members of Washington Wing. I have worked with many of the people in the wing, but I have never been in charge of a flight before. The teamwork that I saw amazed me, how so many different people from different places who had never met before could bond together and become a team that would carry all of its members through any difficulty.

Obviously, teamwork is the ability to work with other people, but there is more to it than that. Many times, we have to work with people that we do not get along with. I know I sure did at encampment - there were staff members that I did not work well with at all. But in every situation, we have to be able to adapt. There are several ways that you can work out these problems. The first is to figure out just what it is that you do not get along with about them. Once you do this, the problems will often seem very insignificant, and you will learn how to deal with it. Second, you can go to the person, and together figure out *what* the problem is and *how* to fix it. The last solution is the most simple - just work around it. Sometimes this is the only solution to the problem, such as if it is a moral issue that you don't agree with. You can't do anything about it, so you will just have to deal with it!

In any case, no matter where we go in life, we will be forced to work with people we don't like. Isn't it great how we can gain these experiences now so that we can better deal with important issues just like them in the future!

### August Promotions—110% All The Way!

- Ashley Lobb - C/2d Lt - Mitchell Award
- Jeremy Jackson - C/SrA to C/SSgt - Wright Bros
- David Zifka - C/SrA to C/SSgt - Wright Bros
- Robert Marlow - C/Amn to C/A1C
- Eric Tibbits - C/Amn to C/A1C
- Eli Spencer - C/Amn to C/A1C
- Arnie Yoder - C/AB to C/Amn



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## **LEWIS COUNTY COMPOSITE SQUADRON SUMMER EVENTS OF 2006**

The busiest season of the year for our squadron is winding down to a close. This is a great time to look back on the past few months and review all the activities that have involved the Lewis County Composite Squadron. It seemed as if there was something going on all the time!

In July, the majority of our cadets and seniors took a trip to the Boeing Flight Museum for an overnight event. They were able to participate in a Mission to Mars, they built model rockets, they toured the Flight Museum, and they toured the King County Airport. All those involved reported having a great time and they learned a lot, too!



The squadron had the opportunity to also be involved with the Chehalis Air Fair. This two-day event allowed our cadets to gain experience in directing aircraft and pedestrians as the public came and enjoyed the air show and information fair. They had the opportunity to see a fly-over by acrobatic planes and a C-17 plus many other types of aircraft.

Following the Air Fair, seven of our cadets and two Senior members attended the Wing basic encampment - Cascade Falcon XI. The training in D & C, customs and courtesies, and the hard work required of our cadets allowed them to really grow and become much more effective members of their squadron. They also had the opportunity to take a C-17 flight, run

the obstacle course at McChord, and perform a flight review for both the Wing Commander and the General in charge of Camp Murray. The overall outstanding cadet award for the entire encampment was won by Karrie Hocksbergen. Ooooooraaah!

One week after encampment was the start of the SWW fair. During this week, we covered 40 senior member shifts and 120 cadet shifts of 4 hours each. **640 hours in all!** While these hours do not count towards community service ribbons as we were in uniform it is nevertheless, an incredible amount of dedication and hard work that was put forth by the members of the Lewis County Composite Squadron. We had in excess of 35 "finds" to our credit and had a lot of parents grateful for our personnel and their willingness to go the distance in searching the fair grounds. We even found some lost parents!



After the fair, over 10 cadets and senior members helped with the Red Cross Real Heroes breakfast. We served the guests their breakfasts and helped clean up afterwards.

In addition to all the events covered above, our cadets participated in fund-raisers and color guards. It was a very busy summer, and the Lewis County Composite Squadron participated in every event with enthusiasm and professionalism.



### **September Birthday**

- 29 - C/TSgt Josiah Beresford



# Civil Air Patrol

Websites of interest for Cadets:  
 National CAP Website  
 (Check out the National encampments! You must sign up for them by the end of Dec.)  
<http://www.cap.gov/>  
 Washington CAP Website  
<http://www.wawg.cap.gov/>  
 The Hock Shop (For Uniforms)  
<http://www.thehock.com/>



**We are working on a squadron website that will allow cadets to find information about upcoming events, forms, and other information. Check us out at:**  
<http://www.firemountaincap.org>



**SENIOR TRAINING SCHEDULE**

**THURSDAYS IN SEPTEMBER**

**6:30 pm— SCOUT LODGE**  
**At 3rd and Adams**  
**Chehalis, WA**

DATE	TOPIC
Sept. 7	Business & Finance Meeting
Sept. 14	Senior Training
Sept. 21	No Thursday Meeting
Sept. 28	Command Team Planning

## Important Dates—Add to your Calendar TODAY!

**For More Info, go to [www.wawg.cap.gov](http://www.wawg.cap.gov). Click on Members. Under Members, click on Cadet Programs. All the info is there! If you have any questions about events (price, how to apply, etc) call your ‘higher-ups’, and they can help you out! That’s what they are there for!**

**Saturdays from August 26—October 7. Motivation Phase—Please make our new candidates feel welcome as they participate and make the decision about whether CAP is right for them. Motivation Phase Weekend is planned for 6, 7, 8 October. Please mark you calendars now so that you can attend. It should be a lot of fun and learning for everyone!!**

**17, 18, 19 November : 51st Basic Marksmanship Encampment. Sign up early—you never know when all those slots will get filled. The cost is \$75 and it is first come, first served. We do let Lewis County Squadron cadets know about the event a little earlier than the rest of the Wing, but the official announcement will go out on WAWG in just a few weeks. So get your form 23 and 24 filled out and turned in along with a \$75 check made out to Lewis County Composite Squadron. Also, remember to write a scholarship request letter to both ASH and the Squadron. If you have questions, please contact your element leader or flight sergeant.**

PLEASE NOTE: Deadline for articles is on the 15<sup>th</sup> of the month.  
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