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Washington Wing Fall Conference provides training and a chance to meet Aviator Pioneer Mary Feik

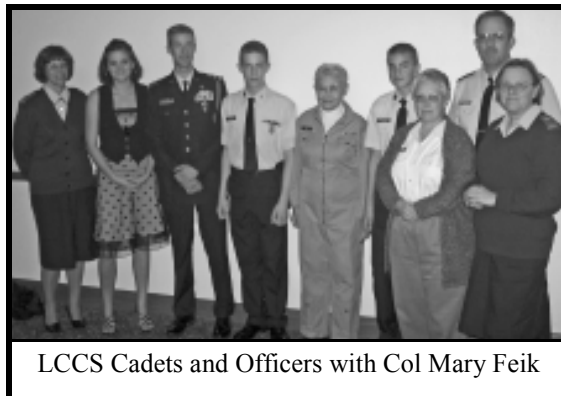
Twice a year, Washington Wing holds a conference to provide opportunities for training, networking, and socializing with members from all over the state. On 28 October, five cadets and four officers from LCCS attended the 2006 Fall Conference. In addition to being able to meet with other members and exchange ideas and encouragement, there were four sessions during the day that focused on different areas of training.

There were classes for the officers on finance, public affairs, logistics, cadet programs, professional development, and search and rescue, just to name a few. Each class or session was an hour long, and there was plenty of opportunity for questions and interaction between both the instructor and the participants. One class in particular was very interesting and was really an unusual offering in the series of classes. 1st Lt Dustin Jones of Washington Wing presented the class called "How to write an award nomination". The participants created an imaginary cadet and discussed different ways to present that cadet's accomplishments in such a way as to catch the eye of an awards committee.

The cadets also had informative classes in several areas. The cadet classes focused on aerospace, encampments and other activities, drug demand reduction, leadership, and many other areas of interest. C/Maj David Peterson taught a class on officership and C/2^d Lt Kyle Whalen taught the encampment class.

The highlight of the conference for many of the attendees was the presence of Aviation Pioneer Col Mary Feik. Col Feik was the guest of honor and speaker at the evening banquet, but she made herself available throughout the day to talk to cadets and officers. She talked about her flying career (over 6000 hours in many different kinds of aircraft, both prop and jet), she talked about designing and making trainers for multiple aircraft including the P-51 and B-52, and she spoke of restoring many aircraft for the Smithsonian. Col Feik is an inspiration to aviators all over the world, and it was a privilege to be able to meet the woman for whom a CAP award is named!

While the Fall Conference is only one day, the Spring Conference continues for a full weekend. More opportunities to learn and visit will be available during that time, so mark your calendars now for 13 - 15 April. It will probably be held in Yakima, so lets try to fill a van with cadets to make the trip over. Learning new things will certainly be the focus of the weekend, but it will also be a lot of fun!



LCCS Cadets and Officers with Col Mary Feik

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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.

Motivation Phase Builds Firm Foundations

By: 2d Lt Ruth Peterson



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Civil Air Patrol Squadrons across the United States are always looking for ways to create an encouraging and successful atmosphere for their cadets to learn, practice, and appreciate all the experiences that CAP has to offer. Lewis County Composite Squadron (LCCS) of Washington Wing has developed a program for new cadets that provides this successful atmosphere and gives new cadets a firm foundation on which to build their CAP experience.

The Motivation Phase, held twice a year, is five weeks long and focuses on training new cadets in drill and ceremony, customs and courtesies, aerospace education, and emergency services. During the first four weeks, the training is performed during regular drill times. More experienced cadets and staff members assign the new candidates to their own flight where the basics are taught. This not only gives the candidates instruction, but it allows the older cadets to gain experience in leadership as well. There is an old adage that says you do not know a subject thoroughly until you have taught it. This training method is the proven win/win teaching technique practiced throughout CAP.



Cadet Zandecki navigates a minefield during a team-building exercise

By the end of the motivation phase weeks, all the paperwork for the candidates have been processed and they are finally members of the squadron. It is time for the "Mo Phase Weekend" which will help create a bond between cadets. The Cadet Commander and his or her staff organize the weekend with oversight from the DSCC and other officers. Starting with a check-in on Friday night and continuing until Sunday afternoon, Mo Phase concludes with a promotions ceremony. The weekend is filled with classes covering all aspects of the Civil Air Patrol.

LCCS held one such weekend on 6 - 8 October, 2006 at Mayfield Lake Resort. Classes were held throughout the weekend for both new and older cadets. In attendance were thirty-three cadets and 17 officers. Along with the expected classes covering drill and ceremony, public speaking, uniforms, and organization of CAP, there was a class on rocketry and another on evidence searches. Our Aerospace Education Officer, Maj. David Painter, gave a class on rocketry and concluded the class with a demonstration rocket launch. The Lewis County Sheriff's Office sent Deputy Larry Nelson out to conduct a class on Crime Scene Evidence Search. This class had a 45-minute indoor training session and a one and a half hour outdoor practical hands-on training portion. This was a very informative class! Since the squadron had three new Officers, CPPT and Level 1 training was also provided. One of the greatest motivating factors of the weekend was that 15 new cadets were able to pass their Curry test.



Maj Painter and Cadet Witt prepare a rocket for launch.

The LCCS Mo Phase weekend ended with promotions of the 15 cadets who passed their Curry tests. The classes, combined with the opportunity to promote, provided an atmosphere of learning, teamwork, support, and motivation. New cadets are now able to comfortably participate because they know the basics of the cadet program, the squadron has developed as a team because the older cadets were able to teach the new ones, and they even had a lot of fun. The Motivation Phase has been a good tool for the LCCS squadron to promote a successful and motivated group of cadets and it has certainly helped with retention.



Deputy Larry Nelson from the Sheriff's office shows cadets how to do an evidence search.



October Promotions

C/AB Josh Curran to C/Amn
 C/AB Jake Madaris to C/Amn
 C/AB Danielle Rider to C/Amn
 C/AB Ivan Weber to C/Amn
 C/AB Kwinn Wyatt to C/Amn
 C/Amn Thomas Witt to C/A1C

C/AB Jacob Kraemer to C/Amn
 C/AB Ali Rider to C/Amn
 C/AB Tonya Rider to C/Amn
 C/AB T.J. Williams to C/Amn
 C/AB Philip Zandecki to C/Amn
 C/A1C Eric Tibbits to C/SrA

C/SrA Karrie Hoksbergen to C/SSgt & she received the Wright Bros. Award
 C/SSgt Jonathan Peterson to C/TSgt
 C/TSgt Elizabeth Witt to C/MSgt
 C/Capt Toni Christen was presented with her Earhart award by Representative Richard DeBolt

C/TSgt Thomas Whalen to C/MSgt
 C/Capt David Peterson to C/Maj



AWESOME JOB!!

110% ALL THE WAY!!!!

Note From Col Mason—Please attend The Annual Planning Session

Ladies and Gentlemen: At the Scout Lodge on 30 November, that is the FIFTH Thursday in November, at 1830 hours; all adult Officers and all Cadet Staff are expected to attend the YEARLY PLANNING SESSION for 2007. The meeting will be scheduled for 2.5 hours.

If you have a question about whether or not you should attend, let me answer it this way: If you plan to participate in CAP activities in 2007 as an adult member or cadet officer, you should plan to attend this important meeting. If you can not be there for business or personal reasons, please contact me at: Home: (360) 985-2776, Cell: (360) 269-6727 or Work: (360) 864-4966 or via email at <LBMason@toledotel-wb.com> and I will make alternate plans to meet with you at another time.

This Planning Session will establish a "Plan of Action" and set the tone for the entire year of 2007.

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

- 1 - C/SSgt David Zifka
- 7 - C/Maj David Peterson
- 10 - 2d Lt William Tibbits
- 19 - 2d Lt Ruth Peterson
- 23 - C/SSgt Karrie Hoksbergen
- 12 - C/Amn Philip Zandecki
- 20 - 1st Lt Anton Christen
- 29 - 1st Lt Roger Shea

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>



OFFICER DRILL SCHEDULE

THURSDAYS IN November

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

DATE	TOPIC
Nov. 2	Business & Finance Drill
Nov. 9	Senior Training
Nov. 16	No Thursday Drill
Nov. 23	No Drill—Happy Thanksgiving!
Nov. 30	Squadron Yearly Planning Session

Important Dates—Add to your Calendar TODAY!

For More Info, go to 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!

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. 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.

30 November - Squadron Planning meeting.

2 December— Walk-n-Knock. Each year, the cadets of LCCS help with the Salvation Army's food drive called Walk-n-knock. Drill will be held that morning at the Salvation Army in Centralia, and the afternoon will be spent separating and organizing all of the donated food. Great community service opportunity!

PLEASE NOTE: Deadline for articles is on the 15th of the month.

Schedules must be in by the 20th. Send to the editor at Grpete@centurytel.net

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