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Commander's Corner

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Recently our squadron became the custodial squadron of a 1985 Cessna 182R. Aircraft N9926E or "CAPFLIGHT 4626" as it will be known on missions has been transferred to the Lewis County Composite Squadron as of March 1st 2008.

The Aircraft will "live" or be hangered at the South Lewis County Airport, Ed Carlson Field in Toledo. The 182R or "26 echo" is a 4 passenger aircraft with tow hook for glider operations. We have a "T" Hanger for it at Toledo and it will be our Squadrons responsibility to Wash, Wax, Maintain and control all the paperwork and documents that come with having a CAP Corporate Aircraft.

Along with all the work, we also get to fly this machine. I hope that everyone is ready for a busy summer. I believe we will have many opportunities to fly Glider and Powered "O" Flights.

In addition to an aircraft you need another crucial part of the puzzle, Pilots! In an interesting turn of events we have recently brought on board two new Senior Members, both pilots! Welcome to the Squadron, Captain John Pope and Captain Otto Rabe.

Captain Pope is former CAP pilot and is a Certified Flight instructor and will be assigned as our Stan/Eval officer. Capt Pope will perform duties as a CAP instructor pilot and check pilot, responsible for flight and ground instruction as well as flight evaluation in CAP aircraft. Captain Pope is qualified as a Senior CAP aircraft pilot and with a few check rides he will be able to begin Orientation flights.

Captain Rabe is a former Army pilot with most of his hours in Apache Helicopters! Captain Rabe is being assigned as our unit Flight Operations Officer and Assistant Safety Officer. Capt. Rabe will be Responsible for the management and control of unit aircrews, aircraft, and flight operations, CAP flight management policies and procedures and the administrative procedures governing flight operations. (Big Job!)

We ALSO recently (Last week) had a Pilot transfer into our Squadron from the South Sound Squadron, Welcome Captain Tom Hird to our team! Captain Hird is a Wing Check pilot and Glider pilot (as well as much more) and will be helping get our new members certified to be CAP pilots.

I would also like to recognize Captain Mark Greenman. Captain Greenman is the Wing Glider Operations Officer and a member of our unit. Capt Greenman is currently our Operations officer and will work closely with Captain's Pope, Rabe and Hird in creating a SAFE, Dynamic team of flying professionals.

If any Senior Members ever wanted to become Scanners, observers or Pilots, NOW is the time to begin your training. Work with these gentlemen and you will advance quickly with excellent training.

Thank you, TO EVERY MEMBER, for all of your dedication to creating a safe, inspired and fun Squadron!



Chehalis Fire Station Tour

by C/CMSgt Jonathan Peterson

On the 23rd of February our squadron took a tour of the Chehalis fire station. On this tour we learned about equipment, rigs (trucks), and how to use all these things. We were able to watch one firefighter, Kyle Eiswald, put on an air tank and breathing gear in under 60 seconds. Cadet Jeremy Jackson got a chance to try and put on the breathing apparatus, timers and mask; as is seen in the picture.



We got to learn about the instruments on fire trucks also - the instruments that control valves, water, and foam. The foam is used in electrical fires. If you were to use plain water on these, the lines would short out and make an even bigger fire. We also saw the gurneys and transport units that carry people from scenes of accidents to emergency centers.



The rigs were arranged in an order of importance down the bays. The Fire Truck and Tender (Water Carrier) and aid car were first. Then at the back were the trucks that are used for life support extras things that the Aid Car carries, these are more specialized to carry life support. An extra Tender and Rescue truck are also parked in the back for reserve force at a fire.

At the fire is a variety of equipment. At a car fire or wreck, where the car is mangled and the doors cannot open, you will see the jaws of life come out: a pair of opening scissors that can rip a car from half to half. all of this was extremely fun to see and use. This tour created a feeling of excitement for emergency services and gave us an idea of what it would be like to choose firefighting as a career.

Quotable Quotes

Everett Dirksen - I am a man of fixed and unbending principles, the first of which is to be flexible at all times.

Jack Welch - Before you are a leader, success is all about growing yourself. When you become a leader, success is all about growing others.

General Dwight D Eisenhower -You don't lead by hitting people over the head—that's assault, not leadership.

General Colin Powell -There are no secrets to success. It is the result of preparation, hard work, learning from failure.

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Picture of the month - submit YOUR OWN caption for this picture - turn it in at drill!!!
(this isn't one of us, by the way)

Rank—What it is, and what it isn't

By Lt Col Michael Marra, USAF

This week's leadership moment is on the subject of rank. If you are a leader you should know about your responsibilities that come with rank, what rank is, and just as importantly, what rank is not.

I like to start with the end in mind, your responsibility and your rank: Rank is simply the authority to serve other people. The more military rank you have, the more people you have the authority to serve, but more importantly, the obligation to serve, support, and mentor. This is your primary responsibility that comes with your rank.

Rank is an overt symbol of the legal authority you are entrusted with, an acknowledgement of your technical expertise, and a signal of how much

experience you have in the military. It is based on a long military history of creating a system of effective accomplishment and hierarchy of decision making at every level in combat and in peacetime.

Rank is not your license to "boss" people around, demand action without accountability, abuse people, entitle yourself to privileges or expect unearned respect. It also is not an excuse for inertia - we all can show initiative and leadership at every rank - and should. It is not a reward for past work, but an opportunity to for accomplishment in the future. We award medals for what you did in the past, we award rank for what you can do in the future.

The Air Force promotion policy simply states we are to advance airmen who clearly have the potential to shoulder increased responsibility once they are advanced in rank. Only the best can be promoted due to they limited vacancies in higher grades. We work in a meritocracy - your promotion becomes effective as soon as you do.

For you junior officers and airmen - just because you do not have a lot of rank does not mean your contribution to the mission is any less important. Let me relay the story of Airman First Class (A1C) Joel E. Tally. I met CMSgt Tally cutting my grass in Fort Walton Beach one day in 1999 while helping my neighbor, Lt Col (ret) Jack Modica. As it turned out, Joel Tally rescued Jack Modica in the jungles of North Vietnam in 1968 after Jack's F-105 fighter plane was hit with 57 mm cannon fire and he had to bail out. Jack was severely injured - broken pelvis, back, burns, lacerations, loss of blood, shock etc. To make matters worse, he landed right on top of a large ant hill and they were eating him alive. To be continued.....

Psst.... Hey everyone - check out the CAP Volunteer Magazine!!!
Your hard work during the flood has earned an article in it!!! HOOAH



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Websites of interest for Cadets:

National CAP Website

<http://www.cap.gov/>

Washington CAP Website

<http://www.wawg.cap.gov/>

The Hock Shop (For Uniforms)

<http://www.thehock.com/>



Our website is newly revised and it is awesome!!!

There are links to information and training both locally and nationally. Check us out!

www.lewiscountycap.org



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. If you have any questions about events (price, how to apply, etc) call your ‘higher-ups’, and they can help you out!

11 - 13 April: Spring Conference. This is a fun weekend to meet other cadets and learn more about how CAP works! Spring Conference is in Olympia this year at the Red Lion. You could go up each day for the events, but it is a lot more fun to spend the night with all the other cadets!

18 - 20 April: WTA - this is the last WTA before summer. The weekends will start up again in the fall. There will be more DFAC (Dining FACility) training, BCUT, flightline marshalling, and encampment support staff training. There are also some special plans in the works, so plan to attend this last WTA Hooah.

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