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# A Trip to the Capital

By C/TSgt Galilee McCarrell

On Wednesday, February 2nd, Lewis County Squadron took part in a field trip to the state capital to hear Senate Resolution 8602 passed. This resolution recognized the Washington Wing of Civil Air Patrol, and all the hard work we do. The senate in it's entirety was not present, but we had the good fortune of listening to many senators including: Honeyford, Haugen, Morton, Sheldon, Swecker, Hatfield, Hobbs, Eide, Kohl-Welles, White, Tom, and Fraser.

Over 50 cadets and senior members from all over the Wing had the wonderful opportunity to hear many of our state senators discuss many topics of interest in CAP. We listened to these senators (some of whom were veterans) talk about many things from our insignia, to why we started in the first place, to the fact that a few months after the Civil Air Patrol was established as the United States Army Air Force Auxiliary (April 28, 1943), the Germans withdrew their coastal U-boat operations "because of those d---ed little red and yellow airplanes!". Subjects also discussed regarding CAP were search and rescue, flying, leadership along with followership, and dedicated service to our country as a whole.

It was wonderful to hear something that I believe is so important talked about with such enthusiasm, and it was a great reminder of why it is so imperative to be proud of being a cadet in a service such as Civil Air Patrol. From Cadet Basic, to Cadet Colonel, please never forget why we work so hard to do what we do. Thank you.

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**Left:** Many cadets and seniors attended, making it difficult for a proper photo shoot!



**Right:** Cadets MSgt Sibitzky, TSgt McCarrell and CMSgt Sizemore along with A1C Heryford and Airman Holmes (not pictured) where the five cadets to attend the event from LCCS.

*Diary of a New Senior Member (Part 2)*

By SM Robyn Bell

Ok, by now I understand the gist of things. I still feel like a noob, but at least I am doing something. I helped C/Capt Tibbits teach an Emergency Services class and it felt good to know that I knew what I was talking about. I also helped with PT Testing and I feel that I will be stepping up and leading the training in the PT area.

I have worked with C/MSgt Sibitzky on the Fireball, even though this month it is extremely late. My plan is to keep a tight(er) deadline so that the Fireball is sent out on a regular and recurring basis.

I think that most of the cadets know who I am by now, and I hope that I can be an inspiration to them all.

**CIVIL  
AIR  
PATROL**

*Drug  
Free and  
Proud!*

*Autonomy. Dynamics. Standards.*

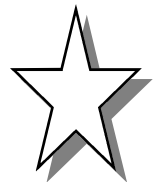
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These are three things that most people these days don't know about. Or practice. Do you know what they mean? Let's see.

Autonomy goes hand in hand with self management. It's acting independently. It's self government. I like to think of it as self motivation. It's accomplishing something, and also being free to accomplish it. It's doing something not only because you're told to, but because you know you're supposed to, which also requires integrity. For example, sure your flight sergeant can scream at you until they're blue in the face, but what are YOU going to do about it? Are you just going to wait for someone to tell you?

Dynamic is something that's always changing, always in motion. It's keeping an open mind to new ideas, new ways of doing things, or changes. It's also always pushing and striving towards something, and meeting it, whether it's doing more push-ups, getting a higher grade, or even changing your opinion about a situation or person. Think of it also as bettering yourself. What would your opinion be of an officer who still acts and thinks like an airman? In order for things to improve, we need to have dynamics. What do you think we could accomplish in CAP if we didn't use dynamics?

Standard can mean two things as I see it. One is a set of moral standards, or ethics. In other words, a line that you decide not to cross, or won't let someone else cross. Different people have different standards many because of religious beliefs, ethnicity, opinions, etc. As a CAP cadet, you should have a higher standard for yourself than a civilian, especially when in uniform. For example, what is your reaction to someone who is wearing a uniform of service (such as police, military, or office) swearing, or picking a fight? Another meaning for standard that I see is goals. We talk a lot about goals in CAP, don't we? Many of us get sick of hearing about them, but none the less, they're important. You should set high goals for yourself, but not so high that you can't meet them. What grade in CAP do you want to be in a year? What do you want to have accomplished?

*CAP Missions*

By C/Ssgt Lamphere

In the Civil Air Patrol there are three missions that help to describe who we are: Aerospace education, Cadet programming, and Emergency services. We are taught through Aerospace the importance and appreciation of aviation, the impact that it has in our everyday lives. Cadet programming adopted its training from the military basics. Integrity has still remained, which has helped to create cadets becoming leaders in the Military branches, and in the civilian world. Lastly, we have emergency services. In this program we are taught the fundamentals of survival, which include: Search and rescue, homeland security, disaster relief, and helping with volunteer organizations. In all, we as cadets who have been trained in these three important missions will someday use these skills either in our job or in our life's jour-



## **GOING FOR MY PILOTS LICENSE**

By C/SrA Shane Voorhis

Hello firstly let me introduce myself my name is cadet senior airman Shane Voorhis and I am very interested in obtaining my pilots license. My father had both a commercial and private license and was an A&P mechanic for a large commercial airline. My grandfather had a private pilots license and was also a parachute packer. This has had a big influence on my love for flying. When I learned about Civil Air Patrol I took the steps to join and after my orientation flight defiantly knew I wanted to be a pilot. Then I spoke with a flight instructor who recommended I join a ground school and read material on the FAA website. That's what I'm doing now. The next thing I plan on doing is take flying lessons and get flight time. When I get enough hours flying and can solo I plan on taking my test to get my license. I know it will take commitment, time, money, and personal persistence but I know if I work and study hard I can and will achieve my goal.

## **Emergency Services**

By C/Ssgt Lamphere

In everyday life, there is always some sort of disaster ready to happen, but knowing "when" is something we can't always answer. This is when it is good to be prepared; having the proper type training to be able to help when needed. In the CAP, there are training programs that teach you the skills in emergency services. Survival training, radio communication, and first aid, is taught in this program. You learn how to survive, if stranded or lost, by building a shelter to keep you out of the elements, and building a fire to stay warm and use to cook with. Creating safe water to drink to keep oneself hydrated. Radio communication skills is a great learning process on how to contact pilots, navigating, looking for the lost, and using codes such as the Phonetic alphabet. First aid is a technique we should all know how to use. Learning how to perform CPR, stop bleeding, caring for shock or hypothermia are all skills on how to save a life. With the proper training, we are very vital to those who are in need of our assistance to helping others.

## *Assignment LCCS*

Attention all cadets! Do you want to win a pair of movie tickets? Read this poem, "A Man Said to the Universe", think about what it means to you and write a thoughtful essay of at least 2 paragraphs. Submit your essay to the editor at: [lccspao@gmail.com](mailto:lccspao@gmail.com). The most well put together, and most thoughtful essay will be chosen to win.



### **A Man Said to the Universe**

*Stephen Crane*

*A man said to the universe:  
"Sir, I exist!"  
"However," replied the universe,  
"The fact has not created in me  
A sense of obligation.*



This is something new for the Fireball, something like this will hopefully be done once every quarter. Remember, EVERY cadet is welcome to participate. Everyone gets a fair chance!



# 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 LCCS squadron website is filled with pictures, articles, information, and important links. Check us out at:**

[www.lewiscountycap.org](http://www.lewiscountycap.org)



**OFFICER DRILL SCHEDULE**

**THURSDAYS**

**6:30 pm— SCOUT LODGE**

**At 3rd and Adams  
Chehalis, WA**

<b>DATE</b>	<b>TOPIC</b>
<b>1st Thurs</b>	<b>Drill &amp; Ceremony</b>
<b>2nd Thurs</b>	<b>Drill &amp; Ceremony</b>
<b>3rd Thurs</b>	<b>Senior Training</b>
<b>4th Thurs</b>	<b>Cadet Programs</b>

## Important Dates—Add to your Calendar TODAY!

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

### March 18-20 WTA

**Be sure to check the website on a regular basis to find out about upcoming events, calling tree, and a multitude of other great resources.**

### QUOTE OF THE MONTH ~

**“Making mistakes is a lot better than not doing anything.”**

**~ Billie Joe Armstrong**

**PLEASE NOTE:**  
 Deadline for articles is the 2nd Saturday of the month.

Please send article, questions, comments, or ideas to:

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Thank you!

*February Birthdays*

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◆ C/Amn Tristan Holmes

Happy Birthday!!