



# INDIANA WING CIVIL AIR PATROL NEWSLETTER



*Citizens Serving Communities: Above and Beyond*

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## **Mission Aircrew School**

Lt Malcom Webb

BLOOMINGTON—Six aircraft, over 30 Senior Members and at least six cadets participated in a Mission Aircrew School the weekend of May 29-31. Pilots and other aircrew members began arriving Friday evening for the purpose of becoming trained and certified in emergency services air operations. Pilots must undergo specialized training before being allowed to fly search missions frequently conducted only 1000 feet above terrain. While pilots focus on flying the aircraft, observers and scanners search visually for targets, with observers also coordinating communication with the mission base.

Saturday was devoted to academic instruction and Sunday to flying sorties. "Instead of putting together ad-hoc crews immediately and having some crews in the air and others on the ground, we decided to focus everybody in four classes on Saturday so nobody would miss any ground instruction," stated Maj Matthew Creed, the Incident Commander for the MAS.

A total of 22 sorties were flown in six aircraft during Mission 09-T-5634 including several in a Gippsland GA-8 Airvan currently assigned to the Indiana Wing by the Great Lakes Region Headquarters. In total, at least 15 students either fully or substantially completed Specialty Qualification Training Records toward Mission Pilot, Mission Observer, or Mission Scanner ratings. Seven students completed their requirements for Mission Scanner, five students completed Mission Observer, and two students completed Mission Pilot Form 91 flights. In addition, SQTRs for Mission Staff were completed with Capt James Royse achieving Air Operations Branch Director by the end of the weekend.. "In addition to Capt Royse," said Air Operations Branch Director Lt Col Tom Myers, "I want to thank the other faculty who made this weekend so successful. Without Capt Steven Fedor, Maj Doug Jenkins, Capt Tom Morone, Capt Steve Rider, Maj Barry Wright, and Maj Creed, we could not have achieved these results so efficiently." Finally, several members completed a Basic

Communications User Training class conducted by Lt Dean Roller.

Lt. Col. Myers also noted the critical roles of Safety Officer Maj. Newt Talley and Capt. Christopher Rollins, Flight Line Marshaler, who also taught a cadet class on Flight Line Marshaling. Rollins noted that most cadets accomplished about 90% of the Flight Line Marshaler SQRs.

"We couldn't finish the fueling requirement, due to the way fueling is done in Bloomington," said Rollins, who credited Cadet Sr. Master Sergeant Colin Campbell with assisting him in teaching the class. Rollins emphasized the importance of marshaling in maintaining a safe environment on the flight line.

"When you're a marshaler, you're the safety police for the flight line. As a result, marshalers become a major line of defense for safety."

Other ground operations took place through a local Search and Rescue Exercise (SARX) organized by the Monroe County Composite Squadron, which also supplied a practice beacon for the event.



## **First Fly a Teacher**

TFO Jessica Caplan  
INWG PAO

Vanessa Goodknight, a 5<sup>th</sup> grade teacher from Henryville, Indiana, was the first participant in Indiana for the "Fly a teacher" program. On May 20<sup>th</sup> Vanessa was introduced to her pilot Pat Pfanmoeller. Vanessa stated "I have flown many times, but this was my first time in a single engine plane. I found the flight to overwhelming as I was enclosed by instruments that determined where I was going at that moment of time, and the view was that of patchwork beauty. While flying to Seymour, Indiana, she got to fly over Henryville Elementary where she taught.

Vanessa has been part of the CAP Educational program for three years and believes the curriculum is a valuable asset in the classroom. This will be the classes third year for rocket building. And our own logistics officer Capt. Brad Haney helps the students when it is time to launch their rockets.



Henryville Elementary

## **C/Col Thomas Redfield**

TFO Jessica Caplan  
INWG PAO

In the last 6 months C/Col Redfield has impressed his commander, fellow cadets, and others across the state with his accomplishments. In December of 2008 he received a nomination from Senator Bayh for the USAF Academy. The next month in January Redfield received his Spaatz award making him C/Col Redfield. In April he received a CAP nomination to the USAF Prep School. In that same month he also received a CAP scholarship to flight school. Then in May he received and accepted his appointment to the USAF Prep Academy. C/Col Redfield INWG is extremely impressed by what you have accomplished. Congratulations, and thank you for your service.

## **Squadron Commander Change**

TFO Jessica Caplan  
INWG PAO

Lafayette Composite squadron has changed command. Lt Col David McEntire has now taken over as Squadron Commander, relieving Lt Col David Reagan of his duties. So far Lt Col McEntire has been doing an excellent job. Keep up the great work!!!

## **NORAD Flight Exercises**

American Forces Press

WASHINGTON, June 9, 2009 - The Defense Department will conduct two training exercises involving aircraft here tomorrow.

The first exercise by the North American Aerospace Defense Command and its regional component will occur between midnight and 6 a.m. EDT, followed by another exercise between 11 a.m. and 2 p.m.

The exercises comprise a series of training flights held in coordination with the Federal Aviation Administration, the National Capital Region Command Center, the Joint Air Defense Operations Center, the Continental U.S. NORAD Region, Civil Air Patrol, U.S. Coast Guard and CONR's Northeast Air Defense Sector.

Both the early morning exercise Falcon Virgo and the daytime Amalgam Arrow are designed to hone NORAD's intercept and identification operations, as well as procedural tests of the NCR Visual Warning System, officials said.

Exercise Falcon Virgo will include two Civil Air Patrol Cessna aircraft, two Air Force F-16s and a Coast Guard HH-65 Dolphin helicopter. Residents may see these aircraft approaching and flying in the vicinity during the late-night and early morning hours.

Aircraft participating in Exercise Amalgam Arrow include a C-21 Lear 35, a C-172 Cessna and an Air Force F-16. Residents may also see these aircraft approaching and flying in the vicinity of the nation's capital.

## **29 May Mission**

**TFO Jessica Caplan  
INWG PAO**

On May 29<sup>th</sup> while preparing for the Mission Aircrew School Major Matt Creed, Captain Steven Fedor, and TFO Jessica Caplan took off from Bloomington Airport enroute to Indianapolis Metro Airport. Just as they were approaching Indy Metro, Air Traffic Control alerted them that several different planes had been picking up an ELT squelch, and they wanted us to try and find it. So, instead of landing they flew the surrounding area searching for the signal. After triangulating the area of they landed at Indy Metro to contact the AFRCC and Col Mark Reeves. Shortly after taking off a second time to locate the transmitter, Capt Fedor located a grass strip runway where the signal was loudest. Upon landing on the grass strip

the aircrew was introduced to the local law enforcement of Greenfield, Indiana in a very interesting way. After a thorough search of Pope Airfield the crew and Officer Justin Thomas drove around the city of Greenfield trying to locate the ELT. At 0317Z Major Brockman, who joined the crew in their search, located our missing transmitter inside an auto body shop. The owner was contacted and the transmitter turned off. Excellent job to everyone involved, and INWG would like to extend their thanks to the Greenfield Police Department who assisted in the find.

## **12 June Mission**

**TFO Jessica Caplan**

On June 12<sup>th</sup> Major Matt Creed, Major Brian Schmuck, and TFO Jessica Caplan were flying from Evansville to Richmond, Indiana for the SAREVAL. Enroute Maj. Schmuck picked up an ELT signal on the DF in the plane. Concerned, and after contacting Air Traffic Control, Maj Creed began flying around the area that the signal was picked up, and Maj Schmuck assisted in directing him to where the signal was loudest. Within moments Brian Schmuck made a find. In the field right below the plane was an aircraft upside down. After alerting ATC of the find they informed us that local EMS was enroute to the crash and they were going to handle the situation, and the ELT.

## Safety Corner

Major Samuel Hornbuckle  
Indiana Wing Safety Director



We are now officially in the 101 Critical Days of Summer which

started on Memorial Day. We have also officially had three mishaps within the first week of the 101 Critical Days of Summer. At this rate, it will be a very busy summer for us Safety Officers! The good news is that none of the mishaps were life-threatening.

The summer months mean more CAP activities involving travel whether you are planning on going to an encampment or National/Region Activity. It also means more strenuous training programs for cadets. Please make sure the benefits outweigh the risks. Wear your seatbelts and be aware of your surroundings.

Another topic I want to bring up this month is the fact that ALL MISHAPS MUST BE REPORTED to the Unit/Activity Commander and/or Safety Officer regardless of how minor the mishap may be. Even if you receive a scratch on your finger please report it! Remember, no one has the authority to tell you not to report a mishap. In fact, you may get in trouble for not doing so! Online CAP 78's are to be performed to ensure

documentation that the mishap occurred and in the event medical intervention beyond first aid is required.

Please take this seriously. We have already had more mishaps this fiscal year than we did the last. Our goal has always been LESS mishaps not MORE. Please be safe and think before you act. Perform Operational Risk Management Techniques, use common sense, and let's get through this summer with fewer mishaps than we started with!

INDIANA WING MISHAP STATISTICS				
MISHAP TYPE	FY 2007*	FY 2008	FY 2009	FY08 VS FY09
VEHICLE	0	0	1	1
AIRCRAFT	3	0	3	3
PERSONAL INJURY	0	7	9	2
OTHER	0	0	1	1
TOTAL	3	7	14	7

\*JUN-SEPT 2007  
Report is based on CAP 78's submitted in e-services.

## CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

Major Dave Harness  
Chaplin, Indiana Wing



Use your resources. As chaplains and CDIs we have many duties to perform. There are always those that want to help. Although there are certain things only a chaplain or a CDI can do there is always a pool of people to draw upon that will help with our duties.

It is very easy for us to overlook those who may want to get acquainted with what we do in the Chaplaincy Corps. To ignore their request is an insult and can leave a bad feeling toward us.

An example may be a Chaplain that sets up a service and has a volunteer that wants to come to the service and do something to help. We can always use someone to lead a song or two under the direct supervision of the Chaplain. Even something as menial as handing out message outlines or song books can be a positive experience for a volunteer.

At Christmas for the past two years we have had volunteers that came to the food mission I run to help with everything from serving meals to washing pots and pans. We could not have been successful in this venture without these volunteers.

If we ignore them or make them feel unwanted or not needed, we miss a great opportunity to let somebody get their feet wet in spiritual service.

One of the core values is "volunteer service". That means that anybody who can help, wants to and is willing should be allowed to participate.

One last thing, July 1 will be upon us very soon, don't forget the form 34 requirement.

Until next time, may God bless you and yours.

## WING COMMANDER'S CORNER

Colonel Mark Reeves  
Commander, Indiana Wing



I want to extend a great "Thank you!" to all of our unpaid professionals that participated in our Search and Rescue Evaluation this weekend. We received a "Successful" rating, allowing us to continue to perform our Search and Rescue, Disaster Relief, Counter Drug and general Emergency Services missions. Without this rating, showing that we are qualified to do our work, our ability to continue to be an active Emergency Services organization would have been in jeopardy.

In particular, I want to note some exceptional performers: Capt Adam Springmeyer, who received an "Excellent" for his work as a flight line supervisor; our Ground Teams which were rated as "Excellent", TFO Jessica Caplan who was roundly applauded for her work in the "High Bird", Lt JT Gill who was an engaged and involved Logistics Section Chief and Capt Krista Morrisen, who served as a critical link to the Richmond community.

Although they are a Region asset, the Evaluation Team also recognized our procedure for requesting an Archer team, having a GA-8 available, properly using the Archer asset and then also the WI WG Archer team's performance in the role.

We are already planning for the Guided Training Exercise coming up the fourth weekend in October; the Region is currently looking at having this three Wing exercise (IL, OH, IN) at Columbus (BAK). Focus for Indiana Wing will again be developing and strengthening our Mission Base staff, faster deployment of aviation assets and working to get permission to deploy assets from home base, and more accurately assessing and projecting GT and aircrew needs.

Thank you again for everyone's involvement...all of our groups were represented and I was proud of your work this weekend.

## FROM THE PAO

TFO Jessica Caplan  
Indiana Wing PAO



As Col Reeves said, thank you to everyone who participated at the EVAL; everyone did a spectacular job! It was also very exciting to meet some new people from across the wing as well as in neighboring wings.

I have received a few photos from Capt. Christopher Rollins, and Lt Kurt Salomon.



Left to Right: Cadet Zimmerman, Benjamin Cabiya, Colton Cabiya, and Luke Cabiya.



