



INDIANA WING CIVIL AIR PATROL NEWSLETTER



Citizens Serving Communities: Above and Beyond

August 2009

WING COMMANDER'S CORNER

Colonel Mark Reeves
Commander, Indiana Wing



As we head into the end of the summer, the Wing command staff has been working on getting ready for the Compliance Inspection to be held in

September. One of the requirements is that each Wing answer questions about the Wing's performance. Based on that review, here is some information that you might find interesting:

Units and Members

Groups: 4
Squadrons: 29
Flights: 3
Senior Members: 617
Cadets: 684
2 support trailers
Tens of thousands of dollars in IT, field equipment and communications assets in our inventory
Each year we are in the top three wings in the country for total Counter Drug flying hours, we ranked the last two years in the

FY 09 Training Activities (thru 31 Jul 09)

\$22,000 in Air Force Training funding budgeted to be spent
Nearly \$8,000 in Orientation Flight funding spent
588 Counterdrug Hours
18 Actual SAR Flying Hours
246 Actual SAR Ground Hours
200 SAR Flying Training Hours
1000 SAR Ground Training Hours
229 Orientation Flight Sorties
269 individual cadets received Orientation Flights

Assets

2 C-182R
2 C-182T
4 C172P
1 Blahnik L23 Glider
12 vans
2 mobile incident command posts
top 15 in the nation in hours per airframe, our membership has grown nearly 45% in the last year and the largest squadron in Civil Air Patrol is at the Anderson Preparatory Academy. These statistics do not even count the number of members that attended EAA Oshkosh, National

Emergency Services Academy, Summer Encampment, GLR Staff College, participated in the Indianapolis Air Show, participated in community parades, and so on and so on. Suffice to say, "I'm tired!" but very proud of the work that each of you is doing. Thank you!

The 'Happy' Medium Between OPSEC and Social Networking: Can it be Achieved.

**Maj Gen. Hank Morrow
1st Air Force Commander**

TYNDALL AIR FORCE BASE, Fla. – I can recall sitting in my office at Kelly Air Force Base, Texas, when I first realized that email was going to revolutionize our way of doing business. I remember thinking to myself, 'Wow...I just got an email from a 2-star general congratulating me on my promotion to lieutenant colonel.' In the olden days, I would have received a third-generation memo on Xeroxed letterhead with a few signatures or scribbled initials that came in a wrinkled 'holey-joe' through base distribution.

I also know we all chuckled when we first heard the term, "paperless Air Force." Did anyone really believe we could be totally paperless?

And yet here we are, in a hyper-instantaneous state of information overload -- all being done electronically, with not a single piece of paper exchanging hands. Chuckle if you will, but I believe that social networking sites are going to be the next Air Force revolution, and for that battle, we all need to be adequately armed.

I've had many discussions with various supporters as well as naysayers when it comes to sites like Twitter, Facebook, MySpace and YouTube. Advocates for the sites feel they provide a forum where ideas, opinions and imagery can be freely shared with a worldwide audience. Antagonists feel that posting too much information can compromise operational security or worse – cost troops their lives – simply from a 140-character 'tweet.'

So, is there a happy medium between the two? From a commander's perspective, I believe the answer is yes, provided users stick to three basic rules of engagement:

1. *Common Sense.* Simple enough, right? Well, sometimes the simple things are what get people into significant trouble.

We entrust crew chiefs to maintain multi-million dollar aircraft. We issue security forces personnel weapons and ammunition to protect our installation. We empower medical technicians to draw our blood or administer vaccinations. These Airmen are extensively trained to perform these tasks. But with any job, a layer of common sense is key to being able to rapidly react to a situation that presents itself. Just because that same security forces Airman has been trained to use a weapon, doesn't mean that's all he needs. He must use his instincts in situations that involve human behavior—he must apply his common sense.

The same rules apply when it comes to blogging and social networking. Airmen must use their common sense

when posting information that is accessible to not only family and friends, but to the enemy. The bad guys are out there watching us, too, reading all the information you post to your personal site, and what's posted to your buddy's site, and to the Air Force Chief of Staff's site, and so on. They put all the bits of information together like a puzzle. It's known as 'data mining' and our enemies are constantly monitoring what we post to the web.

2. Judicial Prudence. This is area that gets people into the most trouble when using social networking sites. As a service member, you don't forfeit your First Amendment rights the day you join the military. We all take an oath to uphold the Constitution of the United States, and that includes everyone's right to free speech. But that right to speak freely must be balanced against the Uniform Code of Military Justice. Just as the old saying goes about "You can't yell 'FIRE!' in a crowded theater" under the auspices of free speech, you also can't release sensitive, classified or inappropriate information as a member of the Armed forces.

Many military members' social media sites contain photos or video of themselves in uniform, which automatically leads a viewer to conclude you represent all men and women in uniform. Others blog from their deployed location about daily life and experiences in the war zone. This is all acceptable, provided the information you post adheres to UCMJ and OPSEC rules.

Someone once gave me a simple acronym to remember on the type of information that can and cannot be released. The acronym is SAPP, and it stands for security, accuracy, policy and privacy. The SAPP principle is an easy one to remember when you're about to blog about an upcoming deployment or a recent court martial in your unit or the rumor you heard in the squadron break room. Is the information accurate? Can you back it up with facts? Are you compromising operational security by releasing this information? Are you violating someone's privacy by blogging about him or her?

3. When in doubt, backspace it out. I have a personal rule that I make myself follow any time I'm about to craft an email if I am angry about a situation. I step away from the computer or I put my BlackBerry in its holster. The worst thing you can do is send an email when you are emotionally attached to a situation. We've all been there – banging away at the keyboard, typing a tapestry of words meant to physically cut into the intended recipient for the wrong that person committed in your eyes. My advice to you: don't hit send. Those words, in some way/shape/form, will come back to haunt you.

This same advice holds true for when you are typing something on your social media site. Anything you post to the internet—including photos—will be there forever. Do you really want to post a picture of yourself that could place you, your family, or your unit in harm's way? It's imperative that you think before you post, and if you are ever in doubt about what you are about to let the world see or read about – delete it. Go with your

instincts. Refer back to my rule number one—use your common sense.

The rules ultimately come down to this: choose your words wisely. Operational security should be practiced at the source. The same tactics that are exercised when disclosing information to the public should be applied to social media usage. By educating and training our younger generation service members – the digital natives -- on what information should be guarded and what can be released, I believe we can find that 'happy medium' and capitalize on this burgeoning technology to its fullest extent.

RiverCity Cadet Serves the Community

Capt Alex Whitacre
RiverCity Cadet Squadron Commander

Evansville, Indiana – Those that attended ground team training at Mission Iceberg last February are familiar with Camp Reveal. For those that did not attend, Camp Reveal is a Christian faith based, non-profit organization dedicated to providing low income, inner city youth groups with an enriched outdoor camping experience.

Camp Reveal donated the camp fee collected during Mission Iceberg, and RiverCity raised an additional \$1200.00 to help pay for the slide materials. The Project Officer was C/CMSgt Sierra Parsons. The slide project was a three month project that required significant planning and organization. Every member of RiverCity contributed to the project in some manner.



Cadet C/2d Lt Jeremiah Fulton and C/2d Lt Christopher Weinzapfel help assemble a swing set.



Three INWG National Award Winners

**Lt Col Richard Griffith
INWG Vice Commander**

I just wanted to pass on the exciting news that Col Reeves was notified of some special awards earned by Indiana Wing members from Civil Air Patrol National Headquarters

Yesterday Col Reeves was notified that C/Col Kate Whitacre was selected from the more than 26,000 cadets across the country as the Civil Air Patrol Cadet of the Year. C/Col Whitacre is currently attending an undergraduate engineering program in Ft. Wayne and is assigned as the Indiana Wing Assistant Administration and Personnel Officer. In addition to receiving the Spaatz Award, she has served in a variety of cadet leadership roles, including being the current Region Cadet Advisory Council Char; has attended the International Air Cadet Exchange and the Cadet Officer School; and was recognized for her achievements in the Cadet Program by Resolution of the United States Congress last year. Congratulations Cadet Colonel Whitacre!

Also, Lt Col David Ford has been recognized posthumously as the National Legislative Officer of the Year, recognizing his work in giving CAP volunteers in Indiana employment protection during emergency response situations. Lt Col Ford's passing was a great loss to Civil Air Patrol and the State of Indiana.

Finally, Capt Frank Merrill, commander of the Titan Cadet Squadron (IN802), received this year's Frank Brewer Memorial Aerospace Award (Category II) at the National level for his exceptional involvement in Aerospace Education. His

leadership in chartering a new cadet unit and volunteering to teach Civil Air Patrol in a public charter school, as well as his success in growing the Indianapolis Air Show involvement for CAP each year (this year we had powered aircraft, a glider AND a Civil Air Patrol balloon... all at the same activity!), demonstrates his excellence in this key mission area.

While this may not be the last we've heard of awards for Indiana Wing this year, I am amazingly impressed by the achievements of these three as representative of both their individual work and the organizational development of the Indiana Wing. Congratulations!!!

Achievement Award for Outstanding Duty Performance

Lt Col Dan McDaniel

Major Vic DeBolle presented the Group V Achievement Award for Outstanding Duty Performance to four senior members from the Kasler Senior Squadron. Lt Col Tony Cecere, Maj Jim Neher, 2Lt Wayne White, and 1Lt Daniel Koiro have worked extremely hard in the Kesler Squadron. This is a new award and these four are possibly the first to receive this award. Great job everyone, keep up the excellent work!



Group V Cadets and Seniors Showcase
CAP at local Fly-In

Capt Krista Morisen

CONNERSVILLE, IN—Cadets and Senior Members from three Indiana units joined the Connersville Flying Club at Connersville Mettel Field and annual Father’s Day Fly-in on June 21. The all-day event was attended by C/SMsgt Matthew Pierce, c/SrA Jensen Thomas from the Metro South Composite Squadron of Indianapolis, IN, LtC. Patrick DeCallier, Maj. Victor DeBolle, Capt. Krista Morisen, and Capt. Margaret Morisen of Indiana Wing Group V, and 1Lt. Carl Dole of the James H. Kasler Senior Squadron, Greenwood, Indiana.

The fly-in, an annual event hosted by the Connersville Flying Club is a showcase of various aircraft and a fund-raiser for the Flying club in which many pilots are encouraged to bring their aircraft to introduce the area residents to aviation. In addition, the pilots are offered a breakfast and lunch which was provided at minimal cost by the Glenwood (IN) Volunteer Fire Department. Airplane rides are provided by the club’s two flight instructors to the public as a fund-raiser. However, this year Connersville Flying Club president and Civil Air Patrol 1Lt. Wayne White requested a Civil Air Patrol Aircraft be brought in as a static display to show case the organization to the region.

1Lt. Carl Dole flew early to the Greenwood Municipal Airport to pick up Indiana Wing’s Cessna 182 Glass Cockpit

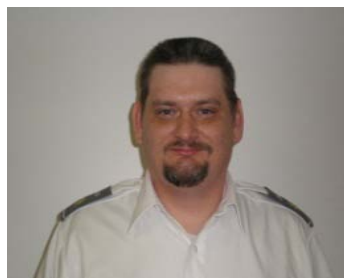
aircraft and provided c/SMsgt Pierce and c/SrA Thomas with their third Orientation flight. The cadets, once arriving at Connersville Mettel Field, became ambassadors of Civil Air Patrol and helped to recruit members to a new unit forming in nearby Richmond, Indiana. While there, the cadets and seniors informed visitors about Civil Air Patrol’s three missions and allowed kids and adults alike to investigate the aircraft.

Adults and children were allowed to look in and even sit in the aircraft, which clearly became the star of the show.

At the end of the day, two applications to prospective new members were handed out and many others had expressed keen interest in the organization. President Wayne White remarked that Civil Air Patrol’s presence and the aircraft helped to make the fly-in a success and that many people wanted to know if they could fly in the “Video Game” airplane, referring to the aircraft’s glass cockpit.

Safety Corner

Major Samuel Hornbuckle
Indiana Wing Safety Director



It has been a rough month for me and probably the rest of you in regards to safety. This month, the

Wing Commander ordered a stand-down of all Indiana Wing units to review our safety procedures and to allow everyone a chance to slow down a little and discuss some issues that have been affecting our members and equipment.

Our largest issue in regards to safety was heat-related illnesses caused by lack of proper hydration and protection. Please make sure if you are in hot-weather areas to make sure you drink plenty of water, use sunscreen and wear protective clothing.

Most of the units had a hard time getting this stand-down in the books due to not being able to hold a meeting or special activities that were occurring at the same time. That's okay. The intent for this stand-down was to help others learn to be more aware of safety. Even an e-mail to the members who didn't attend is an effort to bring the mishaps down and that was the goal of this stand-down.

As you can see from the statistics below, we have over doubled our mishaps this fiscal year over the last and we have not even finished out the 101 Critical Days of Summer. This was the primary concern of the command staff in making the

decision for the stand-down especially since most of these mishaps occurred after Memorial Day Weekend.

I know this was very frustrating for units and their safety officers. I want to express my greatest appreciation to all of the unit safety officers and commanders who did their part and prove that there is dedication in the Civil Air Patrol!

Just another quick note: I have received word from National that the unit's mishap-free certificates are being worked on. Units will be notified once we receive them!

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	10	3
OTHER	0	0	1	1
TOTAL	3	7	15	8
*JUN-SEPT 2007				
Report is based on CAP 78's submitted in e-services.				

CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

Major Dave Harness
Chaplin, Indiana Wing



Summer has come and almost gone. Time sure seems to pass fast at my age.

With the passage of time though we can look forward to the future. I have been in contact again with Col Kevin Ford (Shuttle Pilot for the next flight). He is scheduled to go up sometime this month. He tells me he will have about two months of NASA activities and then will plan on coming to Indiana for our CDI presentation, "Setting Goals and the Paths you Must Follow to Reach Them".

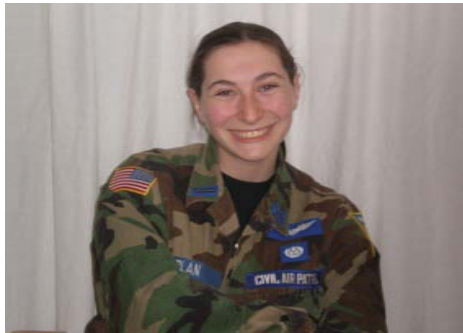
I will make more announcements as time comes closer. This will be held at Anderson Preparatory Academy and will be open to all Cadets and Seniors interested.

I must now make mention of our favorite subject, CAPF 34. The SAV mentioned this as an area of concern as we only had 60% participation as the best ever. This time we had 93 1/2 % with only one Form 34 missing. I appreciate the fantastic response. Thank you.

I was formerly an announcer on a local radio station for 9 years and every time I signed out at the end of my shift, I left the people with this simple thought. Until next time, "God Bless You and God Bless America!" My feelings today are just that.

FROM THE PAO

TFO Jessica Caplan
Indiana Wing PAO



I'm very sorry I didn't put out a newsletter last month. I'm sure everyone was *very* disappointed. So, I'm going to start making excuses for myself. Between finishing up NESA and trying to get everything sorted out for the CI in September I ran out of time!!! But there's a newsletter this month, so go on and dry your eyes!

I do have a few announcements to make:

Congratulations to all the cadets who graduated from the CLS! All cadets were presented their certificates by the National Commander.



Also, congratulations to Greg Wood of Bakalar Composite for being awarded the DG (Distinguished Graduate) for the Mission Pilot School at NESA week 2.