



INDIANA WING CIVIL AIR PATROL NEWSLETTER



Citizens Serving Communities: Above and Beyond

March 2009

Indiana Wing Annual Awards

Col Mark Reeves
Indiana Wing Commander

I want to congratulate all of our fantastic unpaid professionals on their work this last year. From community support in Disaster Relief and Search and Rescue to opening a new charter school in Anderson to beginning to train up on the GA-8 Airvan and the ARCHER system, we have all been working hard to serving our nation.

Each year, leaders from across our Wing are nominated for awards to recognize their special efforts. Here are this year's list of Indiana Wing annual award winners.

Senior Member of the Year: Maj Jeff Young (HQ, Group I)
Russ Hollenbeck Cadet of the Year: C/Col Kate Whitacre (IN201)
Group Commander of the Year: Maj Jeff Young (HQ, Group I)
Squadron Commander of the Year: Capt Alex Whitacre (IN220)
Cadet Squadron of the Year: Morgan County Cadet Squadron
Senior Squadron of the Year: Indianapolis Senior Squadron
Composite Squadron of the Year: Monroe County Composite Squadron
Squadron of Merit: Rivercity Cadet Commendation Award (IN802)
Capt Eric Santiago -- Lifesaving Award with

Squadron
Moral Leadership Officer of the Year: Lt Patricia Kidd-Jordan (IN123)
Logistician of the Year: Capt Brad Haney (HQ, Schools Group)
Safety Officer of the Year: Lt Barry Griswold (IN086)
Aerospace Education Teacher of the Year: Capt Robert Guillaume (IN803)
Brewer Award -- Senior Member: Capt Frank Merrill (IN802)
Jack Sorenson Cadet Programs Officer of the Year: Maj Jeff Young (HQ, Group I)
Dave Dennis Memorial Award (Cadet Officer of the Year): C/Capt Keegan Toft (IN123)
Col George Young Award (Outstanding C/NCO -- Female): C/MSgt Sierra Parsons (IN220)
Col George Young Award (Outstanding C/NCO -- Male): C/MSgt Ehren Samples (IN123)

I have approved the following members to receive decorations from the Wing:

Maj Vic Debolle -- Commander's Commendation Award (HQ, Group V)
Maj Kris Copes -- Commander's Commendation Award (IN184)
Capt Steve Lewer -- Commander's Commendation Award (IN801)
Capt Frank Merrill -- Commander's Silver Star (IN219)

Additionally, I have nominated Captain Robert Guillaume for an Exceptional Service Award and this has been forwarded to the Great Lakes Region Awards Board. Thank you to the unit and group commanders that took time to nominate individuals for awards. Personal recognition for these members will occur at our Annual Awards Banquet at the Wing Conference in April. Please take time to recognize these annual award winners and congratulate them for a great year of serving their country

ELT Disposal Information

Julie DeBardelaben
Public Affairs

MAXWELL AIR FORCE BASE, Ala. – Boat and plane owners upgrading their emergency beacons to the newer technology may be tempted to toss their old ones in the nearest dumpster. But emergency beacons, also known as ELTs in aircraft and EPIRBs in watercraft, were not meant to be discarded like common trash.

Civil Air Patrol, in partnership with the Aircraft Owners and Pilots Association, has kicked off a communications initiative – a “Don’t Trash the Beacon” campaign – to inform boaters and airplane owners about proper disposal of obsolete emergency beacons. CAP squadrons across the nation are supporting this initiative by displaying posters about proper disposal in their communities.

When discarding the older 121.5/243 MHz analog frequency emergency locator beacons in favor of the stronger, more

reliable 406 MHz frequency digital emergency beacons, it is important to first remove or disconnect the battery from the device so it cannot accidentally be activated. Then, contact the local electronics waste facility for proper disposal.

If not disposed with care, the 121.5/243 MHz emergency locator could accidentally broadcast a distress signal. Since it’s impossible to determine which signals are false alarms and which are true emergencies, emergency responders must track down all signals and silence them, tying up valuable resources for actual emergencies.

Switching to the new beacon is important, because the international search and rescue satellite system COSPAS- SARSAT now only processes signals from the 406 MHz frequency digital emergency locator transmitters. Though the signals can still be heard from ground-based detection equipment and aircraft in flight, it requires more time and labor to find them without the aid of the satellite.

“It is time consuming for our members to locate and silence ELTs in landfills and dumpsters, but it is something that must be done to make sure all emergency signals are accounted for,” said CAP National Commander Maj. Gen. Amy S. Courter. “With a little care, our community aviators and boaters can ensure false alarms are kept to a minimum.”

“Even as we encourage everyone to continue to embrace the new beacon technology, CAP members will still vigilantly monitor old frequencies to ensure no emergency falls through the cracks,” Courter said.

Other tips for maximizing emergency response team resources include:

- Checking 121.5/243 on your radio before shutting down your aircraft to be sure your ELT is not sounding. If it is, reset it to avoid false alarms.
- Periodically check or continually monitor the 121.5/243 frequency while flying for any emergency tones emanating from an older beacon. Notify Air Traffic Control immediately if this occurs. Hearing and reporting an emergency beacon can save a life.

Preparing to Serve

Maj. Brian Schmuck
Indiana Wing ES

"There is nothing stronger than the heart of a Volunteer," (then) Lt Col James Doolittle. This quote rings true, I've noticed, especially in Indiana. We have a great many volunteers who offer their time to save lives. Your communities, state, and Nation are in your debt. However, we must ensure that we are properly trained before we mobilize in order to provide the best service with the greatest accountability possible. In order to do this it is the responsibility of every member, every GTL and PIC, every commander, and every IC to ensure that the personnel being mobilized are

capable (physically/mentally able to do the job and trained to the job). Personnel not "capable" of doing the job unsupervised (not qualified) *must* be authorized trainees and this *must* be indicated on the printed 101 card they carry on their person.

In order to be authorized a trainee one must complete the "Prerequisites" on the SQTR *as well* as the "Familiarization and Preparatory Training" section of the SQTR. These **MUST** be completed in order (one can not get credit for completing familiarization and preparatory training before completing prerequisites). The SQTRs are designed to be completed from the top down (complete the first section, then move to the second, then the third, etc.). Commander approval must be obtained after completion of the prerequisites and after completion of familiarization and preparatory training. Only then can a member move on to the advanced training (actually completing the tasks). Exercise participation should be the last step. The purpose of exercise participation is for the member to *demonstrate* that they can do the job without supervision (they can do it without someone telling them how to do it). Currently, the NIMS courses are part of the familiarization and preparatory section of the SQTRs. If the NIMS courses are not complete, the member can not train in that position. If a member is not an authorized trainee, they **CAN NOT** be deployed as serving in that role (they can not go out with a GT, as part of an aircrew, etc.). **IMPORTANT NOTE:** If you were qualified prior to 1-JAN-09 in a specialty and have not completed the NIMS courses required, you are NOT an authorized trainee in that specialty. For example, Joe Smith was a GTM3 in 2008 and he has not completed IS-700. If his

unit gets a mission, he can not go with them until he has completed all NIMS required courses for that specialty and it is reflected on his 101 card. Once this is done, he will be restored to qualified status.

At the wing conference I will be teaching a seminar on *Getting Started in Emergency Services*; we will cover the use of e-services, operations qualifications, how to enter and validate specialties in e-services, and how to navigate the EMI site for your NIMS courses.

Cadet Named National Merit Scholarship Finalist

TFO Jessica Caplan
Indiana Wing PAO

Evansville, Indiana - C/Capt Isaac Evans has been named a National Merit Scholarship Finalist. Cadet Evans is a home schooled cadet who ranks in the 99th percentile in every objective measurement including the SAT and the Iowa Tests of Achievement and Proficiency. He is also a member of the nationally recognized Veritas speech and debate team where he has been successful at a national level.

Established in 1955, National Merit Scholarship Corporation (NMSC) is an independent, not-for-profit organization that operates without government assistance. The **National Merit® Scholarship Program** is an academic competition that recognizes the top high school students in the country with awards and scholarships..

Roughly 1.5 million students enter the competition each year. Some 50,000 entrants with the highest PSAT/NMSQT® Selection Index scores (critical reading + mathematics + writing skills scores) qualify for recognition in the National Merit® Scholarship Program as a semi-finalist. Of the 50,000 semi-finalists, less than 15000 students across the country are named Finalists.

Congratulations to C/Capt Evans for his achievement!



Upcoming ES Activities

Maj. Brian Schmuck
Indiana Wing ES

We are at that time of year when our operational tempo is greatly increased, usually to a pace that's difficult to keep up with. We will see an increase in actual missions and should be prepared to respond to disaster relief requests. We

can expect more 121.5 ELT missions so we should be prepared to "hurry up and wait," and GTs can expect to be on alert for longer periods (where we call you and tell you that we might need you). When you are on alert simply ensure your gear is ready, your team is prepared, and you have a list of personnel who will deploy with their full name, rank, and CAPID. We will launch aircrews (if weather allows) to narrow down the search area to keep from having the GT search hundreds of miles of Indiana real estate.

Some activities on the calendar you should prepare for:

3-MAY-09: Table Top mission for SAR EVAL staff at KRID. This event is by invite only.

29-31 MAY 09: Mission Aircrew School - Bloomington, IN. Lead PO is Lt Col Myers. This training will include ground operations. More on this as plans develop.

5-7 JUN 09: Mt. Comfort Air show. Captain Frank Merrill is the POC for this event. A non-funded mission number has been issued, Lt Col DeCallier is the IC. There will be training during this event.

12-14 JUN 09: IN WG Search and Rescue Evaluation. Location is Richmond Municipal Airport (RID). All GTs and aircrews should plan to attend. Personnel interested in training for a staff position should contact bschmuck@inwg.cap.gov. We still have openings for trainees or assistants.

27JUN-11JUL 09: NESAs

7-9 AUG 09: Operation VIGILANT REACH. Large-scale DR exercise. Located throughout Indiana. ICP location TBD.

We also have some Non-funded training going on this summer. South Bend has organized some good training up north for April, May, and June. Contact TSgt Stahl if you would be interested in participating.

Remember to ensure everyone has been authorized a trainee in the specialties they are training for.

Bring a Friend

LTC Karen Basham

The Col Jerry L Ross Composite Squadron (GLR-IN-211) has moved and for the past three weeks has been holding "Bring a Friend Night".

On Tuesday, March 3 we had several visitors during our monthly Aerospace Education night. Our visitors were able to build a rocket along with our cadet members. We will be launching them at a later date. We were able to get two new cadet members and hopefully we will be honored by having their parents join the squadron.

On Wednesday, March 18 the squadron will present the colors for the Annual FAA Safety Meeting at the Lansing Airport. We will have an information table concerning CAP and safety information along with several other aerospace education groups, military recruiters and other groups.



Squadron Leadership School

1LT Christopher Holland

Squadron leadership school was conducted on February 27-28 in Indianapolis. 22 senior members attended from around the wing, the majority belonging to group v squadrons. Some traveled from as far away as auburn or Lafayette.

SLS is the in-residence course which must be completed to attain level two. Many students had only recently completed the level one orientation course, while others have been serving the Indiana Wing very actively for several years.

Lawrence early college provided the facility for the weekend. L.E.C. is also the meeting location for the titan cadet squadron under the leadership of Captain Frank Merrill, who instructed a couple of the topics. Other instructors included Col. Patrick Decallier, Major Sharon Groome, Captain Christopher Rollins, Chaplain Clement Riedner, Lieutenant Andy Dix, and Lieutenant Chris Holland, the course director.



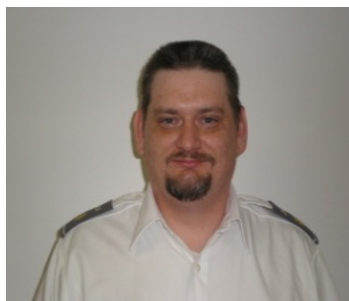
Civil Air Patrol Day

TFO Jessica Caplan
Indiana Wing PAO

Civil Air Patrol Day is coming up, Sunday April 19th. From 1200-1600hrs at the Richmond Municipal Airport in Richmond, IN there will be a static display of a CAP aircraft, the EAA Young Eagles Program will be there, and not to mention communications and ground team demonstrations. Also for all cadets interested there will be Cadet O-Rides!

Safety Corner

Major Samuel Hornbuckle
Indiana Wing Safety Director



Most of you wonder why safety is such a big issue. I sometimes wonder that myself. But the main fact is that safety has kept

many mishaps from being fatal. The policies and procedures that have been developed are with your safety in mind. If everyone would use common sense all of the time, these safety regulations and policies that CAP has developed would not be needed. However, because we all are human and sometimes forget to use common sense, that will never happen.

The safety briefings you are all required to attend are not to give you a break from your normal meeting time. It is part of your meeting time and should be useful to you and the others in your unit. By participating in the safety briefings, you are sometimes reminded of issues that you have forgotten and it will encourage you to be a little more careful with whatever you do.

For the most part, safety is something we do every day. We put on our seatbelts automatically without thinking about it (right?). We use our headlights and turn signals. We obey traffic signs. It's not just common sense, it is thinking about safety.

CAP safety regulations and laws that have been created are developed for one of two reasons: For those who don't

use common sense and for those who didn't use common sense. Because we have laws regarding seatbelts and turn signals, it has forced us to get into the habit of being safe and using common sense. That's the reason why we hold our monthly safety briefings and require you to participate in them. All of us need to be reminded to be safe and use common sense on a regular basis or mistakes will happen.

**THINK OF SAFETY AS IF YOUR LIFE
DEPENDS ON IT! BECAUSE IT DOES!**

INDIANA WING MISHAP STATISTICS				
MISHAP TYPE	FY 2007*	FY 2008	FY 2009	FY08 VS FY09
VEHICLE	0	0	0	0
AIRCRAFT	3	0	0	0
PERSONAL INJURY	0	7	4	-3
OTHER	0	0	1	1
TOTAL	3	7	5	-2
*JUN-SEPT 2007				
Report is based on CAP 78's submitted in e-services.				

CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

Capt. Dave Harness
Chaplin, Indiana Wing



The annual Regional Service Staff College will be taking place May 4th through the 8th at Wright Patterson AFB in Dayton. This year we will meet in unison with the Northeastern Region.

Check in can be done on Sunday May 3rd at the Hope Hotel adjacent to the base. A \$25.00 fee is all that is needed for the banquet which will take place on Thursday evening the 7th of May. Your room will be paid for by the Regions.

All classes will be held at the Hope Hotel. Classes will begin with Devotion at 8:00 am EST on May 4th. Lunches will be served at the main Dining Hall on base each day. We are responsible for our own meals.

One class will concern itself with the proper wearing of the uniforms of CAP and an inspection will take place.

I think all that have attended in the past will agree there is a wealth of information that is disbursed in these classes. If you can at all make it please plan on attending. We always have a good representation from the Indiana Wing. Let us make this another year where we shine.

On another matter, I would like to personally work with any Chaplain that would like to gain the designation of Mission Chaplain. Please let me know if you would like some help in getting to that status.

Another thing that I must remind you is that all Chaplain Candidates must be referred to me and their paper work sent to me at the address in the area below. Thank you for this assistance.

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WING COMMANDER'S CORNER

Colonel Mark Reeves
Commander, Indiana Wing



I have been asked to speak at the May Corporate Learning Course and I am looking forward to this both because I believe CAP professional development is important for our adult officers and I get to talk about the "Heart of the Volunteer".

What are the "Hearts of our Volunteers"? I have spent some time looking at the packages for our 2009 Annual Award winners and I wanted to share some of the "Heart"...the great work that we have done in Indiana Wing over the last year:

"He created time in his busy work schedule to teach the Cadet Program as an unpaid volunteer at his local school three days a week that successfully involves more than 20 uniformed cadets and resulted in the first Mitchell Award for the more than 275 cadets in the Indiana Schools Group."

"(as the) Wing DRMO screener, he arranged for the Indiana National Guard to pick up items for Indiana Wing at no cost at the Columbus facility...(obtaining) more than \$30,000 in needed uniforms and equipment in the last half of CY 2008."

"(in a year) this unit accepted deployments to Illinois Wing on five occasions...was responsible for two finds in IL...(and) logged more than ten AFAMs in 2008 and four disaster

relief/humanitarian missions."

"(he)...led a community-wide effort to successfully open the charter school. He obtained a 20,000 square foot school building...found furniture and equipment...for 18 classrooms, identified and recruited 20 teachers...(and opened the school for the) 235 enrolled sixth, seventh and eight grade cadets."

Finally, I am drawn to remember Lt Col David Ford who was our Legislative Officer of the Year and who passed last winter:

"He worked...to ensure that 99.8% of the members of Indiana's General Assembly were CAP Legislative members. He sponsored and successfully shepherded IC 4-15-10-08, providing employment protection for CAP volunteers; sponsored IC 10-16-91 through the Indiana General Assembly, making it illegal for state or local government workers who are CAP members to be disciplined for participating in CAP ES activities; and he led...development and delicate negotiations around IC-20-33-2-17.2 that allowed Indiana cadets excused absence from school. In addition to his legislative work, Lt Col Ford was a Civil Air Patrol mission pilot, a graduate of the National Emergency Services Academy and a staff officer at his local squadron."

Up until his last month on earth, Lt Col Ford was engaged in the work of Civil Air Patrol and was passionate about our missions. He, and our other awards winners, represents the “Heart” that I hope that you all have in supporting America’s Air Force Auxiliary.

FROM THE PAO

TFO Jessica Caplan
Indiana Wing PAO



Alright real quick, anyone who is interested I will be at the Wing Conference teaching a seminar about public affairs next month. Could be a good time. I hope to see everyone at the conference!!!

ALCON:

The June Eval is fast approaching. Maj. Brian Schmuck wants it known to all unit commanders or representatives that there are positions open in MSA as either trainee or as fully qualified. Also, anyone who is interested in learning any specialty such as comms or logistics, or anything else, is welcome to attend. You must be a valid trainee and it must show up on your 101 card to qualify. You also need to be available to attend the May 3 (Yes, it’s a Sunday) tabletop mission. However, you **MUST** email Maj. Schmuck ASAP: bschmuck@inwg.cap.gov. Also, **ALL UNITS MUST** email Maj. Schmuck with all available resources! Again, this information is needed as soon as possible!

I also received notification about SM Krista Morisen from Group V is now *Capt.* Krista Morisen. Congratulations, Captain!