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**PENNSYLVANIA WING IS
ACTIVIATED TO HELP
SEARCH FOR 8 YEAR OLD
BEDFORD CHILD**



To the PA Wing Membership,

The Pennsylvania Wing participated, for the second time in just a few weeks, on a search for a missing child.

The Pennsylvania Wing Civil Air Patrol was activated to help in the search for an eight year old male that was reported missing on December 29, 2005 in the county of Bedford. About 100 of our seniors and cadet members participated in this mission. CAP air crews and two of our airplanes; a 182 and a 172 Cessna, were activated. Weather conditions proved to be a challenge during the search.

Alas, success slipped through our hands when young Jason Case Sarver was found in a pond, approximately 300 yards from his home. He was found, deceased, by another search team.

Our prayers go out to all his family and friends that will surely miss him. There is not enough room in this letter to thank all of you for your extraordinary efforts. This is the second time since the Region Conference you have proved your excellence in the GSAR arena. Once again you have demonstrated your compassion for your fellow human beings. So many of you continue to show your concerns for individuals you do not know, cutting your holiday short so you can serve, is proof once again, of the dedication of the Pennsylvania Wing Emergency Service personnel. Great people doing a great job; this is the Pennsylvania Wing!

Thank you, from the bottom of my heart. Brenda and I want to wish you all the best in 2006. From our family to yours; "Happy New Year"!

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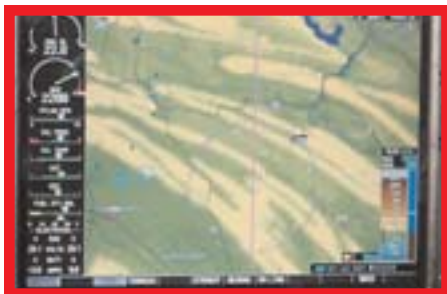
M. ALLEN APPLEBAUM, Colonel, CAP
Commander, PAWG



Photo of Mission Base from the flight crew's ariel view, during the search for missing Bedford youth.



One of CAP's Search & Rescue Teams, seen gathering before advancing their search, up and then down the mountainous area to the left.



An actual view of one of the many graphic capabilities used by the air crew in the glass cockpit of one of CAP's new Cessna's 182, during the search.

Photo credits to CAP Mission Pilot, Captain Dave Lash, who served as the air crew scanner on this mission.

Pennsylvania Legislative Unit Holds Meeting



Pennsylvania Wing Legislative Unit member's Rod Wilt, Dick Stevenson, Mauree Gingrich, and Craig Dally, discuss CAP's calendar of events and many other topics during an informal luncheon meeting in the Capitol on 13 December 2005

Harrisburg, Pennsylvania - Lt Col Robert L. Meinert, Pennsylvania Wing's Executive Director, held an informal meeting with the Pennsylvania Legislative Unit on Tuesday, December 13, 2005 in the Capitol.

Lt Col Meinert distributed the Wing Calendar, a copy of CAP's National and State level reports, training information and several other CAP related items to the twelve members in attendance. He touched on the History of CAP and he held a discussion with them on the Cadet Protection Program and about the School Initiative Program. The topic of CAP in the schools was received well as those in attendance were pleased to hear of the program success in Philadelphia. Lt Col Meinert reported that CAP was now in 12 schools in Philadelphia and he continued on informing the members that CAP is currently in contact with the Harrisburg school officials and the possibility of running a CAP School Initiative Program there could happen in the very near future. He also announced that CAP will next concentrate in the western part of the state as well, to find schools to participate in the School Initiative Program.

Representative Mauree A. Gingrich, commended the Lebanon VFW Cadet Squadron for their contribution to the WW II recognition event and how impressed she was of the Cadets serving in that unit. "They are always working and working well in my area," she said.

Sign up sheets were passed around for those that might be interested in becoming more active in any of the CAP programs and what program would be of interest to them. Those that are pilots were asked to sign a log sheet that was also passed around.

Senator Robert D. Robbins suggested that the unit choose several of their members to serve as officers. "Like having their own Commander," he said. "We need someone to act as a communicator for the unit and as a recruiting representative for others here at the Capitol," he said.

Lt Col Meinert said he would follow through with an Email for the Unit so they could identify members to fill the suggested positions. *(More photos on page 6)*

CAP IS ACTIVATED TO HELP IN SEARCH OF MISSING 8 YEAR OLD BOY.



"About 100 of our Seniors and Cadets participated in this operation. Success slipped through our hands when a find was made. Sadly, the boy in question did not make it. Our prayers go out to his family and friends."

- Col M. Allen Applebaum,
Commander PA Wing CAP
(See story - inside cover.)

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CAP ASSISTS U.S. MILITARY MOTHERS AND FRIENDS

For our Service Members "Over There"

By Maj Tom DiJohnson, Squadron 307 Commander

Cadets and Senior Members from PA 265, Lebanon VFW Squadron 307, joined other volunteers to assist the U.S. Military Mothers and Friends pack boxes to be sent to our deployed service members.

Volunteers filled over 150 boxes with snack food, homemade cookies and other items, which were donated by local organizations.

Many of the volunteers were family of the service members. "It is a way for us to let them know that they are not forgotten", said a family member.

Squadron members enjoyed serving this noble cause and the highlight of the day was adding personal notes and cards to the boxes of the Squadron family members and Senior Members who are deployed. It is also great to receive the emails, from those receiving boxes, which are forwarded to all who participated, which convey the heart felt thanks for our efforts.

The squadron helps to pack boxes twice a year, prior to Easter and Christmas.



Above photo; left to right - Cadets Kyle Coughlin, Pat Roach and Emily Rentschler packing boxes. Inserting a personal note, below.



Photo above; C/TSgt Matt Eckert, working hard, as always.

Photo below; from left to right - C/2nd Lt Kyle Coughlin, C/Maj Tom Carr and Capt Dave Kilgore, help a civilian volunteer, sort packages



MEMORANDUM FOR ALL MEMBERS



FROM: Col M. Allen Applebaum
Pennsylvania Wing Commander

SUBJECT: Aircraft Rates

1 As of 15 December 2005, the Pennsylvania Wing Aircraft rates per hobbs hours will be as follows:

C-172 -	\$ 66.00
C-182 -	\$ 96.00
C-182T	\$113.00
Maule -	\$ 92.00
C-182RG -	\$113.00
U206G	\$112.00
U206H	\$112.00
GA8	\$112.00

2 These rates include maintenance, fuel, equipment, and oil.

3 This is an adjustment due to the increasing maintenance cost from National. The Aircraft rates will be continually evaluated for rate adjustments.

4 Questions concerning this Memorandum may be addressed to Maj DeEtte Riley at

814-632-8341 after 1900 hours or driley@awandsons.com.

**M. Allen Applebaum, Col, CAP
Commander**

Southmoreland Composite Squadron 1408 Receives \$1000 Check from The Connersville Wal-Mart

Connersville, PA - the Pennsylvania Wing Civil Air Patrol Squadron Unit, 1408 accepted a \$1000.00 check from Wal-mart to help with training and funding for their continued service to the community.

Commander, 1st Lieutenant Michael R. Shipley and cadets Sarah and Molly Smith, were on hand to accept the check from representative and assistant manager, Ms. Patte Enderle of the Connersville Wal-mart on Saturday, December 17, 2005 at 10:00 AM. "We greatly appreciate this generous donation from Wal-mart," said Lt Michael Shipley. "It will enable us to continue training and serving the community," he continued. The unit meets at the Scottsdale American Legion Post on Sundays at 2:00 PM. "We welcome young men and women from the ages of 12 to 21 to join our Cadet Program. This presentation is a great opportunity to greet the public and to tell them all about the Civil Air Patrol. It also gave us the opportunity to answer questions regarding our programs," said Lt Shipley.

Wal-mart continues to support local organizations to encourage and help promote community awareness. This donation was made possible by their community grant program.



Commander, 1st Lieutenant Michael Shipley and Cadets, Sarah and Molly Smith, pose with Wal-Mart Representative, Assistant Manager, Ms. Patte Dnderle, during the check presentation on 17 December.

SQUADRON 1006 HOLDS THEIR ANNUAL OPEN HOUSE



From left to right; Lieutenant Colonel's, Stanley Alzman, Barry Metz, Walter Vertrease, Dr. Eugene Richardson, PH.D., the Deputy Commander of 1007; Major Ruth Davis and Commander of the 1006, Lieutenant Colonel Albert El.

Our Open House was held December 3, 2005 and was well attended. Our guests from PA Wing included: Lt Colonels Walter Vertrease, Barry Metz and Stan Alzman. Deputy Commander of Squadron 1007 Patricia Zelenak. Other VIPs included Barbara Williams, representing State Representative Louise Williams-Bishop, Dr. Eugene Richardson, Ph.D, member of the third class of Tuskegee Airman and Earl Weeks of the United States Colored Troops, 3rd Regiment.

1006 Squadron Commander Albert El presented the following awards:

Senior Awards

Maj. Joel Willis - Aerospace Education Excellence Award and Senior Member Professional Development Award.

1Lt Glenn Cuff - Aerospace Education Excellence Award and Cadet Activities Participation Award.

1Lt Anthony Kearse - Emergency Services Award, Physical Education Award and Aerospace Education Excellence Award.

1Lt John Hackney - Master Moral Leadership Award, Safety Award and Aerospace Education Excellence Award.

1Lt Van Brockenborough - Cadet Activities Participation Award, Emergency Services Award, Aerospace Education Excellence Award and Senior Member of the Year Award.

Cadet Awards

Promoted to C/Lt Col at Open House, Cadet Squadron Commander Vincent Robinson - Yeager Award, Cadet of the Year, Squadron Leadership Award, Aerospace Education Excellence Award and the Heritage Award (Explorer Post 909 award)

C/1Lt Ethan Amaker - Academic Award, Community Service Award, Most Improved Cadet Award, Aerospace Education Excellence Award. C/2Lt Toya Williamson - Community Service Award, Moral Leadership Award and Aerospace Education Excellence Award. Cadet Squadron First Sergeant C/SMSGt Van

Brockenborough Jr. - Cadet Activities Participation Award, Aerospace Education Excellence Award and Cadet NCO of the Year Award.

PENNSYLVANIA WING HOLDS A HOLIDAY GATHERING

13 DECEMBER 2005

FORT INDIANTOWN GAP

ANNVILLE, PENNSYLVANIA

Commander, Col M. Allen Applebaum, hosted a holiday party on 13 December, 2005 at Fort Indiantown Gap in one of the posts recreation centers. The center, combined with games, ample space for socializing and an enormous amount of holiday goodies, thanks to Captain Elomar Harder-Siennick and the contribution of foods by attending members, proved to be the perfect environment for a wonderful holiday gathering.

Guest were asked to bring along with them a new unwrapped toy to place in the "Toys for Tots" container and by the end of the event, it over-flowed with wonderful, new and inviting toys for local underprivileged children. Retired Marine Master Sergeant, John E. Gingrich, Sr., the Lebanon area "Toys for Tots" chairman, was delighted with the generous contribution from the Pennsylvania Civil Air Patrol members. This was the third consecutive year that the Wing participated in the "Toys for Tots" program. *(More on the "Toys for Tots" story on page 5)*

Colonel Applebaum took the opportunity to thank the Pennsylvania Civil Air Patrol members for all their continuous hard work and dedication as volunteers of the organization. He made a special tribute to Civil Air Patrol's National Chief of Staff, Colonel Larry D. Kauffman, who traveled from New Jersey to attend the gathering. Colonel Kauffman was presented a special thank you gift; a Civil Air Patrol 1940's, (Piper Cub WWII Era), airplane replica, in appreciation for his continued support for the Wing and CAP in general. "Colonel Kauffman, a past PA Wing Commander, and currently serving as National's Chief of Staff, has been a long time friend of this Wing and we thank him for all his support," said Colonel Applebaum as he presented the miniature aircraft model to Colonel Kauffman. "He makes things happen. It is because of him that we now have new aircraft in the PA Wing," he continued. Colonel Kauffman thanked Col Applebaum and the PA Wing for the unique real-life replica.

During the holiday party of 2004, I asked several members if they make any "New Year's resolutions". This year,

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Colonel Applebaum and Col Kauffman



Cadet Jennifer Kline receives her Ameila Earhart Award



Michael Hilton, 9 year old grandson of Lt Col Ray and Maj Mona Whetstine, enjoys a game of pool during the Holiday party.



Recently transferred to the PA Wing, Col Frederick and Lt Col Beverly Camenzind, enjoying the festivities with their new CAP family.

PA WING COLLECTS TOYS FOR THE 2005 "TOYS FOR TOTS" PROGRAM

Indiantown Gap, Annville, PA - the Pennsylvania Wing Civil Air Patrol members felt good about giving, as they brought unwrapped, new toys to this year's annual holiday party so they could be placed in the "Toys for Tots" container.

Commander, Col M. Allen Applebaum, made a special request of the CAP members and guests, to bring along with them to the 2005 holiday party, a new, unwrapped toy and place it in the "Toys for Tots" container that had been dropped off by local "Toys for Tots" Chairman, John E. Gingrich, Sr. Mr. Gingrich, a retired Marine Sergeant, has dedicated his civilian life to this program. Mr. Gingrich was pleased to hear that we wanted to participate once again in the program and eagerly dropped off the empty container. It didn't take long for it to be filled! The container was picked up by a grateful Mr. Gingrich on Monday, December 20. He said, "This year was a tough year to collect toys. This container will really help. We have over 2000 under-privileged children that we will be delivering toys to this year and this will surely help."

This is the third year that the members of the Pennsylvania Wing wanted to help the "Toys for Tots" Program and once again it proved to be very rewarding to those that gave.

On behalf of the Wing members, Lieutenant Linda Irwin accepted a Certificate of Appreciation as well as a heartfelt thank you from Mr. Gingrich. The certificate has been hung at PA Wing Headquarters for all to see.



(continued from page 4 - Holiday Party 2005)

I asked some of the attending CAP members; ***if you could change or add one thing to the Civil Air Program, what would it be?*** The following are some of the responses. I thought it might be interesting to share what ideas and/or comments came out of the question. These are personal opinions and not to be taken out of context. I totally admire their seriousness and honesty. ***(In their own words.)***

"I feel CAP's relationship with the United States Air Force needs and deserves to be re-enforced and emphasized, while still not losing sight of our civilian status. I believe a stronger demonstration of our organization's military character is necessary in these uncertain times when our armed services need all the support they can get - both morale wise and in numbers of manpower. CAP is not merely a flying club or an emergency medical unit. It is first and foremost, the auxiliary arm to the air service of the strongest military power in the world. Our members deserve better recognition and our organization deserves better renown and publicity to become something more widely-known than "aviation best kept secret."

- TFO Fredericks Rombouts, Squadron 1504, Altoona, PA



"The one improvement I would make is to have more senior members working directly with cadets. Cadets need role models and CAP's senior members are excellent role models."

*C/2d Lt Brock Parks
Squadron 904
Quakertown, PA*



Reminder

All Cadets and Seniors that are accepted for any 2006 School's Staff are required to attend the Mandatory Staff Weekend...March 4 and 5, 2006 - at Wing HQ. We have Buildings 5-33 and 5-34 reserved, starting Friday evening for sleeping arrangements.

*-Bruce Brinker, Lt. Col., CAP
PAWG Director of Cadet Programs*

(In their own words; continued from page 5.)

To begin, I would make two particular uniform changes. The first change would be the shoulder board material on the cadet blazer. Though they present a very professional image, the assembly of the shoulder boards are a mess. First, you have to sew on five circular velcro patches onto the blazer. However, the additional adhesive is so thick that sewing is unrealistic. Secondly; the board is too hard for the metal insignias to be pinned through. This could be solved if the same pattern and color design were re-made into a slip on the cloth epaulet. It would save money and effort in assembling.



The second change I'd make would be for activity patches on the BDU right shoulder to remain. Though cadets value the American Flag, activity patches show distinction among cadets who have achieved different activities. When I first joined CAP, I had always dreamed of attending Cadet Officer School. Six years later, I was able to wear the patch. This patch and many others give recognition to those deserving and create interest in cadets who have yet to know of these activities.

- C/Capt Jeannie Tso, Squadron 104, Philadelphia

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PA LEGISLATIVE UNIT MEETS AT THE CAPITOL

Photo on the left: Senator Robert Robbins, seated on the right, makes a suggestion to the group that they should think about selecting officers for the Unit. The Honorable Allan Egolf is seated on the left.

Photo on the right: Lt Col Robert Meinert reviews with the Unit, CAP's History and the Cadet Protection Program.

(Article and photos by 1Lt Linda A. Irwin)



2005 Squadron 811 Banquet

- C/Amn Matt Hiegler, C/Amn Peter Murray

On Saturday November 12, the squadron held its annual banquet at Haag's Hotel. The night proceeded with guest speaker Col. James Lilis of the Air National Guard. Midway through Col Lilis speech, our other guest speaker, LtCol Gary Metz, received a phone call that a three year old girl was missing in Miffling County, two hours away.

When LtCol Metz took the stand - it was not to give his speech, but to inform our squadron that our ground team would be making the drive to assist in the search. A third of the cadets who were in attendance left. The remainder of the night went without incident and was finished off with awards.

The Aerospace Excellence Award was given to all cadets who attended Senior Member Adornato's aerospace classes. Attendance awards and gift certificates were given to cadets Jessica Liversidge and Ian Hewston. The Wright Brother's Award was given to cadets who had completed the first three achievements in CAP and advanced to the rank of Staff Sergeant. Those cadets are: Lauren Hartman, Jason Kring, Jeb Dingledein and Sheila McQueen. The Billy Mitchell Award, given to cadets who advance to the rank of Second Lieutenant and become a cadet officer, went to our squadron's Cadet Commander, Thorne Harkin.

We would like to thank 1Lt Barbara Frey and all the senior members for organizing such a wonderful banquet, all the cadets and parents who attended for their continued support of Squadron 811 and a special thanks to the ground team members who sacrificed their time and safety to ensure the safety of others.

GROUND TEAM ACTIVATED

Saturday night, November 12, 2005, the Pennsylvania Wing of the Civil Air Patrol was activated to assist in the search for a missing three-year-old girl in Granville, PA. Fifteen members from the Reading Composite Squadron 811 were deployed.

The group deployed from Reading was about 15 minutes away from the search operations base when they were ordered to return. The child had been found at about 1:30 AM, Sunday morning and was taken to a hospital to make sure she was okay.

Although only about 30 members of the Pennsylvania Wing of the Civil Air Patrol actually participated in the search effort, a total of 143 members responded to the call state wide!

- Story credits - the Reading Composite Squadron 88 Newsletter, November 2005

HISTORICAL PERSPECTIVE

When one thinks of a Historian or Archivist, it brings to mind a person who wears a bow tie, smokes a pipe, looks through a magnifying glass, is locked up in a dingy room with dirty windows with incoherent muttering coming from a pile of papers which obstruct your view of the individual. I can assure you your Historian does not reflect that observation, but I do smoke a pipe from time to time and the room where all the data is stored is dingy. Just to let you know if those characteristics are what you are looking for to identify me when you are around Wing Headquarters I'm sorry to disappoint you. Now on to the serious side of things which, you have probably heard before and now again, from the new guy, so indulge me.

Collecting historical data no matter in what field, organization or endeavor and documenting it, is not an easy task. The more vibrant the activity the greater the documentation and work load. The Pennsylvania Wing being a very active, vibrant and in its own right an outstanding Wing among its peers is involved in something most of the time. Being proactive in documenting this Wings efforts and activities should as in the past, make for exciting reading at the end of the year. But, it is only as interesting as what is provided by the various units within the wing. This leads me to where you fit into the overall scheme of things.

There is a lot of material information and statistics that will be provided by the Wing Staff for the major activities such as DEA OPS, SAR OPS, and Homeland Security activities, Communications, Special Activities, Ranger Program, Cadet Programs and Public Affairs. The bulk of the information should and must come from the individual units that have activities going on all the time. The guidelines are; important activities, such as recruiting drives, training programs, field trips, major accomplishments, both individual and collective, completion of major milestones individual and collective and many other activities worthy of note. However, daily or weekly routine activities or social functions other than annual banquets or special events/awards, are only of local/Unit significance. Example; "Squadron X consumed 500 Yako hot dogs at a recent Bar B Q does not add anything historically significant to the Wings archives, but could be construed only as good advertising for Yako's. Individuals responsible for collecting Unit Historical Data can get a better perspective of what the Wing needs to document by reading through CAPR 210-1, CAPP-5, CAPP-6 and CAPP -223. While this information is directed at Wing level, it can be very informative as to the type information that is being requested. I am looking for any and all information but asking that discretion be used in what is presented for the archives. Also, that Unit Commanders review material before it is forwarded for inclusion, which leads me to the next part of this article.

Someone must be appointed from the various Units for collecting and presenting material for the Wings yearly historical archives. I am asking Unit Commanders to consider a volunteer or appoint someone to full fill this task. Otherwise it will be the Unit Commanders responsibility for whatever information is to be provided for the Historical file. Every Unit has or will have something noteworthy to report to be included as a matter of record for the year, otherwise an injustice is done in that the Unit does not get recognized for any significant happening. I don't want to hear at the end of the year after the historical, data is published, that your department or unit got short changed on publicity or something like, "we did a lot of great stuff last year but I don't see anything about my Unit in the Historical Record ". You know what you have to do to get it in there. Enough said!

In previous years, recording of the many event, happenings and statistical data provided a good historical record of the Wings yearly activities and accomplishments. It is my duty to see this continues and I need everyone's help at all levels in getting the job done. With the guidelines established the next question is; what kind of information should I submit? (Review guidelines), When should I submit my information? And to whom? Which leads me into how to get your information on record and when?

Data for the historical Record should be made forwarded every 2 months which will allow a progressive documentation process to; Col. Paul R. Kopczynski, Wing Historian Pa. Wing Hqtrs.

I will from time to time have articles in the Newsletter regarding the Historical Department reporting on some significant activities and happenings for example; one of the first projects the Wing will be engaged is mounting an airplane on a pylon for display in front of Wing Headquarters in the near future. More detailed information to be provided.

KEEP AHEAD OF DOCUMENTING YOUR UNITS ACTIVITIES - DON'T WAIT AND LET IT PILE UP!

- Lt Col Paul R. Kopczynski, PAWG Historian



EYES ON SAFETY



DoD 'HANGS-UP' ON UNSAFE CELL PHONE USE WHILE DRIVING

A new federal policy prohibits motorists from talking on hand-held cell phones while driving on military installations. This includes Fort Indiantown Gap. Drivers are prohibited from using cell phones unless the vehicle is safely parked or unless they are using hands-free device. The policy extends to driving DoD vehicles off the installation as well.

(Information received from Banner Newsletter, Carlisle War College.)

- Major Ron Skamanich, Squadron 209, Safety Officer, Lt Col Ray Whetstine, PA Wing Safety Officer



Students in Roosevelt's Civil Air Patrol use the flight simulator. Commander Burke is observing, and Harris is standing in the background with his arms folded.

Roosevelt Middle School uses fresh ideas.

The Philadelphia Tribune, Learning Key
December 13, 2005.

Another program offered at Roosevelt is the Civil Air Patrol. In this program, which is a wing of the United States Air Force, students are taught search-and-rescue techniques and leadership skills. Lt. Linwood Harris, who instructs students in the Patrol and also serves as their school's assistant principal, said the students are actually taught to fly. "In our room upstairs we have a flight simulator and the children are expected to do two flights during their tenure with the Civil Air Patrol," he said. "One is a glider flight and one is a Cessna flight. That's what their expectation is."

Commander Charles Burke, runs this program and also coaches the school's famed track team, said it doesn't take long for students to grasp the simulator. He said the Civil Air Patrol provides a lot of opportunities for the students and "basically all they have to do is be committed." Students have visited airports in Quakertown and the Northeast and went to an air show. Burke said the students were wowed by the acrobatic stunts.

"The Civil Air Patrol propels students interested in a career in the Air Force, a step ahead of others not involved in the program," Burke said. He was quick to point out that the Civil Air Patrol is not preparing students for the military, but the military is an option if the students so desire. Harris said that the Civil Air Patrol is not just instructional; students are actually expected to do search-and-rescue. "They're trained; they get ranks and when you have things like Hurricane Katrina, children can actually participate in funneling the aid to those people as well," he said.

Both Ford and Harris said they have observed positive behavior changes in students involved in the program. "They are much more responsible," Ford said, "and they're more receptive to redirection. They really do provide leadership for the other kids. They set a good example for other kids." Students can remain involved with the Civil Air Patrol all the way through until they graduate from high school. Ford said some former Roosevelt students have returned to speak with the current crop about the program.

(All story credits - The Philadelphia Tribune and Greg Johnson, Tribune Staff Writer)

Camp Ramadi, Iraq

Blackjack Newsletter; Volume 1, Number 10, 10 December 2005

The officers and men of Bravo Troop, 1-104th Cavalry, played a pivotal role, arguably the central role, in removing a dangerous and illusive insurgent from the general population here - an event reported yesterday by Associated Press and broadcast in news reports around the world.

Regrettably perhaps, the AP story of the arrest of Amir Khalaf Fanus appeared to give credit for the action to the U.S. marines but, in fact, it was relentless tactical pressure combined with humanitarian aid and political negotiations with local civilian authorities, planned and performed almost exclusively by Bravo Troopers, that resulted in the jailing of "The Butcher of Zangora."

In fact, Fanus had been a priority target for the Troop since it's arrival in Iraq last July and had been a priority target for the 506th Infantry that Bravo replaced and the unit that preceded them. Several raids into the Zangora region northwest of Ramadi had netted nearly dozen suspects and resulted in the incarceration of more than a half dozen insurgents believed to be openly part of the Fanus terror cell. Amir Khalaf Fanus was the third highest ranking target on the 172nd Armored Most Wanted List, responsible for a wide range of terrorist criminal activities, including murder, kidnapping, attacks on Coalition Forces and the hostile take-over of legitimate civilian businesses.



Bravo Troop Commander, 1LT Jason Secrest, (pictured), with the assistance of the Troop platoon leaders and their men, developed the "full court press" strategy to capture Amir Khalaf Fanus.

(All story and photo credits - Blackjack Newsletter, News & Views from the Men of Bravo Troop 1/104 Cavalry)

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*Oh, I have slipped the surly bonds of earth
And danced the skies on laughter-silvered wings;
Sunward I've climbed, and joined the tumbling mirth
Of sun-split clouds-and done a hundred things
You have not dreamed of-wheeled and soared and
swung*

*High in the sunlit silence. Hov'ring there,
I've chased the shouting wind along, and flung
My eager craft through footless halls of air.*

*Up, up the long, delirious, burning blue
I've topped the windswept heights with easy grace
Where never lark, or even eagle flew.*

*And, while with silent, lifting mind I've trod
The high untrespassed sanctity of space
Put out my hand, and touched the face of God.*

-RCAF Flight Lt. John Gillespie Magee Jr.



Lt Col David Lee Fielding
May 30, 1967 - December 18, 2005

Fondly Remembering

Major Charles (Chuck) B. Hanchak, retired member and once served as the Commander of Squadron 602, passed away on 22 December 2005 at the age of 80.

“Major Hanchak, was a goal orientated member who earned level five in the Senior Programs. He was an active crew member serving as a Mission Observer and Scanner. I truly enjoyed serving in CAP with him.”



- Lt Col William Geyer

