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Commanders Corner:

Kosovo: The US/NATO involvement in the Balkans has many sides. Many of you may be wondering what to think about it all. It may be useful to consider history. Very strong feelings (both ways) were felt during the early years of WWII. The leader of the group opposed to US military involvement in Europe was none other than the lone Eagle Lindbergh. But then as now, once the war was underway the politics were set aside and in the words of the most virulent anti war Newspaper of its time The Chicago Tribune "My country right or wrong." So I urge you to support our troops and let's pray for a quick Victory and the safe return of our men and women in the armed forces.

Due (I think) to my new ISP I was unable to retrieve the monthly articles from our staff. Will all members who have Email capability please send a short message to my new Email Address asap.

Individual Goals. Some of you have clearly thought out personal goals. Some have focused on the education available through the AF Academy or ROTC. Others earned CAP wings due to your interest in aviation or your License for Ham Radio, etc. First I applaud those of you who have the vision to define your goals for it is very rare that a goal is achieved without a clear vision and dedication and hard work to achieve it. That said what is my "vision?" What then are the **Unit goals?** Remember the three programs on which CAP is based. Aerospace, Cadet and ES.

Aerospace: Last year our tiny unit fielded a large percentage of the Solo Encampment. The important lesson learned was that to be accepted you must apply. Next year I would like to see 6 apply and (I hope) go on to solo. For the remainder of this year I will



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see that we have at least 4 opportunities for orientation flights. In addition we will investigate the glider soaring program. We would love to see some more cadets with Pilots Wings and the first crop of Glider pilots graduate from the 130th. While Major Ovens has been promoted to lead our state in his capacity as Air Force Liaison he has told me that he will continue to work with our unit and has promised that we will continue the yearly Rocket program at his estate. This year we will try to include an additional unit (perhaps Red Wing) to spread the word of the greatness of model rockets and perhaps see some more members earn the coveted Rocket Badge. Our newest Senior Member has requested assignment to the daunting task of Aerospace Officer. MSgt Long will work with C/ Sgt E.Reynolds and I think this team will make Farmington the place to be for Aerospace education. In addition this year I wish all members to dedicate themselves to achieving flight line certification.

Emergency Services: I am dedicated to continued training for this unit. Our percentage of successful finds is growing. We are building a good reputation. Training will keep us on the top of our game. Our paper chase has been a tough battle but the 101 cards are starting to trickle in. This year we will work on filling in more slots on those 101 cards to do that we need to be active in more practice SARS. We want to have a maximum push for this years AF Evaluation SAR and will work to hosting our own SAR. **Communications:** In the next month we will have a new Web Page. With more of you active on the Internet we must get better connected. Web space, email and even Internet access is free. Contact me if you need assistance. We have a few radios and more interest in using them fully. Our special homemade antenna project is the first of many extra credit projects that will help you progress as "Sparks."

Cadet Program: Cadets can help by Dedicating themselves to the Cadet Oath. Strive for excellence! Of equal importance you must be proactive in achieving what you want. It is not enough to show up for meetings and wait for someone to tell you what to do. Practice good leadership and maintain the moral high ground. If you do these things your individual success will fall into place. All members must dedicate themselves to obtaining good prospective



members. None of our programs can succeed without an infusion of new members. For my part I plan to visit several schools this year to recruit new members. You must do your part to bring good candidates to meetings. In the next couple of months I want every cadet to bring two friends to a meeting. Current members must do a better job of welcoming those visitors and making them welcome. Keep your eyes open for good Senior members!

Long Term Future: What should our long term goals be? A larger meeting place to hold a larger squadron(perhaps an aircraft hanger), van and an aircraft are good goals to shoot for. In addition I would like to see the 130th participate in more wing activities.

T SHIRT DESIGN CONTEST DUE NEXT WEEK!

Graphic Logo having to do with the 130th, Farmington, Flying Tiger or? A Unit Motto. Design will be monochrome. Next week is the due date. Unless you would rather get unit funds picking up trash or parking cars get them going!

MINNESOTA (WING) ENCAMPMENT INFO

Just some clarification/high points of the encampment application mailing process to supplement the announcement sent out by Chaplain Mikitta.

- 1)The mailing will be put in the mail Friday (today). It is being sent to all cadets who have NOT attended an encampment as indicated by the March MML. NOTE: If a cadet is not on that MML, he/she will NOT receive a packet.
- 2)Copies of the letter and notices are being sent to the units (2/unit). At this time I anticipate running out of CAPF 31's for all the units. However, your unit should have CAPF 31's in your squadron files. Also, CAPF 31's may be downloaded from NHQ's website at www.cap.af.mil
- 3)The activity fee this year will be \$100.00. This amount is due in full with the application. If this is not possible, the CADET must contact me at 651-388-2875 prior to the postmark deadline to work out a payment arrangement. The POSTMARK deadline for applications is 12 May 99.
- 4)NEW ITEM Unlike previous years, there will be a \$15 LATE FEE assessed to ALL applications postmarked AFTER the 12 May 99 deadline! If space is available, late apps will be allowed, but there will be the \$15 late fee. Also, applications that are incomplete or do not have payment will be considered late unless the problem is corrected by the 12 May deadline!
- 5) FINANCIAL AID is available to help defray the activity fee cost. Cadets must submit a letter POSTMARKED by 25 April 99 to me. Mailing address is 1621 W. Main Street, Red Wing, MN 55066. A board will review the applicants and award assistance as it deems necessary. This is explained in the application letter.

AIR FORCE CALLS FOR CHANGES IN CAP; PREPARES FOR A FIGHT:

The Civil Air Patrol is back in the news. This time, it's none other than the U.S. Air Force asking Congress to reorganize

the CAP to improve management and USAF control. Among the changes sought are replacing the CAP's National Board of Directors with USAF members and eliminating its Executive Director in favor of a reserve officer. In its "Point Paper" the USAF acknowledges a CAP lobbying effort and says that the military will have to adopt an "aggressive" stance with Congress, CAP membership and the media to defeat it. The USAF's actions add to an eventful 1999 for the CAP, including winning a wrongful termination lawsuit and an InsideDefense article that was highly critical of CAP's management and accounting practices.

USAF TALKING PAPER ON REORGANIZATION

Relationship between USAF and CAP CORP remains strained. Since 1995 reorganization CAP CORP has exercised great independence, it's actions are no longer mutually beneficial. Difficult to justify USAF auxiliary status. USAF has serious concerns about oversight, accountability, flying safety, professionalism. AFAA Audit identified: behavior complaints, lawsuits, and significant perception problems, lack of accountability and questionable procurement actions. Current USAF and CAP CORP issues have virtually no chance of amicable resolution Year long DPT provided report to Congress with significant disagreements remaining. If CAP is to remain an auxiliary to USAF, Air Force has the responsibility to lead and fix problems. Need authority commensurate with responsibility - requires legislation. USAF regards this as a LEADERSHIP ISSUE - Issue with CAP CORP, not CAP. USAF is committed to its responsibilities in support of CAP. Guidance and funding, Clear chain of command, Support for CAP's missions, Oversight and accountability, Encourage adherence to Air Force Core Values, Promote cooperation, efficiency, effectiveness, Help define and establish CAP's role in Total Force Concept, USAF seeks legislation to modify the 1995 reorganization, Align CAP USAF (75 people) with CAP CORP Management. Assign EAD (AF/RE or ANG) 0-8 as Commander. Align CAP CORP HQ under AF Wing Structure. Replace (10) CAP CORP Directors with three Group Commanders selected from annual Ops. Log and Support Group Command List. Merge CAP and CAP USAF regions (8) USAF 0-6 as CC, CAP 0-6 as CV. Increase use of retired military officers/NCOs in State liaison positions. Establish a Board of Directors - will serve to institutionalize the process. Active duty manpower would increase from current 75 to 92 and be absorbed within current USAF manpower ceilings. USAF committed to provide top quality leadership (0-8, Group/CCs) along with long term commitment via Board of Directors. Newly formed Board of Directors CO-chaired by SAF/US and AF/CV, Exec director 0-8 CAP Commander with 8-10 members -- primarily general officers/civilian equivalent (may include senior CAP members.) Chartered by ??? Ensure compliance with laws/regs. Review propriety of roles, missions. Advocate for CAP matters. Review annual budget at macro level. Guidance and Board oversight policy. Plan frees \$1.6 - \$1.5M of CAP CORP salaries in 3400

FRIDAY 16 APRIL 1999

WHEN WHAT WHERE

7:00 am - 9:00 pm National Bookstore Hughes Room
1:30 - 3:30 pm Team Leaders Meeting Suite 301
4:00 - 9:00 pm Command Post Room 157
4:00 - Sat 5:00 pm NCLR Aerospace Display Pre-Function Lobby
6:00 - 9:00 pm Registration Front Desk Lobby
6:00 - 11:00 pm Cadet Hospitality Holidome pool area
7:00 - 9:00 pm Wing Operations Palmer Room
8:00 - 9:00 pm Meet the Specialists Palmer Room
9:00 - 11:00 pm Adult Hospitality Palmer Room

SATURDAY 16 APRIL 1999

WHEN WHAT WHERE

7:00 am - 9:00 pm National Bookstore Hughes Room
7:00 am - 5:00 pm Command Post Room 157
7:00 - 11:00 am Registration Front desk lobby
7:15 - 8:45 am Breakfast buffet Holidome
8:30 am - 3:30 pm Coffee & Water Station Pre-function Lobby
9:00 - 10:00 General Assembly Palmer, Jackson & Johnson Rooms
10:00 Intermission Pre function area
10:15 - 11:35 am Cadet Education VFW Dining Hall
10:15 - 11:35 am Adult Education Palmer, Jackson & Johnson Rooms
11:45 am - 1:00 pm Lunch & Awards Holidome 12:30 Awards
1:00 - 3:00 pm Chaplain Roundtable Suite 301
1:10 - 1:40 pm C/Ed at VFW
1:45 - 2:15 pm C/Ed at VFW
2:20 - 2:50 pm C/Ed at VFW
1:45 - 2:15 pm C/Ed in Jackson Room
2:20 - 2:50 pm C/Ed in Jackson Room
2:20 - 3:20 pm C/Ed in Palmer Room
1:30 - 3:30 pm Specialty Fair Holidome
3:45 - 4:15 pm Interdenominational Service Suite 301
4:30 - 5:30 pm CAP-USCGA Planning Suite 301
5:15 pm Catholic Mass St Peter & Paul
6:00 - 6:30 pm Banquet Social Pre function Lobby
6:30 - 9:00 pm Banquet & Awards Holidome
9:00 pm - 1:00 am Military Ball Palmer, Jackson, Johnson
9:00 pm - 1:00 am Adult Hospitality Blazer Lounge

SUNDAY 18 APRIL 1999

WHEN WHAT WHERE

8:00 am - 1:00 pm Command Post
8:30 - 8:45 am Breakfast Buffet Pre function Lobby for CC's & CAC
8:30 am - 12:00 pm Wing Commander's Call Palmer Room
8:30 am - 12:00 pm Cadet Advisory Council Jackson Room
8:30 am - 12:00 pm Team Leaders Meeting Suite 301
9:00 am - 12:00 pm Public Affairs Workshop Hughes Room

MINNESOTA WING **RAD 37** ROUTINE 302345z MARCH 1999

FROM: MINNESOTA WING / DIGITAL ENGINEER

TO: ALL PERSONNEL MINNESOTA WING

THE DEADLINE FOR UPDATES TO THE WING COMM DIRECTORY IS UPON US.

PLEASE SUBMIT ADDITIONS OR CORRECTIONS AS SOON AS POSSIBLE TO C/LTC CHET
WILBERG AT 612-472-6566 OR BY EMAIL:

cwilberg@mnwg.cap.gov THOSE WITH INTERNET ACCESS CAN CHECK



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