

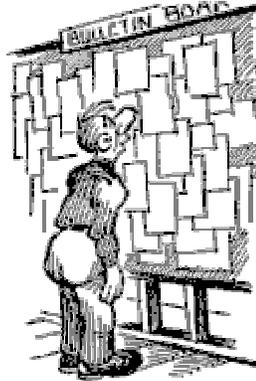
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Commanders Corner

Well it looks as if the Y2K hype is over. For myself the new century and Millennium (I'm sick of that word too) was supposed to be 2001. For some reason everyone except our official timepiece at the Naval Observatory have decided that the new century etc all start in 2000 and not 2001. Speaking of which I vividly remember a movie "2001" which painted a much brighter view of technology then we are experiencing how.



In the movie the Moon was very well established with many different bases. Commercial airlines (or would that be space lines) flew regular passenger service to earth orbit and to visit one of several large space stations that used centrifugal force to create a pseudo gravity. Man had apparently visited the inner planets and was sending it's first manned mission to Jupiter. Mem could be frozen and thawed out for long space missions and computers were coherent thinking devices. Although in the case of this movie one had some severe mental illness. In 1968 when I first saw this film Men were orbiting the moon finally beating the Russians (for the first time) in a major milestone in space exploration. The idea that all these things could happen seemed quite plausible. What a disappointment 2000 is. Some things are not even as advanced as 1968. Others in only an unuseful way. TV for example. Larger screens and 100s of channels don't make up for the fact that 99% of it is rubbish. We can only hope that your generation will take us back to exploring and populating outer space. P.S. I suspect Microsoft and trial lawyers are mostly to blame for us not being at a higher level of technology <ha>

"WINTER" Search A.nd R.escue equipment tips Warm boots (Not Combat boots) and clothing layers. If we are stuck outside we want to be comfortable. Keep your batteries fresh, your web gear handy and DO NOT fill up you canteen and let the water sit for 4 weeks. Canteens with "old" water are enough to make a fly gag.

Some Civil Air Patrol Goals

volunteers in a our quasi-military organization.

* leading civilian

- * motivating volunteers and maintaining enthusiasm
- * goal setting; its importance and how it should be accomplished
- * making the most of limited resources
- * building good programs at the squadron level
- * personal characteristics of a good officer
- * establishing standards for all we do



* coping with burn-out

* roles and responsibilities

From The CAP Officer <http://www.dartmouth.edu/~janl/journal/departments/preflight.html> by Maj. Curt LaFond, CAP

Our Professional Ethos -In CAP, we often speak about developing a professional ethos. Commanders tell their subordinates to look and act professional. As members of the Air Force Auxiliary, we are instructed to adhere to regulations, follow the chain of command, and render military customs and courtesies -all in the name of "professionalism." Lately, I've wondered if those symbols of a professional ethos distract us from what they are supposed to represent: the profession itself.

If we are professionals, then what is our profession? I think a profession is determined by whom the profession aims to serve. Teachers are professionals dedicated to their students. Lawyers are dedicated to their clients. Physicians are dedicated to their patients. Abstractions like education, the law, and medicine occupy high standing in the minds of these professionals but it's the people they serve who matter more than the concept of the profession. You want a physician who is worried about curing you, not a doctor who practices medicine.

To be professionals, whom should we dedicate ourselves to in CAP? What belongs first in our minds, and what belongs second? Cadet Program leaders ought to be mentors dedicated to their cadets. SAR teams must always remember during their life saving work that the victim is most important. Cadets should be dedicated to improving their own character and helping their peers do the same. If we want to use the word professionalism, we need to recognize it requires loyalty to these people more than the secondary and abstract concepts such as "CAP," "the regulations," and even "the chain of command." While those concepts are vital because they provide a framework for us to organize our efforts to serve, they are only tools to achieve service, not ends in themselves.

If you or I miss this distinction - if we are distracted by the bureaucracy, awards, or a "CAP career" - we will cease to be professionals because professionalism is always about putting people first. Here are some examples misguided professionalism:

A friend mentioned that another member wanted to be selected for a command position only because it included a promotion in grade. A senior member claimed undue credit for recruiting new members in order to win a contest. Recalling the change to maroon epaulets for seniors, a CAP historian noted that a number of members decided to quit, rather than lose the right to wear the Air Force blue epaulets.

Our professional ethos should begin with the people we serve. The measure of our success should be our commitment to these individuals. Recognizing this as our first principle, and placing in an appropriate context the symbols and heritage that accompany our status as the Air Force Auxiliary, we embrace a proper ethos of professionalism.

Keep recruiting new members and please remember that today's newbee is tomorrow's Commander!

Stealth Poster Research Project - Looking for something to do this winter?

Overview

In an effort to encourage cadets to explore aerospace interests on their own, Minnesota Wing Cadet Programs is hosting the Stealth Poster Project. Cadets register for one of two categories: TOP SECRET or SECRET. Cadets who participate in the TOP SECRET research category will compete for one of three prizes by researching the B2 Spirit and presenting the secrets they uncover. Cadets may also choose to participate in the SECRET research category will compete for similar prizes based on their presentations on the F117.

Each squadron will submit a list of participants and indicate a category for each participant per the registration requirements below. Each participant may only enter one category. Only individuals may enter. There is no group registration.

Registration deadline is 31 January 00. All cadets must have completed the first achievement by the registration deadline.

Send registration information, including name, grade, Sq., registration category (TOP SECRET or SECRET), phone number, email address (if applicable)

to: 2Lt Marcel A. Derosier, CAP Project Officer 603 5th Street, SE Minneapolis, MN 55414

Send email questions to either project officers:
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07 Jan 2000

From: MN Wing/DOS

To: All Personnel North Central Region

Subject: SAR Management Course, 26-27 Feb 1999

TSgt Danny R. Conley of the Air Force Rescue Coordination Center will present a two-day SAR Management course to North Central Region CAP members in the conference room of Building 852, Twin Cities Air Force Reserve Station, Minneapolis, MN on 26-27 Feb 2000. Classes are from 0800-1700 Saturday, 26 Feb and 0800-1400 Sunday, 27 February.

The course is intended for CAP members qualified or training for mission staff positions. Billeting is available for persons who live more than 50 miles from the reserve station at the North County Inn on the reserve station. I've been assigned as the MN Wing point of contact for this course. Please apply using CAP Form 17 through regular channels and send a copy to me so I can prepare a student list. If you'd like billeting please attach a note indicating a smoking preference and the nights you'd like a room. Mail the copies to Maj Scott Sinks, MN Wing CAP, PO Box 11230, St. Paul, MN 55111-0230. Applications must be

received no later than 14 February.

MINNESOTA WING RAD 03 ROUTINE 062217z JANUARY 2000

FROM: 2nd CADET TRAINING GROUP XO

TO: ALL PERSONNEL MINNESOTA WING

Deadline for cadet staff applications for 2000 MN Wing Encampment (2nd CTG) has been extended to allow for implementation of a staff selection exercise in accordance with MN Wing Encampment Training Manual. New cadet staff application deadline, staff position requirements, staff selection exercise dates, and tentative dates for encampment to come later. If you have questions contact me by email at scsinks@pclink.com or call me at 651-774-4075. SCOTT C. SINKS

MINNESOTA WING RAD 02 PRIORITY 032355z JANUARY 2000

FROM North Hennepin Squadron / CC

TO All personnel Minnesota Wing

Members wishing to attend the Group III First Aid class January 15 should sign up now. Seating is limited and advance sign up is required. E-mail jsmart@crayfish.com or leave a message at 651-610-3499.

State your name and a phone number where you may be reached.

MINNESOTA WING RAD 01 PRIORITY 010706z JANUARY 2000

FROM: MINNESOTA WING / DC

TO: ALL PERSONNEL MINNESOTA WING

WE HAVE A NUMBER OF IRS RADIOS THAT WE ARE GOING TO ISSUE IN THE NEXT FEW WEEKS. IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN ONE OF THE RADIOS PLEASE E-MAIL ME WITH A REQUEST AT dc.mnwg.cap.gov THOSE OF YOU WHO ALREADY SENT ME A REQUEST WILL BE THE FIRST TO RECEIVE ONE OF THESE RADIOS.

Anyone interested in joining the MN Wing Honor Guard is invited to meet at North Hennepin Squadron on 16 January 2000.

Deadline for Solo Encampment Applications to be at Wing HQ is 25 January 2000.

STAY WARM!