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The Newsletter of the 130th Composite Flight

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This month through the wonders of Email we have an article from our new piot. Yes that's right a God Blessed Piot!!! so with such good news we are putting this info in the front of our newsletter!
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The CAP administrative wheels have been grinding and have produced orders making LTC M odders a CAP Cadet Orientation Piot. As

weather permits, and cadet's personal schedules permit and airplane schedules permit, we should be able to get orientation flights started in the near future. A separate mailing to your parents will fully explain the cadet orientation flight program. ***NOTE Permission slips included date to be determined by weather and aircraft availability.**

In preparation for the orientation flights, we will continue to go through various "ground school" subjects that will be of use throughout your flying career. We have covered map reading, pilotage navigation, dead reckoning navigation, an introduction to the flight computer and a beginning to aviation weather reports.

If there is anything that is going to enter in to the planning of every flight it will be weather. The ability to read and understand aviation weather reports is key to enjoyable and safe flight planning. We will work very hard to insure that you have a deep understanding of aviation reports.

As an aid to your enjoying the orientation flights we will cover basic aerodynamics in a couple of weeks. "Basic aerodynamics" could also be called "why does the airplane do that..." We'll talk about it and then we will have a chance to observe it in the airplane.

National Special Activities - To benefit the most cadets wishing to attend NSA, Chaplain Mikita needs the CAPF 31 completely filled in with a picture in blues uniform submitted to Minnesota Wing HQ /CP by 31 Dec 00. We will be collecting these forms for mailing on Nov 28th meeting. This form (# 31) is enclosed in the mailing. We expect



The Award Winning 130th's Brass "VolleyBalls"
Minus the "old man"

every member of the 130th to fill out an application this year. Those that have not attended Basic Encampment will need to check that as their first priority for desired activities as this is a prerequisite for other national activities. We are still going on the assumption that attending Basic is allowed with National Activities the same year. Don't be left watching reruns of CatDog for the summer!

To eliminate the need of a review board, cadets need to file the enclosed Special Activities Questionnaire to the best of their ability. Applications sent forward to National HQ on 31 Jan 2000 will be ranked by the grade earned on this questionnaire. Every line on the CAPF 31 must have an entry, even if it is "N/A". More information is in the CAP NEWS, November issue, and on the National website.

Complete the following questionnaire and submit a resume including the following information: Name, Address, Rank, Highest CAP Award, Unit Charter, Activity applied for, Position in Squadron, Years attended Encampment as basic, Years attended Encampment as staff, Years attended other Integrated Leadership Program activities, Years served on unit Color Guard, Years served on Honor Guard and ES rating. Send to Minnesota Wing HQ or the address above NLT 31 Dec 2000. Include with one CAPF 31 per activity being applied for. Do not forget to include a picture in uniform. Do not forget to rank the activities being applied for. Fill out the CAPF 31 completely, any item that are not applicable should be marked N/A. This process should be followed if applying for Minnesota Wing Flight Academy (deadline for Flight Academy applications 22 Jan 2001)

(formerly Sob Encampment).

National Special Activities Questionnaire

1. Explain how, in your daily life, you live the CAP Cadet Oath?
 - *If you forgot your Cadet Oath SHAME check our web page and memorize it!
 2. How have you lived the Core Value of "Volunteer Service" in your life?
 3. You are just introduced to someone, and they ask you to talk about yourself, what do you say?
 4. Describe an experience where you have used integrity in your life?
 5. What talents will you share with fellow cadets at this activity?
 6. What are the most important responsibility leaders have to their followers?
 7. What do you expect to gain from the activity, and how will it improve your unit?
- Answer all questions as completely as you can, write legibly, use extra paper, label answers.

Standard Training Schedule (SAVE THIS)

Week 1 BDUs

- 18:30 Early Bird Testing
- 19:00 Opening/Rads/Announcements
- 19:10 Aerospace Ed
- 20:10 Break
- 20:20 Safety
- 20:35 Uniforms / Admin
- 20:50 Promotions/Closing

Week 2 Blues

- 18:30 Early Bird Testing
- 19:00 Opening/Rads/Announcements
- 19:10 Moral Leadership
- 20:10 Break
- 20:20 Cadet Topic/Flight time
- 20:50 Promotions/Closing

Week 3 BDUs

- 19:00 Opening/Rads/Announcements
- 19:10 Test/Drill/Admin
- 19:40 E/S
- 20:10 Break
- 20:20 Communications
- 20:50 Promotions/Closing

Week 4 Blues

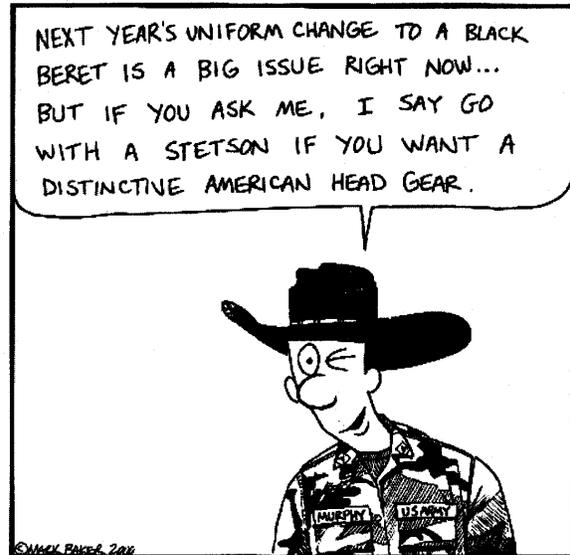
- 19:00 Opening/Rads/Announcements
- 19:10 Drill Down
- 19:25 Open Testing
- 20:10 Break
- 20:20 Communications
- 20:50 Promotions/Closing

Week 5 Colorful Civilian Wear *unless otherwise noted.

This is based on our original boilerplate and is subject to change. Some things such as Moral leadership, safety must occur every month. Your input is requested and remember there are 5 week months in Jan, May, July, Oct of 2001. Be on the lookout for field activities we can do in place of meeting night.

Private Murphy's Law

by Mark Baker



Berets (again) by CPT Craswell

It was not more than a few meetings ago that the topic of Berets was brought up per the CAC meeting. Days later the Army announces that all regular Army (ie "Legs") will don the coveted Black Beret as part of their standard uniform. I suspect it was a reaction to the problem we discussed. ie the tearing apart of a unit by distinctions (No matter how well earned) in uniform. This situation was the cause of much conflict in Civil Air Patrol in the past. The new situation where regular Army will wear the same "hat" as the elite Army Rangers appears to be reaching the boiling point. Many Army Rangers are outraged but a gag order has repressed some of the comments and perhaps made them even more angry. What I find interesting is the comment by many in the Army that the Beret is not really a very useful piece of headgear. "It won't keep your ears covered or the sun off your face. If it gets wet your head will stay soaked." The BDU cap is not pretty but it sure serves a purpose. Our uniforms are replete with all manner of patches and I often wonder if this is not taking us in that same direction. Do we need to be so individual? I'm proud of the ribbons I've earned but I'm a CAPer first and foremost. The Marines say Every man an Infantryman. I think they have the right idea. As to re authorizing CAP Berets I would much prefer the Stetson myself!