

# CALL THE BALL

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With the involvement of US forces in Kosovo we enter very troubled times for our country. While it is more properly the Chaplains job I ask that you remember them in prayer. Keep progressing through the ranks. I'm very proud of the work you are doing to advance yourselves. Maintain your Military bearing and continue to improve yourselves through hard work self discipline. I look forward to seeing you at the meetings. This week we will feature an extended SOP (Standard Operating Procedures) section. Many of you (myself included) have at one time or another fun afoul of an obscure SOP. Some are F.A.R. (Flat Assed Rules) others military tradition/curtsey.

**Respect For the Flag - Leadership by "Sticks" Prose.** The flag of the United States represents the principals and ideals which you are committed. It will never be treated with contempt or used as drapery, as part of an article of clothing, or as a covering for furniture or automobiles. No lettering of any kind should be placed on the American flag nor should it be used for advertising purposes.

**S.O.P. Standard operating procedures.**

**Visits:** Some of you have asked about visiting other squadrons. There is a SOP for attending outside activities. "Be sure the boss knows where your at." Note you don't need to ask permission to visit. I give blanket permission to visit and am happy to have you visit and make friends at other units. However it is proper military procedure to give a heads up. Anytime you represent your unit in uniform you should give me (or the DCOC) a heads up.

**Handling of Drill Rifles:** It is important to remember that each time we handle anything even resembling a weapon we need to treat it like the real thing. This is a F.A.R. Inspect the chamber immediately when you pick it up, don't point it at people and so on. Horsing around with them is highly improper.

**Transfers:** Several cadets from the Valley Squadron have asked me about transfers to Farmington and with one exception these sorts of lateral transfers have been rejected. \*note this goes both ways. Captain Miller and I feel that "shopping" units or T.O.T. (Transferring out Trouble) has a profound negative effect on moral. There are times when an exception will be made (such as moving out of the area) but the SOP is no transfers.



## 130th Farmington Composite Squadron

**Sleeves:** It is with some reluctance that I note that other CAP units are highly attentive to the state of the old man's sleeves. Rolled up everyone rolls up the sleeves. Rolled down ditto. Since adhering to this practice will save you grief in the future we will implement it at the 130<sup>th</sup> as well.

**SUBJECT: CATEX 99 Exercise and Airlift**

1. The Veteran Affairs Emergency Medical Preparedness Office is once again asking for CAP assistance in the Catastrophic Terrorist Exercise and airlift out of the Twin Cities Air Force Reserve Station on Saturday, 22 May 1999. Sixty Civil Air Patrol cadets plus their senior member chaperons are needed.
2. This is a funded Air Force disaster relief exercise mission.
3. Cadets will receive moulage, a briefing about their injuries, and take part in the exercise as "victims" of a simulated large-scale terrorist attack. Cadets and their senior member chaperons will be airlifted in Air Force and National Guard C130 aircraft to receiving centers in Cleveland, Des Moines, Detroit, Kansas City or Milwaukee, then returned.
4. Participants report to the 934th AES Operations, Twin Cities Air Force Reserve Station by 0530, Saturday, 22 May 1999. Moulage and breakfast begins at 0600. Triage starts at 0800. Aircraft departures are set for 0900, 0915 and 0930. At the receiving centers, "victims" will be processed then returned to Minneapolis. The exercise is expected to end by 1600. Food will be provided.
5. Units must provide their own chaperons.
6. To take part, send me a list of the cadets and seniors who will be taking part along with their CAP serial number. All cadets under the age of eighteen must complete and have their parent's sign Activity Notification Form (MWF 7). Bring the release signed by the parents (bottom half of MWF 7) with when reporting to the exercise. All members flying must be on the flight manifest in advance.
7. Members must make a firm commitment. No cancellations please.
8. Deadline for submitting names and serial numbers is 5 Mar 99.
9. Additional information will be sent to participants before the exercise.



10. Send lists or contact me for questions by email at scsinks@pclink.com, by phone at 651-774-4075 or mail to my house at 1605 McLean Avenue, St. Paul, MN 55106-6612.

**CATEX 99 Farmington Roster** If you see your name you have been "volunteered!" Jay Craswell, Mary Long, Mark Wood, B. Gudbjartsson, Dustin Kerr, Joe Saladin, Greg Wood, Sandra Kerr, Mitch Ehresman, Chad Schlawin, Kevin Greiner, Tony Prose, Brian Tripp

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FROM: MINNESOTA WING / DOS

TO: ALL PERSONNEL MINNESOTA WING

SUBJECT: 26-28 MAR 99 MN/SD WING EXERCISE, MISSION NUMBER NCLRMN99-005

THIS SAR/DR EXERCISE IS OPEN TO ALL MN AND SD WING MEMBERS. MISSION BASE IS AT WORTHINGTON AIRPORT. SIGN-IN OPENS AT 0730 WITH A GENERAL BRIEFING AT 0830 BOTH SATURDAY AND SUNDAY. LODGING AND BILLETING ARE AVAILABLE. DETAILS WERE INCLUDED IN EMAIL AND MEMO MAILED TO UNITS.

**Wing Forms Un-confused by Captain Scott Sinks.**

The MWF 10 series isn't required. You can use other documents to show everything is completed. I sent the requests back because documentation of completing all the training wasn't attached. We strongly recommend you use the 10 forms because they are a checklist plus documentation all on one form. As an example: someone who completed training for ground team member would have to attach from five to eight additional documents to a CAPF 100 when applying or they could use a single MWF 10k. It also answers the question "How do I become a mission qualified \_\_\_\_?" Just hand them the appropriate 10 form, tell

them to put it in their mission kit and have each qualification signed off as they get it done. It really is designed to make things simpler.

**Rifle Drill opportunity.** From the Internet "I talked with Capt Vellani today. At this point we look like we have enough for the five required folks for a team. However, he said it would be just fine if your cadets want to train with ours for the color guard. He would be glad to train them. He said he just want the kids to learn. He isn't concerned about the competitiveness between squadrons. I like that. Hope you have enough cadets interested. Larger numbers in the program make it more fun for all." So! Valley has offered to share Captain Vellani in Drill team training. Captain Vellani has filed several very successful teams over the years. "At any rate, the training starts at 6pm on Thursday nights and ends just before 7pm. Your cadets are welcome to join. A call to Capt Vellani with a number of interested cadets would probably be in order. His phone number is 507-744-2016

**BASIC ENCAMPMENT DATES.**

NLT=no later than

NLT 19 March - Senior Staff appointments announced

NLT 21 March - Initial list of Cadet Staff selections forwarded to Enc Commander for approval NLT 24 March - Application packets for Basic Cadet Applicants mailed. One will be mailed to every cadet who has not attended encampment and is on the NHQ roster as of 01 March 99. Two copies will be sent to each unit.

NLT 28 March - List of Cadet Staff selections finalized between Commander, Commandant, and CTG Commander NLT 04 April - Cadet Staff selectees contacted to verify acceptance NLT 05 April - Letters mailed to Cadet Staff applicants not selected NLT 01 May - Deadline for receipt of applications for scholarships.

NLT 12 May - Postmark deadline for Basic Cadet Encampment applications.

**ARE YOU WEBMASTER MATERIAL????**

From the Internet I've been informed that we have some free webspace available. Who is handy is making WEB pages? What I'll need to know is who the webmaster will be, and what log-in ID and password they want to use, Once I know that, I'll set up the links from their web directory back to <http://www.mnwg.cap.gov/farmington/>.

**UNIT TSHIRT CONTEST DUE 2nd WEEK OF APRIL!**

**DID YOU KNOW?**

In Probably the last WWII dogfight in the European theatre the Piper cub "Miss Me" shot down a German Fieseler Storch Artillery Spotting plane. The Weapons used? A pair of Colt 45 Automatics. Curiously Lt William S. Marton (not a flyer) was awarded the Air Medal for his part in the action.