

# CALL THE BALL

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## Activity - September 2002

1st Week  
SCANNER - Modders  
FLIGHT TIME / DRILL  
COMM—PLOYHAR

2nd WK  
MORAL LEADERSHIP  
AEROSPACE  
FLIGHT TIME / DRILL

3rd Wk  
ES RDF  
PT / OPEN TESTING  
FLIGHT TIME / DRILL

4th OPEN TESTING  
OPEN TESTING  
FLIGHT TIME / DRILL  
SAFETY—JONES

**UNIFORM OF THE DAY 1 & 3rd weeks BDU — 2 & 4th BLUES**



### COMMANDERS CORNER :

Thanks to all who participated in the State Fair Recruitment Booth. Congrats to SM (Now Lt.) Willhite on her well deserved promotion. Congratulations to Capt Mike Willey as he has completed his checkrides for Glider and powered O Flights. Thanks to Col. Modders for helping to make this happen! I suppose many of us assume that the press will turn the 1 year anniversary of Sept 11th into a circus. There is

no question that the events of 1 year ago are still heavy on the minds of all Americans. Pray for peace and prepare for war seems to be our best bet. I hope the idea of assigning "Battle Buddies" is working out. Not sure what we in CAP should call them that since we mainly "Battle" Valley at Bowling and maybe picnic eating. Any ideas? Also still waiting on that Unit Jody that Major Ovens asked for. Remember a "request" from a Major in the Air Force (Especially Major Ovens) is a lot like an order. Lets get creative. I was fooling around on the web. Ok, Ok I was actually taking a break from my study of the ECI-13 and GROL exams. Anyhow I found this very interesting web page called <http://www.cadetstuff.org> Now, check this out. \*And I don't mean just Cadets. It's done by cadets and I might add very well. These guys know the HTML! I was interested in reading this page a lot more than the usual garbage that seems to inhabit 99% of the web. One of the cadets wrote a book review of Star Ship Troopers. A Movie I hated and a Book I loved. This sharp reviewer felt the same way. I was thinking as I read this excellent review how could I inject a similar message like read this (or some other) book into our newsletter. I was also thinking that book reading might not be seen "cool" enough for some of our CAP cadets. Then I follow down this cadets review and see that this is on the United States Marine Corp Commandants required reading list. Huh? Well knock me down. Marines are well known for many things but book of the month club? Check out the following page <http://www.tun-tavern.com/readinglist.php3> Be prepared for some good reading. BTW if you can find "Once an Eagle" by Myer it is another book that forces you to turn the pages. As you can guess I was really impressed with the CADETSTUFF.ORG A former Cadet Capt Matt Heusser who quoted in his excellent article, "if not you, who? If not now, when?" he continued with talking about the traits of successful cadets. The power of having good Study Skills, Physical Fitness and Self Disci-

pline. There is a quick flashback to Col Modders talk about having a plan for your life early / now and doing what is needed to get there. How many of us go on a trip without a destination? If all we do is make up our minds on a destination what can be done to make that happen? A Map comes to mind along with a choice of ways to get there. Walking, Hitch Hiking, Riding a Horse, going by bus, driving a car or maybe taking a plane. If technology keeps up maybe a rocket or Transporter. If we know these simple things in life such as what we want to do we can get a map and start working on that ride to get there. Along the way we can decide to go hungry, eat fast food or plan on some nice restaurants as well. Life is like that too! Many younger folks say it's too hard to decide what they will do. Some go to the trouble of taking collage and don't even decide at that point. A case in point is my friend "The Beard" who went to 6 years of collage with a vague idea that being a Forest Ranger would be a great job. After graduation he spent his first night in the forest and learned that he did not like damp tents, bug bites or the unbelievable quiet of the outdoors. Now shoot forward 15 years and he is just finishing his Art Degree and paying off his Collage Loans from the First 6 years. Now we come to myself. Here I am successful in Civil Air Patrol which is all part of a master plan. Well, perhaps not but I did map out the things needed to promote. I took the required classes and spent a lot of "free" time doing CAP work. On the other hand I find myself taking the GROL exam which I probably should have finished in the later 1970's. Oh well, no one is perfect. Speaking of exams the Cadet stuff page has some sample cadet exams. If you want to succeed / promote you need to pass exams. To pass exams you have to study and practice. Lets Roll!



**Colonel Donshefski's Reading list:** How many of you meant to read that book about the CAP cadet who saved his Aircraft from crashing into the sea? Remember? Well, neither did I until last night. Here is that book **BORN to FLY by Lt. Shane Osborn**. This true story of the downing of a US surveillance plane satisfies with technical details, suspense, and appropriate humor, but most importantly through the demonstration of the character of Shane Osborn and his crew. Although co-written, like most books

of this type, his voice shines through with an excellently balanced account of his life and experiences as well as the story of the headline news incident itself. This book should be required reading at all military academies.

### State Fair Recruiting Booth

Special thanks to Cadets Bobbikate Bardwell, Thomas Lawrence, Billy Roessler, Jennifer Willhite, and Jonathan Willhite and to Senior Members Lt. Jill Lawrence, Lt. Donald Roessler, Lt. Sandra Willhite, and Chaplain Lt. Robert McLawhorn (St. Paul Squadron). These CAP members, my son Alex Priest, and I had a great time manning the State Fair Recruiting Booth. Literally hundreds of interested people stopped by while we were there on opening day and the following Wednesday. The

paper airplanes were a big hit (hopefully we will get on the "free stuff" section of the Cheapskates Guide next year!) and the commoradery with the Woodbury ROTC and others participating in our area was a lot of fun. We won't talk about the food (but that was fun too, especially the maccoroni and cheese on a stick). Thanks and cudos to everyone who helped out!

**A Letter Home:** Hello everyone, I am now a resident of Ireland Hall at the University of St. Thomas. I am really enjoying myself here. The campus is really neat. Rotc is very interesting. I am very benefited by everything that I have been taught over the years through CAP. I was given a drill and ceremonies manual and was told to memorize it in two weeks. It is the exact same manual that we use in CAP. Kinda came naturally. I will do my best to come down to the squadron a few times throughout the school year, but the outlook is hazy at this point in time.

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### September 11th, 2001

September 11, 2001, started out as a fairly normal day. I remember I went into work early that Tuesday morning. At that time I was working half-time as a hospital chaplain, and I was at the hospital by 730 to visit with an employee and her husband before she underwent surgery. She had gone into the operating room about 745 and I was sitting and talking with her husband in the surgical waiting room. We were talking about the normal chaplain/family-of-patient topics which included medical fears, possible change of lifestyle, healing, peace through God, and the like. The normal stuff was going along pretty well when a nurse rushed in and while changing the television channel blurted out something about the World Trade Center and an airplane. The television was already on, but it must have been on a cable sports or movie channel, I don't really recall, but the news that was coming across now was keeping everyone's undivided attention. They were showing live pictures of the World Trade Center on fire with smoke billowing out of the upper floors.

We heard the word accident from the newscasters and we discussed it. There were several people in the waiting room and we all speculated about what could have happened to cause such a pilot error or air traffic control error? Then, while we were watching what we thought was the station playing back the video of the plane crashing into the building, we realized they were still live. Jaws dropped. I remember feeling physically ill when I become conscious of the fact it was still live coverage and a second airplane had crashed into the second tower. Reality set in pretty fast. There was no accident. These airliners were being crashed on purpose. I remember saying a prayer for those involved.

I wondered, like I am sure so many others wondered: how many people must have died on the impact of that crash? How many people were still stranded in the building above the point of impact? Who was out to get us? And, what else did they have planned? There was no doubt that someone had planned an attack on the World Trade Center. What was next? We all found out shortly. Flights 11 and 175 had crashed into New York's World Trade Center, and then flight

77 crashed into the Pentagon and flight 93 crashed in Pennsylvania. When they said a plane crashed into the Pentagon, I was no longer stunned or wondering, I became angry. This was a clear attack against my Homeland! The faceless cowards who carried out the attack attacked civilians without warning or provocation and before attacking military installations. I felt we were truly seeing the face of evil. We never saw it coming. We were not prepared for it. Nevertheless through faith and endurance, we faced up to it. Many American heroes were born that day and many died that day. The American Spirit showed through that day and in the many sorrowful, but promising, days that followed.

It has been a year and we are now called to remember last September 11th and the attack on America. We need to remember those who gave their lives that day, many unsuspecting and many willingly as they tried to save the lives of others. We need to show our appreciation to those who are still fighting and dying for our freedom to be Americans. We need to pray for President Bush and the United States of America.

In remembering September 11, 2001, take time to remember where you were that day. What were you doing when you heard the news? What were you feeling? What do you remember about YOU that day? In remembering tragic and traumatic events, it helps to dispel our worries and anxieties by talking with others about it. In talking about September 11th you are not only honoring the memory of those involved but you are also honoring yourself, your feelings and your thoughts. Talk with your family, your friends, a CAP senior member, your minister, MLO or chaplain; just make sure you take the time to talk about it.

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**Two New Colonels:** Some of you looking at our Chain of command are seeing some new faces. We have a new North Central Region Commander and a new CAP-USAF Chief. So, you want to make Colonel? No, problem. Work like a dog, go to all the schools and posts they send you and keep smiling. You "might" make it. Cap Cadets who pass the Spatz award make Colonel. Seniors who take all the schools do all the drills AND are posted as a Wing Commander or Region Commander can make full bird. Our CAP-USAF commander also is a Colonel.