

# CALL THE BALL

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## Schedule of Activity for - FEB 2003

**SAFETY**  
**AEROSPACE ED**

**COMMO/ES CLASS**

**MORAL LEADERSHIP**

**"GUESTS US ARMY"  
Leadership class**

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

myself to be of service to my community, state and nation."

**Bring Warm Clothes**  
**Lt. Col Nick Modders**  
**Safety Officer**

Minnesota is known for weather that is constantly changing. As the saying goes, if you don't like the conditions, wait a few minutes, things will change.

How can you prepare for sudden weather changes with just a little planning and action. First of all, if its winter its going to be cold. If you are leaving home for even a short trip, throw those winter clothes (parka, boots, etc) in the trunk or backseat of the car. You'll feel really proud of yourself if you slide off the road and have all the warm clothes you need.

Survival kit. Nobody wants to take the time, and look like a nerd, putting a "survival kit" in your car. Don't do anything special, just take that CAP "Day Pack or 24 hour pack" that you have put together for that next mission in your car and leave it there. (Make sure there is nothing in the pack that will be damaged by freezing). Don't have a "24 hour pack" put together yet? Now might be a good time to do that. Suggestion for contents are in your "Ground Team Member/Urban DF team" training manual.

Be Prepared! It feels so good if you are when you need to be.

**National Commander Receives Promotion**  
**By TFO Paul Butche—Public Affairs Officer**



(Pictures from left to right.  
MGEN R. BOWLING, CAP , BGEN D. WHELESS, CAP GEN J. JUMPER, USAF GEN R. FOGELSONG, USAF )  
In December of 2002, General John J. Jumper, USAF Chief Of Staff ordered the promotion of our top two commanders in the nation, Brigadier General Richard L. Bowling, CAP National Commander got promoted to the Rank of Major General and Col Dwight Wheless, CAP National Vice Commander to the rank of Brigadier General the Ceremony was commanded by General Robert H. Fogel-song, USAF Vice Chief Of Staff.



**COMMANDERS CORNER:** First of all a big thanks to Flight Officer Butche for taking over the helm of Call the Ball. As much as I enjoyed that duty when it was started (How long ago??) it is nice to only have to write the Corner. As many of you know our Civil Air Patrol was formed in 1941 and the original slogan was Eyes of the Homeland Skies. A few of you have a reprint of the old WWII recruiting poster. We are once again taking that slogan to

heart and your squadron is the pointy end of this particular spear point. We have been asked to form a group of Pilots and Aircrew who will be able to provide on the spot pictures in 2 hours (or less) from the bell. We have been "experimenting" with SSTV (Slow Scan TV) which is a way of sending a visual slide show over radio. Now we will take it to the next level. Yes, we will be working again with crews from other units. I welcome this opportunity for our unit to be the Rapid Reaction force for this Homeland Defense mission. I have to comment on the latest achievement of our cadet commander Brett Johnson. First a hearty well done! For Chief Johnson has passed the Mitchell exam on his first try and joins 5 other 130th cadets in reaching that level. What I told him and what I hope the rest of you cadets will gain from this is that all of you should set your goal for that and more! Only one cadet has ever reached the Earhart level! None have even tried for the Spatz award. We would very much like to see that change. There are many young cadets in this unit. Most of you have time to go through all the levels if you apply yourself. You need to take advantage of testing but more so you need to study. The new cadet regulations are in and starting April 2003 you will see a number of changes in the Cadet program. Being able to recite your cadet oath will be a requirement for example! We will have a lot more fun with the PT (Physical Training) program and the folks at national have offered awards for units that do well with this aspect of cadet training. \*Not that some of us seniors couldn't benefit from it either! Thank you for making 2002 a great year. 2003 looks even better!

**THE CADETS OATH:** "I pledge that I will serve faithfully in the Civil Air Patrol cadet program, and that I will attend meetings regularly, participate actively in unit activities, obey my officers, wear my uniform properly, and advance my education and training rapidly to prepare

## Minnesota Wing Calendar For Feb and Mar

FEB

1 Sat Deadline for 2002 Encampment XO, Commandant and Chief Tactical Officer Applications to Encampment/CC Major Doug Kilian 612-701-0854

15 Wing Volleyball Competition @ Hallenbeck Hall St Cloud State Major Craig Lommel 612-201-2906

22 Flight Academy Selection Board @ Wing HQ Capt Mike Hartell 612-723-8445

MAR

8-9 Sat-Sun Mission Management Course Location TBD Lt Col Stan Kegel

8 Sat Public Affairs Workshop 1<sup>st</sup> Lt Al Pabon 612-296-0474

16-17 Sat-Sun Red Wing Squadron: Encampment Preparatory School 1<sup>st</sup> Lt Mari Lucas 651-345-5309

22-23 Sat-Sun Aircrew Training Course Location TBD Maj Jeff Knutson

## CAP NATIONAL OPS CENTER OPENS



**By TFO Paul Butche—Public Affairs Officer**

The New National Operations Center is now open, in October of 2002 the Civil Air Patrol (CAP) created the center after the events of Sept. 11, 2001 Air Force Director Of Homeland Security Brig. Gen. Dave Clary visited the center with CAP Northeast Region Commander Col. Rick Greenhut, CAP who explained the CAP's role in the Sept. 11 events. Brig. Gen. Dave Clary, left, director of USAF homeland security, prepares to tour the Civil Air Patrol's National Operations Center at Maxwell AFB, Ala., Sept. 23, 2002. He was hosted by CAP Executive Director Col. Al Allenback, right. Also present for the tour were the Northeast Region Commander Col. Rick Greenhut, center, and behind him, Col. George Vogt, CAP-USAF commander.



## Johnson Earns Mitchell

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Capt Jay Craswell has announced that Cadet/CMSGT Brett Johnson has earned the Coveted General Bill Mitchell Award. Civil Air Patrol National Headquarters posted the award on 10 January 2003. Johnson enters the prestige group with award number 49742  
**"Congratulations to Cadet 2nd Lt. Johnson on his hard work !"**

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