

# CALL THE BALL

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



### **Commanders Corner**

First a small format change. As you may have noticed the Newsletter is now being folded and handed out to members when they attend the meeting. Anyone not showing up will have it mailed so that important news gets to all our members. If your not attending meetings we hope you will check out some of the activities, scratch you head and say, "hummmmm-sounds interesting." I write this the day after returning from Commanders Conference. Unlike last year where there

were almost no new commanders this year had 11 or 12 new faces. Some of the news mentioned is that the current Wing Commander will step down in 6 months. The chief of Flight Academy Mike Hartell and his assistant Joan Kistner both have stepped down from Wing Jobs. For pilots this will mark a big change. Lots of discussion on various changes in National Web page and a hopeful future for an all electronic system of reporting and creation of various paperwork such as 101 cards. More on that when it happens. The exchange of ideas and information were fair to good and mailing the newsletter was one idea snatched from another unit. The next idea borrowed was to impliment a Senior meeting once a month. We will be asking all seniors to set aside one additional day a month to help build up our senior programs and to plan and run our regular meeting. There was a lot of talk about the Dakota Co Police training that we participated in a few weeks ago. Lots of folks were very interested and wanted more details. The Wing Chiefs told me that we had a better than fair chance to obtain a Van of some sort this year or early next. So when we transport cadets it will be a little less catch as catch can than in the past.

Attached is a roster of members. Check the note on General ES in particular. If you have a big NO in that area you have not finished the entire basic ES test. You are required to have this test complete (On line) to be able to participate in any actual CAP mission and some training missions. For some of you that think you did it please recheck. This is the official reading on line. Some have only completed the first 50% of the exam. Go to the <http://level2.cap.gov/> web site and take the exam today. If you finish it please drop me an Email [jjc@integraonline.com](mailto:jjc@integraonline.com) so I can take your name off the ES officers "To Do" list.

We have a number of upcoming projects that we would like ALL MEMBERS TO PARTICIPATE in.

1) The Wing Fox hunt—**Hosted by our squadron!** If you are interested in Search and Rescue and want to learn how to become a "Stickman (or woman)" in the exciting Urban DF (Direction Finder) specialty this is for you. Sign in starts at **1 Nov 0830** (Local) at the Lakeville Airport Parking lot. Dress warm you will be outdoors! Saturday is a train-a-thon and will provide you many opportunities to learn, demonstrate and be checked off for various Ground Team and UDF member profeciencies. **2-Nov** starts at the same time and same place but you will be part of an evaluated SAR (search and rescue) road and foot course. Tentitive plans include eval by our CAP-RAP members and a trophy presentation to the best team along

with all the accolades I can muster. This year will be tougher than even but I know you can do it! I am looking for a big turn out from our unit! Please email your intentions to attend by emailing [jjc@integraonline.com](mailto:jjc@integraonline.com)

2) The 2003 Ground SAREX will take place on **Sat. Oct 25th** in the Jordan area of Scott County. To add realism to this event, we plan to utilize a call down procedure for Metro Squadrons. Please e-mail [jjc@integraonline.com](mailto:jjc@integraonline.com) if you intend to go. Scott County Police & Sheriffs are planning a "Search Methods" presentation for their people on Friday Evening. This is open to CAP members, however there are a limited number of seats available. Members wishing to attend this informative presentation, should e-mail the writer no later than Oct 15th. First Come, First Serve. MORE DETAILS WHEN WE GET THEM.

3) There will be a Radio Operator class given at the Prior Lake Library starting at 0900 on 18-Oct-03. If you don't have your ROA card this is your chance to get the training you need to be Radio—"Active" Lots of good information and invaluable things to know in a real mission. Contact Mark Banwart (952)445-6992 at his email address [recyclinginsights@email.com](mailto:recyclinginsights@email.com) if you intend to go.

The emergency number for all three activities is Maj Craswell's call phone 612-237-4960 \*This phone is only on during missions or activities and is not a reliable way to reach him at other times.



### **WHY PARTICIPATE???**

I was thinking of writing a long essay on why you need to join us for these weekend activities but someone once said a picture is worth a thousand words. Here are several k!



We parked it. Can we keep it????



"Dad is the pilot of this Belgian Airplane REALLY a Kamakazi? Dad, "Yes..."



Restored Civil Air Patrol Anti Sub Aircraft. Achtune! All der U-Boats LOOKinZee OUT!



Happy CAP members pose with Tactical Commander—post Bio Terror training scenario



Marshalling "Rookies" make it look easy!



Free Food???? A.k.a. The Cookie Photo!



And don't forget this is NOT just a guy thing.