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



Commanders Corner: Congratulations to Lt Sandy Willhite for moving up from Testing officer to DCOS (Deputy Commander of Seniors) Her dedication to our Squadron with her many hours of time and effort spent to help us makes her well suited for this job. This job is not a one man (or woman) job. All seniors are expected to help make her tenure a good one by assisting in every way possible. Congratulations to Kenny Green on his promotion to 1Lt.

Kenny has been working very hard on earning his ratings for Mission and O flight pilots. In fact according to other units he is flying the paint off of more than one plane. Please join me in wishing him luck for he will be going to school out west for several months working on his multiengine rating. Kudos to Major Ovens for buying (At great personal expense) an Aircraft hanger at the Lakeville Airport. Our members have been itching to have a place of our own and now after over 10 years we have it! We have great plans for making it not only into a place to park a CAP airplane but a place to meet! Your help will be needed to make this dream come true. Stay tuned for more information! Well it's time to put to bed this belated issue of CALL THE BALL. It is with great satisfaction that I report that Lt. Butche returns next month to do the editing and copying of this wondrous document. Help him to make it better by submitting timely articles that will make it the best newsletter in the Wing! Senior Member PLEASE check out this months CAP Newspaper. It has a complete list of Senior Activities that are a MUST to read if you want to know how to progress through the various levels.

MIMs 101

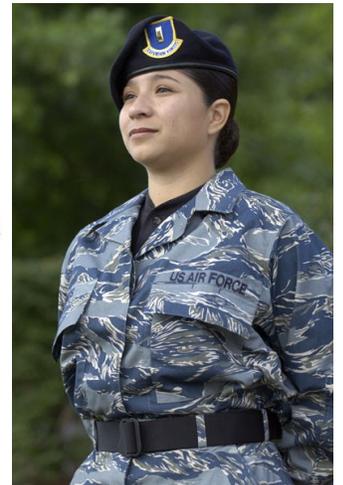
As many of you know I've been very excited about the new MIMs personal system for entering your data on line. What this does is eliminate the paperwork shuffle that goes from your trainer to you. You to the squadron ES officer (Or Commander). Then to the Wings mailroom and then to the ES officer. Now from the ES officer to the Wing Mailroom. Now from your Commander to you. *Maybe! Quite a lot of shuffling around eh? Personal Multi ES Entry (And pilot) are the ways to enter your new qualifications as you receive them. How you do this is simple. You get signed off on a task *More on that later and simple log onto your personal page at <http://www.nhq.cap.gov> and enter your CAP ID (*The one on your ID card) and then select Personal Multi ES Entry. The fantastic thing is that you plug in your data and with a single click it appears on our Squadrons ES officer (Or your Squadron Commanders) page to be verified. Once verified you are forwarded to Wing who clicks verify and your brand new 101 Card is available for you (Let me repeat that) FOR YOU to print on your home computer. A process that took weeks to months to never now can be done in a day! For those used to the old system can we all agree this is A-1! Checking off a Task. For those of you who like the idea of earning a rate as Ground Team Member or Urban DF (Radio Direction Finder) you will find the steps needed to do this simple and straightforward. First of all you need a Ground & Urban Direction Finding Team Tasks Manual. This little green book was designed by real Ground Team members who have been there and done that points. It's not perfect

(What is?) but it's a darn good way to get you up to speed on what it takes to be a Trainee and later full-fledged holder of the mud! *Note the Muddy Handshake is a 130th only award. The "Book" tells you exactly what you need to know and how to show it! And showing it, IS what this is all about. You must be able to demonstrate proficiency in each task to prove you should be signed off by a Trainer.

Because Civil Air Patrol is the auxiliary of the Air Force we function for the most part like an Air Force unit. And while we are not subject to the uniform code of military justice we are expected to conduct ourselves in a military manner. This months lesson is one of the basics.

Orders:

It is very important that all members understand the basics of "orders." If you neglect to obey an order or refuse to obey it, you will not be sustained in your action once in a thousand times. If an officer or NCO (Non commissioned officer) orders you to do a certain thing, and before it is done, another officer or NCO orders you to do something else, it is your duty to inform the officer or NCO giving you the second order that you have had previous orders, telling him or her what the orders are and who gave them to you. The officer or NCO who gave you the second order will then decide whether you are to carry out the first orders or the second orders. If the officer or NCO instructs you to carry out the second orders which they themselves gave, then it is your duty to carry them out. As soon as you have done so, endeavor to carry out your first orders. If there has been any considerable change or delay, report to the officer or NCO giving you the first order the fact of the change or delay and the reason thereof.



USAF opts for "Volcano Night" Uniforms???

The 5th week of March is our Combination Volcano Night and Parents night! Please take time to invite your parents to this strange (but fun) event. Bring snacks to share and your loudest Hawaiian shirt. At last our unit has caused a shift in the thinking of USAF Brass. One can only hope...

Volcano God sez: "Feed Me!" *Preferable a pizza and some Sundrop Soda!!!