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Members challenged at Hawk Mountain

Ryan and Hauenstein test limits at Winter Survival School

From the Commander:

Greetings All,

January has come and gone we have completed our first open house for 2005. From what I can tell the open house was a total success, even with the bad weather conditions we had for that night. There was about ten to fifteen visitors and we did manage to sell our program to at least four new members. I would like to welcome the new prospective members and ask that everyone makes sure they feel welcome and help to answer any questions they may have. Also help to stress that the more promotions they achieve the sooner they will move into leadership rolls in the squadron. As well as our current leadership positions will increase with the growth of the squadron. It would be nice to see more than one flight as we have had in the past. The more flights we can get the more leadership positions will need to be filled. So keep the recruits coming!

We have also gained one new senior member that is transferring into our squadron. I would like to welcome 1Lt Cathy Ryan to our squadron and look forward to working with her in the Activity Officer position. Hopefully her work with the future activities will help us in our retention goals for the squadron.

Speaking of goals we have held a couple of meetings and it looks like our goals for 2005 are going to keep both the seniors and cadet staff very busy. We have recruiting goals to meet, orientation flight, promotion, and education goals for both seniors as well as the cadets. So we need everyone to dig into the books and keep the promotions moving. We as a Squadron are trying to achieve the goal of, "Squadron of the Year." That is going to take a lot of work on both sides of the staff. I know that is going to be a tough goal to meet but I wouldn't ask if I didn't believe we could do it. I have seen a lot of growth in both the cadet and senior members this past year. I believe if we continue to work as a team with the knowledge and experience that we have gained our goal of Squadron of the Year is attainable.

Always remember the Squadron Motto: SAFETY FIRST
think before you act it may prevent an injury.

Captain John E. Bradley
Commander

In their own Words: Hawk Mountain Winter Survival School

The Hawk Mountain Ranger School, located in Pennsylvania, is a renowned search and rescue school for Civil Air Patrol (CAP) cadets across the nation. It offers some of the most intense emergency services training for cadets in Civil Air Patrol.

The Canandaigua Composite Squadron sent two cadets to attend the Hawk Mountain Winter School which took place February 19 - 20, 2005. Cadets Hauenstein and Ryan participated in the Winter Ranger school to learn survival in a cold weather environment for ground search and rescue operations. Both cadets participated in the mentally and physically challenging training and graduated the basic winter school.

Cadets from several CAP squadrons across the eastern seaboard arrived at 0800 hours Saturday and were assigned to their respected squadrons. Saturday's events consisted of a 2.6-mile hike under full pack up Hawk Mountain. This was a challenge for all who took part due to rugged terrain. After the hike, cadets returned down the mountain where they set up camp and received classes from their Ranger staff. Classes included natural shelters, cold weather dress, field sanitation, orienteering, treatment and prevention of cold weather injuries, and evacuation of injured persons via litters. Each cadet walked away with emergency services training, new found experiences, but especially a better understanding of their ability to push themselves, trust their knowledge and survive under stressful conditions. Both cadets Hauenstein and Ryan checked out at 1330 hours Sunday for their return trip home. They return to their squadron with new abilities and an appreciation for the training received from their home squadron that prepared them so well for this adventure at Hawk Mountain Search and Rescue School.

c/2nd Lt Colin Ryan

My experience at Hawk was that of surprised. I knew little before I went how it was going to be run exactly but I did know that it would be somewhat difficult. Since the school was only a two-day event, the information we were given was given to us quickly so they could teach us as much as possible. The basic school is very similar to our basic teaching of Emergency Services at the Squadron, so if you know that much, the learning in this school will be very easy. For me the Hawk Basic Winter

School was not an ES learning experience, but it helped me realize just how much I could do. It showed me what I could and at times what I could not deal with in both the mental and physical aspects of the school. Whether you know your ES or not, if you want a challenge to see where your limits are, go to Winter Hawk. If you've never done anything like this before in your life, I recommend it to all who want a challenge.

Another good thing about this school is that all you need to be to go is a Cadet Airmen and be 13 years old, which allows it to be open to many people.

*c/2nd Lt Tim Hauenstein
Cadet Commander*

Ryan earns Mitchell Award

BROCKPORT, NY--- Colin Ryan has been promoted to Cadet Second Lieutenant in the Civil Air Patrol.

Cadet Ryan is currently serving as an Aerospace Education Mentor for the Canandaigua Composite Squadron, and has been a Civil Air Patrol member for over three years. He is a junior at Brockport High School.

This promotion is a special because it has earned Lieutenant Ryan advanced rank should he join the United States Air Force.

Finger Lakes Group Awards banquet

**Civil Air Patrol Finger Lakes Group
Annual Banquet & Awards Ceremony**

At the Historic Avon Inn, Avon, New York on 2 April 2005

Social Hour at 6:00 pm
Buffet Dinner at 7:00 pm
Awards & Dancing to follow

“Early Bird” RSVP before March 15, 2005

\$26.00 Senior Member & Guests
\$21.00 Cadet Member

RSVP after March 15, 2005

\$28.00 Senior Member & Guests
\$23.00 Cadet Member

Please make checks payable & Mail RSVP to:
Finger Lakes Group
438 Bartell Lane, Webster, NY 14580

For Further Information
Please Contact (716) 474-1169
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New York Wing Conference

To all Cadet and Senior Members of the New York Wing:

I would like to extend to each of you an invitation to join me at the 2005 NY Wing Conference, at the Owego-Treadway Inn, Owego, NY, from 15-17APR05. This year's Conference

theme is "Conquering Challenges; Exceeding Excellence" and is certainly very applicable to all of the good work that you do in the New York Wing.

Applications for registration can be obtained from the NY Wing Website (www.nywg.cap.gov).

As in the past, credit card payments will be accepted and the cost of the Conference packages remains the same as last year. Our tentative guest list includes both the National and Vice-Commander, Executive Director, Chief of Staff, Region Commander and local and state officials.

I would ask that you pass the word on to your fellow members to make them aware of the registration procedures. For those folks who do not have access to a computer, I would suggest that someone download the forms, print them and make copies for others. We anticipate a very strong showing this year, so it's best to register early. DEADLINE for registration is March 22nd.

ALL Cadets must complete the parental permission form and enclose it with their registration.

I look forward to greeting you at the Conference and having an enjoyable time !!!

Sincerely,

///signed///

AUSTYN W. GRANVILLE, JR., Colonel, CAP
NY Wing Commander

National Check Pilot School

A NCPSC will be held at Utica 18 June '05. The Classroom portion will be conducted rain or shine.

All interested CPs or MCPs that may attend, please provide an initial preliminary intention to participate. See 60-1 regarding requirement of attendance every four years to maintain CP status.

NOTE: A NCPSC renewal requirement waiver of two months to June 30, 2005 has been requested (response pending) for the following check pilots:

- Capt Cooper, Theodore 106399
- Maj Dickinson, Malcolm 209712
- LtCol O'Neill, Charles 102770
- Capt Sauter, Lon 106683
- Capt Squires, Gregg 210695
- Capt Sussey, Grant 273564
- Capt Teck, Roger 255680
- LtCol Wojtowicz, Diane 105307
- Capt Zier, John C. 152162

Also note that we are planning a Mountain Flying Clinic with a preliminary date of the weekend of August 20 & 21.

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Professional Development Courses for Seniors

- CLC to be held June 18-19 MEG (Albany)
- Tentative**
- Unit Commander Course on June 25-26 at Finger Lakes Group (Rochester)
 - SLS on 30 Sept to 2 Oct at South Central Group (Binghamton)
 - CLC on 15-16 October at Finger Lakes Group (Rochester)

Squadron Goals for 2005

Here are our goals for the calendar year of 2005:

Cadet Program

Number of Wright Brothers : 5
 Number of Mitchells : 6
 Number of Earharts : 2
 Number of Eakers : 1

Number of cadets attending encampment for the first time: 6
 Number of cadets attending special activities: 3
 Number of cadets applying for scholarships: 1

Retention of current cadets

Percentage of cadets that join and remain as members for 1 yr: 75 %

Increase of cadets

Number of cadets that will join (next 12 months): 5 %

Cadet O-flight: eligible cadets vs. flights given

Number of front seats : 28
 Number of back seats : 40

Senior Program

Number seniors completing

Level I : 2
 Certificate of Proficiency (II) : 3
 Loening (III) : 2
 Garber (IV) : 1
 Wilson (V) : 1

Number of seniors completing

AFIADL-13: 3

Number of seniors attending

SLS : 1
 CLC : 9
 RSC or completing SOS : 1
 NSC or completing ACSC : 1

Number of senior members completing

Technician rating: 11
 Senior rating: 5
 Master rating: 3

Number of senior members serving on staff:

Encampment: 2
 SLS: 0
 CLC: 0
 RSC: 2

Retention of current seniors

Percentage of seniors that join and remain as members for 1 yr:
 80 %

Increase of Senior

Number of seniors that will join (next 12 months): 2 %

Aerospace Education

AEX program participation : Y
 Completion : Y

Senior members eligible for Yeager : 4
 Member completing : 9

Emergency Services

Number of cadets completing

GES : 5
 UDF : 3
 GTM1 : 2
 GTM2 : 3
 GTM3 : 5
 MRO : 3
 MSA : 5

Number of seniors completing

GES : 3
 UDF : 2
 GTM1 : 1
 GTM2 : 1
 GTM3 : 1
 MRO : 1
 MSA : 1
 MS : 0
 MO : 0
 TMP : 0
 MP : 0
 AOBD : 0
 GBD : 0
 PSC : 0

Number of members attending ES missions: 0

Number of members completing ES qualifications: 0

Paperwork

AE Report: Completed: Y

AE Year End Reporting: Completed: Y

Finance Report: On time: Y

Safety Quarterly Reports

- 1st quarter: Y
- 2nd quarter: Y
- 3rd quarter: Y
- 4th quarter: Y
- Survey: Y

Public Affairs Reports

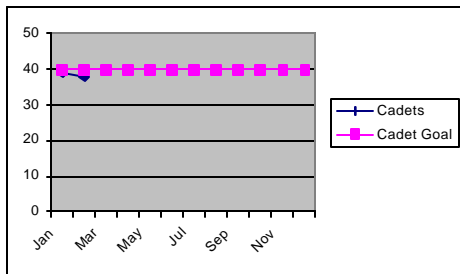
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- 3rd quarter: Y
- 4th quarter: Y

Chaplain/Moral Leadership Reports

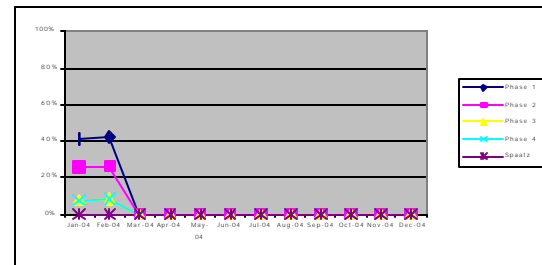
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- 3rd quarter: Y
- 4th quarter: Y

Where do we stand at the moment?

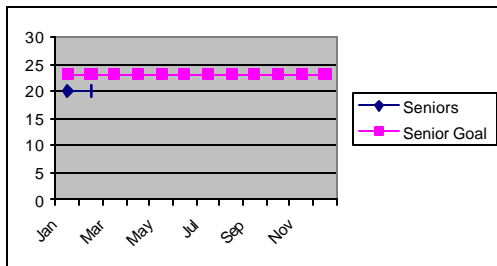
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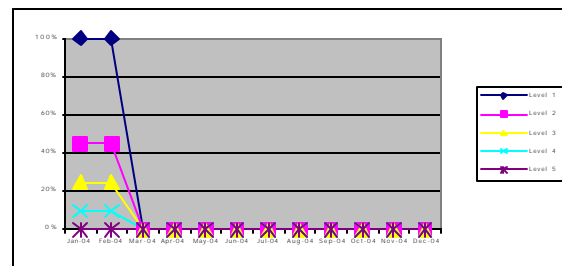
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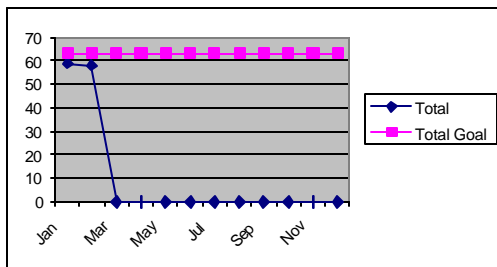
Cadet Progression



Senior Member Recruiting



Senior Progression



Total Squadron Recruiting

Recruit!

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Recruit!

What's Happening in New York Wing

 - Indicates a Suspense

** - Indicates New Item

March

118-20 CCS Winter Bivouac at Camp Cutler
19 FLG Aircrew training (weather permitting)
26 NYW Mission Management Workshop
28 FLG Group Meeting

April

2 FLG Finger Lakes Group Ball, Avon, NY
15-18 NYW NY Wing Conference – Owego, NY
17-23 RIWG Encampment
25 FLG Group Meeting
30 NYW SAREX

May

1 NYW SAREX
7-8 Rochester Wing's Program
21 Armed Force Day at Rochester Airport
23 FLG Group Meeting

June

4-5 NYW SAREX
11-12 Rochester Air Show
17-18 CLC at College of St. Rose in Albany
18 NCPSC, Utica – Contact DOV
25-26 FLG Unit Commander's Course
27 FLG Group Meeting

July

10-16 NER Region Staff College- McGuire AFB, NJ
NYW Ground Team School
16 FLG Group Training Exercise at Genesee County
Airport
25 FLG Group Meeting

August

12-14 NYW Air Force Evaluation
20-21 Mountain Flying at Binghamton (tentative)
NYW Mission Air School
22 FLG Group Meeting

September

10-11 NYW SAREX
26 FLG Group Meeting
30 – 2 Oct SCG CLC at Binghamton (tentative)










October

15-16 Oct FLG CLC at Rochester (tentative)
24 FLG Group Meeting

November

NER Region Conference - Boxborough, MA
28 FLG Group Meeting

December

1 NHQ CAP's 64th Anniversary
3 FLG Group National Cadet Special Activities Board
15 Senior Member of the Year Applications Due @
NYWG HQ's
15 Cadet of the Year Applications Due @ NYWG HQ's
15 Cadet NCO of the Year Applications Due @ NYWG
HQ's
15 Air Force Sergeants Association Award to Outstanding
CAP Cadet NCO of the Year Applications Due @ AFSA
15 Air Force Association Award to Outstanding CAP
Cadet Applications Due @ Air Force Association
15 Communicator of the Year Applications Due @ NYWG
HQ's
15 Brewer Aerospace Award Applications Due @ NYWG
HQ's
15 National Special Activities Applications Due @ NYWG
HQ's
15 Scholarship Applications Due @ NYWG HQ's

Have News?

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