

# The Ghost Writer



## Squadron Members Do Good

*Radcliffe and Waggoner earn AF Awards – Many are Promoted*

### From The Commander:

Well we have finished the eight-week program and already had all our new cadets receive a promotion. Great job on the staff as well as our new cadets, keep up the good work. To our senior cadets, I hope we are working towards the Spaatz Award. It would give me great pleasure to see you all receive such an Honorable Award.

Winter Bivouac is just around the corner, lets go out and have some fun and gain some good learning experiences. Remember to keep Safety on the top of your List. I don't want anyone to get hurt. Last but not least, we need some new recruits for the Squadron so let's keep on the recruiting drive.

### Bradley Earns Loening Award

STANLEY, NY---First Lieutenant John E. Bradley III of Stanley has earned the Grover Loening Aerospace Award from the Civil Air Patrol.

Lieutenant Bradley serves as the Commander of the Canandaigua Composite Squadron, and has been a Civil Air Patrol member for six years. He works as a mechanic and union steward for the power engineer section of the United Parcel Service.

The Loening Award is awarded when a member has completed all Level III requirements in the senior member training program. The emphasis of this portion of the program is management of the squadron.

### Bradley Earns Membership Award

FARMINGTON, NY---Senior Member Melissa Bradley of Farmington has earned the Membership Award from the Civil Air Patrol.

Senior Member Bradley serves as the Professional Development Officer of the Canandaigua Composite Squadron, and has been a Civil Air Patrol member for six years. She works as a mechanic and union steward for the power engineer section of the United Parcel Service.

The Membership Award is awarded when a member has completed all Level I requirements in the senior member training program. The emphasis of this portion of the program is understanding the function of the Civil Air Patrol.

### Members Set to Conduct Training

(NAPLES, NY)---Approximately 45 members of the Finger Lakes Group of the Civil Air Patrol (CAP) will be practicing their search and rescue skills from 23 to 25 March 2001 at Camp Cutler BSA, Naples, New York.

The Canandaigua Composite Squadron of Civil Air Patrol, based in Canandaigua, is hosting the training exercise this weekend. Mission headquarters for the exercise will be at Camp Cutler BSA, Naples, New York. During the exercise, CAP members will receive extensive training in various disciplines to include communications, logistics, survival, ground-to-air coordination, and ground search. Training will begin on Friday evening and will conclude with an extensive search exercise on Sunday morning.

The largest number of participants for this exercise are members of the CAP youth program, known as cadets. Membership in this portion of the program begins at age 12 and extends to age 20. Under the supervision of the adult members, the cadets also play a vital role in the search and rescue and disaster relief portion of the program. They receive training not only in radio communications, but also in first aid, navigation, and search techniques.

CAP search and rescue teams consisting of both ground teams and airborne teams conduct more than 85 percent of all inland SAR missions directed by the Air Force Rescue Coordination Center at Langley Air Force Base, Virginia. Volunteer ground search and rescue teams are made up of both adult and young adult members who undergo continuous training. As a result of its search and rescue efforts, CAP saved 116 lives last year. In New York alone, 110 actual search missions were conducted.

### Squadron Members earn Awards

The following members have earned the awards indicated.

#### **Recruiting Award**

C/MSgt Aaron Parsons

C/Capt Jaclyn Bradley

#### **Membership Award**

SM Melissa Bradley

Keep up the good work, Hooah!!

## New York Wing Special Missions (CD) Patch

The following is the New York Wing policy regarding the awarding and wear of the New York Wing Special Missions patch. This patch is an embroidered elongated shield with the words "New York Wing Special Missions" embroidered on it.

The criteria for the awarding of this patch to a CD-qualified member is as follows:

- 1) **The member must complete at least 30 hours of CD flight time in a given fiscal year; — OR —**
- 2) **Make a significant contribution to the Wing's CD mission. This is defined as a confirmed cannabis find, involvement in a significant CD action or substantial CD administrative support activity.**

The Wing Director of Counterdrug Operation (DOC) will be the OPR for determination of the awarding of this patch, in conjunction with the Wing Commander. His/her decision will be final. No other directorates will be involved in the decision making process.

The patch may be worn on BDUs and flight suits IAW CAPR 39-1, reference "additional authorized patches". No other use is authorized. There will be no additional award of patches for any subsequent years achievement of the awarding criteria.

Members will be awarded the patch at appropriate Group or Wing functions by NY WG/DOC; NY WG/CC, NY WG/CD or Group/CCs, as appropriate. The Wing will absorb the cost of the first patch. Members who have been awarded the patch may purchase additional patches from the Wing at a nominal cost.

## A Little CIVIL AIR PATROL History:

CAP itself officially started on December 1, 1941, the civilian founders of the organization foresaw the need for a cadet corps. Then with the United States locked in a do-or-die struggle with Japan and Germany, the need became far more urgent than ever been visualized in peace time.

Many letters and support from high level commanders including the USAAF, felt that CAP was the ideal program to have cadets. As Colonel Earle Johnson CAP's National Commander put it, "When the CAP was founded, it was able to undertake no more than the task of mobilizing the civilian planes and pilots, adding auxiliary workers, organizing them into military units, and putting them to work on missions such as coastal patrol and the courier service. But the broader plan of full-scale mobilization of civilian resources for the building of air power was never lost to view".

Correspondence was arriving daily at CAP National Headquarters in Washington DC asking for information, and requesting the CAP to organize the teen-agers into a corps. The letters were not written in vain. A new world--the air world--was opened wide to American youth on **October 1, 1942**. On that day the Civil Air Patrol began its cadet program under the supervision of **Major** (then Captain) **Kendall K. Hoyt, AC**, recruiting and public relations officer for National Headquarters.

At the outset, membership was held down in order to insure a solid foundation for the program. Each man in CAP was permitted to sponsor a boy, and every woman member allowed to sponsor a girl. Youngsters from fifteen through seventeen years of age, in the

last two years of high school, were eligible, provided they were physically fit and up in their studies.

The cadet program worked out by Captain Hoyt caught on. The first junior squadron in the country was reported by *Squadron No. 711-4 of the Minnesota Wing* with 39 cadets. Within six months, more than 20,000 teen-agers in every section of the United States were attending weekly meetings in schoolrooms and armories, studying in groups of their own or side by side with seniors members, and spending most of their weekends at the nearest airport. The cost to the government of recruiting the first 20,000 cadets was a little less than \$200, the amount spent by National Headquarters on its directives, applications, and membership cards.

The Civil Air Patrol cadet program was off to a **flying start**

**MILESTONES:**

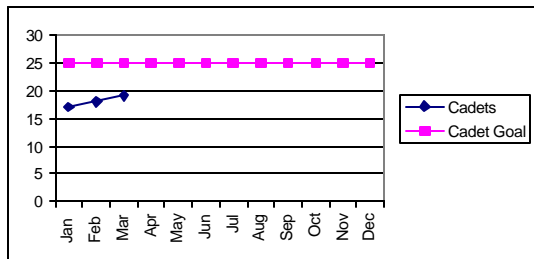
1944 First Summer Encampment  
 1948 International Air Cadet Exchange  
 1948 National Drill Competition  
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 1956 Jet Orientation Course  
 1956 All Girl Intra-National Exchange Program  
 1964 First Spaatz Award, Douglas C. Roach, first Cadet Colonel. (see note2)  
 1966 Cadet Officer School  
 1974 National Cadet Competition  
 1996 National Color Guard Competition  
 First CAP Cadet to become a Wing Commander (Florida) Samuel H. duPont Jr. 30 Aug 67 to 15 Mar 68  
 First CAP Cadet to become Chairman of the National Board BGEN Samuel H. duPont Jr. 11 Oct 70 to 13 Oct 73  
 First CAP Cadet to become a Region Commander (South West Region) Johnnie Boyd. **29 Mar 76 to 10 Sep 78**  
 First CAP Cadet to become National Commander Brig Gen Johnnie Boyd. 30 Sep 1979 to 14 Aug 1982  
 First CAP\* Spatz Cadet (#193) to become a Wing Commander (Nebraska) Richard L. Anderson, 1 Jul 85 to 1 Jun 89  
 First CAP Cadet to become a four star Air Force General Bennie Luke Davis, USAF  
 First CAP Cadet to become an Astronaut Frank Borman. (Apollo 8)  
 First CAP Cadet to become Chief Master Sergeant of the Air Force James C. Binnicker, USAF  
 First CAP Cadet to become Air Force Chief of Staff, General Michael E. Ryan, USAF  
 \*Spatz Cadet... Brig Gen Richard L. Anderson, CAP Became the North Central Region Commander 1 Jun 89 to 11 Aug 90, and CAP National Commander 14 Aug 1993 to 10 Aug 1996 (Note2) Spatz Cadet... Number 1... C/COL Douglas C. Roach, CAPC Michigan Wing Retired USAF Colonel, former member of the USAF Exhibition flying team, Thunderbirds

**Note:** Suggested reading Flying Minute Men, by Robert E. Neprud, Chapter 8 "Enter the Cadets"

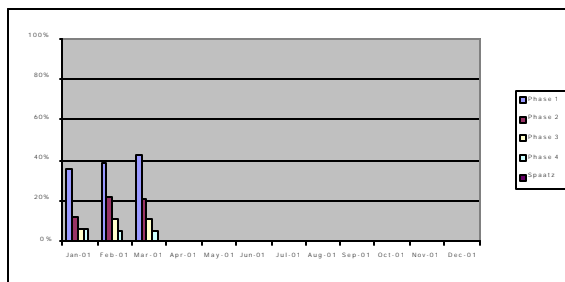
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## Where do we stand at the moment?

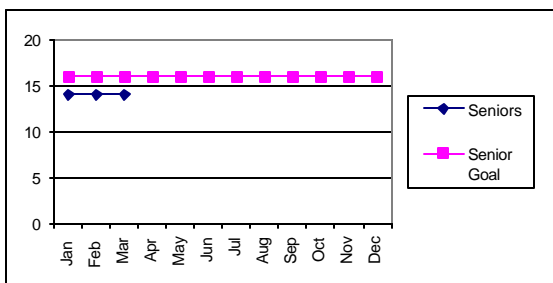
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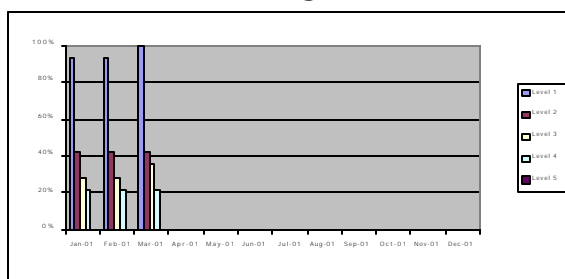
**Cadet Recruiting**



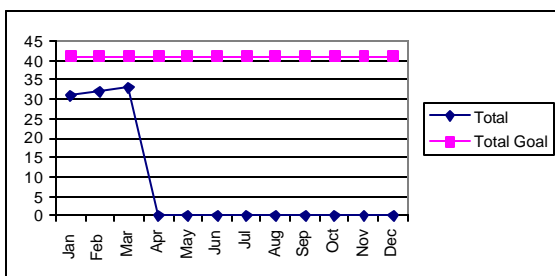
**Cadet Progression**



**Senior Member Recruiting**



**Senior Progression**



**Total Squadron Recruiting**

## Upcoming Events

# What's Happening in New York Wing

- Indicates a Suspend

### March

- 23-25 Winter Bivouac at Camp Cutler BSA, Naples, NY
- 31 Mission Coordinators Workshop
- 31 ES Workshop – Oneida Airport or Scotia ANG
- 31 – 1 Squadron Leadership School – Niagara Falls ANG

- 2 Ginna Drill Training Session
- 5 Safety Reports Due to Group

- 7 Safety Day – Pilots
- 7 SAREX – Perry-Warsaw Airport
- 7 Finger Lakes Group Ball – Wishing Well
- 21-22 National Check Pilot Standardization Course
- 21-22 Canandaigua Squadron Training
- 28 Sea-Cadets Competition, U of R Fieldhouse 0900
- May
- 2 Ginna Drill: State Evaluation
- 4-6 New York Wing Conference - Albany
- 19-20 Canandaigua Squadron Training
- 27 Pancake Breakfast – Perry Warsaw

June

- 2 NYW SAREX 2
- 6 Ginna Drill: Federal Evaluation
- 16-17 Canandaigua Squadron Training
- 30 ICS Training

July

- 7/5 Safety Reports Due to Group
- 15-21 NER Staff College, McGuire AFB, NJ
- 21-22 Canandaigua Squadron Training

August

- 18-19 Canandaigua Squadron Training

September

- 22 NYW SAREX 3
- 15 Counter Drug Training (Various Broadcast Sites)
- 15-16 Canandaigua Squadron Training

October

- 8 Applications for SLS Due
- 17 Annual Awards Selection
- 20-21 Canandaigua Squadron Training
- 20-27 National Staff College, Maxwell AFB, AL

November

- 1 Leadership Encampment Senior Command Staff Applications Due @ NYWG HQ/CP

- 1 ES Encampment Senior Command Staff Applications Due @ NYWG HQ's
- 17-18 Canandaigua Squadron Training

December

- 1 CAP 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary
- 09 CAC Meeting @ MEG HQ's (Tentative)
- 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
- 15-16 Canandaigua Squadron Training

Have News?

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