

# The Ghost Writer



## Squadron Members Do Good

*Waggoner Solos and Frost Earns Loening*

### From The Commander:

I would like to thank each and everyone in the Squadron for all the effort put into the inspection. We not only pulled off a good inspection but we obtained an over all grade of Satisfactory. Which in my book is excellent, for a new commander.

The Squadron received an Excellent in: Operations, Information Management (Admin), Personnel, Emergency Services, and Logistic/Supply Great job Thank You. We also received an Outstanding in: Public Affairs, and Safety Great Job Thank You. As for Command I received a Satisfactory and that is understandable for a new Commander I will do my best to bring that up next year.

As the Commander of our Squadron I take great pride in having the Honor of working with such a fine group of people keep up the good job and together we will grow.

### Squadron involved in ELT search

Friday, 15 September 2000, Canandaigua Composite Squadron was called into action. At about 2040, First Lieutenant John Bradley was notified by the Mission Coordinator that there was an ELT going off in the area of Canandaigua Airport.

The first ground team (Captain Robert Frost and Cadet Master Sergeant Jason Frost) was on the road by 2110. Two additional teams of First Lieutenant Jim Herrmann and the team of First Lieutenants John Bradley and David Herrmann were on the road by 2115.

Capt Frost's team approached the airport from the west, 1Lt Herrmann's approached from the north in an effort to meet up with 1Lt Bradley's team who approached from the east.

Capt. R. Frost's team checked the airport and cleared it of any signals by 2130. Direction Finding signals were received by 1Lt Bradley's team from an area northwest of Alaquin. Capt Frost's team received a DF signal east of Canandaigua, and 1Lt Herrmann had a signal running to the south. Through triangulation, the teams determined that the signal was originating from Hopewell Airport.

By 2145, the teams had the signal isolated to the Hopewell Airpark, and by 2155 the teams had the aircraft identified.

The teams then followed standard operating procedures and blocked the signal from leaving the antenna by covering the antenna with tin foil. After the aircraft owner arrived, the teams annotated the ELT information and reported it to the mission coordinator.

The teams involved in this search required only 45 minutes to locate the target. As the commander commented, "This was proof that with the skills and dedication in Canandaigua Composite Squadron, we are one of the best. GREAT JOB!! WHOA!!"

### Waggoner Solos

FARMINGTON, NY--- Civil Air Patrol cadet solos single engine aircraft on 17 August 2000 at the Aerodrome Flight Center, Rochester International Airport.

Cadet Lieutenant Colonel Sarah Waggoner of the Canandaigua Composite Squadron of the Civil Air Patrol successfully departed and returned to the Aerodrome Flight Center alone thus earning her the coveted solo pilot rating.

Waggoner completed her flight training under the guidance of Flight Instructor Greg Michne in a Cessna 152 aircraft. The Cessna 152 is a basic two-seat flight trainer. The Cessna 152 has a small engine, a low cruising speed and is easy aircraft to fly.

Waggoner plans to earn her private pilot's license. She must now practice different types of solo flights, pass a Federal Aviation Administration written examination, pass an oral examination, and pass a practical flight evaluation.

She attributes her successful solo in part to the aviation scholarship she earned in July from the Finger Lakes Aviation Foundation.

## Frost Earns Loening Award

BLOOMFIELD, NY---Captain Robert Frost of Bloomfield has earned the Grover Loening Aerospace Award from the Civil Air Patrol.

Captain Frost serves as the Emergency Services Officer of the Canandaigua Composite Squadron, and has been a Civil Air Patrol member for seventeen years. He is a school bus mechanic with the Honeoye Central School.

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.

## Radcliffe Does Good GSAR

(CANANDAIGUA, NY)---Canandaigua Civil Air Patrol cadet finishes fourth at Ground Search and Rescue (GSAR) School held in Camp Atterbury, Indiana.

Out of a class of 380 cadets, Cadet Master Sergeant Jeffrey Radcliffe of Canandaigua earned a fourth place standing. Radcliffe participated in the advanced course during the weeklong school and earned a team leader certification. He received training in various search and rescue skills to include land navigation, electronic direction finding equipment, and advanced search techniques.

During the long training days, training typically starting before 6 a.m. and ending after 10 p.m., Radcliffe had an opportunity to working the Indiana National Guard Medical Evacuation Units. He also worked with local search and rescue dog teams. The training ended with a 48-hour exercise in which the students practiced all the skills that they had developed.

This special activity was a joint venture between the Operations and Cadet Programs giving hundreds of members the opportunity to become qualified in emergency services. Civil Air Patrol, U.S. Air Force, and industry experts at Camp Atterbury conducted the course, just 35 miles south of Indianapolis, Indiana. CAP, Air Force and industry experts taught cadets the latest search and rescue

techniques. Students slept in tents and participated in survival exercises and training missions.

## New Members

During the past month the squadron has seen a growth of three new members. Luis Alvarez is new to the Civil Air Patrol and is currently a student at Hobart and William Smith Colleges, Geneva. Paul and Phil Van Bethem are a father and son team who have transferred into the unit from Michigan. Paul is a former squadron commander and is currently the Aerospace Education Officer and Operations Officer. He works at General Motors and is a Naval Reserve Officer. Phil is a Cadet Master Sergeant who is extremely active in Civil Air Patrol's search and rescue program. He has been to GSAR and Hawk Mountain. Welcome.

## Poster Campaign

Take a look around Canandaigua and you can not help but notice the Civil Air Patrol Posters.

The posters were recently placed in the various stores on Canandaigua's main street by 1Lt John Bradley, c/1Lt Jaclyn Bradley, c/Basic Nicole Bradley and Maj Stan Skrabut.

The poster are just another facet of our ongoing recruiting campaign.

Reminder to cadets, top recruiter will earn a \$50 gift certificate.

## Week of SAR Training

Our squadron will be involved in a week of Search and rescue training beginning on 25 September 2000 and ending 1 October 2000. Both aircrews and ground teams will be exercised in this weeklong training event.

The training will primarily focus on our ELT search skills; however, it will also provide needed training in non-ELT search targets. The training will conclude with an overnight training exercise on Saturday and Sunday.

If you would like to participate on one or more of the training days, then contact Capt Robert Frost.

## Open House

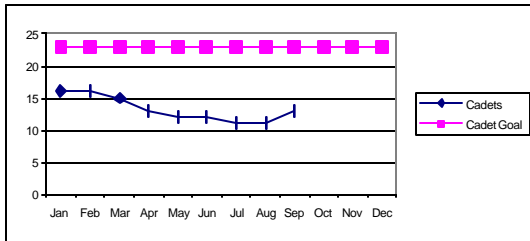
On 4 October 2000 beginning at 7PM, the Canandaigua Composite Squadron will hold an open house at the Canandaigua Army Reserve Center.

All members of the public are invited. The Squadron will conduct briefings on the cadet, search and rescue, and aerospace education programs.

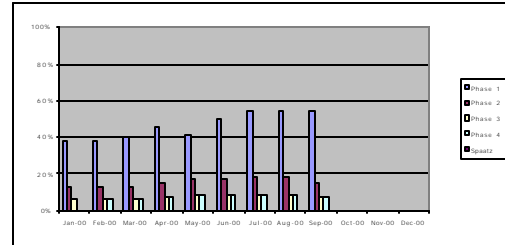
Cadet Lieutenant Colonel Sarah Waggoner is the point of contact for this event.

### Where do we stand at the moment?

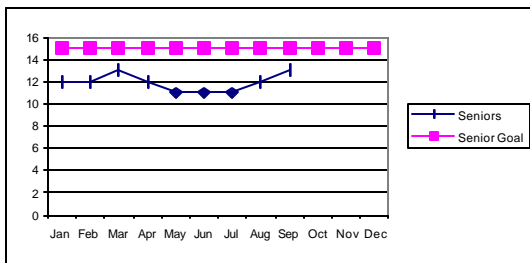
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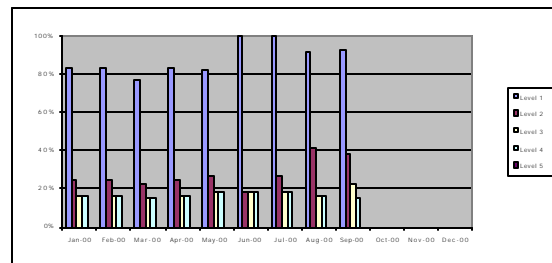
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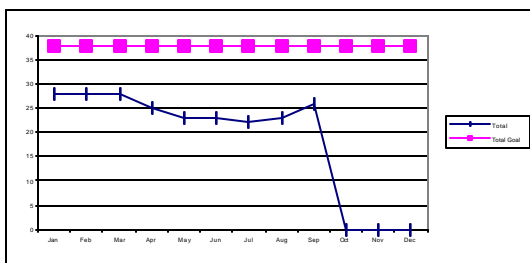
Cadet Progression



Senior Member Recruiting




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Total Squadron Recruiting

Upcoming Events



# What's Happening in New York Wing

 - Indicates a Suspense



## October







- 14** NYW CAC meeting West Point (tentative)
- 21 - 22** FLG Squadron Leadership School
- 28 - 29** FLG ECI 13 Course (tentative)
- 21-22** FLG Corporate Learning Course

## November

-  **1** Leadership Encampment Senior Command Staff Applications Due @ NYWG HQ/CP
-  **1** ES Encampment Senior Command Staff Applications Due @ NYWG HQ's

## December

- 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** 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

## January 2001

- 03** Leadership Encampment Cadet Command Staff Applications Due @ NYWG HQ/CP
- 13** NYWG Review Board @ Stratton ANG  
Cadet of Year, NCO of Year, IACE, Cadet Encampment Staff

Have News?

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