

QUICK NOTES

- Iron Man - Nov 16-17



- Current ALWG Cadet Membership -248
- Total Active Cadet Units - 14

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Introducing Our Newsletter!

MAXWELL AFB, AL - It is with great pleasure that you are receiving the very first issue of the brand new Alabama Wing Cadet Newsletter, *Cadet Program Quarterly*. It is hoped that this newsletter will be come a new tool in our efforts to get information out to our members in an exciting, attractive manner. One of the goals set in introducing this publication is for it to be eventually cadet organized, edited and published.

If you are a cadet interested in joining the editorial staff of this newsletter, please send a resume and writing and/or photography sample to:

alwgcadets@aol.com

We are encouraging all ca-

det units to submit articles for use in this newsletter as well. If something exciting happens with your unit, we want to know! Send us an article or just a quick bit of



The Alabama Wing has a new publication. We hope you enjoy!

information and we will make sure it end up in the newsletter. What if one of your cadets

earns recognition for something great outside of CAP? We want to know about that too! Tell us about it and we'll make sure the word gets out. Also, please let us know what you want to see in a newsletter so we can tailor what gets printed to meet the needs of our membership.

As the name implies, *Cadet Program Quarterly* will be released on a quarterly basis with Fall, Winter, Spring, and Summer editions.

We hope this turns out to be both enjoyable and helpful!

FY 07-08 Calendar Released

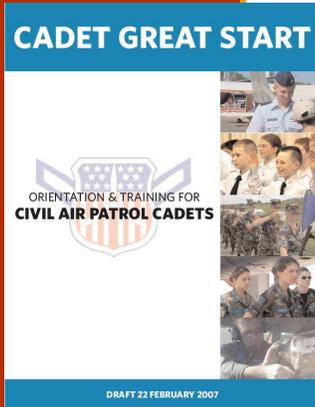
October 2007 (All Month) - CAP Open House Month
October 12-14, 2007 - ALWG FTX Program (Maxwell AFB, AL - Sponsored by Wing Emergency Services)
October 23-31, 2007 - Red Ribbon Week
November 2007 (All Month) - Squadron Physical Fitness Award Testing (see CAPP 52-18)
November 9-11, 2007 - ALWG FTX Program (Maxwell AFB, AL - Sponsored by Wing Emergency Services)
November 16, 2007 - Cadet Advisory Council (Auburn University, AL)
November 16-17, 2007 - Iron Man Competition (Auburn University, AL)
December 1, 2007 - Colorguard Clinic (Bessemer, AL)
December 29-05 January, 2008 - SER Winter Encampment (Camp Blanding, FL)
December 31, 2007 - NCSA Application

Deadline
December 31, 2007 - CAP Scholarship Application Deadline
January 25-27, 2008 - ALWG FTX Program (Maxwell AFB, AL - Sponsored by Wing Emergency Services)
February 9, 2008 - Cadet Advisory Council (Maxwell AFB, AL)
February 16, 2008 - Cadet Competition (Auburn University, AL)
February 22-24, 2008 - ALWG FTX Program (Maxwell AFB, AL - Sponsored by Wing Emergency Services)
April 15, 2008 - AFA and AFSA Award Packages Due
March 8-10, 2008 - Cadet Professional Development Weekend (Maxwell AFB, AL)
March 28-30, 2008 - ALWG FTX Program (Maxwell AFB, AL - Sponsored by Wing Emergency Services)
April 25-17, 2008 - ALWG FTX Program (Maxwell AFB, AL - Sponsored by Wing

Emergency Services)
April 2008 - Wing Conference (Date and Location TBA)
May 10, 2008 - Cadet Advisory Council (Maxwell AFB, AL)
June 2008 - ALMSWG Encampment - (Date and Location TBA)
August 9, 2008 - Cadet Advisory Council (Maxwell AFB, AL)

(Dates subject to change)

Cadet Great Start Program



Cover of the CAP Great Start Curriculum Guide

Maxwell AFB, AL - In conjunction with CAP Open House Month, National Headquarters is beginning a push for squadrons to use the test bed "Great Start" program. This program provides a structured environment in which a cadet can come in brand new to CAP through an open house and progress to earning their Curry Award 5 weeks later.

The great start program is a multi faceted approach to cadet orientation, featuring a Great Start booklet for adults,

a new members checklist, and a guide to implementing the program at the squadron level. This program is designed both to provide a solid foundation in the program through new member development, as well as to help squadrons succeed. Many members have claimed frustration in the past at their units efforts to bring them up to speed in the program, and in turn will quit without ever really experiencing any of the great benefits CAP has to offer.

While this program is still in development, members are encouraged to use the draft material and see how it works for your unit.

More information on the CAP Great Start Program, including downloads of the draft publications, can be found at:

www.cap.gov/start

"Don't miss your chance to participate in once in a lifetime opportunities."

Free Money!



National Activities

Maxwell AFB, AL - National Headquarters recently announced revisions to the methods that cadets are selected to Summer activities. Starting this year, cadets will no longer be ranked by their wings, but instead will be slotted based on a points system. Over 30 activities will be offered for the summer of 2008, giving cadets chances to ex-

pand their horizons in areas of military life , aviation, leadership and technology. The application period will be somewhat different this year than in years past. Because encampment participation is now a requirement for application, applications will be accepted until 15 January 08, giving those going to winter encampment a chance to participate.

Don't miss out on your chance to participate in once in a lifetime opportunities.

For more information on National Cadet Special Activities, please visit:

www.cap.gov/nscsa

CAP Scholarships

Maxwell AFB, AL - The time to apply for CAP Scholarships is fast approaching. This year, over \$100,000 is available to those who qualify.

Who qualifies? Anyone that is a current CAP member, have earned the Mitchell Award, are in good academic standing, and are enrolled as a

full time student may apply.

There are several types of scholarships available including both academic and flight awards. CAP has even partnered with Auburn University for an engineering scholarship right in our back yard.

The deadline for applications

will be here before you know it (31 Dec for many awards), so don't delay on beginning the application process.

For more information on CAP scholarships, please visit:

www.cap.gov/scholarships

Squadron Physical Fitness Award



Maxwell AFB, AL - November is testing month if your squadron intends to apply for the Squadron Physical Fitness Award. This is a

Physical fitness is an important part of Cadet life. great award program for your unit to participate in. Surprisingly enough, many skip right past this section in their Physical Fitness publication.

How do you win this award? Simply administer the PFT in November. Submit these results to National Headquarters by 15 December. If 70% of your squadron can perform at the 50th percentile, you will be recognized! Pretty

simple, right?

There are 3 levels to this award, with the highest earning your unit a nice trophy. Everyone needs to dust off CAPP 52-18, turn to page 28, and read up on this. What do you have to lose by trying?

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Color Guard Clinic Set For Bessemer

Bessemer, AL - Over the last several years, participation has rapidly declined in the wing’s cadet competition. When asked why, many units have attributed their lack of participation to lack of training coupled with the fact that they don’t have resources available to provide said training.

Never fear. Those days are over. The Bessemer Composite

Squadron has agreed to host a one day clinic to provide instruction in basic areas essential to turning out a successful color guard. This should be a fantastic training opportunity, as the Bessemer Squadron has carried the Alabama flag at the last five Southeast Region Competitions. The primary training instructor will be C/LtCol. Stephanie Petelos, herself a member of winning

Bessemer teams and a graduate of the National Honor Guard Academy.

An operations order for this activity will be published soon. Stay tuned. If you want to participate in the wing competition, this clinic should provide a solid foundation.

Iron Man Competition



stacks up to others around the wing. The Alabama Wing Iron Man Competition is upon us and promises to be just as exciting and chal-

Auburn, AL - It’s that time again. What time might you ask? Time to find out how your squadron

lenging as last years incarnation. This competition will push you to your limits testing physical endurance, drill and ceremonies, aerospace and leadership knowledge and emergency services skills. The event will kick off on Friday, November 16th (There will be a CAC meeting on this night so be there!) with the Competition beginning bright and early on Saturday the

Do you have what it takes?

17th. Defending Champions, the Bessemer Composite Squadron will be on hand to defend their title. The Auburn Composite Squadron is again hosting this activity and has done a great job as usual. For more information on this competition visit www.alwg.cap.gov and click on “Iron Man”. We’ll see you there!



Defending Champions Bessemer Composite



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From the Director's Desk

Welcome to the very first issue of *Cadet Program Quarterly*! I am very excited to bring this to you publication. Hopefully this will be a tool that will help in getting information out to my members. It is my hope that very soon, this will be a cadet run publication. I know we have lots of cadets in Alabama who are probably more adept at desktop publishing than I am. If you have any comments or suggestions about this publication, we'd love to hear them.

Also, please join me in welcoming SM. Brad Lynn to the program staff. Mr. Lynn is a retired Colonel from the USAF Reserve and will assume the rank of a LtCol. In CAP once his induction paperwork is complete. He is a former Spaatz cadet and National Cadet of the Year and should be an asset to have on staff.

As you can see in this newsletter, we have a very busy year for cadet programs ahead of us, starting in just a couple of weeks with Iron Man. I cannot stress the importance of your units participation on the wing level. Its takes the help of everyone to make this program a success and by participating beyond your unit, not only are you helping the wing and national program, you are also helping your unit, providing top notch training for your members and giving your members a chance to interact with fellow cadets and take part in exciting activities. This is sure to help in motivation and retention. Don't believe me? Try it.

There are several important impending deadlines for awards and activities. Don't let these pass you by. National Activities are once in a

Capt. Justin Smith
ALWG/DCP



lifetime events that you will remember for the rest of your life. If you are eligible, please find one you like and apply. By the same token, don't let free chances to give your members recognition they deserve slip by either. Scholarships, AFA, VFW, and PFT awards are all coming up. Visit the NHQ web page for more information or contact me if you have questions.

I am very excited about what we have to offer this year. I hope you are too and look forward to seeing you several times over the course of the year.

Semper Vigilans,