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Boaz Middle School Squadron Color Guard for the Boaz City School System



On 17 September 2008 which is Constitution Day at the Boaz City School System (BCSS) Color Guard performed Color Guard duties at the Boaz Intermediate School. The school was celebrating Constitution day and had asked the BCSS CAP Squadron to perform the duties of presenting the colors while the entire

schools staff and students said the Pledge of Allegiance and played the music of the National Anthem. Afterwards the Color Guard was congratulated for a job well done.



On the same day at 1030 hours, the BCSS CAP Color Guard performed both Color and Honor Guard duties at the Boaz Middle School for Alabama Senator Hinton Mitchem, State Representative Frank McDaniel and various other state and local dignitaries. The many dignitaries, state educational officials, local school and public officials, as well as the entire middle school attended an award presentation for the Boaz Middle School Principal Mr. Ray Landers.

Alabama Governor Bob Riley read on live internet a proclamation identifying Mr. Landers, effective 17 September 2008, as the National Middle School Principal of The Year. In 2007, Mr. Landers was chosen as Middle School Principal of the Year for the State of Alabama.

The BCSS CAP Honor/Color Guard now in its fourth year started when the CAP School Squadron 801 was chartered at the Boaz Middle School and has now spread throughout the entire school system from K thru 12th Grade. After the ceremony that lasted over an hour, the BCSS Honor/Color Guard received accolades from various

dignitaries as well as a direct handshake and photo session with Senator Hinton Mitchem and Representative Frank McDaniel.



Alabama House of Representatives: W.F. “Frank” McDaniel with Boaz CAP Cadets
From left to right:
C/SrA Katherine Young, C/MSgt Adam Smith, Representative Frank McDaniel, C/MSgt Ryan Erskine and C/SrA Justus Holland



*Pictures and article by
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Spaatz Ceremony at Maxwell AFB.



C/Col. Hester. Maj. Gen. Stephen Miller,
C/Col Bennett

Two Civil Air Patrol cadets were presented the Gen. Carl A. Spaatz award, CAP's highest cadet honor, and promoted to the rank of Cadet Colonel at a ceremony in their honor September 12, 2008, at Maxwell AFB, Ala. Maj. Gen. Stephen Miller, Commander, Curtis E. LeMay Center for Doctrine Development and Education, and Vice Commander, Air University, Maxwell Air Force Base, Ala. presented the awards.

Cadet Cols. Morgan Bennett of the Pell City, Ala., Composite Squadron and Colby Hester of the G.V. "Sonny" Montgomery Squadron in Meridian, Miss., earned the Spaatz award this summer in recognition of demonstrated excellence in leadership, character, fitness and aerospace education.

Bennett, who joined Civil Air Patrol in January 2003, was recognized with the Cadet of the Year Award for 2007-08. She attended Cadet Officer School in 2007, Air Force Space Command Familiarization Course at Patrick Air Force Base, Fla., in 2007, Engineering Technologies Academy at Auburn University in 2005 and the Specialized Undergraduate Pilot Training Familiarization Course at Columbus Air Force Base, Miss., in 2008. She was also the Alabama/Mississippi Wing Summer Encampment executive officer in 2008 and has served on the Cadet Advisory Council for the Alabama Wing as the 2008 vice chairman. She has completed the requirements to be a search and rescue ground team leader, an urban direction finding team member and an air crew mission scanner. In addition, she holds an Amateur Radio Operators' Technician License and is now attending Auburn University on an Air Force ROTC scholarship and majoring in aerospace engineering.



Maj. Gen. Miller, C/Col Bennett, Lt. Col.
Mike Long CAP

Hester, who joined CAP in 2004, is a member of Mississippi's G.V. "Sonny" Montgomery Squadron. He has attended numerous special activities, including Cadet Officer School, National Powered Flight Academy, and the Specialized

Undergraduate Pilot Training Familiarization Course. He has held command positions at the squadron level including cadet commander and is a rated search and rescue ground team member with one credited "find". He is founding member and currently deputy commander of the Mississippi Wing Honor Guard and has served as a flight commander, executive officer and deputy cadet commander of wing and regional encampment activities. He attends the University of Mississippi, where he is enrolled in Air Force ROTC, and intends to major in business management.



Maj. Gen. Miller, C/Col Colby Hester, 1 Lt Doug Hester, CAP.

Cadets qualify for the Spaatz award after devoting an average of five years to progress through 16 achievements in the CAP Cadet Program. Along the way they develop self-discipline, a strong sense of personal responsibility, the ability to lead and persuade, and the foundation necessary for pursuing a career in aviation, space or technology.

Only about two in 1,000 cadets -- some 1,700 cadets total -- have earned the Spaatz award since it was established in 1964. Earning the award requires passing a rigorous four-part exam consisting of a challenging physical fitness test, an essay

exam testing their moral reasoning, a comprehensive written exam on leadership, and a comprehensive written exam on aerospace education.

The award is named in honor of Carl "Tooey" Spaatz, first chief of staff of the U.S. Air Force. One of the giants in the history of airpower, in 1929 Spaatz and another pilot set a flight endurance record of 150 hours and 40 minutes in the early days of aviation. During World War II he commanded the Allied air campaign against the Nazis. In the Pacific Theater, the atomic bombing of Hiroshima and Nagasaki took place under his command. After retiring from the Air Force, Spaatz served as the first chairman of the CAP National Board.

*Pictures and article by
Capt. Jonathan Lartigue
Auburn Squadron, PAO*

Alabama Wing FTX Program Begins

FTX Weekends are as follows:

Oct 17-19, 2008
Nov 14-16, 2008
Jan 23-25, 2009
Feb 20-22, 2009
Mar 20-22, 2009
Apr 24-26, 2009



The FTX program was started in 1997 as a test-bed for the National Emergency Services Curriculum and National Ground Search And Rescue (NGSAR) School. Since that time, the FTX program has grown to become one of the longest running CAP ground team task training programs in the region.

Students from Alabama, Georgia, Mississippi, and Tennessee have participated in the program. We continue to be closely tied to NGSAR, with many of our FTX staff members serving at the National school. In addition, the FTX program also serves to test programmatic and methodology changes that may be implemented at the National school.

Detailed information on the Alabama Wing FTX program can be found at www.alabamaftx.com

From 121.5 MHz to 406 MHz ELT's

There will be no satellite monitoring for 121.5 ELT's after February 2009. This means monitoring will be limited to airliners and other jet and military aircraft who

monitor 121.5 during flight, approach control facilities which receive the signal, and airborne CAP aircraft. The current satellite monitoring is "sketchy" at best and requires multiple passes for accurate positioning. All the while, valuable time passes.

All CAP aircraft should monitor 121.5 via the Becker or the # 2 com. A simple proficiency flight could turn into a lifesaving mission for someone, or could simply detect an inadvertent activation before considerable activation of resources occurs.

(It also helps to let you know if *yours* is activated after that last cross wind landing you made.)

At any rate, be aware of the consequences to yourself and the flying community by this upcoming change.

*Capt. Donnie Todd
Alabama Wing, DOV*

Iron Man Competition Nears

This is a friendly reminder that the 3rd Annual Iron Man Competition will be held on the November 22, 2008 at Auburn University, Auburn, AL. This year is the first year we have had a website to help facilitate the event's many different aspects. We currently have the site up and running at www.areyouanironman.com.

You will find registration information, frequently asked questions, pictures, and a whole lot more there. We will also have the rules/scoring up there closer towards the end of the month. We have tweaked the event this year, and will hopefully help alleviate the problems we have had in the past.

The Auburn Composite Squadron is excited about putting this event on for you, and is doing everything they can to make it a memorable and worth-wild time for everyone involved.

*Christopher A. Tate, Capt, CAP
Commander*

The Wreaths Across America

The Wreaths Across America program was a large success last year due to the hard work of CAP units all over the nation. This year's program is underway and is a great opportunity for you to raise money for your local unit and support a worthy cause. Wreaths Across America has created a sign-up web page for all interested groups for 2008.



CAP members should proceed to <http://www.wreathsacrossamerica.org> and click on the upper right tab "**Getting Started Today**"

Capt. Lynn Toney was named the 2008 National School Enrichment Program Coordinator of the Year



C/Amn 1C Jake Toney, Maj. Gen. Amy Courter
Capt. Lynn Toney, Cadet Erica Toney at the
National Conference in Orlando, Florida

In recognition for her superior leadership, Lynn Toney was named the 2008 National School Enrichment Program Coordinator of the Year. Capt. Toney traveled to Orlando, Florida to attend the CAP's National Board and Conference to receive not only her national award, but to be involved in a myriad of professional development sessions that will benefit her entire school system.

While attending the conference, Capt. Toney had an opportunity to meet and share information about the stellar K-12 CAP programs in Boaz with the CAP National Commander, Maj. Gen. Amy Courter, and the Southeast Region Commander, Col Jim Rushing, along with other interested CAP leaders.

Gen Courter referenced the successful Boaz programs in her national "State of the Organization" message that was live-streamed throughout the nation. Gen Courter then presented Capt. Toney with her national award, again giving accolades to the Boaz school system. Joining Capt.

Toney in receiving her award were her two children, both CAP cadets, Cadet Airman 1st Class, Jake Toney and Cadet Erica Toney (who is a new cadet just entering sixth grade).

Boaz City Schools will continue the second phase of the CAP's pilot elementary School Enrichment Program during the upcoming school year. The aerospace education-themed program is intended to interest young people in STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math) areas of the curriculum in order to foster the desire to fulfill the future aerospace-related workforce for Alabama's growing automotive and aerospace industries. The program also instills strong character and leadership development skills, as well as important healthy lifestyle training, for the young people of our country.



Capt. Toney, Maj. Gen. Courter, Maj. Lisa Robinson, Col. Jim Rushing, SER Commander.

*Susan Mallett, School Enrichment Program Manager
National Headquarters, Civil Air Patrol*

Boaz Civil Air Patrol, SER-AL-801 provides Color Guard for Teachers'

First Day and Students' First Day Celebrations.

The Boaz Middle School CAP Squadron provided Color Guard duties for the Teacher's first day back ceremony held in the Boaz High School auditorium on 4 August 2008. The color guard in dress uniform marched into the auditorium, up the stairs, on to the stage presenting the colors for the Pledge and the National Anthem. The Color Guard then posted the colors and marched off the stage.

On 5 August 2008, the student's first day back celebration was held at the Boaz High School's football stadium. Opening remarks to the attending parents, students and city officials were made by Boaz Mayor Tim Walker, the School's Superintendent Leland Dishman and Assistant Superintendent Randall Haney. The Boaz CAP Color Guard then marched from the goal line to the 50 yard line, did a left turn pivot facing the standing crowd and presenting the Colors while the entire audience did the Pledge of Allegiance.



Color Guard Members from left to right are:

C/A1C Justus Holland, C/MSgt Adam Smith, C/MSgt Ryan Erskine & C/A1C Katherine Young.

The Color Guard continued to present the Colors while the Mayor and City officials sang God Bless America and the National Anthem. All remained standing while the Color Guard did a reverse pivot, marked time and then forward marched off the field retiring the Colors. After the Celebration ended, the Mayor, City Council members and others approached the CAP Color Guard members shaking hands and complementing them all on a job well done.

*SM Larry Smith, PAO
Boaz Middle School Squadron*

Search for Missing Woman suspended in Dallas County

Dallas County sheriff's deputies and state police searched for an elderly woman last seen leaving a Selma-area Wal-Mart in a dark red or maroon 1990 Oldsmobile Eighty-Eight. CAP was called in on September 18, 2008.

More than 40 cadet and senior members from squadrons across Alabama participated in 37 air and eight ground sorties in support of the search, totaling nearly 500 man-hours of effort. A total of three ground teams and six aircraft, including a GA-8 aircraft with the Airborne Real-time Cueing Hyperspectral Enhanced Reconnaissance (ARCHER) imaging system, participated.

- In total the Alabama Wing has flown over 32-hours with five aircraft in support of the search.
- Each aircraft Sortie consisted of a three person crew and averaged 2 - 3-hours in length of looking for the vehicle or signs of a crash
- Three ground teams from Auburn, Maxwell, and Wetumpka/Clanton

were also involved in the ground searches over two days.

- Over 40-members were involved over the three day search.
- During the three day search, the Alabama Wing also was notified and silenced two ELT's in the state (Dothan and Bessemer).

"On Thursday, September 18, 2008 our agency requested the Civil Air Patrol's (CAP) assistance in the search for a missing Dallas County resident. Within 10 minutes of our request, Colonel David Boswell made phone contact with me and within 30 minutes CAP had a mission number and planes ready to deploy to Dallas County. Upon arrival to our County I was one of the several people who got to meet some of the most organized, professional, experienced team of individuals. Under the command of Colonel Boswell, Dallas County was searched from corner to corner as were surrounding communities in the most efficient and expertise form, from the most dedicated personnel one can imagine. From Thursday to Saturday evening, approximately 50 personnel marched onto our soil with a mission. This team of professionals marched in with a plan in hand; they traced leads, followed up on aerial points of interest by foot and left Dallas County with no rock unturned."

Rhonda Abbott, Dallas County EMA in a letter to Editor explaining what CAP accomplished and thanking the community for supporting CAP in their search efforts.

**It's not a plane--It's a boat EPIRB
In the bed of a parked truck.**



Huntsville Squadron sent a ground team to locate and silence a 243.0 beacon. Lt. Col. Gene Mitcham and 1Lt Pierre le Roux searched the pier. It turned out that the EPIRB in a truck parked at the marina at The Pointe in Limestone County on the Tennessee River.

The EPIRB had been removed from the boat and tossed into the back of the truck. "I wondered what it was for," and "Guess it worked," were comments made by the new boat owner. Batteries were removed from the EPIRB to ensure that it stayed off.



Ground team was supported by Capt. Glenn Wilson and Capt Bo Andrews from Bessemer squadron by overflying the site.

**Alabama Wing Hosts Florida Wing
Aircraft during Hurricane Fay.**



Photo by Chaplain Tom McGonegal

The Alabama Wing of the Civil Air Patrol hosted 19 Florida Wing Aircraft that had been moved out of the way of Tropical Storm Fay. The aircraft were moved to the Dothan Regional Airport, Dothan, Alabama, on Sunday and Monday, prior to the storm.

The Alabama Wing and the Southeast Region were placed on stand-by for the approaching tropical storm. Like a good neighbor, the Alabama Wing is always willing and able to support our neighbors to the south.



Photo by Maj. John Neil, ALWG DO

New Wing Staff Members

I am please to announce the appointment of **SM Keith Conway** to the position of Deputy Director Cadet Programs for the Alabama Wing. SM Conway will be assisting Capt Justin Smith in many ways including the huge task of planning and conducting a joint wing cadet encampment. SM Conway brings valuable expertise to the program from his cadet career where he earned the Eaker Award, has attended 6 cadet encampments holding various staff positions, and has worked in Emergency Services including serving as a Ground Team Leader and staff member for the FTX cycles. Please join me in congratulating Keith on his new position and responsibilities.

Lt. Col. Brad Lynn, CAP, has accepted the position of Operations Readiness / Logistics Officer a new position title for the ALWG. This position will be reporting to the ALWG Chief of Staff. I want to welcome him into this position and fill you will do the same. Please give him all the support he needs in this role. Below is a short list of what I see that CAP and I as the Commander expect from this position.

Operational Readiness & Logistics Officer

Ensure that 2006 Compliance inspection has been completed as required, working with Col Owens Wing IG.
Ensure that the ALWG is ready for their 2010 Compliance Inspection, working directly with Wing Staff.

Logistics Officer

Be responsible for real property management in accordance with CAPR 87-1, working closely with the Wing Assistant The logistics officer should be familiar with the CAP directives in the series indicated below:

Transportation matters 76, 77 series working closely with the Wing Assistant
Usage of DOD real property 87 series working closely with the Wing Assistant
Aircraft status/inventory 67 series working closely with the Operations Director
Aircraft maintenance 66 series working closely with the Wing MX officer
Supply matters 67 series working closely with the Wing Assistant
VSI/HIS Insurance Matters 900 series working closely with the Wing Assistant
Will hold a non-voting position on the ALWG Finance Committee, should be prepared to report on logistic matters if called upon.

The Wing IG Col Joey Owens can be contacted at (cell) 256-312-3397, at his home number is 256-492-4762, or email jowens@gadsdenwater.org.

Fly A Teacher Program

Coordinated by Maj. Silvano Wueschner, the Alabama Wing has flown seventy-seven teachers through September. Each teacher is an Aerospace Education Member and uses information from the flight and briefings as well as the pictures taken during the flight to enhance the classroom experiences of the students.



Toni Cavanaugh (rear)
Kris White (front)



Back row - (l to r) Kris White, Toni Cavanaugh
Front row (l to r) Sheila Sealy, Robin Norred, Millie Rocheleau, Kareen Huff, Lucretia Franklin, Cheryl Stallworth, Mary Ellen Lanier

C/CMSgt Justin Davis

From the Commander

So that each will know when the forums are and regular staff meetings I am providing you FY 08-09 dates for these events. I am requesting that all squadron events be scheduled around the following dates.

2008

November 8th 2008 ALWG Staff meeting – Finance Meeting
December 13th 2008 ALWG Staff meeting

2009

January 10th 2009 ALWG Staff meeting – Finance Meeting
February 14th 2009 ALWG Forum
March 14th 2009 ALWG Staff Meeting
April 11th 2009 ALWG Forum
May 9th 2009 ALWG Staff meeting – Finance Meeting
June 13th 2009 ALWG Staff meeting (Date can could change due to CAP-USAF assisted CI) (this will be a mandatory meeting for all Wing Staff members)
July 11th 2009 ALWG Forum
Aug 8th 2009 ALWG Staff meeting – Finance Meeting
September 12th ALWG Staff meeting

FY 2009 – 2010

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February 13th ALWG Staff Meeting

Col. Mike Oakman, CAP
Commander, ALWG

C/CMSgt Justin Davis of the Springville Composite Squadron has been accepted to the Wisconsin Air Academy. (<http://wisconsinairacademy.com>) He will be continuing his studies in aviation with opportunities that are only available there. WAA cadets will be a part of a large Civil Air Patrol squadron.



Having just completed all requirements for Cadet Chief Master Sergeant, the squadron notes that he will be an asset to Wisconsin Air Academy.

"Cadet Davis was instrumental in strengthening and building our squadron. His expertise will be sorely missed." Col. Frank Waid also said, "The SER-AL-126 squadron wishes him well."

Public Affairs Announcement

The next Alabama Wing Newsletter will be in January 2009. The deadline for pictures and articles will be January 3, 2009.
