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Bowie Composite Squadron News



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Upcoming Events

- **Aug. 25 - 26**
Corporate Learning Course
College Park, MD
- **Sept. 8 - 9**
Md. Wing SAREX
Salisbury, MD
- **Sept. 21 - 23**
Md. Wing Mountain Flying Clinic
Location: TBA
- **Oct. 26 - 28**
Md. Wing Conference
Hagerstown, MD

Busy Season for Bowie Squadron Members

As we wind down from our busy season, it is worth taking a look back at the accomplishments of the Bowie Squadron in the last few months.

Preparing for Air Show

In preparation for the Joint Services Open House (JSOH) at Andrews Air Force Base in May, squadron members gathered at Freeway Airport. The goal was to get the squadron plane washed and waxed before the aircraft was transported to the base.

To everyone's surprise the airplane was gone when they arrived. It turns out the aircraft was moved earlier than expected by the Air Force liaison for

Maryland Wing. So, all eyes turned to the mini-jet which also needed a good cleaning before being moved to Andrews.

JSOH at Andrews AFB

On the big day, Civil Air Patrol units from across Maryland joined forces with CAP squadrons from the National Capitol Wing to promote the Air Force Auxiliary at the JSOH.

Officers and cadets from various squadrons helped work the CAP booth in Hangar 2.

A CAP Cessna 182 was on display along with our squadron's mini-jet. During the three day event, hundreds of adults and chil-



Planes fly in formation at Andrews AFB Air Show.

dren stopped by to ask questions and take turns sitting in the planes.

CAP cadets also helped base coordinators regulate entry into the to distinguished visitors seating area along the flight line.

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Embry-Riddle University Announces CAP Scholarships

CAP members looking to advance their education through online courses might want to consider taking advantage of a new scholarship program at Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University.

The Florida-based college is offering active CAP cadets and officers \$500 towards their studies. The schol-

arship applies to any student admitted after June of 2007.

To apply, members must submit proof of active CAP membership along with a one-paragraph statement explaining why they want to attend the university.

The money can be used toward undergraduate and graduate studies. There is no deadline. Scholarship applications are being accepted on an ongoing basis.

For more information about the program, visit Embry-Riddle's website at www.erau.edu.

Auburn University - Ginn College of Engineering and the Dowling College School of Aviation offer similar programs.

Additionally, scholarships are available through CAP National headquarters. To learn more about these programs, visit the "College Scholarships" page on the CAP National Headquarters website.



Bowie Members Among Graduates of Recent Squadron Leadership School

Ten Civil Air Patrol members, including two from the Bowie Squadron, completed Squadron Leadership School the weekend of July 14th and 15th.

Hosted by Group III's St. Mary's Composite Squadron, training was held at the Captain Francis Duke Regional Airport in California, Maryland.

Senior Members Jeremy Smith and Julie Holley were among those in attendance.

The two day course covered elements of leadership and communication and how to apply lessons learned to CAP.

The class is required for members working to complete level two training and to attain the rank of captain.

Instruction was provided by Group III Professional Development Officer and St. Mary's Squadron Commander Lt. Col. Tim Corrigan, Group III Commander Lt. Col. Wes LaPre

and Assistant Group III Commander 1st Lt. Jack Foley.

Upon completion of the program, participants were presented certificates by Lt. Col. LaPre.

Next on the calendar of events for professional development training is the Corporate Learning Course in August.



Group III Commander Lt. Col. Wes LaPre instructs students at Squadron Leadership School

*Corporate Learning Course
August 25-26 in College Park*



Get to Know a Cadet —John H. Brennan—



Squadron Position:
Flight Sergeant
Rank: C/CMSgt
Length of Service: 1 1/2 years
Age: 15
Grade: 10th
High School:
Rockbridge Academy,
Millersville, Md.



Cadet Brennan rides in the mini-jet in the annual Bowie Memorial Day Parade

Why did you join CAP?

To get experience in a semi-military setting, learn to fly, and have fun

What do you ultimately hope to achieve in CAP?

The Spaatz Award and Cadet Commander

When you graduate from high school/college, what do you want to be? Why?

A commissioned officer in the Army. The need for

good military leaders, especially on land, has never been greater.

How do you think CAP will contribute to your future success?

By giving me an idea of what the military is like so I can prepare

What is your favorite color?

Red

If you could have any super power, what would it be and why? (For example: the ability to fly, super-strength, x-ray vision, etc.)

Spiderman is the best superhero ever and I want to be just like him when I grow up

Is there anything else you would like to add about yourself?

Hobbies:

Piano, Reading, Swimming

Favorite Saturday morning TV Show: Barney

Preferred Pop-Tart flavor: Brown Sugar Cinnamon

Favorite Movie: Star Wars (all six of them)

Favorite Military quote: "Guns will make us powerful; butter will only make us fat."
- Hermann Goring

Question of the Month



Who invented the hot air balloon?

Bonus Question: Who in our squadron flew in a hot air balloon just this past month?"

The first three squadron members to send in the correct answers win prizes.

Email answer to: jholley.bowiecap@gmail.com

Promotions and Awards

May through July 2007










Cadet Activities and Achievements



- **Cadet James Bisher**
Attended Civil Air Patrol Aerospace Academy
- **Cadet Erich Welch**
Attended Honor Guard Academy and Attended Aircraft Manufacturing and Maintenance Academy



U.S. CAP goes Hollywood

Rumor has it that the U.S. Civil Air Patrol or "CAP" is mentioned in the latest Bruce Willis action thriller, "Live Free or Die Hard." Have you seen the movie? If so, tell us about it on the squadron forum.

-  Eric Russell promoted to.....Cadet Airman
-  James Nderitu promoted to.....Cadet Airman
-  Jack Poe promoted to.....Cadet Airman
-  Aimee Welch promoted to.....Cadet Airman First Class
-  Gikuyu K. Nderitu promoted to.....Cadet Airman First Class
-  Sarah E. Thompson promoted to.....Cadet Senior Master Sergeant
-  John H. Brennan promoted to.....Cadet Chief Master Sergeant
-  Joshua Williams promoted to.....Cadet 2nd Lieutenant
-  Erich Welch promoted to.....Cadet Captain

-  C/2nd Lt. Joshua Williams.....General Billy Mitchell Award
-  C/Capt. Erich Welch.....Amelia Earhart Award



Cadets Williams and Bustanoboy salute an Air Force General outside a DV area at Andrews AFB.

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Memorial Day Parade

More than 20 Bowie Squadron members participated in this year's Memorial Day parade.

The procession included the CAP car, a CAP banner, the cadet color guard, the CAP mini-jet and cadets wearing full search and rescue gear.



1st Lt. James Holderbaum tries to restart the mini-jet engine during the parade.

In addition, cadets and officers walked alongside the procession handing out flyers to the hundreds of spectators.

It is a day that some will not forget. Half-way through the parade route, the mini-jet's engine shut off. To keep the plane moving, squadron members worked together to push the aircraft along.

With temperatures over the 90 degree mark, this was no

easy task. First Lieutenant James Holderbaum followed along attempting to restart the engine to no avail.

Meanwhile, Cadet John Brennan enjoyed the ride. He was rewarded the honor of "piloting" the mini-jet for his many contributions to the unit over the past year.

Bowiefest

More than a dozen Bowie Squadron members turned out for this year's Bowiefest. The yearly event is used to make the community aware of CAP's missions and to recruit new members.

Young visitors were given the opportunity to sit in the mini-jet, learn about model rocketry and to take a "test-ride" in the flight simulator.



Cadets Williams and Nderitu demonstrate the flight simulator to visitors



Get to Know an Officer —Dave Manion—



Squadron Positions:

Squadron Operations Officer;

Flight Release Officer

Rank: 1st Lieutenant

Length of Service: 2 ½ years



Dave Manion teaching mission scanner classes

I work as a program manager for Perot Systems Government Services division, managing a systems development program to build the next generation polar-orbiting weather satellite ground processing system for NOAA (the guys who bring you the SARSAT signals that alert us to where downed aircraft have been observed).

Is there anything else you would like to add about yourself?

I wear a Navy ball cap when I fly as I was a Naval Aviation Reserve Officer Candidate (AVROC) in the early 70's.

I always get a strange look when at a SAREX, as it isn't normal for a pilot to wear anything "Navy" when flying an Air Force aircraft.

The good news is that the regulations permit. The CAP regulations do not say that I can't.

My wife and I have been married almost 25 years, and I have a daughter (20+) and a son (12+). Born & raised in Pittsburgh, PA, I graduated from California State College with a BS in Education and from the University of Maryland University College with a MS in Technology Management.

Why did you join CAP?

I always wanted to fly and thought that this would be a good way to give back something to the community while I'm doing something I love to do.

What do you do in your positions?

Coordinate aircrew missions and squadron aircraft maintenance and, if needed, ground operations.

How does your work in this position help our squadron/CAP?

I help keep our aircraft flying and ready to support Search and Rescue operations.

The aircraft has to undergo monthly inspections and the paperwork has to go to wing and national headquarters to ensure that we are maintaining the Air Force assets that we have been assigned.

I make sure that our squadron continues to be the best in Maryland Wing.

What is your job outside of CAP?

What are your hobbies ?

Flying.

What is your favorite color?

Blue.

If you could have any super power, what would it be and why? (For example, the ability to fly, x-ray vision, super-strength, etc.)

Ability to fly. I would have to be cheaper...



Important Training Deadlines

ADIZ Training

A new Middle East Region directive requires all CAP pilots to complete ADIZ training by September 1, 2007.

This online class/certification can be accessed on the Bowie Squadron website in the "Safety Briefings" section.

According to the directive, those who do not comply with the ADIZ training requirements by the date specified will be grounded.



ES Training

Also from MER, all CAP members holding a GES rating or higher must complete IS-100 and IS-700 training by Sept. 31, 2007 to continue participating in missions and SAREXs.

This includes ground team and air crew personnel. The courses can be taken online on the FEMA website at : <http://training.fema.gov/NIMS/>

Copies of course completion certificates should be sent to our ES officers by the end of September.

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