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Bowie Composite Squadron News

New Flight to Be Created as Sierra Papa Flight Members Excel

Only a handful of cadets remain in Bowie Squadron's Sierra Papa Flight. The diminishing numbers are a sign of success.

Flight Commander C/Capt Abigail Williams says the goal of creating the flight was to help new members achieve the grade of Cadet Airman by eliminating the confusion that normally besieges a new cadet.

"In the past, we would just let them join Alpha Flight and they would struggle with the new material and then we would pull

them aside and help them catch up," said Williams.

Once cadets are promoted, they are moved to Alpha Flight which is becoming quite large. To accommodate for the recent changes, Bowie Squadron Cadet Commander Erich Welch says we can expect to see a new unit soon, called Bravo Flight.

Welch says cadets and cadet staff will be distributed between the two flights so that their knowledge can be shared across the two units.



Sierra Papa Flight members at a squadron meeting late last year. Many are now members of Alpha Flight.

Bowie Squadron Members Attend First Ever Professional Development Academy

Five members of our squadron took part in Maryland Wing's first-ever Professional Development Academy in early February.

The event at Camp Fretterd featured Squadron Leadership School (SLS), the Corporate Learning Course (CLC) and the Unit Commanders Course (UCC) in one location.

Bowie Squadron Commander, Capt Jeff Welch, planned and hosted the UCC course which featured topics important to current and future CAP squadron commanders.



Capt Charles Thompson, assistant professional development officer for our squadron, served as a staff member at the CLC course.

First Lieutenant Willy Santos, 2d Lt Alvin Holley and 2d Lt Julie Holley attended the event as students in CLC, SLS and UCC respectively.

Professional Development courses are offered regularly throughout the year and are a requirement for advancement within CAP.

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CAP Name Changes Rescinded; Uniform Adjustments Not Needed

There is no need to buy the new "U.S. Civil Air Patrol" tape for your BDUs or a new nameplate for your uniform.

Although not well publicized, NHQ rescinded the order to switch over to the new name during a CAP National Executive Committee meeting in November.

NHQ has instructed Vanguard to stop making items with the new name designation, although some websites still offer them. The changes were

supposed to be phased in by March 2010.

Since we are returning to our former name, the "U.S. Civil Air Patrol" designation should be removed from official documents. It will eventually be removed from the new command patch that was authorized for wear in 2007.

If you already made the changes to your uniform, don't worry. A deadline for switching back has not yet been established.

Bowie Cadet Serves as Project Officer for Group III Leadership Training



C/2d Lt John Brennan

Cadets from squadrons in Bowie, Annapolis, College Park, Prince Frederick and St. Mary's met in Prince Frederick in January to share and hone their leadership and communication skills at Staff Training Leadership School.

The event was hosted by the Group III Cadet Advisory Council. CAC Vice Chairman and Bowie Squadron member, C/2d Lt John Brennan, planned and oversaw the event. He also served as an instructor along with fellow Bowie cadet, Capt

Erich Welch and Capt Mathew Herten of the St. Mary's Squadron.

Topics at the training session included: time management, establishing priorities, problem solving, motivating others, planning and public speaking.

Cadets also learned about the various staff positions available at the Tri-Wing Encampment.

Cadet Brennan says he hopes that the training will help cadets during the staff selection proc-

ess and help them to be more effective leaders, if chosen to participate.

The cadets participating in the class will return as instructors of Airman Leadership School on March 28-29. They will teach a new round of cadets about what to expect when they attend their first encampment.

Encampment Staff Selection is scheduled for March 14-16.



Get to Know a Cadet —Joshua Williams—



Squadron Position:

Flight Commander

Rank: C/1st Lt

Length of Service: 3 years

Age: 15

Grade: 10th

High School:

Home Schooled



my country and the Air Force is the way I want to do it.

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

Without CAP I would not be who I am. I think it will contribute greatly to my future.

What is your favorite color?
Blue

Do you have advice for younger cadets who are hoping to become officers?

I would say to any cadets hoping to become officers that it is okay to make mistakes once in a while. It is all right to mess up once or twice. As long as you

learn from your mistakes, it's all right. I remember Maj Everest once told me, "We learn more from our mistakes than we do from our victories." Another bit of advice is to not get comfortable or laid back; always work as hard as you can toward your next goal.

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.)

I would love the ability to freeze time. Say it's late on Sunday and you have a three-page paper to write. I would like the ability to freeze time in circumstances like that.

Why did you join CAP?

My father and my sister had done it for a long time so when I was old enough they brought me along several times and I found out I liked CAP.

What do you ultimately hope to achieve in CAP?

I hope to become at least a Lieutenant Colonel.

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

I would like to join the Air Force and hopefully become a pilot. I always wanted to serve



New Professional Development Regulations

- Senior Members must now have a **specialty track** in order to receive credit for attending **Squadron Leadership School (SLS)**.
- CAPR 35-5 (DRAFT) Senior members must **recite an oath** upon initial membership, during all promotions and upon a change of command.



Get to Know an Officer —Nick Yokanovich—



Squadron Positions:

Squadron Admin Officer

Rank: 1st Lt

Length of Service: 2 years

Why did you join CAP?

To do something useful while flying.

What do you do in your position?

Main job is to keep attendance.

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

Keeps our records up to date. Members can also check their attendance for the year and figure related income tax deductions

What is your job outside of CAP?



I am retired from a cushy Department of Defense job as a Russian linguist and now keep the books and flyers straight at the Fort Meade Flying Activity.

FMFA is a flying club with eight airplanes. Membership is open to government employees, active and reserve military and active CAP members. Learn to fly at FMFA!

What are your hobbies?

Amateur Radio - I have operated the Smithsonian amateur

radio station. I am a member of the historical electronics museum amateur radio club (ask me about the museum!) and I have an amateur radio station on the WWII submarine in Baltimore's Inner Harbor.

What is your favorite color?

Purple - purple denotes the armed services working together as a team. It comes from mixing the red of the army and marines with the blues of the Navy and the Air Force. Blue + Red = Purple!

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.)

I'd like to be able to shoot webs like Spiderman. That could be useful in so many ways!

Upcoming Events

- **March 15, 16**
Encampment Staff
Selection Days
Prince Frederick Armory
- **March 28, 29**
Group III Airman
Leadership School
Prince Frederick Armory
- **April 12**
ACUT & BCUT Training
Frederick Squadron HQ
- **May 3**
AFIADL Course 00013
Study Group
(Must Be Enrolled)
Prince Frederick Armory
- **May 9—11**
Air & Ground SAREX
St. Mary's Sq. HQ
(Prep for Air Force Observed
SAREX, June 20-22)



Bowie Performs Crash Site Surveillance

The Bowie ground team endured a very cold weekend during the month of February while assisting federal authorities with crash site surveillance following a plane crash in Cumberland, Maryland.

The plane went down on February 29th. Following a find by the Arundel and Annapolis ground teams, Bowie members were asked to perform crash site surveillance. The team worked from about 11 AM Saturday until 9 AM Sunday.

The ground team, consisting of ground team leader 1st Lt Willy Santos and ground team members, 2d Lt Alvin Holley



1st Lt Willy Santos and 2d Lt Alvin Holley Talk to Firefighters at the Crash Scene

and 2d Lt Julie Holley endured temperatures in the low 20s. The local Salvation Army made the stay more bearable by providing lunch, dinner and breakfast for the Bowie team and other responders including firefighters and state police.

BOWIE COMPOSITE SQUADRON (MARYLAND WING)

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Deputy Commander, Seniors
Capt Michael Allen

Deputy Commander, Cadets
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THURSDAYS, 7-9 PM

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