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The News Letter For Those Who Serve The Mid-Ohio Valley

CIVIL AIR PATROL CORE VALUES

As members of the Civil Air Patrol we must function as a team. We must do so with the understandings of the core values that make us who we are and sets us aside from organizations of less stature. Let us explore these values and ask ourselves “Do I embrace these core values when it comes to CAP?”

CIVIL AIR PATROL CORE VALUES ESTABLISH THE STANDARDS BY WHICH MEMBERS ARE EXPECTED TO CONDUCT THEMSELVES. THE VALUES OF INTEGRITY, VOLUNTEER SERVICE, EXCELLENCE, AND RESPECT SERVE AS THE ETHICAL FRAMEWORK FOR CAP’S SERVICE TO AMERICA.

INTEGRITY: THE VERY FIBER OF ALL CORE VALUES; WITHOUT IT ALL OTHER CORE VALUES CANNOT PREVAIL. INTEGRITY IS THE CORNERSTONE FOR ALL THAT IS MORAL AND JUST IN OUR SOCIETY, EMBRACING ATTRIBUTES SUCH AS COURAGE, RESPONSIBILITY, ACCOUNTABILITY, JUSTICE, OPENNESS, SELF-RESPECT, AND HUMILITY. CAP MEMBERS MUST PRACTICE THE HIGHEST STANDARDS OF SELF-DISCIPLINE.



Do you conduct all functions within CAP with integrity? Do you do the right thing whether or not someone is watching? Are you a person of your word? Can those around you count on you when you say that you will do something?

VOLUNTEER SERVICE: THE VERY ESSENCE OF CIVIL AIR PATROL’S SERVICE TO HUMANITY. THIS CORE VALUE IMPLIES A COMMITMENT ON THE PART OF ALL CAP MEMBERS TO PLACE THE ORGANIZATION’S PURPOSES WITH THE MEMBER’S AGREEMENT TO OBEY THE RULES AND REGULATIONS OF CAP AND THE U.S. AIR FORCE.

This Issue Senior Profile

Name: None Submitted

Rank:

Sqn. Position:

Bio:

Ah.... The one core value that sparks so much controversy! Lets us not forget that we are volunteering to serve our nation, state, and fellow Americans. We volunteer our service not for money, not to gain a higher status in society, or gain respect. We provide our services to help to those in need by providing emergency services, to educate those who yearn for knowledge in aerospace, and to guide our youth down the path that will show them how to become a great citizen in our society. One must understand when you volunteer to be a active member of CAP you are volunteering to perform your service in accordance to the rules set forth by the Civil Air Patrol an Auxiliary of the US Air Force. Rules that are military in nature. So when you volunteer is your heart in it?

EXCELLENCE: STRIVING TO BE THE VERY BEST BY CONSTANTLY IMPROVING CAP'S HUMANITARIAN SERVICE TO AMERICA. FROM PERSONAL APPEARANCE TO RESOURCE MANAGEMENT, EXCELLENCE MUST BE THE GOAL OF ALL CAP MEMBERS.

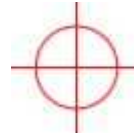
Are you given your best when you are a doing CAP. Does you uniform represent the pride you take in CAP. An old saying comes to mind "If it is worth doing, it's worth doing right."

RESPECT: TREATING EVERYONE WITH FAIRNESS AND DIGNITY AND WORKING TOGETHER AS A TEAM.

Do you see another member as a person first? Are you a team player? Do you share your knowledge with others? Let us not forget "The needs of the many outweigh the needs of the few or the one"

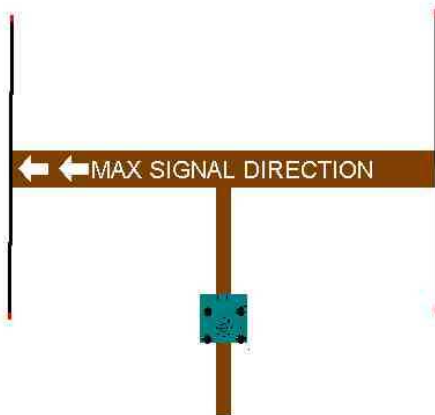


FYI Aircrew



Commanders Corner

When given a mission to take a photo of a target, it is best to familiarize yourself with the area and the target you will photographing. One way to do so is to access a satellite photo of the target using the GPS Visualizer website at <http://www.gpsvisualizer.com/geocoding.html> (A link to this sight is also located on our squadron website under emergency services). If you know the address or GPS coordinates of the target, simply type it in the info in the address box and press the “Geocode It” button. Once the map comes up, select the view you want from the selection on the top of the image window and zoom into the area using the zoom in / zoom out tool on the left hand side of the image window. By holding the left mouse button down, you can move the image up, down, left and right. Once you know how the target looks, mark the area on your sectional chart where the target is located at using the coordinates you have and plot the course. Prior to departing all crew members should review all the information gathered. Sure we could jump into the plane, punch in the coordinates into the GPS and fly to the waypoint you entered. However taking the time to know your target, viewing a satellite photo, and knowing what you should see on the way to the target is better than staring at the GPS screen and waiting for the time to pass. If you need a class on this contact 1stLt Velez.



Are you UDF (Urban Direction Finding Team) qualified? Look at the back of your 101 card to see if you are. If you are not and wish to become UDF qualified, contact LtCol. Harmon. If you are a ground team member you *should* obtain this skill and rating.

Regulation Spotlight



CIVIL AIR PATROL AEROSPACE EDUCATION MISSION CAP REGULATION 280-2

This regulation defines the Civil Air Patrol (CAP) Aerospace Education (AE) program. It authorizes AE staff positions; provides for selection, orientation, and training of CAP AE officers; defines internal and external AE programs; and prescribes eligibility, selection criteria, and nomination procedures for national aerospace awards.

http://members.gocivilairpatrol.com/media/cms/R280_002_E69E082DA08AA.pdf

Cadet Corner

West Virginia Wing will be conducting a Cadet Competition Workshop on Saturday, September 12, 2009, from 9:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. at the Parkersburg Composite Squadron Building.

All cadets and seniors who are on color guard or are interested in starting a color guard or drill team at your unit are strongly encouraged to attend. The uniform will be BDU and seniors may opt to wear the blue golf shirt if they like. Units are to bring their own equipment, if you have it.

I would love to see all squadrons represented. Information packets will be handed out for the 2009 West Virginia Wing Competition to be held on November 21, 2009 at the 130th Airlift Wing, Charleston, West Virginia.

All units are asked to contact me and let me know how many members will be attending from your unit.

Thanks to everyone who works with Cadets....they deserve the best and that is what you are!

Debbie M. Boggs, Maj., CAP

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This Issue Cadet Profile

Name: Spenser Wetzel

Rank: C/A1C

SQN Position: Cadet

Small Bio: "I am enrolled in Magnolan HS, where I am a Member of the band and TSH. My hobbies include working with photoshop, video edition, software design, and other computer software that that allows me to edit the world around us (at least on the computer). I also enjoy playing my piano and guitar,"

My Favorite Quote: "I will take on the world with a gun and a song"
Serj Tankian

UP Coming Events



WV WING ANNUAL CONFERENCE & BANQUET

23-25 OCTOBER 2009

@ CHARLESTON MARRIOTT

Registration forms are being mailed out and the registration form is being updated on the Wing Web Page. You can now register for the 68th annual WV Wing Conference and Banquet.

ALSO, nominations are now being accepted for awards to be presented at the Conference and Banquet. Please be advised that anyone can nominate anyone for the awards listed below. The nominations require a completed CAP Form 120 justifying the nomination. The nominations must be received at Wing Headquarters by 11 SEP 09.

Cadet of the Year, Senior Member of the Year, Administrative Officer of the Year, Aerospace Education Officer of the Year, Senior Chaplain of the Year, Squadron Chaplain of the Year, Moral Leadership Officer of the Year, Cadet Communicator of the Year, Senior Communicator of the Year, Finance Officer of the Year, Historian of the Year, Logistician of the Year, Personnel Officer of the Year, Public Affairs Officer of the Year, Safety Officer of the Year, Cadet Programs Officer of the Year.

Test Schedule

None submitted

Want to read previous newsletters? Visit
www.PKBCAP.com and press the
calendar tab.

Questions, comments, or want to write an article and have it posted on this Newsletter? Just send an email to svez@ suddenlink.net.

Safety Corner

You may think that you have enough supplies in your pantry to make it through an emergency, but if you have to relocate for some reason, do you have a to-go emergency kit that is easy to grab at a moment's notice? If an emergency occurs, you might assume you can simply call your spouse or children to see if they're okay, but what if the phone lines are jammed with others doing the exact same thing? When it comes to you and your loved ones, is having a plan that's "good enough" good enough?

September is National Preparedness Month (NPM), a nationwide effort sponsored by the Federal Emergency Management Agency's Ready Campaign in partnership with Citizen Corps. We all have a responsibility to protect ourselves, our families and our communities. Emergencies will happen, but taking action now can help us minimize the impact they will have on our lives. The *Ready* Campaign and Citizen Corps encourage you to take a few extra minutes this month to plan for any emergency.

This year, NPM focuses on changing perceptions about emergency preparedness and helping Americans understand what it truly means to be *Ready*. Preparedness goes beyond fire alarms, smoke detectors, dead-bolt locks and extra food in the pantry. Being *Ready* includes: getting an Emergency Supply Kit; making a Family Emergency Plan; being informed about emergencies and their appropriate responses; and getting involved in community efforts such as Citizen Corps. Throughout September, activities and events will take place across this country to highlight the importance of emergency preparedness and promote individual involvement, such as first aid trainings, town hall meetings and much more.

For more information on NPM or for help getting your family, business or community prepared, call 1-800-BE-READY or visit www.ready.gov, www.listo.gov or www.citizencorps.gov, where you'll find free preparedness resources such as Family Emergency Plan templates, Emergency Supply Kit Checklists, and much more. Emergencies can happen at anytime and to anyone. Are you ready or are you *Ready*?