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Wing Composite Squadron of the Year

In October, Squadron 45 was honored at the California Wing



Conference in Bakersfield, as the Composite Squadron of the Year. Col Virginia Nelson, Wing Commander, cited the many activities and training programs sponsored by the March Field Composite Squadron as part of the deciding factor in the decision. LtCol Black accepted the award on behalf of the squadron.

Other Awards announced there were; 1Lt Carrie Olson as Logistic Officer of '06 for Wing, and Wing Commander's Commendations for LtCol Jessica Black, Capt Cathy Neubauer, and 1Lt David

Goode.

Eight Seniors attended the conference and participated in the seminars. Cadet programs, finance, and aerospace education were some of the topics offered. There were receptions and meetings as well as discussions and planning sessions for future events and programs. The conference highlight was the Awards Banquet on Saturday night.

Wing Conference is a great place to see how the goals of CAP are accomplished through us as members of the team in California.

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Flying the KC-135 by C/AIC Peter Boyko

On November 6, 2006 Senior members Boyko and Goode and Cadets Nathan Goode, Peter Boyko, Adam Couste, and CC Aaron Varela took off from March field in a KC-135 to Hawaii. All the cadets were given a chance to fly, and cadet Boyko successfully landed in Oahu. It was a great experience for members of SQ. 45. In actuality, the above members took part in a KC-135 simulation under the guidance of Lt/Col Steve Wood.

It all started when we met at the squadron building, and piled in Maj. Boyko's car for the 1/2 mile trip over to the KC-135 simulator building. When we first arrived at the simulator building, we toured Lt/Col Wood's office and the simulator facility. He then showed us the new electronic

system for the KC-135. The system allows communication between planes to be much faster and more precise.

Lt/Col Wood then showed us a room filled with computers, but not your ordinary computers. The towers stood 4 feet tall and 3 feet wide. The room was so filled with them that there was only enough room to walk in between them for servicing. The room is climate controlled so that the computers do not overheat, which is important since these computers control the graphics and the movement of the simulator.

Lt/Col Wood then took us to the simulator. This room must have been 50 feet wide, 50 across, and 50 high. Right there, center stage, sat the Simulator. It is powered by hydraulics with 5,000 PSI

in the lines, and 8 jacks per section. Stepping inside the Simulator, it is like you have just stepped inside an actual plane. The only difference I could see between the real plane and the Simulator is that when you look out the windows the lines are more squared off than in real life.

Each cadet got about 15 minutes to fly the plane; take-off, fly around, and then land the plane. Lt/Col Wood then demonstrated how well the KC-135 could climb (an almost vertical climb). He then flew around at low altitude through the business part of Oahu. To scare us Lt/Col Wood said, "If you can look to your left,

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New Members and Promotions



SM Eithne Doyle
 Cadet Jonathan Barcia
 Cadet Hector Camacho
 Cadet Sebastian Domingo
 Cadet John Hancock
 Cadet Mark Johnson
 Cadet Alexandra Mardirosian



C/Amn Sean Bateman
 C/Amn Nathan Goude
 C/Amn Ryan Turley



C/A1C Marissa Strauss



C/SrA Cody Blackshear



C/SSgt Daniel Frymire



C/SMSGt Kelley O’Kane



C/CMSGt Conner Doyle



C/2Lt Aaron Varela



Capt David Goude

New Specialty Track Ratings

1Lt Tomm Olson
 Aerospace Tech
 Capt David Goude
 Aerospace Senior

Past in Review

Oct 7th

Corona Air Show

We joined Sq 29 at the Municipal Airport helping with parking, crowd control, hot air balloon rides and flight line marshaling.

Oct 9th

Tour of Montana Air National Guard Alert Facility

LTC John Jensen and Maj John Rice gave Cadets and Senior member an awesome tour of their facility.

Oct 23rd-25t

Franklin Covey Training class

Attended by mostly Senior members, this time and life management class was interesting and encouraging.

Oct 30th

KC-135 Simulator Rides

See Cadet Boyko’s article.

Nov 4th-5th

March Air Museum Open Cockpit

Cadets spent their time as docents, helping with tours of aircraft and talking with visitors.

Nov 5th

Top 3(Sargeants)Assoc. Banquet

Cadets Goude, Goude, Couste and Doung helped Commander Black serving in the food line and with cleanup.

Nov 18th-19th

Orange Empire Railway Museum

Sq 45 along with 29 and 59 helped with parking, crowd control, assisting in Museum buildings and with children’s rides.

Dec 14th

Wreaths Across America

See our web sight for articles, photos, and video!

Dec18th

Year End Party and Gift Exchange

Pizza, Packages and Pie made for a fun evening for all!

Dec 23rd

Caroling at LL VA Hospital

Caroling went very well. A dozen Cadet, Seniors and parents showed up to sing through the hospital’s halls.

Special credit and thanks to Cadet Blackshear for initiating and organizing the event.

Don't Miss These Events!

50th Anniversary and Awards Celebration

Remember the January 10 deadline for reservations and payment of \$25.00. There will be Change of Command ceremonies for both Cadet and Squadron leaders, Cadet of the Year, the Doyle Award, Airman of the Year and other awards as well as outstanding speakers and presentations! Our MC is none other than Maj Michael Boyko and Keynote speaker is CAP's National Vice Commander, Brig Gen Amy Courter. There will also be a silent auction and an excellent buffet supper. We look forward to seeing you all there.

BCS/ATS at MARB

An integral part of the cadet advancement is training, and the first step is Basic Cadet School. Here you will learn about what it takes to promote and become an outstanding cadet. The next step is Airman Training School which takes you further into the cadet program and shows you the tools you need to be a successful Airman. Both of these Schools will be held at MARB on 26 - 28 January 2007. See the website for further information. www.cawgcadets.org

Your Turn to Fly!

On **Tuesday the 16th of January**, cadets have the opportunity to tour and fly the KC-135 Simulator at MARB. This is a great opportunity to "fly" a big jet, much better than a computer game because it really moves. The two hour time slots available are 0900, 1030, 1300 and 1430. Sign ups are first come first served. So Contact PO Capt David Goude at 909-319-2976 or davegoude@yahoo.com, with your requested time ASAP This is a school day, so you may need to get permission from your teacher/principal to participate.

News of Note:



C/Capt Eric Redweik has been nominated by Congresswoman Mary Bono for both the US Air Force Academy and the US Naval Academy. He is also in the running for 2 scholarships, and we are looking forward to the results!



C/Amn Adam Couste has been named to the Southern California School Band and Orchestra Middle School Honor Band. He plays in the Ninth Grade Campus Band and Jazz Band in Yucaipa and is taking private lessons on the Trumpet. Congratulations, Adam!

Cadet Commander C/2Lt Aaron Varela by Capt David Goude

Aaron Varela has lived in Moreno Valley since he was born on Dec 8, 1988. He grew up in a family that includes his parents, a brother and one sister. When I asked him about his life, he said that his family, his church and Civil Air Patrol make up his life at this point in time. His main interests are music, animals, learning and flying. Family is his foundation for learning and growing. Cornerstone Fellowship, is the place to develop in faith, and in service, playing his guitar as a worship leader. Civil Air Patrol is where he is honing his interest in flying, and developing leadership skills.



What was it that attracted Aaron to CAP? If you guessed that Aerospace Education and being around airplanes had something to do with it, you would be correct, but there was also the leadership learning opportunities and the importance placed on the self discipline of military bearing that came into play for Aaron. It has been a continuous learning experience for him for the last five years. There have been the highlight moments such as encampments and air shows, where Aaron could put to use the leadership and organizational skills he learned. There have been times of perseverance as in the effort it took to earn his Mitchell Award this past September. I didn't ask if

he would put being cadet commander under highlights or perseverance, but I would imagine that it would fit into both categories as we have seen him grow as Cadet Commander of Sq 45.

A cadet commander sets goals, and then does what they can to accomplish those goals. One of Aaron's goals was to continue the legacy of striving for excellence, both in his own life and in the life of his squadron. In promoting to 2nd Lieutenant and with our squadron being awarded composite squadron of the year, Aaron has been successful in accomplishing his part of that goal.

Where does 2Lt Varela go from here? He started out wanting to be a pilot for Law Enforcement or the Military, or go into the field of Zoology. Now he is headed to San Diego Christian College after graduation this year.

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Flying the KC-135 (Cont.)

you can see the Grand Bank of China". Then he said, "oh my god" and right at that moment we looked forward and saw that we had just flown through the Washington Mutual Bank. Cadet Boyko later described the feeling as "I felt like they had just tore out my inside and put them back in randomly." Later Lt/Col Wood said that the simulator doesn't recognize that buildings are hard objects.

Lt/Col Wood said that one could count this exercise as 0.3 hours of flying time in a class "C" Simulator. After our encounter with the simulator he talked about his career, the Air Force Academy and flying. He gave some great advice on applying to colleges and the Air Force Academy, and we all appreciated his time, experience and our flight to Hawaii.

Congratulations to Lt Olson

On December 8th, at the ITT Technical Institute in San Bernardino, 1Lt. Tomm Olson graduated with an Associate of Science Degree in Information Technology.

Tomm graduated with Honors as well as being a member of the team of three students whose Capstone Project of 'constructing a network in a work place application' won 1st place.



Lt's Tomm and Carrie Olson

Commander's Corner LtCol Jessica Black



The last two years have been a wonderful time for me here in Sq 45. I am sad to turn over command in January? A little, but not too much because transition and change is a good thing and this is a good transition. The squadron is strong right now and has many strong leaders among both the Officers and Cadets. New leaders will bring some fresh new ideas and keep the excitement going. I've been very flattered in the last two months to have several people ask me to consider staying on as your commander.

I appreciate the loyalty and trust that shows in my leadership. I know that you'll find Maj Nagby just as deserving of that level of followership.

Change is often resisted. A common cliché is "If it's not broke, don't fix

it." Sq 45 is far from broke. In fact, we are one of the strongest squadrons in state right now as evidenced by our winning Composite Squadron of the year for 2006. So why do we need to change? Here's why: Any businesses, corporation or non-profit organization that does not change will eventually stagnate and die. To keep from withering, we must continually strive to grow. To grow, we must not only accept change, we must seek it and embrace it. Change is healthy and necessary.

We've had a wonderful two years, you and I. I only have to look at the activity sections on our web site with all the pictures to see how busy we've been and how much we've accomplished. The web site itself is one of those accomplishments. This newsletter is another.

We've expanded so much we had to move into a larger classroom. Our little office is bursting at the seams. We now use four rooms at the Education Center instead of one. This year we have partnered with other squadrons, Sq29 in particular, to pull off some very successful events. It's been busy and, at times, more than hectic but, all good.

I look forward to serving as your Deputy Commander for Seniors over the coming months and as the Deputy Commander for Group. In both capacities I intend to work on more group participation between squadrons and more training events. I will be close at hand to support Maj Nagby as needed but far enough away to let him run the show! Here's to a great 2007!

- Born on a submarine base in Groton, Connecticut in 1957.
- Graduated from South Salem High School in Salem, Oregon.
- Attended Grossmont Community College in El Cajon, California, graduated with honors in 1978 with two A.S. degrees in Flight Operations, Airport Management and Air Traffic Control.
- 1979 enlisted in the Air Force serving as a Cryptographic Linguist in Russian Language.
- Attended Air Force technical schools at the Defense Language Institute in Monterey, California, and Signals Analysis training at Goodfellow AFB, Texas.
- Married Barney Black, also a Russian Cryptographic Linguist., while at Monterey.
- Served as a linguist at Misawa AB, Japan.
- Had two children at Misawa AB, Genell and Russell, now ages 25 and 23.
- First Civil Service employment -Aero Club Manager for the Air Force Aero Club at Misawa.
- Started CAP career at the Misawa AB Cadet Squadron as 2LT Black and Aerospace Education Officer.
- Followed husband to RAF Chicksands, England, completed bachelors degree in Aeronautical Studies and Management through Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University in 1987.
- (Now Captain) worked with NHQ to charter a new squadron creating the RAF Chicksands Cadet Squadron in 1986 and stepped into first squadron command.
- Accepted into a Contracting Officer internship with the Navy working with Military Sealift Command, Pacific in Oakland, CA.
- Masters of Business Administration degree in 1997, University of Phoenix.
- March ARB in July 2004 started as the Supervisor in the Construction Contracting section.
- Chief for the Contracting Office in July 2005.
- 2004, March Field Composite Squadron recruited to be the squadron commander.
- 2005, promoted to Lt Colonel.
- 2006, selected as Deputy Commander for Group 3.
- LtCol Black will go on to serve as the Deputy Commander for both Sq45 and Group 3 and continue to actively promote training activities and Cadet Programs.

The SQ45 Booster Club Needs You!

What is the Booster Club? Who are the members? What do they do? I'm so glad you asked! Please come to the first Club meeting on January 15th at the Ed Center (Bldg 441) at 7PM right after opening announcements to find out more.

The Booster Club is made up of parents, spouses, and friends of Sq 45 members. There are no applications to fill out or dues to pay. You are not required to attend every week or every event. You help when you can.

Okay, what does the Club do? The Booster Club conducts activities that support the squadron ac-

tivities. Primarily fundraising activities, but also helping to coordinate some chaperoning and transportation to events as well. This is a much-needed service to the squadron. The snack sales are another Club activity.

The funds raised by the Booster Club will be used to support squadron activities but how that is allocated will be decided by the Committee. Typical uses may include trips, event fees, scholarships for encampments and other cadet training, assistance to members in need for uniforms and dues, etc. The Committee (that could be you) will

LtCol Jessica Black

decide. CAP regulations prevent non-members from actively interacting with cadets but this is a great way you can support their activities.

During our first meeting, I will explain more in detail everything I've discussed above and more about what Club members can do. I'll also explain how Club members can become Patron members which allow them to more actively participate in Cadet activities without having to wear the uniform. Please come and find out more on the 15th!

Senior Member Dorothy Jean Loose

Oct. 10, 1924—Nov. 23, 2006

On June 22, 2006, Dorothy Loose joined Sq.45 as a senior member. She had been coming with her daughter, Lt Vickie Taylor, but in June she made it official. She had a busy life before she joined us. She was an active member of The Red Hat Society and enjoyed her friends at the crocheting group she belonged to. Living with Vickie and her family, she helped with keeping the home running smoothly. As a senior member, we enjoyed her company at our meeting and activities where she was always cheerful and ready to help. She died on November 23 and services were



December 1 in Riverside with our own Chaplain Jack Nahrstadt presiding.

C/2Lt Varela (Cont.)

He will be seeking an Aerospace Degree, and from there the sky is the limit.

When asked what advice he would give to cadets Aaron said: "Go get answers, don't wait for help, be proactive; Attend as many activities as you can; Take leadership opportunities as they are available; Stick with it through the rough times", and "Be confident in yourself".

As Deputy Commander of Cadets, I have enjoyed working with Cadet Commander Varela and look forward to assisting him in his pursuit of his life goals here at Sq 45. Boy, do I have plans to keep him busy the remainder of time he is here.



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