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Commander's BBQ

A tradition that started with former Sq 45 Commander LtCol Jessica Black, is for the squadron to get together at the commanders house on Memorial Day weekend for a barbeque. This year our squadron has gotten to the point that it is not possible to fit at the commander's house so we found a place

on base to hold it.

The Fire Department was gracious enough to allow us to use their nice facilities. The basketball court and horse shoes were a hit, and the cooking facilities and serving area proved just right.

We invited Sq 29 of Corona to join us, commanded by Capt Doug Giles. Together

we had over 110 members, family, and friends attend. Even the firemen on duty enjoyed BBQ Chicken and Brisket, and lots of salads, snacks, drinks, and pie.

After lunch we were treated to tours of the fire station and a demonstration of the proper and improper uses of fire hoses. Even our smallest cadets were able to handle the hose and spray down the field next to the truck.

As one of her parting gifts LtCol Black received a dousing with the fire hose. She was also presented with a pocket knife in the shape of a challenge coin, inscribed "Jessica Black, forever a member of Sq 45". She left the next day for her new job at Langley AFB, Virginia.

Capt Dave Goude was also

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doused with his back turned. Other guests we were honored to have attend were Cadet Marissa Straus (headed for the Air Force Academy), PFC Michael Goude (on leave from Monterey) and Major Cathy Neubauer (newly honored as Moral Leadership Officer of the Year for Pacific Coast Region).



Thank you to all who came and made this a success in getting to know each other better and having fun at the same time.

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Graduating Class of 2008

C/2Lt Conor Doyle



Community College

C/CMSgt Daniel Frymire



USAF Prep School

C/2Lt Kelley O'Kane



Enlisted, USAF

New Members



Cadets:

- C/B Taylor Eck
- C/B Jorge Montano
- C/B Adam Albrecht
- C/B Michael Benner
- C/B Paul Doxie
- C/B Enrique Gomez
- C/B Kenneth Grant

Seniors

- SM Kenneth Benner

Promotions



C/Amn Kellen Casem



C/SrA Malena Frymire
C/SrA Mitchell Robles



C/SSgt Nathan Goude



C/TSgt Courtenay Franklin



C/MSgt Peter Boyko
C/MSgt Jordan Keiter



2Lt Kevin Shellman



1Lt Eithne Doyle
1Lt Kevin Shellman

Past in Review

4-6 April 08

BCS/ATS Vandenberg

Cadets Malena Frymire and Kellen Casem successfully completed the weekend course. Cadet Nathan Goude and Senior officers David and Elizabeth Goude helped staff the event.

2-4 May 08

MARB Air Fest

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10 May 08

Big Rock Triathlon

With a last minute call for help,, Sergeants Franklin, Goude and Cadet Awender volunteered at Lake Perris by collecting ankle monitors from the participating athletes, at the finish line.

16-18 May 08

Regional Conference, Portland, OR

Senior officers Karen Nahrstadt and Cathy Neubauer attended And Maj Neubauer received Pacific Coast region MLO of the year!

19 May 08

The Move, part 1

On Monday night, under the directions of Lts Shellman and Harris, all staff not participating in PT or the Safety class inspection, removed all squadron materials, desks and equipment from building 417 to the new location at building 263.

26 May 08

Commanders BBQ/Memorial Day

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31 May 08

TLC at MARB

27-29 June 08

BCS MARB

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March Air Fest 2008

by 2nd Lt Robert Harris

Riverside, CA. For 160 cadets and 54 senior Civil Air Patrol members, the March Air Fest 2008, "Thunder over the Empire," was an outstanding success on all levels. The two day event held May 3-4, 2008 at March Air Reserve Base (MARB) drew just under 400,000 spectators for two days of family fun, sunshine and lots of airplanes including demonstrations by the world famous Thunderbirds, America's ambassadors in blue.

Our primary mission was to provide assistance to MARB Security forces in the parking lots and the show entrances. Cadets basically dealt with parking while under senior CAP Officers supervision, dealing only with the efficient flow of traffic into the parking lot, making sure the cars were evenly parked and spaced properly. We are still receiving compliments as to how efficiently the cadets did their job. At the show entrances, senior members were assisting the security forces by pre-screening visitors for obvious contraband items, and to informing them as to what they could and could not take in to the air show. The Air Force security actually dealt with screening and confiscation of prohibited items.

Recruiting was the second mission, and according to both Lt. Col Jessica Black, Deputy Commander of Group 3 and Project Officer and Capt. David Goude, Sq 45, Commander and Co-Project Officer, it was very successful. "At our booth we passed out a little over 2,000 brochures, about 1,000 Volunteer magazines, the official magazine published by-monthly by the national headquarters" said Goude.

"It's hard to tell how we did on the recruiting right at first," said Black. "It's one of those intangibles that take time. People take the information and some will inquire right away, some will spend six months just thinking about the information

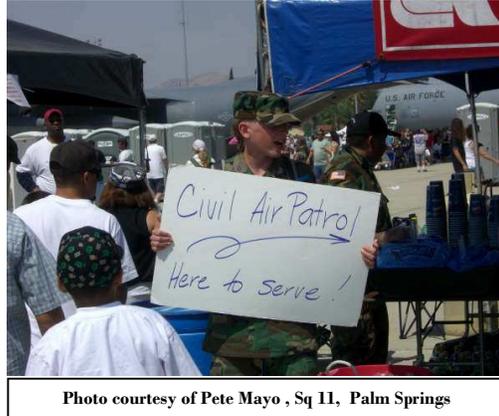


Photo courtesy of Pete Mayo, Sq 11, Palm Springs

and others will never do anything at all. We know that we talked with hundreds of people who stopped by the booth and asked about Civil Air Patrol. This year there were a number of 10 to 12 year olds that took information away. Goude said that he has had ten cadets come to squadron 45 meetings and two cadets have checked with Squadron 29, in just one week as well as a number of seniors inquiring about the CAP programs. Information was given out about any squadron in the wing as well as across the country.

Another important aspect of the recruiting booth was the presence of Sq 5's Cessna 182 Glass Cockpit and Sq 11's Ground team vehicle. Senior members were there answering questions and talking to interested visitors. "We wanted to present as much of the CAP program as we could, and having these two assets there, along with the senior officers was just the touch we needed."

The third mission for this event was fundraising. By selling programs we were able to cover the cost of feeding all 213 participants, as well as any security force members in the area.

"The cadets selling the programs really made an impression on the program vendors. Two years ago we sold out of programs, and this year we sold over 4000. They even invited us to travel to Nellis and Luke AFB to sell pro-

grams again for them", said Major Cathy Neubauer, Sq 45, fund raising booth. Captain Mary Severance, Sq 16, was the medical officer, and Major John Finley, Sq 25, was the safety officer. During the planning stage, Cadet Major James Clark was in charge of organizing the cadet programs and Cadet Major Jacob Burse was his deputy. On Friday May 2nd senior officers and cadets started to arrive and by that evening, hanger #452 was bulging with participants filled with excitement and anticipation of the weekend's activities. They represented 30 squadrons with all seven groups from the California Wing (CAWG) and two squadrons from Nevada. The 213 fully equipped CAP members began the task of setting up the hanger as living quarters for the event. More than 200 cots and a chow line needed to be organized before the next day's air show event.

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"Six months of planning at Group 3 went into the operation," said Black. "We had to meet regularly and often to accomplish the job." Black said that the reason that CAP was so successful this year was the training of its members and the organizational plan. "We spent the better part of three months selecting the key leadership [for] both senior[s] and cadets."

The goal of Group 3's planning group for March Air Fest was 200 people and the goal was met and exceeded. "In the later planning stages of the event, there were 32 Squadrons involved," said Black. Every one of those squadrons played an important role, but the two primary planning squadrons were Squadron 45 and 29." There was excellent leadership both at the senior officer level and at the cadet leadership level. The leadership and team work are the keys to any mission according to Goude.

Among those selected to man specific event and venues were: 2nd Lt Eithne Doyle, Sq 45, Admin Officer, Captain Elizabeth Goude, Sq 45, recruiting and information booth; Captain Doug Giles, Sq 29, parking teams; Captain Lisa Giles, Sq 29, program sales and finances; Captain Bruce Black, Sq. 6730, senior security team leader; 1st Lt. Tom Olsen, Group 3, base camp and communications; and 1st Lt Carrie Olson, Group 3,

meals and food preparation. Major Cathy Neubauer, Sq 45, fund raising booth. Captain Mary Severance, Sq 16, was the medical officer, and Major John Finley, Sq 25, was the safety officer. During the planning stage, Cadet Major James Clark was in charge of organizing the cadet programs and Cadet Major Jacob Burse was his deputy.

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Cadets and air shows always go together, but March Air Fest 2008 is a show unto itself. "Because this was a military air show, which is very different from other air shows," Black suggested, "and because of the level of participation we have here at March we were able to show the strength of Civil Air Patrol. So approximately half of the squadrons in the state participated plus the two squadrons from Nellis Air Force Base represented." We even had enough people there to send a force to help with parking and events over at March Air Museum."

An event this large doesn't just happen; it takes an enormous amount of time, commitment and teamwork. We planned for a great event, and we were challenged by problems that would crop up, but because proper planning was done and commitment was total and team work always kicked in, the event was for us, outstanding



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Don't forget clean out day on
Saturday, July 19th, 8:00am to
Noon. Come in PT gear
ready to work!

We're on the web at
sq45.cawg.cap.gov

Basic Cadet School at MARB

The first step in California Wing's Integrated Leadership Program (ILP) is Basic Cadet School (BCS). Students learn the basics of what CAP has to offer and what is required of each cadet. Classes cover every aspect of CAP's three missions, Cadet Programs, Aerospace Education, and Emergency Services.

On the 27th of June 2008, 30 students and 21 cadets staff gathered at March Air Reserve Base for a weekend long learning experience. C/2Lt Conor Doyle was the cadet commander, organizing all areas of the teaching and training environment.

Instruction was given in each area needed to promote to Airman, and the efforts paid off as 28 of the 29 students testing passed their leadership test and over half passed PT. These results will be sent back to each squad-

ron to allow them to promote on completion of the rest of their requirements.

The weekend was a success, in part, because of all the hard work put in by the flight of logistics staff. They pitched in to help out in everything from food preparation and clean-up to cleaning the rest rooms. The work project of pulling weeds that we had in return for the use of the facility was done with the same eagerness and energy they applied to all tasks.

A special "Thank you" to all the senior members—both seasoned warriors and new recruits. Your working together to advance the cadet program for these cadets will follow them through their CAP experience. The weekend on all levels was a great success.

Upcoming Event

On **July 25th**, our squadron will be hosting the International Air Cadet Exchange (IACE) students and their chaperone at a **Welcome Bar-B-Que**. Participants are coming from Canada, Great Britain and Turkey.

Maj. Kathy Neubauer is the project officer for this event (909-645-5244) and we are asking that all members sign up to bring food and participate. Family members are always welcome.

Plan to come by 17:00 (5:00pm) on Sat. night to bldg 263, our new squadron home base.