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Message from the Commander

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Capt Dan Leclair

Welcome to my first issue of the L/A Times as the Commander of the 77th Composite Sq. This publication is designed to keep members and families informed of what's happening at CAP. There are so many things going on I hope I don't forget to mention anything or anyone. Please accept my apology if I have forgotten to mention something or someone.

First we have a new member to our squadron. Cap Flight 1727 (Tail Number N99826) will be joining us as our new squadron aircraft within the next few weeks. This 180 HP, Cessna 172 will be available for CAP Missions, Cadet Orientation Flights, and CAP pilot proficiency flights. It will be great to see a CAP aircraft on the ramp at the Auburn / Lewiston Airport again.

We have our holiday party coming up on December 20th at the Auburn / Lewiston Airport from 12 noon to 4pm. Families and friends are invited. Please send an email advising 1Lt Furlong with how many folks are coming and if you are bringing any food. We will also be having a Yankee gift swap; the price limit is \$5 - \$10 dollars. If you want to participate, please bring a gift. Let's make this a great party and show our families what a good job we can do.

We had one promotion during the month of November. Congratulations to 2Lt Gary Brearley for all his hard work.

Happenings for the New Year include Search and Rescue (SAR) training and Winter Survival Training. Winter Survival Training happens during February school break. We go and learn how to survive out in the cold. This is great training for all cadets and both pilot and non-pilot Senior Members. Everyone should plan to attend this. No tents are allowed, as you must build a shelter. You can bring plastic sheeting to help and the squadron will provide sleeping bags if you don't have a cold weather one.

Message from the Commander

There is a new edict from CAP National that if Senior Members have not completed OPSEC training then they will not be allowed to be promoted effective immediately and participate in activities after April 1, 2008. So please complete the training on-line if you have not done so. It takes less than 30 minutes.

On a final note, I would like to say thank-you to Lt Col Higgins, our previous and founding squadron commander. He made this job look so easy and I enjoyed his tutoring. We now look forward to his Wing SAR training in the upcoming months.

I hope you enjoy my first edition of the L/A Times as your Commander. If you would like to write an article for this newsletter please see me and we can get your article published.

Have a safe and Happy Holiday Season. Happy Hanukkah, Happy Festivus, Merry Christmas, Happy Kwanza, and a Happy New Year (I hope I have them in the proper order).

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Capt Daniel M. Leclair
Commander
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Maine Wing – Civil Air Patrol

Promotions



2Lt Gary Brearley

Items of Note

November YEAGER Awards

- SM Sandra Casella
- SM Ray Hanson
- 1Lt Jeff Furlong

CONGRATULATIONS!!

December Meeting Schedule

Week 1 December 6

Uniform: BLUES

*1755-1810 Formation + opening
1810-1840 Drill + Flight time
1845-1915 Testing
1915-1945 Moral Leadership (SM Jessica Giles)
1945-2000 Safety briefing (SM Ray Hansen)
2000-2025 OPEN TIME BLOCK (to be filled by cadet or senior staff)
2025-2030 Closing*

Week 2 December 13

Uniform: P/T Gear (for all doing P/T, BDU's for all those who are not)

*1755-1810 Formation + opening
1810-1840 Drill + Flight time
1845-1930 P/T + CPFT
1930-2025 OPEN TIME BLOCK (to be filled by cadet or senior staff)
2025-2030 Closing*

Week 3 December 20

Uniform: BDU's + Emergency Services Gear

*1755-1810 Formation + opening
1810-1840 Drill + flight time
1845-1930 ES class (2Lt Christopher Giles and/or 1Lt Jeff Furlong)
1930-2025 ES activity or OPEN TIME BLOCK (to be filled by cadet or
senior staff)
2025-2030 Closing*

Week 4 December 27

*Uniform: BDU's + Aerospace Education books/materials, and Leadership
manuals*

*1755-1810 Formation + opening
1810-1840 Drill + flight time
1845-1930 Aerospace Class (Capt. Mark Libbey)
1930-2025 Aerospace activity or OPEN TIME BLOCK (to be filled by cadet
or senior staff)
2025-2030 Closing*

Past Events



2Lt Ouellette and Cadet Ouellette visiting the NASA display at the Greenville Seaplane Fly-in. They look like they are mission ready for their next space flight.



Capt Leclair and Capt Gagnon (Cumberland County Squadron) at Westover AFB Massachusetts for the North East Region SAREX Competition.

Future Events

Dec 15 – Wreathes Across America – The squadron will be joining the Augusta Squadron in placing wreathes on veterans graves in three cemeteries in the Augusta area. Lt Ouellette will be taking the van to Augusta on Saturday. Interested cadets and senior members should contact Lt. Ouellette for times and location to meet.

Dec 15 – Maine Wing Search and Rescue Exercise (SAREX) is canceled for the month of December.

Dec 22 – Squadron Holiday Party – Our party will be held at the Airport Managers office from 12 noon to 4pm and lunch and cake will be provided. Please bring a gift under \$10 for a Yankee gift swap. Parents, friends, & siblings are also invited to attend. Please contact Lt. Furlong if you would like to provide food and soft drinks and to let him know how many folks you are bringing. No uniforms (appropriate civilian clothes) for this festive event

Jan 19 – Maine Wing SAREX – This will be held in Bangor. We will take our aircraft and van. In order to attend you will need to complete the General ES test on-line, have a CAP ID, CAPF101, and your required equipment. Please contact Capt Leclair for location and time to meet.

Jan 31 – Special squadron activity. Contact Lt. Furlong for place and time to meet.

Feb 9 – Search and Rescue (SAR) Skills Training – The location is to be determined (TBD) but always an excellent way to spend the day learning new SAR techniques with Lt Col Higgins and Lt Furlong. We will have transportation to this event. Contact Lt. Furlong for place and time to meet.

Feb 16 - Maine Wing SAREX – This will be held in Portland. We will take our aircraft and van. In order to attend you will need to complete the General ES test on-line, have a CAP ID, CAPF101, and your required equipment. Please contact Capt Leclair for location and time to meet.

Editor's Notes

This is the L/A's squadron third newsletter and it's first in almost two years. We plan to publish a squadron newsletter in 2008 every month. The next one will be published in January. A team completes the best newsletters and we need you on that team. Anyone can submit photos, artwork, stories, or anything that can be published to be included. See your work in print and it will also be posted on the Maine Wing Web site.

AE Question of the Month



Here are a few Aerospace Education (AE) questions on the above image.

1. On the lead aircraft (the one with the propeller). What are the make and model and what is the significance of the stripes on the wing?
2. On the left aircraft (white undersides). What are the make and model and which squadron started the shark teeth smile on their aircraft and what was the squadron commander's name? Where were they based?
3. On the right aircraft (the all gray one). What are the make and model and what is the significance of the black painted area under the nose?

If you know any of the answers please e-mail me your response at dleclair@mewg.cap.gov by Wednesday Dec 17, 7pm. The person with the most correct answers and in the most detail gets a Commanders Award at the next squadron meeting.