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### SCHEDULE OF COMING EVENTS

#### NOVEMBER

17 NOV-Aerospace-BDUs  
18 NOV-USCGA Lecture  
20-22 NOV-Danielson November Bivouac  
24 NOV-Emergency Services BCUT-BDUs  
28 NOV-TRCS Rifle Training

#### FOR FUTURE PLANNING

02 DEC-CTWG Holiday Party  
15 DEC-TRCS SUI Inspection/IG Visit  
18-20 DEC-Danielson Bivouac  
22 DEC-Squadron Holiday Party  
TBA-IG visit

### PLAN AHEAD **D**

Cadets and Officers should note the special events coming up: Danielson Bivouac, BCUT, and Rifle Training. Check your calendars.

### CITRUS FRUIT FUND RAISER

The sale has ended and preliminary results indicate that we have sold 270 cases of fruit and received donations of \$165. About 75% of the listed members of the Squadron participated. Cadet Herzog led the Cadets in sales with 17 cases. Maj Rocketto led the Squadron selling 54 cases.

### CADET MEETING MINUTES **10 NOVEMBER, 2009**

Lt Wojtcuk led a Character Development Seminar on mentoring inspired by Feodor Dostoevsky's statement "Let us be servants in order to be leaders."

Col Kinch discussed the importance of Veteran's Day and its origin as Armistice Day.

C/A1C Andrew Molinari was promoted to C/SrA.



*Col Kinch Returns Cadet Molinari's Salute*

### SQUADRON T-SHIRTS AND HATS

Cadets and Officers are reminded that clothing items are available from Col Kinch's dry goods locker at \$10 each. The shirts are black and are embossed with the Squadron patch on the left breast. They may be worn with BDUs or for PT. The hats are black baseball hats with CT-6075, the Squadron identification on the crown.

## COMMANDER'S CALL

Capt Noniewicz, Squadron Safety Officer, informed us about the latest National Headquarters' initiatives which have been posted in *The Sentinel*. In addition, he reminded the Squadron of the importance of a good set of notes in case of a mishap and passed out copies of the "Safety Form Workshop."

Noniewicz led the Squadron Officers in a review of aircraft engine and electrical fire emergencies and emphasized the importance of memorization of the critical actions which must be performed.

The safety briefing closed with a general review of key items in the revised CAPR 60-1.

Col Kinch explained the new aircraft maintenance file storage and procedures.

Lt Farley has been assigned to contact all Officers by email and assess their needs for training in the different aircrew positions. He will also contact specific officers to set up a meeting to plan 2010 training.

## CURRENT EVENTS AND HISTORY OF THE DAY

Maj Rocketto briefed Cadets and Officers on current events.

NASA has announced that on Mars, the Spirit Rover has been reactivated. It has been trapped in a Martian sand deposit for 145 Martian days. NASA engineers have now freed the wheels and aligned the steering mechanism in preparation for an attempted breakout.

Space Shuttle Atlantis is in the middle of a countdown for its penultimate launch next week. It is scheduled to carry a load of large repair and

refurbishment items to the International Space Station. These items are too bulky for future delivery by the planned Shuttle replacement so they are being delivered now in anticipation of future needs.

The 10th of November celebrates several notable events.

In 1950, Lt Russell Brown, USAF, flying a Lockheed P-80 Shooting Star, downed a North Korean MiG-15 in the first all jet combat shoot-down.



P-80 displays its six Browning .50 calibre machine guns.



MiG,s nose holds two 23 mm and one 37 mm cannon.

In 1905, Louis Bleriot unveiled what would become the standard pattern for future aircraft. His Model VII was a monoplane featuring a tractor propeller, a conventional tail, and an enclosed fuselage.

At Tun Tavern, Philadelphia, 1775, Capt. Samuel Nicholas, under orders from the Continental Congress, set up a recruiting station to raise two battalions of Naval Infantry. Recruits were offered a free tankard of ale and an opportunity for adventure and glory. The United States Marine Corps was born.

## USAF CTWG EVALUATION

The Squadron participated in the biennial USAF Wing SAR Evaluation on Saturday, 7 November. Col Jensen, CTWG Commander reports that we made a strong showing.

The Wing flew a total of 12 flights: one ARCHER mission, two searches for a missing hiker, four searches for a missing aircraft, four transport flights, and one high bird sortie. In addition, the Wing put four ground teams into the field.

The Squadron put a van and ground team into the field under the leadership of Maj Bourque. Cadet Flynn operated the L-Per and Cadet Barberan kept the logs. They were directed towards the Thomaston Dam and maintained contact with one of our aircraft. They picked up the ELT signal and discovered the transmitter in an automobile near the dam. After returning to base, they chased an ELT signal at Brainard Airport. The signal was being reflected off the many buildings in the area and they were unable to locate the transmitter. Later, it was revealed that it was in a vehicle in a parking lot at a hotel near the field.

Cadets Lexie Wojtcuk and Abby Wojtcuk worked at mission base. Lexie served as Air Ops Courier and Abby tracked aircraft and vans on the Mission Status Board.

Maj Neilson and Capt Noniewicz performed Air Operations Duties and Neilson also served as Planning Chief. LtCol Doucette and SM Dickenson supported air ops.

Maj deAndrade and LtCol Wisheart were mission pilots and LtCol Kinch, Lt Farley, and SM Dickenson worked the observer slots.

## DANIELSON BIVOUAC AND EMERGENCY SERVICES TRAINING

The Danielson Squadron is planning a bivouac and training session dedicated to land navigation with emphasis on the grid system. Thames River Composite Squadron will attend under the leadership of Maj Bourque.

We plan to depart on Friday afternoon, 20 November around 1700 and return on Sunday, November 22, around 1300. These times are approximate. Cadets may attend for only part of the time but, if so, their transportation must be provided by parents.

The cost for food is \$15. Warm winter clothing is required. If a Cadet requires a tent or sleeping bag, notify Maj Bourque.

Please email Maj Bourque at [bourqueroy@sbcglobal.net](mailto:bourqueroy@sbcglobal.net) if you plan on attending.

## RIFLE SAFETY AND MARKSMANSHIP TRAINING

The Squadron will hold a firearms safety and rifle marksmanship training session at Quaker Hill Rod and Gun Club on Saturday, 28 November from 0830 to 1200. Uniform is BDUs and Cadets who wear corrective lenses should bring them. Cadets should also bring a sweatshirt. All equipment and supplies will be provided courtesy of the Quaker Hill Rod and Gun Club and the Connecticut Chapter of the Friends of NRA. There is no charge for the program.

If you plan to attend, notify Maj Rocketto at [srocketto@aquilasys.com](mailto:srocketto@aquilasys.com).