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# The Coastwatcher

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## SCHEDULE OF COMING EVENTS

### March

16 MAR BDU-Cadets: A/S ED-MOD 6  
20 MAR PT-USCGA Academy  
TRCS SAREX  
20-21 MAR Unit Commander's Course  
23 MAR Cadets: A/S ED-MOD 6  
27 MAR TRCS SAREX  
28MAR Space Expo-NE Air Museum  
30 MAR Cinema Night-*Flyboys*

### For Future Planning

09 APR Fisher's Island School Visit  
24-25 APR SLS Course-Stratford  
07-09 MAY Great Starts Bivouac-Camp Rell  
15-16 MAY TLC Course  
22 MAY TRCS Open House  
18-26 JUN NESAs Camp Atterbury, Indiana  
24-25 JUL NER SAREX Competition  
31 JUL-7 AUG CTWG Encampment  
22-24 OCT CTWG Conference

## CADET MEETING MINUTES

09 March, 2010

C/SMSGT Flynn led a Character Development lesson on "Anger."

Lt Wojtcuk met with a leadership cadre consisting of C/2Lt Scannell, CMSGts Abi and Lexie Wojtcuk, and A1C Barberan to discuss changes in Squadron practices and what will be expected of them as leaders.

C/2Lt Scannell led a lively discussion on Chapter Two of the Leadership manual.

Mrs. Bourque provided the evening snack...brownies.

Cadets were reminded that muster for the next meeting is at 1800 for drill.

PT is scheduled for Saturday, 20 March, at the Coast Guard Academy. Muster at the Squadron at 0845. Cadets must email Lt Wojtcuk if the plan to participate.

## IMPORTANT CADET NOTICES

1. Cadets interested in attending the weekend "Great Starts" bivouac at Camp Rell on 07-09 May should notify Lt Wojtcuk immediately. The weekend program is an introduction to the summer encampment program and is strongly recommended for all new Cadets.

2. Cadets interested in attending the one week Washington, D.C. field trip should contact Maj Rocketto immediately. The trip will be held during the school April vacation break, dates to be announced. Anticipated cost is \$125 which covers transportation, lodging, food, and fees. A statement of interest is required to receive further information. Please include your school vacation dates in your note of interest.

3. The New England Air Museum is holding a Space Expo on Sunday, 28 March. CAP is participating. Any Cadet interested in attending should contact Maj Rocketto immediately.

### **IMPORTANT PARENT AND CADET NOTICE**

Lt Wojtcuk is preparing a new edition of the Thames River Composite Squadron "Great Starts" orientation booklet. Cadets and parents who have suggestions should email her as soon as possible.

### **COMMANDER'S CALL** *09 March, 2010*

Capt Noniewicz, Squadron Commander reported on the CTWG Commander's Call explaining certain uniform requirements. This included the use of metal grade insignia and the "three propeller" on flying suits and the unit identification on baseball hats. He briefly discussed plans for future Squadron inspections, both self administered and Wing evaluated.

Lt Col Bergey, Operations, announced upcoming SAREX and O Flight plans.

Lt Dickinson, Safety, led the assembled Officers in a review of airport traffic pattern procedures.

LtCol Doucette, Long Island Sound Patrol Project Officer, referred to new plans and procedures for the LISP under the direction of the Connecticut Department of Emergency Management and Homeland Security. This season's flights will patrol Connecticut coastal waters and coastal infrastructure.

Lt Farley, Emergency Services, stated that the new TRCS telephone contact tree is forthcoming and asked Officers to check numbers for correctness.

LtCol Wisehart, Deputy Commander, reminded counter-narcotics aircrews to check expiration dates of their qualifications. LtCol Kinch explained the new procedures.

Lt Miller, Logistics, reported on the progress of the move into the new storage trailer.

LtCol Kinch, Personnel, reported on progress in updating ribbon awards.

Lt Lintelmann, Finance, stated that the Squadron has approximately \$5,000 dollars in our account but that building repairs and plant expenses will require most of these funds.

Lt Owens, Assistant Commo Officer, noted that the planned first aid course is several months in the future. As plans solidify, an announcement will be made.

Maj Neilson, Operations, requested volunteers for a planned program of instruction on FAR 61 and the *Airman's Information Manual*.

### **PROMOTIONS, AWARDS, AND CAP EDUCATION**

SM Giancarlo Dell'Orco has been promoted to 2Lt.

Capt Noniewicz and Lts Wojtcuk, Manner, and Farley successfully completed the recently held Corporate Learning Course.

LtCol Kinch has earned Level V and will receive the Gill Robb Wilson Award. This is the highest achievement in professional development for a CAP Officer.

## CURRENT EVENTS

The long running attempt to replace the USAF tanker fleet with a proposed KC-X aircraft has encountered another twist in the process.

Originally, Northrop-Grumman, teamed with AirBus builder European Aeronautic Defense and Space (EADS), a German-French consortium won the initial bid. A protest by Boeing, the traditional builder of the large USAF tankers was sustained by the US Government Accountability Office and resulted in a decision to force a rebid by both companies.

Northrop-Grumman, claiming that the terms of the new proposal favored Boeing, was financially unrewarding, and too risky, has withdrawn from the competition, leaving Boeing as the sole bidder, an outcome not desired by Washington.

The contract, over its lifetime is valued at 35 billion dollars. To give you some idea of the magnitude of 35 billion, consider time. There are about 35 billion seconds in 1000 years! Another way of looking at this figure is that the bill could be paid if everyone in the United States, all 300,000,00 of us, contributed about 100 dollars. In distance, a line of 35 billion dollar bills would circle the earth at the equator about 133 times. And if you wish to consider area, you could just about cover the area of New London, Groton, Waterford, and Ledyard with 35 billion dollar bills!

### UPCOMING PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT COURSES

#### *Unit Commanders Course (UCC)*

Details: The Unit Commanders Course standardizes the training of squadron and group commanders throughout CAP. These commanders are the people responsible for administering programs and managing the volunteer members in the field.

UCC discusses the traits and skills new unit commanders will need to develop to effectively manage their units. Topics include recruiting and retention, command responsibility and accountability, safety, how to work with families, management, leadership, communication, and elements of successful units and leaders.

Requirements: Open to any members who have passed Level 1 and have a Technical Rating in a Specialty Track and have completed an SLS. CAP Senior Officer Course is preferred but not required.

Location: Stratford Eagles Squadron, Stratford, Ct.

Date: 20-21 March 2010

Contact: Lt Ted Stepanoff

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#### *Squadron Leadership Course (SLS)*

Details: Squadron Leadership School (SLS) provides CAP's adult members with a basic understanding of CAP operations at the squadron level and how those operations affect CAP's national missions. Additionally, members learn more about CAP customs, core values, and communications. Case studies, discussion, and group assignments are integral facets of the SLS.

Requirements: Open to any members who have passed Level 1 and enrolled in a Specialty Track.

Location: Stratford Eagles Squadron, Stratford, Ct.

Date: 24-25 April 2010

Contact: Lt Ted Stepanoff

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#### *Training Leaders of Cadets (TLC)*

Details: Training Leaders of Cadets is the premiere venue for Cadet Programs Officers to

learn how to become better mentors of cadets and more effective managers of cadet squadrons. The 2-day course is a component of the Cadet Programs Officer Specialty Track in the Senior Member Professional Development Program.

Requirements: Open to any members who have passed Level 1.

Location: TBD  
Date: 15-16 May 2010  
Contact: Lt Ted Stepanoff  
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All senior members need a Form 17, Application for Senior Member Activities, filled out and brought to the class. No member will be allowed to participate without a Form 17 signed by their squadron commander.

All classes are going to be a maximum of \$20. A check must be brought the first day of class and will be collected during registration the first morning. Checks should be made out to CT Wing CAP. Please do not bring cash.

Each class has a limit of 24 students. Students that are above the limit will be put on a wait list. If there are many more people that want to sign up for a particular course, I will schedule additional courses in the Fall. If you are interested in another CLC class in the Fall please let me know. I have received one request already and am trying to gauge the needs of the members of the wing.

If you are interested in being a Director (organize and run the class) or an Instructor (teach select modules) contact:

Theodore.stepanoff@gmail.com.

## ANIMALS AS NOSE ART

Not all nose art consists of delightful damsels. Sometimes other fauna appear and a few samples appear below.



*Remember 9-11*



*Aussie Crewed Lockheed Hudson*



*It Ain't Pumba*