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CARROLL SQUADRON CHANGES COMMANDERS



The Carroll Composite Squadron of Westminster, Md., poses for a group photo following the recent change of command ceremony in which Maj. Frank Jarosinski assumed command of the squadron. (Photo credit: Capt. Tim Bowen, CAP) **Jarosinski assumes command in traditional ceremony** By **Maj. Brenda A. Reed, CAP** Public Affairs Officer, Maryland Wing

12/16/2010–WESTMINSTER, MD–Maj. Frank Jarosinski assumed command of the Carroll Composite Squadron, part of the Maryland Wing Civil Air Patrol, in a recent ceremony at the National Guard

Armory in Westminster, Md.

The traditional change of command ceremony was conducted by Lt. Col. Bill Parris, commander of Maryland Wing's Group 2, with assistance from Maj. Chris Howell, Group 2's deputy commander, who read the orders. The ceremony involved the outgoing commander, Maj. Brenda Reed, handing the squadron guidon to Parris as a symbol of relinquishing command. Parris then offered the guidon to Jarosinski, who accepted both the guidon and command of the squadron.

The brief ceremony was followed by speeches from Parris, Reed, and Jarosinski. Cadet Capt. Rick Stuart, cadet commander, and Cadet 1st Lt. Katie Kerr, cadet deputy commander, presented Reed with gifts on behalf of the squadron for her work as commander.

Maj. Frank Jarosinski, a member of the Carroll squadron since 1997, has served as the deputy commander for seniors for many years prior to accepting command of the squadron. Additionally, he serves as homeland security officer for Maryland Wing. He holds a master rating in finance and a senior rating in aerospace education. Jarosinski is a graduate of the Civil Air Patrol's 2009 National Staff College.

The outgoing commander, Maj. Brenda Reed, served for the past 15 months as commander of the squadron. She leaves due to an upcoming move overseas. In addition to squadron commander, Reed served as the Maryland Wing Public Affairs Officer.

The Carroll Composite Squadron is Maryland Wing's fourth largest squadron with more than 90 members and was named the Maryland Wing Squadron of the Year for 2010 at the Wing conference in November. The squadron meets at the Henry Evans National Guard Armory on Hahn Road in Westminster, Md., on Tuesday evenings. Additional information can be found at www.carrollcap.org.



CARROLL CADETS COMPLETE AIRCRAFT GROUND HANDLING COURSE

Carroll Composite Squadron cadets practice moving the squadron aircraft on the flight line at Carroll County Regional Airport as Capt. David Alexander keeps a watchful eye. (Photo credit: Maj. Brenda Reed, CAP) **Two part safety program conducted at Carroll County airport** By **Maj. Brenda A. Reed, CAP** Commander, Carroll Composite Squadron

7/21/2010–WESTMINSTER, MD–Cadets from Civil Air Patrol Maryland Wing's Carroll Composite Squadron recently completed a two-part

safety series in proper ground handling of an aircraft held at the Carroll County Regional Airport in Westminster, Md.

The course, led by 1st Lt. Joe Manning, squadron safety officer, provided a foundation for cadets to continue their training in flight line marshalling and was part of the monthly safety training courses Manning provides to all squadron members.

During part one of the training; all members viewed the Civil Air Patrol's aircraft ground handling video followed by a discussion led by Manning and the pilots. Topics such as flight line safety, precautions to avoid accidents with other aircraft or buildings, and results and consequences for carelessness when moving an aircraft on the ground were discussed.

Part two was a practical portion with cadets physically moving the squadron's aircraft on the flight line at the airport. This part, led by Capt. Dave Alexander, Carroll's aircraft maintenance officer and former US Air Force pilot, gave a hands on approach for the cadets to build on the video and discussion.

"My hope is to avoid costly accidents as our members continue in their training to become flight line marshallers," said Maj. Brenda Reed, squadron commander. "Each year we assist the airport with fly-ins and this training will prove to be a valuable tool at these events and during CAP missions."

Cadets rotated through different positions in the flight line crew, learning what they could and could not touch while pushing or pulling the plane. Alexander showed the cadets how to use the tow bar at the front of the plane and what to call out as the plane was in motion.



3-2-1...BLAST OFF! SIXTEEN CARROLL CADETS COMPLETE MODEL ROCKETRY PROGRAM

Cadets from the Carroll Composite Squadron watch as their rocket takes off during the final event of the squadron's Model Rocketry Program. Sixteen cadets from the squadron participated and earned their rocketry badges. (Photo credit: C/CMSgt Zuleyma Ruiz, CAP) By **Capt. Brenda A. Reed, CAP** Commander, Carroll Composite Squadron

5/10/2010—WESTMINSTER, MD—Civil Air Patrol cadets from Maryland Wing's Carroll Composite Squadron gathered early one recent spring

morning in the middle of a local farm field to complete their study of model rocketry, begun during the fall, by launching their projects into the skies above New Windsor.

As their rockets soared into the sky, the cadets measured each projectile's altitude and recorded it into their logbooks. Others chased the rockets to other sections of the field as the rockets sank back to Earth.

The most exciting launches came when they tested their rockets with a precious payload - a raw egg. Working in teams of two, the cadets carefully put an egg into the top section of a rocket, and then waited their turn to launch.

The goal was to return the egg to Earth intact - a target achieved by only one team, leaving the remainder with messy rockets to clean up.

"I thought that the rocket launch and the model rocketry program were very beneficial and very helpful," said Cadet Airman Graysen Levy. "Not only did I get to spend time with some really great people, I got to stand beside them and learn."

Led by 1st Lt. Haley Blevins, the squadron's aerospace education officer, the cadets have now completed the three-part CAP Model Rocketry Program, with each section requiring them to pass a written test and build one to two rockets.

They have studied the basics of rocket history, rocket science, rocket building and the launch and recovery of the rockets they build. They have built rubber-band, junk and single-stage rockets as well as one that can carry a pay-load of at least 3 ounces.

Beginning in October, Blevins led the cadets through their classroom training and built excitement as the spring rocket launch date approached. When she was a cadet, she excelled in aerospace education and earned her private pilot's license through CAP, and she was honored as CAP Aerospace Education Cadet of the Year by the Air Force Association in 2006. Blevins was recently awarded the 2009 Frank Brewer Aerospace Education Award for the Civil Air Patrol Middle East Region.

Now a senior at Mount St. Mary's College, Blevins knows the thrill of launching and recovering a rocket built by hand. She took care to pass that enthusiasm on to the Carroll squadron cadets.

In Stage One of the program, the Redstone Phase, cadets learn rocketry history and study the careers of such pioneers as Robert Goddard. They build rockets such as the Fizzy Flyer, the Goddard rocket and junk rockets - basic projects that help them learn about aerodynamics, propulsion systems and the fun of rocket-building and -launching.

After passing the exam and launching their Stage One rockets, cadets move into the Titan Phase, where they learn about Newton's laws of motion and forces in flight and build single-stage, solid fuel commercial rockets during. Safety is emphasized during the classroom and launch portions.

The final stage of the program, the Saturn Phase, involves the study of altitude tracking, thrust, forward motion and rocket engines. During this phase, the cadets built their egg-carrying rockets.

Cadets who successfully complete the program earn the Model Rocketry Badge for their uniforms. Cadets from the Carroll squadron that have been awarded their model rocketry badge include:

- C/SrA Jordan Chatter
- C/SrA Christopher Davis
- C/A1C Griffin DeLisle
- C/CMSgt Hank Endres
- C/SMSgt Matt Fassett
- C/SSgt Ali Globus
- C/2d Lt Alex Gnau
- C/A1C Christian Hamric
- C/A1C Greysen Levy
- C/CMSgt Joe Mack
- C/SrA Owen McMahan
- C/2d Lt Nicholas Oland
- C/MSgt Megan Rennewanz
- C/A1C Nicholas Roche
- C/SrA Jacob Schollian
- C/2d Lt Derek Seibel



CARROLL SQUADRON EARNS UNIT CITATION AWARD

Col. Jerry Weiss, Maryland Wing commander, ties the Unit Citation Award streamer onto the guidon of the Carroll Composite Squadron during a recent ceremony. (Photo credit: C/CMSgt Zuleyma Ruiz, CAP) **Cited for service to Maryland Air National Guard By Capt. Brenda A. Reed, CAP** Commander, Carroll Composite Squadron

4/12/2010–WESTMINSTER, MD–The Carroll Composite Squadron, part of the Civil Air Patrol Maryland Wing, was recently awarded a national Unit Citation Award for exceptional service to the Maryland Air National Guard for the past three years. The award was presented April 6 during a ceremony at the

National Guard Armory in Westminster, Md.

Col. Jerry Weiss, commander of the Civil Air Patrol Maryland Wing, presented the award to Capt. Brenda Reed, Carroll squadron commander, and added the Unit Citation streamer to the squadron's guidon, held by the squadron's cadet 1st Sgt. Joe Mack.

Lt. Col. Bill Parris, commander of the wing's Group 2 of which Carroll squadron is part, read the citation during formation to members, family, and friends who had gathered for the ceremony. Lt. Col. Christian Ready, former Carroll squadron commander and former Group 2 commander, assisted with the ceremony.

Over the past three years, the Carroll Composite Squadron has led the Wing in both days and hours served by logging in more than 2,200 hours of service the Maryland Air National Guard for cook details.

Maryland Air National Guard personnel have frequently been deployed overseas leaving a shortage of staff to cook, serve, and clean up at the monthly drill meetings at Warfield Air National Guard Base in Middle River, Md. The Civil Air Patrol squadrons have volunteered to assist the Guard, supplementing the cook teams the regularly serve more than 700 military members on any given day.

In addition to cook details, Civil Air Patrol members help with the annual Easter egg hunts, Family Days, Chiefs 5K Run, retirement and change of command ceremonies, and other events where CAP assistance allows ANG members to enjoy the event with their families. Members of the Maryland Wing have stepped in for over seven years to fill in when needed with cadets providing the core of these details, working side by side with Guard personnel to get the job done.

The Maryland Air National Guard gives back to the Maryland Wing over and above what the squadrons contribute with their assistance during the Civil Air Patrol annual cadet encampment at Camp Fretterd Military

Reservation in Reisterstown, Md. As an added benefit, Civil Air Patrol cadets learn firsthand from our local military members about service to their community, state, and nation.

Cadets in the Carroll Composite Squadron eagerly sign up for their turn to work with the Guard. Enthusiasm always runs high on detail days as cadets get an early start out of Westminster to get to the base and start work. At the end of the day, when all the troops are fed, the dining hall cleaned, and the trash taken out, the Carroll Composite Squadron members return to Westminster knowing they have fulfilled a need by serving those who serve us.



12 CARROLL MEMBERS EARN YEAGER AWARD

Maj. Frank Jarosinski and Capt. Brenda Reed present Yeager Award certificates to members of the Civil Air Patrol Carroll Composite Squadron during a recent awards ceremony. From left to right: Capt. Tom Reed, 1st Lt. Haley Blevins, 1st Lt. Brandon Brooks, 2nd Lt. Steve Vana, 1st Lt. Thom Dembeck. (Photo credit: C/CMSgt Zuleyma Ruiz, CAP) **Certificates presented at recent ceremony** By **Capt. Brenda Reed, CAP** Commander, Carroll Composite Squadron

3/26/2010–WESTMINSTER, MD—Twelve Civil Air Patrol senior officers from the Maryland Wing Civil Air Patrol's Carroll Composite Squadron were recently presented the Gen. Charles Yeager Aerospace Education Achievement Award during an awards ceremony at the National Guard Armory in Westminster, Md.

In response to a challenge from their squadron commander, Capt. Brenda Reed, these members got involved in the Civil Air Patrol aerospace education professional development program, culminating in passing an online exam based on the 640-page *Journey of Flight* textbook.

The awards were presented by Reed and Maj. Frank Jarosinski, the squadron's deputy commander for seniors. The following members have earned their Yeager award certificates and award ribbons:

- Capt. Patrick Aaron
- Capt. David Alexander
- 1st Lt. Haley Blevins
- 1st Lt. Brandon Brooks
- 2nd Lt. Coleman Brown
- Sr. Mbr. Michael Cesar
- 1st Lt. Thomas Dembeck
- 2nd Lt. Robert Gehret
- Capt. Joseph Moltz
- 2nd Lt. Michael Oland
- Capt. Thomas Reed
- 2nd Lt. Steven Vana

Aerospace education is one of the three Congressionally-mandated missions of the Civil Air Patrol. Carroll members that recently earned the Yeager Award are all active in aerospace education, either as pilots, aircrew members, or mentor youth in the squadron's cadet program.



TWO MITCHELL AWARDS PRESENTED AT CARROLL SQUADRON

Two new Mitchell Awards were recently presented at the Carroll Composite Squadron. Cadet 2nd Lts. Nick Oland (center left) and Derek Seibel (center right) are flanked by Group II commander, Maj. Bill Parris (left) and squadron commander, Capt. Brenda Reed (right) following the awards ceremony. (Photo credit: 2nd Lt. Michael Oland, CAP) **Cadets Oland and Seibel promoted to Cadet 2nd Lieutenant** By **2nd Lt. Michael Oland, CAP** Public Affairs Officer, Carroll Composite Squadron

2/18/2010–WESTMINSTER, MD—Civil Air Patrol cadets Nicholas Oland and Derek Seibel of Maryland Wing's Carroll Composite Squadron were promoted to the grade of cadet second lieutenant after completing the requirements for the Gen. William "Billy" Mitchell Award. The awards were presented during a recent ceremony at the National Guard Armory in Westminster, Md.

Maj. William Parris, commander of Group II, presented the awards to Oland and Seibel, assisted by Capt. Brenda Reed, squadron commander.

Mitchell was the former Deputy Chief of the U.S. Army Air Service and a military aviation visionary. Achieving this award is a great honor for cadets as the requirements are very comprehensive. It is the highest honor achieved in the Leadership Phase of a cadet's career with the Civil Air Patrol and the second cadet milestone award. It represents the cadet's transition into the officer phase of their CAP career.

Oland joined CAP in August 2007 and currently serves as the cadet deputy commander. In 2008, he attended the Tri-Wing Encampment and returned as staff at the Maryland-Delaware Encampment in 2009 serving as Flight Sergeant. As Flight Sergeant, Oland was very proud of his squadron for earning honor flight for the entire Encampment. In addition Oland has attended numerous other CAP sponsored training opportunities and served CAP and the community through a wide variety of volunteer services. Oland plans to attend the United States Coast Guard Academy upon completion of high school and wants to be a helicopter pilot for the Coast Guard.

Seibel joined CAP in 2007 and currently serves as the Charlie flight commander. He participated in both the Virginia Wing Encampment and the Maryland Wing Aerospace Academy that gives the cadets an opportunity to learn about and fly in CAP Gliders. In 2008 Seibel participated in the National Honor Guard Academy, and went back to the Maryland Wing Aerospace Academy serving on the staff as a Flight Sergeant. This past year in 2009 Seibel returned to the National Honor Guard Academy. He has been part of a number of Honor Guard ceremonies and participated in the CAP Wreaths Across America at Arlington National Cemetery.

Oland and Seibel both have volunteered their time by helping out at Carroll Composite Squadron service projects at the Westminster Fall Fest. One of the most rewarding volunteer services is working side by side our United States National Guard Airmen helping to prepare, serve, and clean-up the meals for the Guard during their weekend drills at Warfield National Guard Air Base.



SAFETY OFFICER ENFORCES "SEMPER VIGILANS" AT CARROLL SQUADRON

2nd Lt. Joe Manning, safety officer at the Carroll Composite Squadron, gives monthly safety briefings to the squadron members in keeping with the Civil Air Patrol motto "Semper Vigilans." (Photo credit: 2nd Lt. Michael Oland, CAP) **Lt Joe Manning reminds all of winter safety** By **2nd Lt. Michael Oland, CAP** Public Affairs Officer, Carroll Composite Squadron

12/31/2009—WESTMINSTER, MD—Civil Air Patrol's motto is "Semper Vigilans," which means "always vigilant." Carroll Composite Squadron in Westminster, Md., gives its members monthly safety briefings to keep members always thinking about what they can do to keep themselves and others safe.

The squadron safety officer is 2nd Lt. Joe Manning who joined CAP to fly, as he is a licensed private pilot, and glider pilot. Manning realized his skills could also be put to use in helping his squadron be as safe as possible.

Manning is responsible for monthly safety briefings to all members. Pilots are required to attend a monthly safety briefing to stay current to fly CAP aircraft. Pilots also give their crew a safety briefing before they even start the airplane. CAP stresses "Semper Vigilans".

Monthly safety briefings include topics on personal protection from the elements such as sunscreen to prevent sunburn even in the winter, the proper clothing, and be prepared for the worst. These tips are very applicable as the vehicle you're in can break down, leaving you stranded without any heat for a period of time, and if you are in an airplane it takes a while to get warmed up in the plane so you need to be prepared. Winter flyer tips for the pilots are included, such as how the plane reacts in cold weather. Planes are affected by the seasons and pilots are reminded about this simple truth.

Accidents happen fast and simple reminders to everyone can prevent an accident from occurring. When an accident or injury does happen, CAP members are prepared to handle an emergency. Members that participate in the emergency services area of CAP are required to a basic first aid course. Manning recommends everybody be certified in CPR and first aid as it is a life skill.

"Who is responsible for safety? You are!" Manning repeatedly tells the squadron. Upon entering a building, car, or other area the first time to ask is "Is it safe?" We all are responsible for safety. It does not take any extra effort to scan the area for hazards whether you are at home, driving, school, or work. "Semper Vigilans"



CARROLL SQUADRON HOLDS CHANGE OF COMMAND

Capt. Brenda Reed (center) assumes command of the Carroll Composite Squadron as she accepts the squadron guidon from Maj. William Parris, Group 2 Commander. Capt. Chris Folster, outgoing squadron commander, observes during a recent change of command ceremony. (Photo credit: 2nd Lt. Michael Oland, CAP) **Reed assumes command from Folster** By **2nd Lt. Michael Oland, CAP** public Affairs Officer, Carroll Composite Squadron

10/10/2009—WESTMINSTER, MD—Capt. Brenda Reed assumed command of Civil Air Patrol Maryland Wing's Carroll Composite Squadron in a traditional ceremony recently held in Westminster, Md. She succeeds Capt. Christopher Folster, who held the position since 2008.

Reed was appointed squadron commander by Maj. Bill Parris, commander of Maryland Wing's Group II, who participated in the ceremony. It is with great pride that Carroll squadron welcomes back Capt. Brenda Reed, who started out at the squadron in 2003 before transferring to Maryland Wing Headquarters in 2007 to serve as the Public Affairs Officer, a position she continues to hold. She also served as the Wing Administrator, a full-time paid position from 2005 until earlier this year

During Reed's CAP career, she has been active in the Wing's cadet program serving as the Commandant of Cadets at the 2009 Maryland-Delaware Encampment, Executive Officer for the 2008 Tri-Wing Encampment, Assistant to the Commander in 2005-2006, and the encampment Administrative Officer in 2005. She has served as the Wing project officer for the local hosting of the International Air Cadet Exchange (IACE) from 2007-2009 and was the Project Officer of the Maryland Wing Drill Team from 2006-2008.

Reed earned the Middle East Region Public Affairs Officer of the Year award in 2009 and was awarded 2008 Middle East Region CAP-USAF Torch Award as mentor to the Wing's Cadet of the Year, Cadet Col. Elizabeth Peters. She was also named Wing's Cadet Programs Advocate of the Year in 2006, Wing Public Affairs Officer of the Year in 2005, and Wing Personnel Officer of the Year in 2004.

The change of command ceremony, now rich in Civil Air Patrol and U.S. military tradition, is a time-honored custom dating from the European age of knighthood and chivalry. The custom establishes that the change of command ceremony be formal, conducted with dignity and by its formality and dignity maintain camaraderie and strengthen respect for authority. The change of command ceremony also allows subordinates to witness the passing of command from one officer to another. If you have never witnessed a change of command ceremony I highly recommend making an effort to watch or take part in a ceremony. The ceremony was very inspiring, and the squadron looks forward to the term of the new commander.



CARROLL CADET ANDERSON EARNS MITCHELL AWARD

Cadet 2nd Lt. Josh Anderson of the Carroll Composite Squadron, and Maj. Bill Parris, Maryland Wing's Group II Commander, during a recent ceremony where Anderson was awarded the Gen. Billy Mitchell Award. (Photo Credit: 2nd Lt. Mike Oland, CAP) **Cadet a member of Virginia Tech corps of cadets** By **2nd Lt. Michael Oland, CAP** Public Affairs Officer, Carroll Composite Squadron

9/3/2009—WESTMINSTER, MD—Civil Air Patrol cadet Josh Anderson, a member of Maryland Wing's Carroll Composite Squadron, was promoted to the grade of cadet second lieutenant after completing the requirements for the Maj. Gen. William "Billy" Mitchell award. The award was presented during a recent ceremony conducted by Group II commander Maj. Bill Parris at the Army National

Guard Armory in Westminster, Md.

Mitchell was the former Deputy Chief of the U.S. Army Air Service and a military aviation visionary. Achieving this award is a great honor as the requirements are very comprehensive and is the second milestone achieved in a cadet's career with the Civil Air Patrol (CAP). Cadets who earn the Mitchell Award are eligible for advanced paygrades should they enlist in the US Air Force, Air Guard, or USAF Reserves.

Anderson had a full first year in CAP back in 2006 starting with the Tri-Wing Encampment during which cadets work on drilling, rappelling, orientation flights in C-130s and other exciting activities. Anderson also attended Maryland Wing's Aerospace Academy where he received glider flights in the CAP gliders, and graduated from the National Emergency Services Academy (NESA) in Indiana, where he trained to be a part of CAP emergency services ground teams

During Anderson's second year with CAP he attended the National Flight Academy where he soloed in a CAP Cessna aircraft. Quite a busy first two years! Anderson's current qualifications include Ground Team Member, Urban Direction Finding team, Mission Scanner, and he is currently working on becoming a Ground Team Leader.

Anderson is currently attending Virginia Tech in the Air Force ROTC program. After graduation Anderson will be commissioned as a 2nd Lt. for the United States Air Force. His goal is to become a fighter pilot.



CARROLL SQUADRON PRACTICES EMERGENCY SERVICE SKILLS

Capt. Mike Zabetakis (front), Group 2 Emergency Services Officer, demonstrates the use of the ELper to Cadet Jordan Chattler of the Carroll Composite Squadron during a recent squadron search and rescue exercise. (Photo credit: 2nd Lt. Mike Oland, CAP) **Air to ground teamwork pays off** By **2nd Lt. Mike Oland, CAP** Public Affairs Officer, Carroll Composite Squadron

6/23/2009–WESTMINSTER, MD—Nine Civil Air Patrol members from Maryland Wing's Carroll Composite Squadron recently participated in a search and rescue exercise (SAREX), part of a series of exercises

conducted throughout squadrons in Maryland Wing's Group 2. The exercise was conducted out of the Carroll mission base in Westminster, Md.

Capt. Mike Zabetakis, Group 2 Emergency Services Officer, gave the Urban Direction Finding trainees their mission. Up in the skies, the aircrew consisted of mission pilot Maj. Bill Parris, Group 2 commander, and mission observer Capt. Kevin McHale, Carroll's Emergency Services Officer. The skies had plenty of clouds, but the weather did get above the minimum requirements for the mission.

The ground team consisted of Cadet Master Sgt. Joe Mack, Cadet Airman 1st Class Jordan Chattler, Cadet Airman Christopher Davis, Capt. David Alexander, and 2nd Lt. Mike Oland. The mission radio operator was Cadet Chief Master Sgt. Josh Anderson.

The ground team headed out towards their first set of coordinates to try to acquire the signal beacon's signal. The ground team picked up a weak signal from the beacon and stopped at a safe location. Everyone practiced using the locator equipment. North was the general consensus for the direction to proceed.

The aircrew picked up the beacon's signal, and directed the ground team to a set of coordinates. After another pass over the target the aircrew gave the ground team a more refined set of coordinates to check out. The aircrew was going strictly off the Becker as the clouds were blocking their view of the ground.

On the ground the trainees were closing in on the coordinates, which the aircrew had supplied. The ground team was picking up the signal on the DF equipment. As the signal kept increasing in strength, the team stopped and got out of their vehicle. The team was convinced the beacon was on private property so Zabetakis trained the ground team on the correct interview procedure. Once permission to search for the beacon on private property was obtained the team donned their red vests and prepared the DF equipment.

The team took turns using the equipment to see which way they should proceed. After agreeing on the direction, the team was on their way. A walk up the path and hill and the ground team located the beacon. The ground team trainees have a new appreciation for the art of using the DF equipment and trying to locate that

beacon. The ground team had a second sortie in the afternoon without air support, which was also successfully completed.



CARROLL COMPOSITE SQUADRON RECEIVES \$7,800 GRANT FROM UPS

Carroll Composite Squadron members accept a \$7,800 grant from the United Parcel Service (UPS) Foundation at the UPS Corporate Office in Timonium, Md. From left to right: 2nd Lt. Joseph Manning, Capt. Michael Zabetakis, Capt. Kevin McHale, Maj. Frank Jarosinski, Mr. Laynglyn Capers of UPS, 1st Lt. Angelo Alascio, and Sr. Mbr. David Alexander. **Award to improve communications capabilities at squadron headquarters** By **Capt. Brenda A. Reed, CAP** Public Affairs Officer, Maryland Wing

12/4/2008–TIMONIUM, MD–The Carroll Composite Squadron of the Civil Air Patrol Maryland Wing was recently awarded a \$7,800 grant from the United Parcel Service (UPS) Foundation to upgrade the squadron’s communications capabilities. The award ceremony was held at the UPS Corporate Office in Timonium, Md.

The award was the culmination of six months of efforts by Carroll squadron members spearheaded by Capt. Kevin McHale, former squadron commander and employee of UPS. The grant will cover installation of radio equipment in the Carroll Non-Profit Center in Westminster, Md., where the squadron’s headquarters office is maintained. This installation will improve communications for Civil Air Patrol in central Maryland and allow the Maryland Wing to use the offices as an operational base to support missions in our community.

“This money will allow us to make infrastructure improvements in our radio communications that otherwise would not have been possible,” said McHale. “The UPS Grant Committee is impressed with our organization and is looking forward to being invited back for a visit after the work has been completed.”

The check was presented by Mr. Laynglyn Capers, UPS Portfolio Manager, on behalf of the UPS Foundation. The UPS Grant committee responsible in selecting our organization and putting together the grant proposal was also in attendance.



CARROLL SQUADRON MARCHES IN WESTMINSTER PARADE

Congressman Roscoe Bartlett (R-Md.) speaks with Cadet Airman Shannon O'Donnell just before the ceremony at the Westminster Veterans Cemetery on Memorial Day. (Photo credit: Capt Brenda Reed, CAP) **Tradition continues with longest running parade in U.S.** By **Capt Brenda Reed** Public Affairs Officer, Maryland Wing

6/4/2008–WESTMINSTER, MD–Members of the Carroll Composite Squadron, part of the Maryland Wing Civil Air Patrol, continued their annual tradition of marching in the Memorial Day parade in Westminster, Md.

The parade is the longest continuously running parade in the U.S. with 140 years of patriotism, which began in 1868 with the parade and ceremony at the Westminster

Veterans Cemetery.

The Carroll squadron represented Civil Air Patrol along with many veterans’ organizations, civic groups, the Westminster Band, and the local high school band. Congressman Roscoe Bartlett (R-Md) marched ahead of the squadron. Bartlett, a strong supporter of Civil Air Patrol, spoke with cadets at the ceremony.

At the cemetery, many groups laid wreaths in memory of those who had given the ultimate sacrifice for their country. Guest speakers, a reading of the Gettysburg address, and singing of the National Anthem were all part of the traditional ceremony. The Carroll color guard presented the colors during the ceremony as taps were played, followed by a 21-gun salute and firing of howitzers by the Maryland Army National Guard.

There are more than 1,300 members of CAP in Maryland. Last fiscal year wing members flew 42 search and rescue missions and were credited with 31 finds. For information about the Maryland Wing of CAP, visit <http://mdcap.org>.



TRI-WING ENCAMPMENT TRAINS 170 CADETS

Cadet Chris McConnell is presented the Warrior Cadet Award for being the most motivated cadet at the 2008 Tri-Wing Encampment. He is joined by Maj. Jon Johnson and Cadet Col. Jake Reed. **Two regions and five wings represented By Capt. Brenda Reed** Executive Officer, Tri-Wing Encampment

6/30/2008—CAMP FRETTERD, MD—Civil Air Patrol members recently completed the 2008 Tri-Wing Encampment, held June 22-29 at Camp Fretterd Military Reservation in Reisterstown, Md. Hosted by the Maryland, Delaware, and National Capital Wings, nearly 250 staff and cadet basics came from two CAP regions and five CAP wings.

Training close to 170 cadet basics was the top priority during the eight-day event. Activities included classroom sessions on Civil Air Patrol and U.S. Air Force topics, aerospace education, and emergency services. In addition, cadets trained in drill and ceremonies, competed in nightly volleyball competitions, and participated in three rotation days. Special speaker, Col. Mary Feik, visited the encampment and spoke to the cadets. She presented 15 cadets with certificates for achieving the CAP Feik achievement.

The rotation days were supported and made possible by the Maryland National Guard. The Maryland Army National Guard Army Aviation unit provided rides in UH-60 Blackhawks for the cadets while the Maryland Air National Guard flew orientation flights in a C-130J. In addition, the MDARNG rappel masters worked with the cadets as they rappelled down 30 and 100 foot walls, while other MDARNG personnel taught Drug Demand Reduction classes. The MDANG weather unit expanded on CAP aerospace modules with courses in weather. Tri-Wing staff members, trained in its use, helped basics as they participated in the weapons simulator.

The week ended with a volleyball championship, drill competition, dining out, and pass in review parade.

Led by cadet commander, Cadet Col. Jake Reed, a staff of 45 cadets worked tirelessly to ready the basics to the standard required for graduation. "I am proud of what these cadets have accomplished in their training this week and look forward to witnessing their future accomplishments," said Reed. Cadet Maj. Lee McDaniel served as the Cadet Deputy Commander while Cadet Col. Elizabeth Peters was the Cadet Executive Officer. They were mentored by Maj. Jonathan Johnson, Commandant of Cadets.

In addition to the encampment, a Region Cadet Leadership School occurred in the same location. Thirteen cadets honed their leadership skills by working on essays, classroom presentations, speeches, drill, and physical fitness. Led by Capt. Tom Reed, RCLS Commandant, and Cadet Lt. Col. Greg Groves, RCLS Cadet Commander, the participants were trained by U.S. Air Force personnel from the Airman Leadership School at Fort Meade, Md.

During the dining out, the following awards were presented for the activity:

- RCLS Most Improved Cadet: Sean McCall, Maryland Wing
- RCLS Honor Cadet: Alice Chan, Maryland Wing
- TWE Most Improved Cadet: Cheyenne Thomas-Chinn, National Capitol Wing
- TWE Warrior Cadet: Christopher McConnell, Maryland Wing
- Cpl. James W. Higgins, Jr., Honor Cadet Award: Aimee Welch, Maryland Wing
- TWE Honor Line Staff NCO: Bo Saunders, Maryland Wing
- TWE Honor Line Staff Officer: Victor Santos, Maryland Wing
- TWE Honor Support Staff NCO: Kevin DeBroissiere, Maryland Wing
- TWE Honor Support Staff Officer: Leo Wanex, Maryland Wing

- TWE Honor Tactical Officer: Maj. Patricia Filipiak, Maryland Wing
- TWE Honor Officer: Capt. Chris Hiles, Maryland Wing
- Volleyball Champions: Charlie Flight, led by Cadet Brandon Brooks, Maryland Wing
- Drill Competition Champions: Bravo Flight, led by Cadet Victor Santos, Maryland Wing
- Warrior Flight: Hotel Flight
- TWE Honor Flight: Bravo Flight
- TWE Honor Squadron: Squadron One, led by Cadet Maj. Wayne Mowery, Maryland Wing

Col. Jerry Weiss, Maryland Wing commander, began a new award to recognize the Mentor of the Encampment. This award is designed to recognize the one person, cadet or officer, staff or basic, that went out of their way to mentor others during the week. Nominations were received throughout the week and the award was presented to Maj. Jonathan Johnson, who served as the Commandant of Cadets for the week.

In addition to the above awards, Cadet Col. Elizabeth Peters was presented the Gen. Carl A. Spaatz Award at the dining out by Brig. Gen. Vernon Sevier, MDNG (Ret.).

Additional photos from the encampment are located on the Tri-Wing website at www.carrollcap.org/triwing.



WWII AIRCRAFT VISIT CARROLL COUNTY DURING EAA FLY-IN

Civil Air Patrol aircraft takes off for cadet orientation flights beside the B-25 Mitchell during the Experimental Aircraft Association annual Fly-In held in Westminster, Md. Members of the Carroll Composite Squadron assisted during the weekend. (Photo credit: Capt. J. Kevin McHale, CAP) **Members from local squadron assist By 2d Lt Thomas M. Dembeck** Carroll Composite Squadron Aerospace Education Officer

11/27/2007—WESTMINSTER, MD—As I looked up at the sky from Main Street in Westminster, Md., I thought I had a vision into history -- back around 1944. But it wasn't a view back into history, it was real, and it

was right up there in the sky. Its propeller driven engines gave a roar, as it circled over me at an altitude of about 2000 feet.

Their names appear in our history books, from a time when the world was at war. Squadrons of Flying Fortresses, Liberators, and Mitchells were in the skies over Europe and the islands of the Pacific, for WW2 was the focus of attention. Thousands of these planes were built and flown by members of the greatest generation.

Now, like our World War II veterans, only a few remain. There will be a time when these planes will fly only in history.

For a weekend in October, three of these planes were on display at the Carroll County Regional Airport in Westminster, Md. Members of the Carroll Composite Squadron of the Civil Air Patrol Maryland Wing assisted the Experimental Aircraft Association (EAA) with their annual fly-in during the weekend, along with conducting orientation flights for cadet members. The CAP C-172, dwarfed by the WWII planes, provided a birds-eye view of these antique aircraft for several of Carroll's newest cadets. Flown by Capt. Bill Peters, the cadets had a flight to remember.

Other members of the Carroll squadron spent the weekend as flight line marshals and assisted the EAA in other assignments. During their down time, members were able to visit the WWII aircraft, along with many EAA experimental aircraft, up close on the flight line. The cadet project officer for the weekend was Cadet Master Sgt. Michael Schuster, who handled scheduling and planning for the cadet volunteers.

CARROLL SQUADRON HAS CHANGE OF COMMAND FOR CADETS



Cadet 2d Lt. Brandon Brooks (far left) accepts the squadron guidon and command of the cadets from Maj. Frank Jarosinski (third from left) as former cadet commander Cadet Maj. Nick Krionderis (second from left) and Cadet 1st Sgt. Ryan Meushaw (far right) observe the ceremony. (Photo credit: Capt Brenda Reed **Brooks accepts command** By **Capt Brenda Reed** Carroll Composite Squadron Public Affairs

9/17/2007—WESTMINSTER, MD—Cadet 2d Lt. Brandon Brooks became cadet commander of Civil Air Patrol's Carroll Composite Squadron during a recent ceremony at the National Guard Armory in Westminster, Md.

Brooks, a member of the Carroll squadron since 2005, accepted command from Maj. Frank Jarosinski, acting commander of the squadron, during a traditional guidon ceremony. Cadet Maj. Nick Krionderis relinquished command of the cadet corps during the ceremony. Krionderis was cadet commander since November 2006.

Brooks is a graduate of the 2006 Tri-Wing Encampment and served as a flight commander at the 2007 Maryland Wing Aerospace Academy, where he earned the Honor Staff Member award. He attended the 2007 National Emergency Services Academy where he attended graduated from both the advanced ground search and rescue school, being named distinguished graduate, and the mission aircrew observer school. Brooks is a member of the Carroll squadron ground team and aircrew.

The Carroll Composite Squadron was the 2006 Maryland Wing Squadron of Merit and 2006 Middle East Region Squadron of Distinction, awards given for the squadron's cadet program.

Two Carroll cadets earn Mitchell Award



(from left) Maj. Christian Ready, C/2d Lt. Zachary Zaykoski, C/2d Lt. Tyler Czarnowsky, and Capt. Kevin McHale during a recent awards ceremony at the Carroll Composite Squadron. (Photo credit: 1st Lt Brenda Reed) By **1st Lt Brenda A. Reed** Carroll Composite Squadron Public Affairs

3/20/2007—WESTMINSTER, MD—The Carroll Composite Squadron of the Civil Air Patrol Maryland Wing presented the General Billy Mitchell Award to two cadets in a recent ceremony at the National Guard Armory in Westminster.

Cadets Tyler Czarnowsky and Zachary Zaykoski were presented the award by Maj. Christian Ready, Group 2 commander, who was assisted by Capt. Kevin McHale, Carroll squadron commander. The cadets were promoted to the rank of cadet second lieutenant. The General Billy Mitchell Award is the second milestone award in the CAP cadet program, which is earned after completing the first eight achievements. This award honors the late Brigadier General Billy Mitchell, aviation pioneer, advocate, and staunch supporter of an independent Air Force for America.

Czarnowsky, 14, is a flight commander at Carroll squadron. He has been a member of CAP for two years and is an active member of the squadron's ground team. He has attended the National Emergency Services Academy Basic and Advanced courses in Indiana, served on staff at the Tri-Wing Encampment, and served as a staff member at the 2006 Maryland Wing Aerospace Academy. A freshman at Winters Mill High School and a member the school's JROTC, Czarnowsky hopes to join the U. S. Coast Guard as a pilot or medic after graduation.

Zaykoski, 17, has been a member of the Carroll squadron for two years and serves as a flight commander and is a member of the squadron's ground team. He has attended the National Flight Academy in Oklahoma where he soloed in a Cessna 172, the Advanced Technologies Academy in New York, and is a graduate of the Tri-Wing Encampment. He was named the Maryland Wing Cadet NCO of the Year in 2006. A senior at North Carroll High School, Zaykoski plans to become a professional pilot and serve in law enforcement.



CAP MEMBERS VISIT WOUNDED SERVICE MEMBERS AT WALTER REED ARMY MEDICAL CENTER

Cadet chief master sgts. Zach Zaykoski and Brandon Brooks visit with a patient at Walter Reed Army Medical Center. (Photo credit: 1st Lt. Tom Reed). By **1st Lt Brenda Reed** MDWG Public Affairs

1/1/2007—WASHINGTON, D.C.—Ten cadets from the Carroll Composite Squadron took time off from their holiday break to visit wounded service members at Walter Reed Army Medical Center (WRAMC) and present donated items to the soldiers.

At the request the WRAMC volunteer coordinator, the squadron collected needed items for the soldiers temporarily assigned to the Walter Reed while receiving medical treatment for wounds acquired while on duty in Iraq and Afghanistan. The cadets were able to meet and talk to some of the wounded soldiers as they passed out the donations. All the soldiers the cadets met, both male and female, were very appreciative that the cadets took the time to meet with them and spend part of their vacation helping out at the hospital. The cadets, in turn, were impressed at the positive attitudes of the soldiers despite suffering horrendous wounds.

In addition to visiting the hospital wards, cadets assisted the Family Services Office, organizing and processing items donated during the holidays. They also provided help to the volunteer coordinator of the Medical Holding Unit and received a briefing from Capt. Braxton, the unit commander. Braxton explained to the cadets that soldiers are assigned to his unit while they receive long-term treatment for their wounds or awaiting medical boards.

The cadet staff along with 1st Lt. Tom Reed, Carroll's deputy commander for cadets, also talked to Linda Young, the volunteer coordinator for the unit, to discuss ways the squadron could help out throughout the coming year. Young explained that the soldiers had few duties to perform during their convalescence and were looking for things to do to occupy their time and take their minds off their injuries. Any help people could provide to organize or support events would be greatly appreciated by the soldiers.

Reed, who has completed tours of duty in both Iraq and Afghanistan in the past two years, is heading up an initiative to assist the facility to provide needed items and organize events for the service members at WRAMC.

WRAMC is renowned for providing quality medical care to soldiers who have lost appendages during combat operations. They treat severely wounded Army, Navy, Air Force, and Marines as well as National Guard members from Maryland units. The wounded normally arrive from the war zone with little or no personal items and are often in need of donations.



MARY FEIK SPEAKS TO EAA AND CAP MEMBERS

Cadets from the Carroll Composite Squadron meet with Mary Feik. From left to right: Cadets Zach Zaykoski, Jon Koziar, Nick Krionderis, Mike Schuster, Leah Fournier, special guest Mary Feik, Becca Gnau, and Zulima Ruiz. (Photo credit: 1st Lt. Brenda Reed). By **1st Lt Brenda A. Reed** Maryland Wing Public Affairs

1/22/2007—WESTMINSTER, MD—Mary Feik, aviation pioneer and Civil Air Patrol Maryland Wing member, was a guest of the Westminster Chapter of the Experimental Aircraft Association (EAA) during a

program at the Carroll County Regional Airport. Members of the Carroll Composite Squadron joined the EAA for this event, along with EAA members from Frederick and Gettysburg.

Feik, 82, spoke about her life and work in aviation mechanics. During the presentation, she spoke of her desire to encourage young people to pursue their dreams. Feik, a member of the Annapolis Composite Squadron, has a cadet achievement named after her. Cadets who earn the Feik achievement ribbon are promoted to the rank of cadet senior airman.

During the event, Feik presented a certificate to two CAP cadets who have recently earned the Feik ribbon: cadet senior airmen Jon Koziar and Michael Schuster. Both cadets are members of the Carroll Composite Squadron. In addition to these two cadets, Feik met with all the cadets that attended the program, offering words of encouragement for the cadets to pursue their goals and dreams.

In addition to Feik's presentation, the EAA has a number of aircraft on display for members to view.



CADET CHANGE OF COMMAND AT CARROLL COMPOSITE SQUADRON

Cadet Maj. Nicholas Krionderis accepts the Carroll Composite Squadron guidon from Capt. J. Kevin McHale, Carroll commander, as he accepts command of the cadets. Cadet chief master sgt. Zach Zaykoski (second from left) and outgoing cadet commander, cadet Col. Jake Reed (far right), observe the ceremony. (Photo credit: 1st Lt. Brenda Reed) By **1st Lt Brenda Reed** Public Affairs Officer, Carroll Composite Squadron

12/3/2006—**WESTMINSTER, MD**—Cadet Major Nicholas Krionderis, 16, became the new cadet commander of the Carroll Composite Squadron of the Civil Air Patrol during a recent ceremony at the National Guard Armory in Westminster.

During the traditional ceremony, the outgoing cadet commander, cadet colonel Jake Reed, relinquished command by handing the squadron guidon to Capt. Kevin McHale, Carroll squadron commander. McHale then offered the guidon to Krionderis, who took the guidon as he accepted command.

Krionderis, of Westminster, has been a member of the Civil Air Patrol for five years. He is a member of the squadron's emergency services ground team. Krionderis is a junior at Westminster High School.

As cadet commander, Krionderis will be responsible for managing the cadet program from scheduling to training cadets. He has been training for this position as Reed's deputy commander for the past year and has previously served as a flight commander with the squadron

CARROLL SQUADRON NAMED MIDDLE EAST REGION SQUADRON OF DISTINCTION



Col. Gerard Weiss, (left), wing commander, places the Maryland Wing Squadron of Merit 2006 streamer on the Carroll Composite Squadron guidon, while Maj. Christian Ready, (second from left), commander of the wing's Group II, reads the citation. Capt. Kevin McHale, Carroll commander, looks on as cadet Tech. Sgt. Brandon Brooks holds the guidon. By **1st Lt. Brenda Reed** Carroll Composite Squadron Public Affairs

5/12/2006—**WESTMINSTER, MD**—The Carroll Composite Squadron in the Maryland Wing of the Civil Air Patrol (CAP) has been named the 2006 Squadron of Distinction for CAP's Middle East Region (MER). This announcement was made at the MER conference, held last month in Richmond, Va.

Only one squadron is selected from each region by CAP's national headquarters for this annual award. The squadrons are honored for excellence in their cadet program.

Col. Kay Joslin Walling, MER commander, announced the award at the conference banquet. Carroll's cadet commander, Col. Jacob Reed, accepted the award on behalf of the squadron. He was presented a citation and a streamer to be placed on the squadron's guidon.

The squadron was also named the Maryland Wing Squadron of Merit for 2006, which was awarded during the Group II change of command ceremony earlier this month at Martin State Airport. Col. Gerard Weiss, commander of the wing, presented this honor to Capt. Kevin McHale, Carroll's squadron commander. Weiss attached the Squadron of Merit streamer to the guidon during the ceremony.

The Carroll Composite Squadron had a record-setting year in 2005 in its cadet program. All five milestone awards were earned, including the squadron's first ever Spaatz Award. The squadron is on track to continue this trend in 2006, with all five milestones already earned by cadets in the first four months. Cadets are active in wing and region activities such as cadet advisory council, tri-wing encampment, drill team, assisting with Air National Guard drill weekends in the dining hall, emergency services missions, and participate in many national cadet special activities.



SPARKS FLY WHEN CARROLL SQUADRON ASSISTS IN COUNTY-WIDE DISASTER DRILL

Firefighters from Carroll County put out a fire caused by a mock chemical spill, during the county's recent emergency services disaster drill at the Carroll County Regional Airport. (Photo by 2nd Lt. Thomas Dembeck) By **1st. Lt. Brenda Reed** Carroll Composite Squadron Public Affairs

4/25/2006—**WESTMINSTER, MD**—The area around the Carroll County Regional Airport was full of action earlier this month when within the time period of 1 hour terrorists attempted to hijack a plane, there was a

resulting shooting, a fire was caused by a chemical spill, and a school bus full of young people crashed just down the road.

Fortunately, although it all appeared very real, it was a planned exercise to test the Carroll County emergency responders.

For the second year in a row, the Carroll Composite Squadron was part of the drill. Many of the cadets were in the simulated school bus accident, resulting in a number of them being transported to the local hospital for treatment. Their injuries, although fake, appeared real with the help of m \acute{e} lange. The cadets each had specific roles to play and acted them out faithfully, whether they were told to cry, scream, or die at the local medical facility.

The burning aircraft was a mock aircraft used for training purposes and the fire was created by propane. Firefighters helped put out the fire while the sheriff's officers were in a shoot out with two men seen running from the hijacked plane.

Capt. Kevin McHale, commander of the Carroll squadron, and 1st Lt. Mike Zabetakis, Carroll's emergency services officer, were involved in planning the drill from the early stages. They were part of the evaluation team, working with the sheriff's department.

Two Carroll pilots, 1st Lt. Rick Stuart and 2nd Lt. Angelo Alascio, were in the sky recording the events on film.

There were a number of media represented at the drill, from newspapers to television. Carroll's 2nd Lt. Thomas Dembeck was on hand to speak to the media and take many photos of the event.

The annual drills are designed to test the county's ability to handle multiple incidents, which may include fire, hazardous materials, terrorists, mass injuries, and other possible scenarios. The event is funded by various county agencies along with funds from the U.S. Department of Homeland Security. The actual details of the drill are kept secret from all participants until the event occurs.

CARROLL SQUADRON PROMOTES SENIOR AND CADET COMMANDERS



Brig. Gen. Fred Smalkin (far left), presented the General Ira Eaker Award to Cadet Lt. Col. Jake Reed (second from left) in a ceremony where Capt. Kevin McHale (second from right) was also promoted by Maj. Christian Ready (far right). By **1st. Lt. Brenda Reed** Carroll Composite Squadron Public Affairs

4/20/2006—**WESTMINSTER, MD**—J. Kevin McHale, commander of the Carroll Composite Squadron in the Maryland Wing of the Civil Air Patrol (CAP), and Jacob Reed, cadet commander of the squadron, were both promoted during a ceremony at the National Guard Armory on Hahn Road.

McHale, who has been squadron commander for 1½ years, was promoted to captain by Maj. Christian Ready, deputy commander of the wing's Group II and a former Carroll squadron commander. 1st Lt. Patricia McHale assisted Ready with the pinning ceremony.

McHale, of Finksburg, is employed with United Parcel Service. He has been a CAP member for three years, where he is trained as both a mission scanner and observer.

Reed, 15, was promoted to the rank of cadet lieutenant colonel and was presented the General Ira Eaker Award by Brig. Gen. Fred Smalkin, commanding general of the Maryland Defense Force and member of the Carroll Composite Squadron. The Eaker Award is given to cadets who complete the fourth phase of the cadet program. Approximately 1 percent of the 27,000 cadets nationally in CAP earn this award.

Smalkin presented both McHale and Reed with a Maryland Defense Force challenge coin in recognition of their promotions.

Reed, of Westminster, has been a member of the Carroll Composite Squadron for three years and has served as the cadet commander since the summer of 2005. He is a member of the squadron's emergency services ground team. In addition to his squadron duties, he serves as recorder for both the Maryland Wing and Middle East Region Cadet Advisory Councils. Reed is also the commander of the Maryland Wing drill team. He attends Carroll Community College and plans to transfer to the U.S. Air Force Academy.



CARROLL SQUADRON REPORTS RECORD-SETTING YEAR

Civil Air Patrol cadets from the Carroll Composite Squadron gather together during an awards ceremony. (Photo by 1st Lt. Brenda Reed) By **1st. Lt. Brenda Reed** Carroll Composite Squadron Public Affairs

2/1/2006—WESTMINSTER, MD.—The Carroll Composite Squadron in the Maryland Wing of the Civil Air Patrol (CAP) ended 2005 with record-setting results in the cadet programs

and emergency services areas. All five cadet milestone awards were earned, including one Spatz Award, and the unit's aircrew strength also grew.

Led by 1st Lt. J. Kevin McHale, squadron commander, the Carroll squadron began 2005 with an aircrew of two - one mission pilot and two mission scanners. Capt. Pat Aaron filled two of these positions as both pilot and scanner. McHale served as the second scanner.

By the end of the year, Capt. Pat Sands joined the crew as a qualified mission pilot. In addition, the number of mission scanners grew from 2 to a total of 13 qualified mission scanners. Also, the squadron qualified 8 mission observers during the course of the year, after beginning the year without any.

Looking towards 2006, there are two members training for mission pilot and two trainees for mission observer.

The squadron currently does not have a CAP aircraft assigned to it. The training and qualifying over the past year has been accomplished by utilizing one of the 12 CAP aircraft in the Maryland Wing. According to McHale, for the squadron to accomplish this training without its own aircraft was "nothing short of a miracle."

The squadron's emergency services ground team added three new members to its ranks. Two members were also certified as ground team level one. Ground team training is a continuous process during the monthly meetings and planned field training exercises, led by 1st Lt. Mike Zabetakis.

In the cadet program, there was a banner year for cadet achievements. This program, led by 1st Lt. Tom Reed, deputy commander for cadets, has approximately 35 cadets in attendance at the weekly meetings. These meetings include aerospace and leadership training, moral leadership discussions, physical fitness activities, drill competitions, and emergency services training. The cadets lead most of these classes and activities, under the direction of Cadet Maj. Jacob Reed, cadet commander.

The cadets progress through a series of 16 achievement levels, during which they are promoted using the Air Force rank structure. Along the way, there are five milestone awards marking the end of each phase. Each phase has testing and activity requirements that the cadets accomplish individually and in groups.

The first milestone, the Wright Brothers Award, is earned as the cadet is promoted from an airman to a noncommissioned officer. In the year 2005, the Carroll squadron had eight cadets earn this award. These cadets include Brandon Brooks, Tyler Czarnowsky, Alec Geatches, Russell Gehret, Justin Main, Justin Sova, William Werner, and Zach Zaykoski.

Two cadets earned the second milestone award, the Billy Mitchell Award. This award is earned as cadets progress to cadet officers and are promoted to cadet second lieutenant. Cadets Zach Bowen and Jennifer Reed earned this significant award during 2005.

The third award, the Amelia Earhart Award, was given to three cadets as they completed the third phase of the program and earned the rank of cadet captain. Cadets Zach Bowen, Nick Krionderis, and Jacob Reed earned this award during the previous year. Only three percent of 27,000 cadets nationwide achieve this milestone.

The Ira Eaker Award, earned by cadets completing the fourth phase, was earned by Cadet Rachel Gibbs. Three weeks after earning this award, she completed the requirements for CAP's highest cadet award, the General Carl Spaatz Award, and was promoted to cadet colonel. She was the Carroll squadron's first recipient of an award that has only been awarded 1,500 times since its inception in 1962.

In addition to milestone awards, members from the Carroll Composite Squadron participated in numerous statewide, regional, and national activities during the year. These included meetings with Congressional representatives during Legislative Day on Capitol Hill, regional cadet leadership schools, the Maryland Aerospace Academy held in Frederick, Md., the National Flight Academy in Georgia, the U.S. Air Force Weather Familiarization Course in Nebraska, Advanced Technologies Academy in New York, National Emergency Services Academy in Indiana, National Cadet Competition in Virginia, the winter encampment in New Mexico, and the International Air Cadet Exchange, where one Carroll cadet traveled to Sweden to represent CAP.

Also, the squadron had the most attendees of any squadron in the region at the annual Tri-Wing Encampment and Cadet Leadership Academy, held in Maryland each year.

The Carroll squadron also participated in many local activities throughout the year, including the county-wide emergency services disaster drill, sending packages to troops in Afghanistan and Iraq, the annual Memorial Day parade in Westminster, a trip to the Air Force Honor Guard facilities, the annual Westminster Fall Fest, and supporting the Maryland Air National Guard during drill weekends by cooking for the troops. In addition, cadets received flight training through orientation flights in both powered aircraft and gliders.

Cadets and senior members alike earned many honors during these activities, including Maryland Wing Cadet of the Year going to Cadet Colonel Rachel Gibbs.

As the squadron begins 2006, it appears to be on course for another banner year. In the month of January there has already been one Wright Brothers Award and one Earhart Award earned, with a number of cadets striving to achieve additional awards and participate in activities offered by the Civil Air Patrol, both locally and nationally.



CADETS LEARN ABOUT LIFE IN A WAR ZONE

1st Lt. Tom Reed, deputy commander for cadets at Civil Air Patrol's Carroll Composite Squadron, speaks with cadets about his recent tour to Afghanistan during the squadron's May 10 meeting in Westminster. Photo by 2nd Lt. Brenda Reed, CAP. By **2d Lt Brenda Reed** Carroll Composite Squadron Public Affairs

5/11/2005–WESTMINSTER, MD—Cadets at the Carroll Composite Squadron learned about what life is like in a war zone during their May 10 meeting in Westminster, when 1st Lt. Tom Reed spoke to the

cadets about his recent tour in Afghanistan.

Reed, the squadron's deputy commander for cadets, returned home after four months in Afghanistan. He explained to the cadets about military life and the Afghan culture, using pictures he took and actual items, such as soda cans, money, and military gear. Cadets had the opportunity to try on Reed's protective vest, helmet, and gas mask. In addition to this, each cadet received a coin from Afghanistan.

While he was serving in Afghanistan, the Carroll Composite Squadron sent Reed a large box of snacks and other items collected by the members and their families, which he distributed to the soldiers serving with him.

At the end of the meeting, Reed presented a flag that had been flown in both Afghanistan and Iraq to the squadron. 1st Lt. Kevin McHale, squadron commander, accepted the flag and certificate on the squadron's behalf.



GROUP II SALUTES VETERANS AT MEMORIAL DAY PARADE

Civil Air Patrol cadets from Group II of the Maryland Wing participate in the 137th annual Memorial Day parade in Westminster, Maryland. Photo by 2nd Lt. Brenda Reed, CAP. By **2d Lt Brenda Reed** Carroll Composite Squadron Public Affairs

6/16/2005—WESTMINSTER, MD—Civil Air Patrol cadets from Group Two of the Maryland Wing paid tribute to our country's service members during the annual Memorial Day parade held in Westminster on May 30.

Cadets from the Carroll Composite Squadron and the Towson Composite Squadron marched up a crowded Main Street to the veteran's cemetery, where there was a Memorial Day ceremony. At the cemetery, 1st Lt. Kevin McHale, commander of the Carroll Composite Squadron, laid a memorial wreath for the group.

The Westminster parade is the oldest continuous Memorial Day parade in the country. This was the 137th year for the parade, which was sponsored by the American Legion. The cadets were joined in the parade by marching bands, military, and youth organizations, along with many veterans who served in wars since World War II.



CARROLL SQUADRON ASSISTS IN COUNTYWIDE DISASTER DRILL

A local firefighter checks Cadet Lt. Col. Rachel Gibbs' vital signs. (Photo by 2dLt Brenda Reed, CAP) By **2d Lt Brenda Reed** Carroll Composite Squadron Public Affairs **6/24/2005—WESTMINSTER, MD**—On a sunny June 17, members of Civil Air Patrol's Carroll Composite Squadron met in New Windsor, Md. for a squadron activity. After attending an orientation meeting, Cadet Lt. Col. Rachel Gibbs, 18, and Cadet Airman 1st Class Justin Sova, 13, were tasked to go to the nearby carnival grounds.

Within minutes of arriving at their destination, a large explosion rocked the ground and huge cloud of gray smoke rose into the air. Gibbs and Sova, being close to the explosion, lay motionless on the ground. While the remaining squadron members were rushed into a make-shift emergency shelter, there was no hope for the two cadets in the field. A firefighter checked their vital signs and pronounced them dead at the scene.

Fortunately, Gibbs and Sova were acting out assigned roles in a mock disaster designed to test the preparedness of Carroll County emergency responders. By noon, the two cadets were alive and well, eating their lunch and laughing with their friends.

Carroll County hosted the simulated disaster where fire, emergency medical personnel, and police responded to an explosion from a railroad tanker filled with anhydrous ammonia, a corrosive chemical that affects the eyes, throat and respiratory system. County SWAT teams were called in to capture the terrorists who planted the explosives, while police corded off the area to anyone other than emergency responders who assisted the victims.

The Carroll Composite Squadron assisted in the disaster drill on a number of fronts. First Lt. Kevin McHale, squadron commander, and First Lt. Mike Zabetakis, Carroll's emergency services officer, were involved in the planning stages with the county.

McHale served as an official observer for the exercise, documenting the successes and failures of the responders. Zabetakis was stationed in the mobile command center, working alongside the sheriff's department and providing radio communications to the CAP aircrew above.

Up in the air, the crew came from three squadrons in Maryland Wing's Group II. Capt. Bill Parris, a mission pilot who is commander of the Glenn L. Martin Squadron, circled his aircraft over the disaster site for most of

the morning with Carroll squadron's Cadet 2nd Lt. Ari Rabe serving as mission observer. This allowed 1st Lt. Philip Szczepanski, from the Harford Composite Squadron, to take timed photographs requested by the county. These photographs were distributed to a number of Carroll County offices and will allow county officials to document movement on the ground and the times various events occurred.

Meanwhile, 1st Lt. Tom Reed, Carroll squadron's deputy commander for cadets, led 27 Carroll cadets and family members that joined other "victims" in the exercise. Most of these victims were assigned to go to the shelter, where they acted anxious, asking many questions of the American Red Cross volunteers. Each one was assigned a specific role to play. Reed helped coach cadets on how to best portray their characters. It was important that they remain in character for the duration of the exercise.

Cadet Master Sgt. Glen Edwards appeared overly concerned for his friend, Cadet Basic Chris Kaczorowski, who had been "injured" during the explosion. Edwards refused to leave his friend while the head and leg wounds were being treated. Cadet Master Sgt. Chiara Burgan very realistically portrayed an extremely emotional shelter victim with her crying. Cadet Technical Sgt. Nick Bamford provided a challenge to the Red Cross when it was learned he did not speak English and someone had to be found to interpret. Other squadron members with simulated injuries were transported to local hospitals for treatment. The hospitals were also evaluated for their response in this exercise.

Several members of the Carroll squadron were involved in the after-action meeting and provided valuable feedback to the county. During this meeting, CAP was applauded for its assistance in the drill. Capt. Vincent Maas, of the Carroll County Sheriff's Department, thanked the squadron and said he "looks forward to a long and mutually beneficial partnership."

Lessons learned from the day will assist the county's emergency service personnel in the event a real disaster was to occur. Carroll Composite Squadron and Group II members were proud to be a part of this important drill.



CARROLL CADET EARNS HIGHEST AWARDS IN CAP PROGRAM

1st Lt. Tom Reed, Carroll's deputy commander for cadets, and Maj. Chris Ready, deputy commander for Group II, pin the rank of cadet colonel on Rachel Gibbs during promotion ceremony. (Photo by 2dLt Brenda Reed, CAP)

By **2d Lt Brenda Reed** Carroll Composite Squadron Public Affairs

7/3/2005--WESTMINSTER, MD—Cadet Rachel Gibbs of the Carroll Composite Squadron was awarded Civil Air Patrol's (CAP) highest cadet honor, the Spaatz Award, during a ceremony on June 28 at Westminster High School, just three weeks after earning the second

highest cadet award, the Eaker Award.

In a ceremony presided by 1st Lt. J. Kevin McHale, Carroll's squadron commander, Gibbs was presented the Eaker certificate by Brig. Gen. Frederic N. Smalkin, commanding general of the Maryland Defense Force. Cadets earning the Eaker have progressed through all 16 steps in the cadet program and are required to complete an essay and speech, pass a physical fitness exam, teach both aerospace and moral leadership classes, and shadow CAP senior members in their duties.

After the Eaker presentation, McHale announced that Gibbs, 18, had also just passed the rigorous examination for the final cadet milestone, the Spaatz Award. The exam consists of written exams in aerospace education and leadership, a written essay on a moral leadership topic, and a physical fitness test. Cadets earning the Spaatz are promoted to the rank of cadet colonel.

The Spaatz examination is very difficult and is earned by less than 1 percent of all CAP cadets who enter the program. Gibbs passed the examination on her first attempt and is the 1,563rd cadet to earn the award since its inception in 1964.

"Earning the Spaatz Award has been my goal from the day I joined CAP," Gibbs said. "In CAP, we rightly expect a lot from Spaatz cadets and I hope I can live up to that."

The new rank was pinned on Gibbs by 1st Lt. Tom Reed, the squadron's deputy commander for cadets, and Maj. Christian Ready, deputy commander of Group II and former Carroll squadron commander. Gibbs is the first cadet at the Carroll Composite Squadron to earn the Spaatz Award.

McHale noted during the ceremony that Gibbs earned her Spaatz in just 42 months after joined CAP. Regulations stipulate a minimum of 38 months to earn this prestigious award.

Gibbs learned about CAP at an air show and joined the Delmont Cadet Squadron near Pittsburgh in 2001. After moving to Gettysburg, Pa., Gibbs transferred to Maryland's Carroll Composite Squadron in August 2003.

Gibbs graduated from the Tri-Wing Encampment in 2003. She was honor cadet for her flight at the 2004 Cadet Officer School, and attended the National Blue Beret in 2004. In that same year, she attended the Maryland Wing Solo School, which resulted in her soloing in a CAP aircraft. Gibbs was also the only cadet in her class to score a perfect score on the FAA Private Pilot exam. In 2005 she was awarded the Maryland Wing flight scholarship, which she is using towards obtaining her private pilot's license. She was recently selected to travel to Sweden as part of CAP's International Air Cadet Exchange.

During her tenure at Carroll Composite Squadron, she served as first sergeant, flight commander, and, for the past year, has been the cadet commander. Gibbs is also a member of the Carroll ground team. She was a member of the Maryland Wing Drill Team in 2004 and competed at the Middle East Region Cadet Competition.

Reed credits Gibbs with fundamentally changing the cadet program at the Carroll squadron. She brought numerous ideas to the squadron and streamlined the aerospace mentor program. Her goal to have the cadets run the cadet program, from scheduling to training, has been achieved. In addition to this, she has led by example, attending almost every squadron activity and maintaining near perfect attendance at meetings.

Gibbs plans to join the ROTC cadet corps at Norwich University in Vermont this fall, majoring in international studies with a minor in psychology. She hopes to become an Air Force officer following college. Gibbs credits CAP for her interest in the military and flying, stating, "I don't know whether I would have even considered the military had it not been for CAP."



CADET RECEIVES SPAATZ AWARD FROM REP. BARTLETT

U.S. Rep. Roscoe Bartlett and Cadet Col. Rachel Gibbs during the reception following the ceremony for her Spaatz Award. (Photo by Cadet 1st Lt Jenn Reed, CAP) By [2d Lt Brenda Reed](#) Carroll Composite Squadron Public Affairs

8/17/2005—WESTMINSTER, MD—Cadet Col. Rachel L. Gibbs, 18, received the General Carl A. Spaatz Award, Civil Air Patrol's (CAP) highest cadet honor, during an Aug. 9 ceremony at Winters Mill High School in Westminster. U.S. Rep. Roscoe Bartlett (R-MD) made the presentation.

In his remarks, Bartlett spoke of how his evening with the Carroll Composite Squadron cadets had lifted his spirits in a day when one hears so much negative about today's youth. In contrast, he said that during the evening he saw CAP cadets striving to improve themselves and better their nation.

The Spaatz Award is the final milestone in a CAP cadet's career. It is earned after completing all 16 achievements and then passing a final challenge: two written exams in aerospace knowledge and leadership theory, an essay on moral leadership topics, and a physical fitness exam. This rigorous exam is passed by less than 1 percent of all CAP cadets.

Gibbs is the 1,563rd cadet to earn the award since its inception in 1964. She is also the first cadet from the Carroll Composite Squadron to earn the award. In addition to the congressman, Gibbs also received a challenge coin award from Brig. Gen. Frederic Smalkin, commanding general of the Maryland Defense Force and a member of the Carroll Composite Squadron.

1st Lt. J. Kevin McHale, Carroll squadron commander, recognized Gibbs' accomplishment with a plaque from the squadron.

Col. Kay Joslin Walling, commander of the CAP Maryland Wing, spoke during the ceremony about the role CAP has in the state.

Following the ceremony, squadron members and guests attended a reception in Gibbs' honor.

Gibbs joined CAP in 2001 at the Delmont Cadet Squadron near Pittsburgh, Pa. She transferred to the Carroll Composite Squadron in 2002 when her family moved to nearby Gettysburg, Pa. She has served as first sergeant, flight commander, and, for the past 14 months has been the cadet commander at Carroll.

Gibbs is a 2002 graduate of the Tri-Wing Encampment. She graduated from the 2004 Cadet Officer School in Maxwell, Ala. and was honor cadet for her flight. She also attended the National Blue Beret in Wisconsin that same year. During the summer of 2004, Gibbs graduated from the Maryland Wing Solo School in Hagerstown, resulting in two solo flights. She was also the only cadet in her class to score a perfect score on the FAA Private Pilot exam. The Maryland Wing flight scholarship was awarded to Gibbs in 2005, which she is using to pursue her private pilot's license.

Gibbs will be joining the ROTC cadet corps at Norwich University in Vermont. She hopes become an Air Force officer following college.



CARROLL COMPOSITE SQUADRON CADETS EARN HONORS

Carroll Composite Squadron's Charlie Flight received the title of Honor Flight for September 2005. Front row: Cadets Zach Bowen and Christopher Brandt. Back row: Cadets Zach Zaykoski, Richard Stuart, Honor Cadet Brandon Brooks, Chiara Burgan, Temma Clark-Braverman, and Jon Koziar. By **C/1st Lt Zachary Bowen** Carroll Composite Squadron

9/29/2005—WESTMINSTER, MD—Cadet Airman 1st Class Brandon Brooks of Pikesville, a senior at Western School of Technology and Environmental Science, was named Honor Cadet during a Sept. 27 closing ceremony of the Civil Air Patrol's (CAP) Carroll Composite

Squadron at Winters Mill High School. The award, announced by Cadet Commander Capt. Jacob Reed of Westminster, was given to Brooks after only four months as a member of CAP.

Reed also announced that the squadron's Honor Flight award was given to the members of Carroll's Charlie Flight: flight commander Zach Bowen, flight sergeant Chiara Burgan, element leaders Zach Zaykoski and Brandon Brooks, and element members Jon Koziar, Richard Stuart, Christopher Brandt, and Temma Clark-Braverman.

According to Reed, these titles of distinction were awarded to cadets based on aerospace and leadership test scores, attendance records, uniform inspections, and activity participation during the month of September 2005.

While the title of Honor Cadet was awarded to a single cadet, Honor Flight was awarded based on a cumulative effort by a group of cadets in the same four areas.

The cadet program at the Carroll Composite Squadron is divided into three groups of cadets, called flights, each led by a flight commander and flight sergeant.

CARROLL CADET NAMED WING'S CADET OF THE YEAR



Cadet Col. Rachel Gibbs is the Maryland Wing's Cadet of the Year for 2005. (Photo by 1st Lt. Brenda Reed) By **2nd Lt. Brenda Reed** Carroll Composite Squadron Public Affairs

11/16/2005—WESTMINSTER, MD.—Rachel L. Gibbs was named 2005 Cadet of the Year by the Maryland Wing of the Civil Air Patrol (CAP). The announcement was made during the wing's annual conference held Nov. 5 at the Clarion Fontainebleau in Ocean City, Md.

Gibbs, 17, a cadet colonel, has been a member of the wing's Carroll Composite Squadron for two years, transferring to the area from Pittsburgh. She served as the squadron's cadet commander until recently departing for college this fall.

Nominees for this award must meet specific requirements and achievement levels within CAP. They are evaluated on their accomplishments within CAP along with outside activities and academics.

Col. Kay Joslin Walling, commander of the Maryland Wing, made the announcement at the conference banquet and discussed Gibbs' accomplishments.

This past year Gibbs earned the two highest milestone awards a cadet can earn, the Ira Eaker Award and the Carl Spaatz Award. Her perfect score on the FAA private pilot's exam, along with soloing in an aircraft at the Maryland Wing Solo School in 2004, earned her the Maryland Wing Flight Scholarship in January of this year. This past summer Gibbs traveled to Sweden as part of CAP's International Air Cadet Exchange. She is also a member of her squadron's emergency services ground team.

"In the past year, Cadet Col. Gibbs has fundamentally changed the course of the cadet program at Carroll Composite Squadron," said 1st Lt. Tom Reed, Carroll squadron's deputy commander for cadets. "She is a credit to the squadron, Maryland Wing, and the Civil Air Patrol and is highly deserving of this award."



TWO CARROLL SQUADRON CADETS EARN AMELIA EARHART AWARD

1st Lt. Kevin McHale (far left), the Carroll Composite Squadron commander, Cadet Capt. Zachary Bowen (second from left), Brig. Gen. (Ret.) Edward Clark (center), Cadet Capt. Nicholas Krionderis (second from right), and Maj. Christian Ready (far right) at the awards ceremony where the cadets received the Amelia Earhart Award. (Photo by 1st Lt. Brenda Reed) By **2nd Lt. Brenda Reed** Carroll Composite Squadron Public Affairs

12/14/2005—WESTMINSTER, MD.—Two Carroll Composite Squadron cadets in the Maryland Wing of the Civil Air Patrol (CAP) have earned CAP's Amelia Earhart Award. Cadets Zachary Bowen, 14, and Nicholas Krionderis, 15, were presented the award Nov. 29 at Winters Mill High School.

The awards were presented by Brig. Gen. Edward Clark, former chief of staff for the Maryland Air National Guard. Clark was assisted by 1st Lt. J. Kevin McHale, commander of the Carroll Composite Squadron, and Cadet Maj. Jacob Reed, Carroll's cadet commander. Maj. Christian Ready, deputy commander of Maryland Wing's Group II, also attended the ceremony.

The Amelia Earhart Award is given to cadets who have completed the first 11 achievements of the cadet program. Cadets must pass a comprehensive exam covering aerospace topics and leadership theory. In addition, they must complete staff duty reports, mentor other cadets in aerospace training, pass a physical fitness exam, and lead moral leadership discussions. Cadets earning the Earhart Award are promoted to the rank of cadet captain. Only 3 percent of the 27,000 CAP cadets nationwide earn this award.

Bowen, of Finksburg, has been a member of the Carroll Composite Squadron for two years. He currently serves as a flight commander of Alpha flight and is a member of the squadron's emergency services ground team.

Krionderis, of Westminster, has been a member of the Carroll Composite Squadron for four years. He currently serves a flight commander of Bravo flight, which was awarded Honor Flight for the November during the ceremony. Krionderis is also a member of the squadron's ground team.

MCHALE ASSUMES COMMAND OF CARROLL SQUADRON



Lt Col Gerald Weiss, Group Two Commander (center, rear facing), transfers the Carroll Composite Squadron guidon to incoming squadron commander, 1st Lt. Kevin McHale (right), as Major Christian Ready, outgoing squadron commander (left), and Cadet Captain Rachel Gibbs, cadet commander (center), look on. By **2dLt Brenda Reed** Carroll Composite Squadron Public Affairs

12/17/2004—WESTMINSTER, MD—First Lieutenant J. Kevin McHale, of Finksburg, accepted command of the Carroll Composite Squadron of Civil Air Patrol during the squadron's annual banquet on December 11, 2004. The banquet was held at West Middle School in Westminster.

McHale, a member of CAP for two years, assumed command from Major Christian Ready, Carroll commander for the past six years. Ready, of Westminster, has accepted the position of Deputy Commander for Group Two in the Maryland Wing of CAP.

The change of command ceremony was presided over by Colonel Kay Joslin Walling, Commander of the Maryland Wing, and Lieutenant Colonel Gerald Weiss, Group Two Commander. Cadet Captain Rachel Gibbs, Cadet Commander at Carroll, also participated in the ceremony, which involved the transfer of the squadron guidon from Ready to McHale.

The Carroll Composite Squadron is the second largest squadron in the Maryland Wing, consisting of over 80 cadet and senior members. The squadron was recently named the Maryland Wing 2004 Squadron of the Year.

McHale, an 18-year resident of Carroll County, is married and the father of two children. He is employed with United Parcel Service as a Senior Business Systems Analyst.