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Congratulations to the members of the Tennessee Wing Drill Team on your Southeastern Region Victory.

Group 1 Emergency Services Training

Recently Group 1 conducted Emergency Services Training with participants from several squadrons across East Tennessee. Members began arriving on Friday evening to set up camp. Paperwork was checked, tents were pitched and staff were busy setting up various ground team training exercise locations and evaluating plans for the air operations that would take place the next day. CAP Members were joined by the Knoxville Police Department Explorer Scouts for the weekend activities.

Southeast Region Commander Col James Rushing and TN Wing commander Col Barry Melton arrived for check-in Saturday morning and observed some of the training being conducted. Group 1 Commander Maj Darrell Sexton provided both commanders with a tour of the mission base facilities and various ground team training locations. Before departing, both Col Rushing and Col Melton were able to observe the **Air Evac Lifeteam** helicopter land and members were able to get a close look at their equipment and meet the crew members.



After a short ground team mission Sunday morning, cadets and senior members headed back to base camp to watch the Knox County Sheriff's Department air rescue demonstration. The pilots and crew impressed everyone with their skill as CAM members watched two crew members rappel out of the helicopter to their victims waiting on the ground below. Cadets and senior members were able to spend time inspecting the helicopter and asking questions of the crew.

Thank you Mr. Keith McCord for allowing CAP to train on your property and for the wonderful BBQ. Saturday's dinner was a real treat for all of us after a long day of training.

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SAFETY NOTES – SUMMERTIME



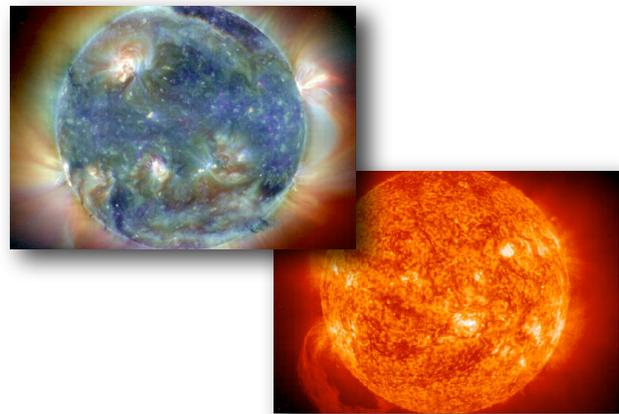
As we head into summer and consider the activities on our schedule in the next few months like air shows and encampment, what do we need to be aware of?

- **Dehydration.** During encampment with the strenuous activity and long hot days in the beginning of July. While standing for hours on end marshalling aircraft. You may not realize how quickly your body will be depleted of fluid. Always make sure to have more water than you expect to need.

- **Sunburn.** While on any outdoor activity too much sun is always a concern. Don't underestimate the effect of the sun reflecting off parked aircraft. Always make sure to reapply sunscreen several times during the day with a minimum SPF 30.

Be aware of your surroundings, if this is your first encampment, make sure to watch for safety hazards and make others aware as well. On the flightline, know where the aircraft are around you, watch the people around you and be concerned for their safety.

Have a great summer, a safe summer.



FYI – DO YOU KNOW ABOUT NATIONAL CADET SPECIAL ACTIVITIES?

National Cadet Special Activities offer cadets outstanding opportunities to spend a week or more exploring aerospace careers, developing leadership skills, and furthering their love of aviation. Over 30 activities will be offered across the nation for the summer of 2008.

http://cap.gov/visitors/members/cadet_programs/activities/national_special_activities/

EVENTS

June 27-28 Family Resource Fair (Recruiting)

July 6-12 Encampment

July 26 - Aug 1 SER Regional Staff College

August 5-9 CAP National Conference

August 28 Sept 2 - Mobile Vietnam Veterans Wall

Sept 12-13 Oneida Air Show

Sept 20-21 RAM Expedition

Sept 26-28 Group 1 ES Training McCord Farm

Oct 31 Nov 2 - TN Wing Conference

Nov 15 TN Aviation Hall of Fame Banquet (Color Guard)

ENCAMPMENT - BY 1ST LT JOHN YOUNG

Only a few weeks left before many of you are off enjoying encampment. Several are going for the first time and may not know exactly what to expect. Here are a few tips to help you get the most out of encampment this summer.



1. Read the CAP Drill and Ceremonies manual and practice before encampment.
2. If you have not already, start exercising! Running, push-ups, sit-ups, arm changes, etc. Start preparing now to make life much easier at encampment.
3. If you have a Camel Back, bring it. The more water the better!
4. Bring Starch. It will help keep your uniform looking sharp.

5. Bring moleskin! If you do not bring it, you'll regret it the second you get a blister (and you will)!
6. Know the military customs and courtesies by heart; when to salute, when to say what, who to say what to, titles, etc.
7. If your boots are new, break them in before encampment! The more you wear your boots before encampment, the more comfortable your feet will be at encampment.
8. Get a good night's rest the night before you leave for encampment. Your week will be better for it.



9. Do not be afraid to ask questions! The more you understand the better. This week is about learning.
10. Arrive with a good attitude and an open mind. Chances are that you will do difficult things you have never done before and the more open you are to new things and the better attitude you have about it the more fun you and everyone else will have!

NEW WEBSITE

We have a squadron website under construction. There will be public site that you can let friends know about and also a password protected members site which will contain our calendar, safety briefings and newsletters. If you would like the link to the website or to request a user name and password for the member site when it is operational, please e-mail 2nd Lt Kimberly Bennett bennettcap@mac.com.

Standards, Customs and Courtesies

A Reminder from Capt Matula

During any event that we participate in, we need to remember the courtesy to be exchanged between members; saluting. As a reminder, when in a military style uniform, it is never inappropriate to salute another individual. The basic rules are:

1. Salute when in military style uniform
2. Salute those who are senior in rank both CAP and Armed Forces
3. Do not salute indoors unless you are formally reporting to an officer senior in rank
4. Salute outdoors unless: you are carrying heavy articles or both hands are full, while on flightlines or marshalling aircraft, in formation, attending a public gathering
5. When on a military installation, salute officers in government cars if the car has a flag or metal standard identifying rank of occupant
6. Military personnel are not required to render a salute to CAP personnel



For more information on Dress and Personal Appearance, Personal Grooming, Uniforms, and Physical Fitness, please refer to CAP Pamphlet 151.

Uniform Preparation

A Reminder from Lt Col Clark

Sometimes we get busy and just drag a uniform out to throw on. It's easy to try to cut corners on how we look, especially if we're running late or just headed to the woods. But there are some important reasons why we need to take care with how we present ourselves when in uniform. Let's take a look at just a few.

Respect for the uniform- Any time we put on the uniform we aren't just wearing it, we are presenting it. That uniform has had people fight for the country in it, die wearing it, and had people buried in it. It deserves our respect as a memorial to those who proudly wore it as they served us.

Representation- In that uniform, we are ambassadors to the civilian world for the military. When people see you, they don't just think "oh he's sloppy", they get an impression about our entire organization. Any time you're in uniform, you stand for Civil Air Patrol and the military in general. Many people don't know the difference and how you look reflects not only on you, but the military with which we share a uniform.

Impression- You never get a second chance to make a first impression. The first time someone sees you in your uniform they will form an opinion of you. That first glance may decide whether they choose to join our program or go another direction. How you look says a lot about you, and has a great deal to do with how people think of our program.

Attention to detail- The military has stressed for centuries how paying attention to details saves money, time and lives. Your uniform preparation is a training program to get you used to noticing the little things. Is your wing patch exactly a half inch down? Did you clip off those last few cables? Are your shoes equally shiny? There is an old saying "take care of the little things and the big things take care of themselves". This is one way to train yourself to do that.

Personal Pride- If you are proud of yourself and the choices you make, then that will reflect in how you look. If we have a great car, we keep it polished. And if you are a great person, you will take time to wear your uniform with pride and distinction. It's hard to be sharp if you don't look sharp.

Your uniform isn't just a change of clothes, it is a badge of honor. It is what connects you to a great and proud tradition. Wear it properly and with pride.