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399th DANBURY COMPOSITE SQUADRON NEWS

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MAY 2014

Cadet Stillman Finds Lost Child

Captain Greg Sweeny
Deputy Commander Cadets/CT042



Cadet Tech Sergeant Noah Stillman and his family were vacationing with family friends in Corolla, North Carolina over spring break. On April 12, 2014, shortly after arriving, the Stillman's learned that the 3 year old son of another family who was staying just down the street was missing.

“We were all relaxing on the front porch, happy to feel the sun on our faces when a women walked by screaming, "Landon!" We asked if she was ok and she informed us they were staying 2 houses down and couldn't find their 3 year old son Landon,” said Mrs. Stillman. Sergeant Noah Stillman's search and rescue training kicked in. He immediately asked for a description of the child, including what he looked like and what he was wearing. Stillman then got on a bike and headed in the opposite direction of the woman who was already searching for the child. He used his cell phone to keep in communication with his father who was assisting with the search by car. Sergeant Stillman systematically searched the area, questioning people to see if they had seen a young boy fitting the description of the lost 3 year old. If they had, Stillman followed the direction they gave as having last seen the boy. If they hadn't, he gave them the description again and asked them to keep an eye out so that they could assist in his search.

One of the people Sergeant Stillman questioned said they passed a boy fitting the description on the beach not long ago and found it strange that he was unsupervised. Stillman quickly ditched his bike and ran to the beach and began following a child's footprints by the sand dunes. About a mile and a half down the beach he found a boy fitting the description. Sergeant Stillman calmly approached the boy and confirmed he was indeed the missing 3 year old.

Stillman then telephoned his father who drove over and met them at the beach. He informed local police and the child's mother that Landon was found and that he and his father returned the boy



Cadet Tech Sergeant Noah Stillman
(Photo: Major Peter Milano)

safely to his family. Upon returning to Landon's house Stillman watched the mother hold her baby on the porch and cry while she and her family thanked him.

Cadet Sergeant Stillman planned and safely executed a successful search and rescue mission using his training and good common sense. His actions were in the highest keeping of Civil Air Patrol and the Cadet Program, and reflect great personal credit on Stillman, his family, the 399th Danbury Composite Squadron, and Civil Air Patrol.

Semper Vigilins!

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Chaplain's Corner

Captain James A. Solomon
Chaplain/CT042



“First get rid of the log in your own eye; then you will see well enough to deal with the speck in your friend's eye.”
Jesus of Nazareth, Matthew 7:5

A young couple moved into a new neighborhood. The next morning while they were eating breakfast, the young wife saw her neighbor hanging the wash outside. 'That laundry is not very clean', she said. 'She doesn't know how to wash correctly. Perhaps she needs better laundry soap.' Her husband looked on, but remained silent. Every time her neighbor would hang her wash to dry, the young woman would make the same comments. About one month later, the woman was surprised to see nice clean wash on the line and said to her husband: 'Look, she learned how to wash correctly. I wonder who taught her how to do it?' The husband said, 'I got up early this morning and cleaned our windows!'

And so it is with life. What we see when watching others depends on the purity of the window through which we look. How pure is your perspective when you look at others? If you only look for faults, you'll find them. Yet, if you look beyond someone's problems to their potential, you will help them reach it. True servant-leaders examine their



Chaplain Capt James Solomon
(Photo: Capt Peter Milano)

own perspective so that they can clearly see others' potential. True leaders are able to celebrate the success of others rather than simply point out the shortcomings of others. How willing are you to serve others in a way that celebrates others, even when it means promoting them rather than yourself?

Serving with you!

See page 9 for meeting date details, including uniform of the day!

Northeast Region Annual Awards

**Director of Finance of the Year
Captain Joe Bisnov, CT Wing**

Congratulations to Captain Joe Bisnov (Danbury Composite Squadron Deputy Commander) for receiving the Northeast Region *Director of Finance of the Year Award*.

Captain Bisnov serves as director of finance for Connecticut Wing in addition to his duties at the 399th Danbury Squadron.

**NER Chaplain Staff College
June 9-13
Joint Base-McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst,
NJ**

Presentations will include:

"Violence in the Community: the Role of the CAP Chaplain" by Danbury Composite Squadron Chaplain James Solomon

"The Role of the Chaplain at Basic Encampment," and "The Importance of CAP Core Values in the Basic Encampment Program" by CT Wing Chief of Staff Lt. Colonel James Ridley

"PTSD Studies: Assisting Veterans in the Local Community," by 2014 CT Wing Basic Encampment Chaplain Andrew Hart

For further information please contact
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Commander's Cup Rocket Competition

Captain Ralph Langham

Aerospace Education Officer/CT042



Aerospace Education (AE) is one of the three primary missions of Civil Air Patrol (CAP). I have watched the AE program grow from teaching with hard paper copies to the web site that now makes teaching easier for both cadets and teachers. The rocketry part of this program allows cadets to get involved both physically and mentally and is therefore a very important part of Aerospace Education.

With that said, each of you, or the squadrons you represent, are cordially invited to attend the May 17 competition at White's Field in Durham, CT (rain date of May 18th). You should plan on being there by 9 a.m. This will give you time to get to know each other, go through safety, paperwork, etc. Firing of the rockets will commence at 10 a.m. and usually ends at 3 in the afternoon.

You are each responsible for providing the necessary Civil Air Patrol forms for yourself and those whom you represent. We will be the guests of the CATO rocket hobbyists who hold this event the 3rd Saturday of each month. CATO provides the launching pads, checking of rockets for safety issues, and has the ability to check the height of the launch. Squadrons are encouraged to bring the tools to have cadets use mathematics on their own to indicate the height (this is a great educational tool and allows them to get involved in the mathematics that rocketry offers them). Directions are easily found by going to the CATO web site (www.catorockets.org). This site will also give you the flight limits for the rockets. Some of you have contacted CATO to say you are coming to the event and that is great. Others have said their squadron is not ready at this time (we would like to help you correct this). If you cannot attend or bring a competing squadron we hope that you may be able to send someone just to observe the day. One of the best comments that a cadet has offered about this day is that it is like the 4th of July; only you are firing the rockets!

Please let me know how many squadrons will be attending (best estimate – and we understand last minute drop outs and additions). We need to give a

count to CATO as a courtesy. CATO will provide us with a very good price for hot dogs, hamburgers, water and chips for lunch, but they need to know how many will attend so as to have the proper amount of food that day. With that said, please have your cadet's act responsibly when going through the "chow line." Last year CATO ran out of food because they didn't have an accurate count of attendees but also because some cadets had multiple servings of food. Please conduct yourselves appropriately.



For additional information contact Captain Ralph Langham, ralphlangham@yahoo.com

U.S. Flag Disposal and Retirement

Captain Ralph Langham

Aerospace Education Officer/CT042

On June 1, 2014, the 399th Danbury Composite Squadron will be collecting American Flags no longer fit for service.

Collection will take place between 10a.m. and 3 p.m. at the Super Stop & Shop located on Route 35 in Ridgefield, CT.

These flags will be turned over to the New Fairfield Veteran's Association to be formally retired in a ceremony hosted by the Sherman Veterans Association held on Flag Day, June 26, 2014, at Candlewood Lake.

Use the flyer on page [8](#) to post notice of the event.

Did you miss an issue?

399th Danbury Composite Squadron News can now be accessed online. Issues date from July 2012 to present.

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Ground Handling Video

Captain Johnny Burke
Stan/Eval Officer/CT042



It was easy to pick a topic for this month's stan/eval article, Ground Handling Video is back in the news. CAP regulation 60-1 was recently changed to require cadets to complete the Ground Handling Video in order to participate in cadet o-flights:

Biennially (every second year) the Aircraft Ground Handling Video will be reviewed and its associated test will be accomplished by all CAP members who perform duties in the vicinity of CAP aircraft to include, but are not limited to, the following CAP duties: CAP pilot, Unit Commander, Air Ops Branch Director (AOBD), Operations Section Chief (OSC), Mission Safety Officer (MSO), Incident Commander (IC), Green Flag Sensor Operator (GFSO) Mission Scanner (MS), Mission Observer (MO), ARCHER Operator (ARCHOPR), ARCHER Trac Technician (ARCHTRK), Flight Line Marshaller (FLM), Flight Line Supervisor (FLS), and cadets participating in cadet orientation flight activities. Aircraft Ground Handling Training may be taken any time during a given year and is located on the National Aircraft Ops & Stan/Eval Webpage: www.capmembers.com/emergencyservices/aircraftopsstaneval/.

Since cadets often help move aircraft during cadet o-flights, being current on the Ground Handling Video should improve safety awareness.

We have been given a reprieve until 31 May 2014, to implement this change. CAP has had a few recent incidents of "hangar rash" (not in Connecticut). Repairs to an aircraft damaged while pushing it in or out of the hangar, or back into the tie down spot, are expensive, and easily preventable.

Fly safe and have fun!

ATTENTION PILOTS

**GON RWY 5/23 CLOSED APRIL 21-MAY 30,
2014 FOR EMAS REPLACEMENT WORK**

Civil Air Patrol National Headquarters

Civil Air Patrol is exploring ways to expand the relationship between CAP and regular, reserve and guard military components. CAP members who have military experience offer a unique perspective and may be in a position to facilitate new partnering opportunities and/or missions for Civil Air Patrol.

All adult members and cadets 18 and older will notice a new pop-up message when you log into your eServices account. This message invites you to update the expanded military service information in your member record under the "My Account" section. All members who are currently serving, retired or separated are encouraged to complete this information. If you have no military service experience or do not wish to share your military background with Civil Air Patrol, please select the "Do not show this message again" box.

The information requested includes the branch of service, current status, rank, current duty station, position and more. Members may be contacted to help facilitate new partnering opportunities.

Thank you in advance for your assistance.



ATTENTION PILOTS

CAPR 60-1 Revised May 3

Look closely at all the changes, but pay particular attention to the changes regarding wind limits, and ground handling video requirements.

CAPR 60-1, 3 May 14, CAP Flight Management, can be downloaded from the following link:

http://www.capmembers.com/media/cms/R060_001_132EEB0197465.pdf



CADET AWARDS & PROMOTIONS



Tech Sergeant
Rickenbacker Achievement
Noah Stillman



CONGRATULATIONS!

Bridgewater Fair

August 15, 16, 17, 2014

Save the dates for our primary fund raising activity. All squadron members are needed to manage the parking lots on behalf of the Bridgewater Volunteer Fire Company. Additional details will be provided at upcoming squadron meetings.



(Photos: Major Peter Milano)

Wing Wide SAREX

May 10, 2014; Meriden

June 16, 2014; Tri-Wing SAREX

August 23, 2014; Hartford

EVENTS & TRAINING

Commander's Cup Rocket Contest
May 17; Durham, CT

Air National Guard Disaster Drill
May 17; Westover AFB

399th Great Start Weekend
May 24 (alt date May 31)

Corporate Learning Course
May 31-June 1
Royal Charter Squadron HQ

399th U.S. Flag Collection
June 1; 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Stop & Shop, Ridgefield, CT

National Emergency Services Academy
Session 1: Jul 20 to 26/Session 2: Jul 27 to Aug 2
Camp Atterbury, Edinburgh, IN
www.nesa.cap.gov

CTWG Basic Leadership Encampment
August 9-16; Niantic, CT
ctwg.cap.gov/2014-ctwg-encampment

2014 CAP National Conference
August 14-16
Las Vegas, NV

Bridgewater Fair
August 15-17; Bridgewater, CT

Cadet Ball
September 20 (tentative)
U.S. Coast Guard Academy

Northeast Region Aerospace Education Officers Course
October 16-18
Bradley Airport, Windsor Locks, CT

Combined Connecticut Wing, Northeast Region Conference
October 17-19
Bradley Airport, Windsor Locks, CT



Heads Up! May 2014

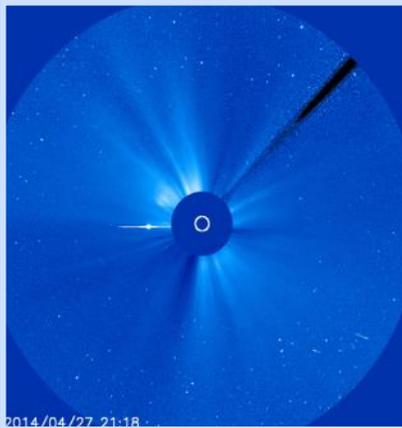
Bob Kelly, EPA Meteorologist



Go out and find Jupiter, a bit lower in the west, still a joy in telescopes, even as it gets a bit smaller. Even without a telescope, go out and get a wide-field photo of Jupiter and the twins as the Gemini stand up on the horizon! The Moon joins their dance line, bouncing on Pollux' knee, on the 3rd and the 31st.

Mars also shrinks quickly as it moves away, but still attracts attention as the third brightest planet in the evening sky, after Jupiter and Mercury. Clouds over the Hellas desert look like a large polar cap in a telescope; the large contrast with the rest of the ruddy planet making Mars look a bit strange in a 'scope. The northern polar cap is tipped toward us, but is very tiny since it is summer in the northern hemisphere on Mars. Asteroids Vesta and Ceres are lurking just a few degrees from Mars, with Ceres about to get a visit from the Dawn space probe next February. How long of a camera exposure do you need to get all except Dawn in the same photo? The Moon 'photo bombs' the scene around the 10th.

Mercury starts out May as the second brightest planet in the evening sky. But it's deep in the solar glare after hiding behind the Sun at superior conjunction. It gets dimmer all month but easier to find by



Mercury is the bright object just to the left of the Sun in this photo from the SOHO spacecraft. (Photo: NASA)

mid-May as it moves out from the Sun into the evening sky. It's the best show for Mercury in our evening skies this year. Catch it before it fades away after the Memorial Day weekend. Use high magnification to watch its rapidly changing phases.

Saturn is closest to us for 2014 around May10. The ringed planet makes a splendid appearance in any reasonable optical device over 30 power. Saturn's moons are a highlight all by themselves. Titan is in reach of smaller scopes. Rhea and Dione are noticea-

ble much of the time in moderate scopes. Iapetus' orbit is tilted more than the others, so it passes to the north of Saturn in early May. Even at magnitude +11 it is sometimes easier to find, away from the distracting bright rings. If you follow Iapetus' progress this month, it will get dimmer as it revolves to Saturn's east. That's when we'll see the darker side of the two-faced moon. Saturn's rings often look brighter for a few days near opposition on the May10. The Sun is behind us from Saturn's point of view, so the tiny particles in Saturn's ring reflect more light back toward its source, making the rings look brighter than usual. The Moon rings in with a very close pass on the 14th.

Venus must be very comfortable, settling in well to right of the rising Sun all through the summer months. In a telescope, our 'evil twin' planet looks smaller each week as it moves swiftly away from Earth, but will be 2/3 lit and getting fuller this month. These two factors will offset to keep Venus near a blazing-bright magnitude minus 4.0. You'll need to find Venus in a bright sky to see the shape of the planet. Just don't try when the Sun is up, since the Sun follows Venus and will burn out your eyes and your telescope. The Moon is nearby during the Memorial Day weekend.

We may have a new meteor shower this month. Set your alarm before 3am EDT on the May 24. Look overhead or in the darkest, least obstructed part of your sky to see the most meteors. Mathematicians calculated the debris trail from Comet 209P/LINEAR's will be thick enough to produce a good meteor shower when the comet's orbit intercepts the Earth's orbit. Don't be disappointed if you only see a few meteors; the ones you see are likely to be brighter and slower-moving than meteors you typically see. And there's always the chance of a meteor storm! The comet itself is predicted to be 11th magnitude or fainter when it passes at a safe distance from Earth five days later.

Lovers of the Moon might want to view the Moon around the 19th, when it will be near perigee for the month. The heavily-cratered south polar region will be tipped a bit more than usual toward Earth. The rugged terrain has lots of details, and may be the site of a future Moon base, so no matter what

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size telescope you have, crank up the power and see for yourself!

Another comet discovered by the PanSTARRS sky survey – C/2012 K1 - will be a binocular object inside the handle of the Big Dipper in early May.

ISS sightings will resume in the morning sky after May 14. In early June, as many as five passes a night can be seen.

For more sky news visit Bob's blog

bkellysky.wordpress.com

For Squadron Pictures Visit
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Rockets received from the estate of Ed Zeiner will be flown at CATO on May 17.



Cadets built and launched *fizzy rockets* on April 22
 (Photos: Senior Member Brian Waldron)



U.S. Flag Disposal and Retirement

The United States Flag Code states: "The Flag, when it is in such condition that it is no longer a fitting emblem of display, should be destroyed in a dignified way, preferable by burning."

The 399th Danbury Composite Squadron, Civil Air Patrol, will collect American Flags no longer fit for service

Bring your worn and tattered flags so they can be formally retired in an approved ceremony on Flag Day

Date: June 1, 2014 Time: 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Location: Stop & Shop, 125 Danbury Road, Ridgefield, CT



For Additional Information: pao@399cap.org

Or on Facebook

399th Danbury Composite Squadron



399th Danbury Composite Squadron Civil Air Patrol is a volunteer, non-profit organization, and the official auxiliary of the US Air Force



MAY 2014 CALENDAR

5/06	Squadron Meeting	BDUs	399th HQ	6:30 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.
5/13	Squadron Meeting	PTs	399th HQ	6:30 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.
5/17	Rocket Competition	BDUs	Durham, CT	9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.
5/20	Squadron Meeting	Blues	399th HQ	6:30 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.
5/24	Great Start Weekend	TBD	399th HQ	to be announced
5/27	Squadron Meeting	BDUs	399th HQ	6:30 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

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Send submissions via email to pao@399cap.org in MS Word format
(limit to approximately 325 words).

Photos should be sent as attachments, in JPG or TIF format.

Include photo credits, cutline information, and an electronic copy of the associated story.
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Civil Air Patrol, the official auxiliary of the U.S. Air Force, is a nonprofit organization with 61,000 members nationwide, operating a fleet of 550 aircraft. CAP, in its Air Force auxiliary role, performs 90 percent of continental U.S. inland search and rescue missions as tasked by the Air Force Rescue Coordination Center and is credited by the AFRCC with saving an average of 80 lives annually. Its unpaid professionals also perform homeland security, disaster relief and drug interdiction missions at the request of federal, state and local agencies. The members play a leading role in aerospace education and serve as mentors to more than 26,000 young people currently participating in the CAP cadet programs. CAP received the World Peace Prize in 2011 and has been performing missions for America for 72 years. CAP also participates in Wreaths Across America, an initiative to remember, honor and teach about the sacrifices of U.S. military veterans.

Visit www.gocivilairpatrol.com or www.capvolunteernow.com for more information.

