



The Col James Kasler Seniors Squadron Newsletter



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Congratulations Lt Mohid

Lt Dan Mohid has recently been named the Indiana Wing Director of Aerospace Education. Lt Mohid's credentials are impressive to say the least.

He is a graduate of Purdue University with a degree in Aviation Technology. Also, he recently graduated from CAP's National Aerospace Officer's School and is an FAA rated pilot.

He was at Camp Atterbury for the NESAS School and was the Distinguished Graduate.

In addition to his CAP activities Dan is entering into training as an Air Traffic Controller as of August 21st.

Lt Mohid has been an outstanding member of the Kasler Squadron for a while now.

Congratulations Dan on an exceptional start to your CAP career.

October Squadron Meeting

It's not too early to begin to think about the October Squadron Meeting. The meeting will convene at 08:30 am but all members should plan on spending the day at HFY.

This day will be devoted to training to keep us up to the high standards that we, as a squadron, have set. This training is not only for the newer members but a good opportunity for refreshing what we members that have been around for a while need.

Areas such as Flight Line Marshalling, Communications, Scanner Training and Observer Training will be offered.

Kasler to Host CLC September 21 and 22

If you have completed SLS then another opportunity for needed training is coming up at the Kasler Squadron on September 21 and 22.



The Corporate Leadership Course will be held at HFY on these two days. This important part of CAP training will give those that haven't had this training an opportunity to excel.

CLC is a series of classes that will help to understand the Corporate structure of CAP. It helps to relate and understand the Squadron and how it fits into the overall picture of CAP structure.

You will study not only the Squadron level but the Region and National levels as well.

The Director for this CLC will be the Indiana Wing Chief of Staff, Major Tim Turner.

Classes will convene on Friday September 21st at 18:00 hours and will last until 22:00 hours. They will reconvene on Saturday morning September 22nd at 08:00 and will be dismissed at 18:00 hours.

If you are interested in attending this course, please submit a CAPF 17 with the approval signature of the Commander to the course director, Major Tim Turner (turner@inwg.cap.gov).

The fee has not been set for the class but will not be more than \$15.00.

Dress will be Corporate service dress or USAF service dress (no jacket or tie necessary). No BDUs or Flightsuits but business casual is allowed.

Commander's Corner

Lt Col Larry Lopshire



Well, here it is more than half way to Christmas and a new year. I believe it is appropriate to reflect on the activities of the squadron and what we intend to do in the remainder of the year.

There has been very little activity in the search and rescue business for some time now. That, however, does not mean we can let the guard down and not be continually ready to meet that need at all times. So, be sure to keep your skills in tune and know how to operate the equipment and do our job professionally when the time comes.

As a result of a staff meeting that took place a few months ago, the tone of our monthly meeting has taken another shape in that we are focusing more on training and not as much on the paper work/administrative parts of the program. Shellee Pietras has come up with a training plan that has been recognized by the Wing Commander and has been sent out to the Wing as a model to follow. We are "Leading the Way" again thanks to Shellee and her staff.

You all should have seen the training plan by now and any suggestions would be appreciated. Beginning in baby steps we are focusing on the basics now with an attempt to get everyone up to speed in the primary knowledge areas and then spreading out from there. For those that have these primary qualifications done, we are simultaneously presenting materials that will keep us fine tuned in our areas of expertise.

I cannot over stress the safety aspect of the squadron activity both professional and personal. I have had occasion where I have had to inform families of a disaster in their lives and I hope that we never have that need. More importantly, I do not want to have anyone put in the line of danger that is not essential and necessary. Therefore, keep yourself alert at all times and in all circumstances.

Some have asked about the fact that we have a different plane in the hanger and if it will be a permanent part of the Squadron. From what I understand this will now be our plane until further notice. Apparently this plane was not getting enough hours on it so, we have to build up the time.

Therefore fly the pants off of it. One thing is, it is not a glider tow plane so the maintenance folks do not have to worry about that.

My thanks to all of you for your efforts in making the squadron what it is. Our need right now is to do some recruiting and build the membership so that we can all share the blessings with those in our community. Just talk to your neighbors and friends and tell them about CAP. It will spark an interest in many. If this will be like the cadet squadron, growth will come possibly faster than we can handle it. This, however would be a nice problem to have.

For those of you in staff positions, be aggressive in your respective areas to have that section improve and integrate with other parts of the squadron. I have been really pleased of late to see some folks stepping up their interest and activity. This really eases the burden on the rest of the squadron.

Again, my thanks to all of you for your exceptional assistance in making our squadron the model for the Indiana Wing to follow.



Remember Safety First

Take it from a non-pilot, I certainly would rather not have a take off or landing like the one above.

Safety is everybody's prime concern in CAP. The cost is too great to accept anything less than this standard.

Read the Sentinel every month and put into practice the wisdom that is within those pages.

Whatever our specialty track is, we are all safety conscious first. An unsafe flight is less than acceptable.

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Chaplain's Corner Chaplain (Capt) David Harness

Each day we are presented with a wonderful opportunity. We take this opportunity for granted and often we do not even consider it. Each time the sun rises in the sky we are given a wonderful opportunity. This is an opportunity that even God does not allow Himself.

It is said of Him that "He" changes not. You see, we are given the wonderful opportunity of change daily even though God Himself does not change.

Sorry is the individual that feels there is no need for change in their life. There is constantly room for improvement in all of us. If we delude ourselves into thinking we are in a state of perfection we err.

The sad thing is, even though each day is a marvelous opportunity for us to improve in our actions, feelings toward others and overall well being we seldom think about it. Most are willing to go on status quo. Never being willing to accept the existence of our faults and failings and trying to improve and become better individuals is never given a thought.

A wise person once said, "Today is the first day of the rest of my life." To have this attitude toward life and its ability to give us chances to improve is a trait to be desired.

I heard a story once of a man who lived on a houseboat anchored in a bay. He had been ashore one evening and as he returned to the bay he noticed a glow in the sky. As he neared the shoreline he saw his boat in flames, sinking beneath the surface of the water.

Many people had gathered around and felt compassion for this man because everything he owned in the world was aboard the houseboat and was destroyed. How sad he must have been!

Suddenly the people were surprised to see this man begin to laugh uncontrollably. Many in the crowd thought he had lost his sanity. One man went to him and asked why he was able to laugh in the face of such adversity. His reply stunned all.

The man said, "Everything I had in all the world is now beneath the brine and destroyed."

"But then, why would you laugh?" He answered in this fashion, "Even though you have your homes and possessions, you will awaken tomorrow to the same old life but from this day forward everything will be new and exciting for me." To see the opportunities that life gives us is a wonderful thing. To take advantage of those opportunities and change for the better is even greater.

There are so many opportunities in CAP. You can go as far as you want. Maybe you have taken an uncaring approach in the past, but tomorrow gives you a new day in which to excell.

The Kasler Squadron has always led the way. If we all tried just a little harder there would be nothing we couldn't do.



CAP Cadets

Indy Airshow to Spotlight CAP in Their Program

The Indy Air Show at Mt. Comfort Airport is highlighting CAP in its program.

If you would like to read the article please go to their website www.indyairshow.com/attractions/air-patrol/

They also will feature a booth for CAP so please go out and enjoy a day of aerial entertainment. The air show happens on August 25th and 26th.

There are also many CAP members who have volunteered to help in various capacities at the air show. Much thanks to CAP member Capt Frank Merrill for heading up the group of volunteers at the air show.

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