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COURTER ELECTED CAP NATIONAL COMMANDER

MAXWELL AIR FORCE BASE, Ala. – Maj. Gen.-elect Amy S. Courter of South Lyon, Mich., was elected national commander of the Civil Air Patrol by vote of the National Board, CAP’s governing body.



Photo : CAP/NHQ

Courter’s primary duty will be to lead CAP’s volunteers in fulfillment of the organization’s three congressionally chartered missions: emergency services, cadet programs and aerospace education, as well as CAP’s increasing role in America’s homeland security. The national commander is also a

member of both the CAP Board of Governors and CAP National Board – CAP’s governing and advisory bodies.

The election took place during the 2008 Civil Air Patrol National Board and Annual Conference Aug. 7 at the Gaylord Palms Resort, Kissimmee, Fla. She will be promoted Aug. 9.

Courter currently serves as CAP’s interim national commander, a position she has held for a year. She also serves as national vice commander.

Courter joined CAP’s Michigan Wing in 1979 and most recently served as chair of the CAP Professional Development Committee. She served as commander of

the Michigan Wing from 1999 to 2002 and as the female senior adviser to the CAP National Cadet Advisory Council.

As wing commander, Courter focused on membership retention, funding, training and aircraft utilization. Under her leadership, the wing received all four of the Great Lakes Region’s national program awards. She was founder and commander of the Michigan Wing Legislative Squadron, and Michigan became the second wing in the nation to have all congressional legislators join CAP. She also helped found and has directed the nationally recognized CAP Civic Leadership Academy, which gives cadets an in-depth hands-on understanding of government.

Courter has completed all levels of the CAP Senior Training Program, having received the Garber, Loening, Yeager and Wilson awards. She has received numerous CAP honors, including the Distinguished Service Medal with two clusters, National Commander’s Commendations and Exceptional Service, Meritorious Service and Commanders Commendation awards.

Courter is a graduate of Kalamazoo College, where she earned a bachelor’s degree in psychology, with secondary school teaching certification in psychology, computer science and mathematics.

In the mid-2005 Courter began a sabbatical after 20 years – most recently as vice president of Information Technology — with Valassis, a global billion-dollar marketing services company based in Livonia, Mich. While at Valassis, she expanded the IT department into a business, rather than just a support group, by



developing business-to-business applications that generated revenue.

Courter has been honored as one of “Crain’s Detroit Business” top “40 under 40” and was named as an “Outstanding Young Michigander” by the Jaycees. She also received the “Premier 100 IT Leader” award from “Computerworld” in 2001 and the “Top Michigan Woman in Computing” award from the Association for Women in Computing in 2003.

CHITWOOD ELECTED CAP VICE COMMANDER

MAXWELL AIR FORCE BASE, Ala. – Brig. Gen.-elect Reggie Chitwood of Van Buren, Ark., was elected national vice commander of Civil Air Patrol by vote of the National Board, the nonprofit organization’s governing body.



Photo Courtesy: CAP/NHQ

Chitwood’s primary duty as vice commander will be to help the CAP national commander lead CAP’s more than 56,000 volunteers in fulfillment of the organization’s three congressionally

chartered missions:

emergency services, cadet programs and aerospace education, as well as CAP’s increasing role in America’s homeland security. The national vice commander is also a member of both the CAP Board of Governors and CAP National Board — CAP’s governing and advisory bodies.

The election took place during the 2008 Civil Air Patrol National Board and Annual Conference being held Aug. 6-9 at the Gaylord Palms Resort, Kissimmee, Fla. The vice commander-elect will be promoted Aug. 9.

Chitwood is currently CAP’s sitting national chief of staff, responsible for directing and overseeing the organization’s national staff and advisers. He previously served as commander of CAP’s Southwest Region and Arkansas Wing. As wing commander, he was instrumental in getting state legislation passed to allow CAP members up to 15 days off from their employment to assist in training or actual missions. In addition, he has served as a mission pilot, mission observer, incident commander and Federal Aviation Administration aviation safety counselor.

A member since 1991, Chitwood’s background also includes service on the CAP National Finance, Constitution and By-Laws and Posse Comitatus committees.

An Arkansas native, Chitwood graduated from Westark Community College — now the University of Arkansas at Fort Smith — with an associate degree in criminal justice. He has completed U.S. Air Force Squadron Officer’s School, CAP’s Region Staff and National Staff colleges and all levels of the CAP Professional Development Program. His honors and achievements include the Gill Robb Wilson Award; Distinguished Service Award, both as wing and region commander; Grover Loening Award; Brig. Gen. Chuck Yeager Aerospace Education Achievement Award; and several Meritorious Service awards and Commander’s commendations

Chitwood retired after 28 years as a sergeant with the Arkansas Highway Police, where he was responsible for supervising officers patrolling six counties on the Arkansas-Oklahoma border.

His civic and community service includes positions as director on the Fort Smith River Festival Board and the Fort Smith Trolley Museum Board and working as a project officer for Special Olympics of Arkansas.

OHWG TO HOST AFIADL 13 COURSE

Bruce Tresz, Major, CAP

Professional Development Office, Great Lakes Region

Ohio Wing will be hosting an AFIADL 13 course on Sunday, September 7, 2008 at the Mansfield Lahm Air Force Base near Mansfield Ohio. This one day course is designed to greatly enhance the chances of passing the AFIADL course exam that is needed for progression in the CAP Professional Development program. It will cover all questions and information regarding the course exam and related material. If you're already experiencing "issues" with the course or if you've just enrolled, than I encourage you to attend as this class will be of great assistance.

Here are the details:

- To enroll, please e-mail me at bbjtresz@juno.com with your full name, your Wing and charter number, your CAP ID number, and your rank or grade.
- Cost is \$8:00 payable by check to **Ohio Wing**
- Uniform of the day will be golf/polo shirt or suitable combination. Please no BDU's or flight suits.
- Lunch and all course materials will be provided as well as coffee and light refreshments.
- Requirements for attendance are: Competition of Level 1 and CPPT and be currently enrolled in the AFIADL course.
- You'll need to bring your study materials with you for reference and highlighting.
- This course is also open to Cadets that have completed the Mitchell and above and have there unit commanders permission to attend.
- Directions and details will be provided after enrolling.

- Class starts promptly at 8:00am on the 7th and should conclude at approximately 5:00pm.

This course is designed to greatly enhance your chances of passing the exam. It is not a come and sit course nor is it a death by power point class. I've invited 4 highly qualified instructors to present the information, related material, and questions that will be covered on your exam. I hope to see you there.

INWG CADET COLOR GUARD CLINIC

Jeff Young, Major, CAP

Director of Cadet Programs, Indiana Wing

DATE: October 10th, 11th and 12th

TIME: Color Guards may start checking in as early as 1800 on Friday October 10th.

WHERE: Anderson Preparatory Academy

Address: 3205 W.25th Anderson, Indiana 46016
(Zip code may be different)

Uniform: BDU's

Cost: \$20.00 per member
checks **payable to INWG Cadet Programs**

Mail Checks To: Maj. Jeffrey L. Young
422 E. Franklin St.
Greencastle, IND. 46135

Registration Deadline: September 30th

WE WILL HOLD THIS CLINIC EVEN IF WE HAVE ONLY ONE ENTRY ALSO, UNITS MAY ENTER MULTIPLE COLOR GUARDS IN THIS CLINIC AS WELL AS WING COMPETITION.

CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

Chaplain (Captain) Dave Harness, CAP
Chaplain, Indiana Wing

I wish to convey my sincere thank you to those of you who filed your CAPF 34 with me. We had more response than ever before. Out of 20 working Chaplains and MLOs we had 12 that returned Form 34s. In other words, 60% complied.



The CAPF 34 is a very important form as it demonstrates volunteer hours worked and money expended toward CAP activities on such a voluntary basis. It helps when CAP comes before the powers that be, to justify expenditures by the

government for activities.

I had a boss one time that had as a motto, "Do it then brag about it." This was his way of getting us acclimated toward self motivation. The saying seems to fit this scenario as well as if we feel something in CAP is worth doing then we should be happy to tell about our activities.

Remember the next form 34 is due at the first of January. Keep track of your miles traveled, money expended and hours invested in our cause. Everyone has done something in the Chaplaincy/MLO area but not all take credit for their efforts.

I would love to file a CAPF 34A with National in which the Indiana Wing had 100% participation. Please let me borrow the motto, "Do it then brag about it" and apply it to our activities in the Indiana Wing Chaplaincy. From the forms received there is so much we are accomplishing for CAP. Let's tell others what we are doing.

SLS AND CADET SCHOOLS

Major Jim Engel, CAP
Monroe County Composite Squadron

Monroe County Composite Squadron will be hosting for Group 12 a unique opportunity for you and your squadron. There will be Cadet **and** Senior Leadership training. For the Cadets, there will be an Airman Training School (ATS), Non- Commission Officer School (NCOS), and a Basic Officer School (BOS). For the Senior Members, there will be a Squadron Leadership School (SLS). Each class is limited to 20 people so register early. There will be NO walk-in registration.

The training will be held at the First United Methodist Church, 219 E. Fourth Street, Bloomington, Indiana.

All four schools (ATS, NCOS, BOS, and SLS) will begin on Friday, September 19, 2008. Registration begins at 18:15 and classes starting promptly at 19:00. The closing ceremony will be on Saturday, September 20, 2008, at 17:00. Dress will be blues.

Cost: \$20.00 by September 1st
\$25.00 September 1st to Sept 13th

Costs will cover: *All materials

You will need to bring:

- *Sleeping bag, pillow, toiletries
- *Good attitude
- *Desire to learn

*Billeting at the First United Methodist Church

*Pizza Party on Friday night

*Continental breakfast and lunch on Saturday

Check INWG website calendar for registration form.

LT COL HOWARD SMITH RETIRES FROM CAP

Reggie Paul, Lt Col, CAP
Terre Haute Senior Squadron

Colonel Smith a familiar face in Indiana Wing retired from the Civil Air Patrol effective 4 June 2008 after Forty Three and one-half years of dedicated service. Colonel Smith began his career in December 1964. He was instrumental in the formation and command of several squadrons. Colonel Smith was Commander of the Clipper Cadet Squadron in Terre Haute from 1965-1973. After that tenure he was Commander of the Wabash Valley Composite Squadron. In the later 1980's he formed and commanded the Terre Haute Warehouse Flight. When the Warehouse Flight was disbanded, Colonel Smith joined the Terre Haute Senior Squadron as the



Communications Officer and held that position until his retirement. Colonel Smith has many achievements in the Civil Air Patrol. He has held various squadron staff positions and

completed Senior Level V in December 1988. He is a qualified observer with many accumulated flight hours in emergency service missions and the counter drug program. He has served on wing staff as the Transportation Officer and was a qualified radiological monitor.

During his membership Colonel Smith has given many years of devoted service to his community, state and nation. He has given unselfishly of his time, talents, and personal resources to the Civil Air Patrol. He has made a lasting impact on Civil Air Patrol in his years of service and his contributions will be of enduring value. Colonel Smith's devotion and support to aerospace education, cadet programs, and emergency service is a benchmark for others to

follow. We wish him the very best in his retirement years.

RIVERCITY HONORS VETERANS

Jessica Caplan, SM, CAP
RiverCity Cadet Squadron

Evansville, Indiana –C/Maj Dieckmann, C/CMSgt Whitacre, C/SSgt Yates, C/SSgt Dieckmann, C/SSgt Smith, and C/Amn Moseby assist General Goodwin, Col (Ret) Roger Peterman and CSM (Ret) Doug Gibbens of the ESGR as they honor veterans that work at Bristol Myers Squibb/Mead Johnson Nutritionals. The RiverCity Cadets served as door greeters and provided the Color Guard for the Ceremony.

Bristol Myers Squibb/Mead Johnson Nutritionals held the veterans recognition luncheon to honor those veterans that have faithfully served our country in one of the branches of the military. Honored were veterans from the Army, Navy, Air Force, and Marines.

The event was organized by Major Brian Schmuck who is an employee of Bristol Myers. General Goodwin was the keynote speaker. Afterwards, General Goodwin took time to speak with the cadets and express his appreciation and admiration for the Civil Air Patrol, and in particular, the cadets who participate in events such as the veterans Recognition Ceremony.



INDY AIR SHOW CREDENTIALS

Frank Merrill, Capt, CAP



By decision of the Indianapolis Air Show Flight Line Operations Committee, all personnel desiring to work on the ramp and/or flight line at the Indianapolis Air Show in August 2008 are to have

completed FEMA IS100 or higher qualification.

In addition to police, fire, rescue and other services, this includes all CAP cadet and senior members. If your CAPF101 card already includes IS100 qualification, you do not need to re-take the course.

The training course is available online and may be completed continually or in stages. Each stage requires about 30 minutes. The complete course can be finished in a few hours, and links to all FEMA courses are on CAP e-services as follows:

Log on to e-Services
 Left side of the page, click on "**Online Exams**"
 Scroll down to the "**Operations**" section
 Click on "**FEMA Courses**"
 Scroll down to "**IS100 - Introduction to Incident Command System**"
 Click "**Take this course**"

Follow the instructions provided by the course

You will note that FEMA offers many online courses that you will find useful, but IS100 is the course required by the Air Show.

Those familiar with CAP Incident Command System will find the FEMA course very similar. Although I have no documentation of it, I believe that FEMA used CAP ICS as a model for their system.

After successfully completing the course, you will have opportunity to download a certificate of completion from FEMA, and you may enter the completion information into your Emergency Services operations qualifications to add the endorsement to your 101 card if you wish.

When you check in at the Air Show, you will need to show your certificate of completion along with the usual CAP documentation if your CAPF 101 card does not bear the IS100 qualification. To review what CAP documentation you will need with you when you check in at the Air Show, here is the list:

- Current CAP Identification Card
- Completed CAPF 60 Emergency Notification sheet (two copies)
- CAPF 101 Card, showing GES qualification
- FEMA IS100 certificate of completion (if not shown on your 101 card)

Those wanting to use CAP radios at the Air Show must also present a CAP ROA card showing BCUT or higher qualification.

Commanders, kindly include a check of the above documentation in your routine inspection before departing for the Air Show, please. Check their CAPF 60 Emergency Notification sheet for complete information. The most common error is omission of blood type. All of us have blood, and all blood can be typed. Unfortunately, this information cannot be added at the Air Show sign-in table, so you must verify that all your members obtain that vital information before leaving home, please.

These credential requirements are much more stringent than earlier years, but all will easily realize that setting the above minimum qualifications will greatly enhance safety and professionalism in this most visible of Indiana aviation activities.

WING COMMANDER'S CORNER

Colonel Mark Reeves
Commander, Indiana Wing



August is a busy month....it's the month that we begin to wrap up our activities for Fiscal Year 2008 and begin planning for FY 2009.

First of all, we are in the process of closing out the 101 Days of Summer safety monitoring

program. Indiana Wing has been very successful this summer with no Safety mishaps reported. However, as a recent Air Force article noted, Safety is not just important during the 101 Days, but 365 days a year. Please continue to focus on ensuring safe operations in all of our missions.

As we close out Fiscal Year 2008, we have had a very successful summer that I want to briefly review

- **ENCAMPMENT.** First, we had a very successful encampment in Illinois Wing with 40 Indiana Wing cadets and about 5 adult officers in attendance. We are already beginning our planning for an Indiana Wing-sponsored Encampment for 2010.
- **NESA.** Indiana Wing has had a very successful two weeks at the National Emergency Services Academy with more than 30 Wing officers and cadets participating as students or staff. This activity will continue to be a priority for the Wing and I encourage full participation.
- **CADET SPECIAL ACTIVITIES.** Approximately 25 Indiana cadets participated in activities other than NESA including IACE, Cadet Officer School, Advanced Technologies Academy and others.
- **SCHOOL PROGRAMS.** Finally, our School Group folks met with the Anderson Preparatory Academy at the end of July, and completed Level I Orientation, Cadet Protection and Operational Security Training for their 20+ faculty members. The unit has recruited its

first 60 cadets and seniors and we still expect to reach approximately 240 enrolled this fall. Heading into FY 2009, here are a couple of things to keep in mind...

- **EMERGENCY SERVICES.** We have two funded ES activities left this year....a Disaster Relief activity the first weekend in Indianapolis and Counter Drug/Flight Release training in August. Please keep an eye on the Wing Calendar for these items.
- **TRAINING PLAN.** Our draft training plan has been approved for FY 09 and I am excited Next year the Wing will focus on
 - Community Emergency Response Team/Disaster Response Training
 - Search and Rescue Training
 - Incident Commander Development
 - Critical Incident Stress Management Team Training
 - Proficiency Flying

I am excited about the opportunity to have several large activities this year as well as the reopening of "Operation Iceberg". Please keep an eye on the Wing website to watch as items are loaded into the calendar.

- **COMMANDERS CALL and VEHICLE ROLL BY INSPECTION.** Keep in mind, the annual Commander's Call for squadron and group commander will be on September 13. We are still in the process of confirming location, but currently it looks like this will be at Ivy Tech Community College at Ft Harrison in Indianapolis.

I have been at the National Board Meeting this week. We had several exciting things on the agenda, and I look forward to relaying these items, reviewing our training calendar and meeting with each of the commanders at the Commander's Call.

WING STAFF OPENINGS

Applications are now being accepted for the following openings on wing staff. If you have an interest, please send a resume and cover letter to Major Matt Creed, Chief-of-Staff at mcreed@inwg.cap.gov

Search & Rescue Officer

Homeland Security / Disaster Relief Officer

Public Affairs Officer

CALENDAR HIGHLIGHTS (CHECK OUT THE FULL CALENDAR AT INWG.CAP.GOV)

August 2008	16	Counter Drug Training POC: rpaul@inwg.cap.gov	HUF
	20 - 24	Golden Age Games POC: rgriffith@inwg.cap.gov	
	23-24	Indy Air Show @ Mt. Comfort POC: frank_merrill@yahoo.com	MQJ
	30	Wing Staff Meeting POC: mcreed@inwg.cap.gov	INWG/HQ

There are more dates and information available on the web-site.

Got News? If you have news, information, or photos for publication in the next wing newsletter, please send them to the wing's Public Affairs Officer, Major Tim Turner at tturner@inwg.cap.gov

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