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**COMMANDER'S
 NEWSLETTER**

JANUARY 2004

CALENDAR

Always subject to change

- 1st Mon Wing Staff Meeting
- 2nd Mon Ops Meeting
- 3rd Mon Finance Meeting
- 4th Lgt & Comm Meeting
- 5th Social Night

January

- 5 Wing Staff Meeting
- 10-12 C.I. TAFB
- 16-17 SLS at SWO
- 16-17 Check Pilot Clinic
- 24 Cadet Review Bd. TAFB
- 25 Cadet Review Bd Tulsa
- 31 Cadet Competition
- 31 ICS 200 at RTI

February

- 1 ICS 200 at RTI
- 2 Wing Staff Meeting –SWO
- 13-14 SAREX - Shawnee
- 28-29 Natl Check Pilot Clinic
 Ft. Smith, AR

March

- 1 Wing Staff Meeting
- 3-6 National Bd. D.C.
- 12-13 SAREX – MKO
- 20 Encampment staff
 Training – TBA
- 24-27 National Congress
 On Aerospace Ed.
 Atlanta, GA
- 27 Mission Ch Pilot
 Clinic – Woodring, Enid

April

- 1-4 SWR Cadet Comp
 Kirtland AFB, NM
- 5 Wing Staff Meeting
- 16-17 OKWG Conference
 Marriott, Tulsa
- 23-25 SAREX – SWO

SHAWNEE SAREX

13-15 February.

Participation letters are required in advance.

You must have a current 101 Card to participate in any mission, actual or training!

There are legal issues here and this requirement will not be bypassed. To participate in emergency services training or operations, personnel must be current members having completed level one and cadet protection training (senior members) or achievement one (cadets). Successful completion of the current, 100-question, CAPT 116, *General Emergency Services Questionnaire*, including correction to 100 percent, qualifies the member in the general emergency services specialty rating. Unit Commanders issue the GES 101 Card in WMU.

At all missions currency will be checked against the wing WMU data-base. If you are not in the database you are subject to be denied the privilege of participating.

Maj. Bob Satchell goes to a mission to participate in his specialties and maintain his currency. He does not go to issue 101 cards. There are things that must be done on the computer and records to be checked that cannot be done at the mission.

Reminder: All corporate aircraft and vehicles are to be present at the SAREXs. If for some (good) reason no one from your squadron is planning to be at Shawnee for the SAREX, please make

arrangements with another squadron to bring your asset!

Repeated Tid Bits, This has been printed before but there are new members that may have missed it.

FLIGHT SAFETY

The PIC should always brief the aircrew/passengers, before departure, on the following:

- a) Mission Objectives – Make sure the whole crew (front and back) knows the details of the mission.
- b) Safety- A standard safety briefing (including emergencies) should be done before starting the engine. Advise at this time that each crew member has an important role in the flight safety such as advising the pilot of ground and air ob-structions, other aircraft, etc. At this time advise the crew that during take off and landing the cock-pit should be quiet (sterile cockpit) except as needed for safety.

Note:The “sterile cockpit“ theory applies to vans also, unnecessary chatter and noise can distract the driver.

TAPS

*Submitted by LT Col Pat Brower
 AZ Wing PAO*

Colonel Richard L. McGlade, former Arizona Wing Commander passed away on New Year's Day, age 80. Col McGlade was born in Georgetown, KY, 12 March 1924, but

was currently residing with his wife, Maxine in Sun City West. Col. McGlade had an illustrious Military career and was awarded the Distinguished Service Medal Distinguished Flying Cross, and the Purple Heart plus many other honors. He flew a B-25 a total of 67 missions in both the European and Pacific theaters of war during World War II. He was also an Intelligence Officer and Field Artillery Officer.

From April 1992, when he joined Civil Air Patrol, he shared his military expertise, earned many CAP honors, became Arizona Wing Commander, and later a Southwest Region Deputy Commander for Arizona, New Mexico and Oklahoma.

Submitted by Del Rubi, SMSGt Ret.
On 1 January 2004, the Arizona Wing Civil Air Patrol, the U.S. Air Force and the U.S. Army lost a "leader among leaders" and a "soldier among soldier" with the passing of Col Richard L. McGlade. Col McGlade was a highly decorated professional Army officer and was also a superb aviator flying the B-25 totaling 67 combat missions in the European and Pacific theaters during WWII. Additionally, he retired from the Army Air Corps as a Colonel. Not many people knew of his past as an Army officer. I first met Col McGlade in 1995 and found him to be one of the most honest and forthright men I've had the pleasure to meet. He was totally dedicated to his immediate family, AZ CAP members, and the men and women of the SWR of Civil Air Patrol.

As an NCO, I fully understood his leadership style during his command of AZ Wing – a style that demanded and allowed people to accomplish their jobs. Col McGlade ensured those who needed a kick in the

aspirations received one and those who earned a pat on the back received one as well. He also realized the AZ Wing was his responsibility, and he took accountability for the bad and the ugly! Never once did I hear him blame someone else for the Wing's misfortune – he blamed himself first! This is the consummate leader. A leader that the Noncommissioned Officers respected, admired and would follow into battle without hesitation. Col McGlade's legacy in CAP was enormous – and the Wing members performed admirably under his leadership, winning many honors during his tenure as Wing Commander. I'll never forget his implementation on the use of the "chain of command" and how many CAP members could not understand this concept – but he made it work. It worked during his leadership and it is working today thanks to his perseverance.

We've lost a leader, mentor, counselor, husband, father, and a "professional warrior" that followed the true spirit of the USAF Core Values **"Integrity first, Service before Self, and Excellence in all we do."** – a Superior leader truly deserving of the Royal Order of the Sword!

"The Order of the Sword is patterned after two orders of chivalry founded during the Middle Ages, both of which are still in existence. The rank of Noncommissioned Officer (NCO), as we know it today, was established in the early 12th century. In 1522, King Gustavus I of Sweden enjoined the noblemen commissioned by him to appoint officers to serve him. Those appointed were accountants, builders, teachers, scribes and others responsible for conducting daily affairs of the kingdom. The system was incorporated into the Swedish Army as a way to establish and maintain a cohesive, disciplined and well trained force to protect the lives and property of the kingdom. These ancient NCOs would honor their leader and pledge their loyalty by ceremoniously presenting him with a sword. The sword – a symbol of truth, justice, and power rightfully used –

served as a token for all to see and know that here was a "leader among leaders" and an "airman among airmen"/ This ceremony became known as "The Royal Order of the Sword" . It passed through the ages, coming to America about the time of the Revolutionary War. It lay dormant for many years. The current ceremony of the "Royal Order of the Sword" was revised, updated and adopted by the NCOs of the U. S. Air Force in 1967. (The Order of the Sword is the highest honor and tribute NCOs can bestow upon an individual.)"

CADET'S CORNER

OKWG Encampment 2004

Capt. John Gonzales, DCP

Location: Bacone College at Muskogee, Ok.

Date: 19 June thru 26 June

Cost \$120.00 Cadets

\$60.00 Seniors

Applications for basic cadets and cadets wishing to attend again are due NLT 15 May.

There will be 60 first time cadet slots available. Any of those 60 first time slots that are not filled as of 15 May will be opened for other cadets wishing to attend.

Complete (including signatures) applications must be sent to Wing HQ with a \$70.00 check and picture attached.

Senior members wishing to attend, please contact Capt Gonzales personally, even if you can only attend a few days. captgonzales@sbcglobal.net

INVITATION TO RHODE ISLAND ENCAMPMENT

C/2Lt. Eric Calvey, Cadet XO

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Rhode Island Wing is sponsoring a cadet encampment from 11 through 17 April 04. Rhode Island is among a very few wings (if not the only wing) to host a spring encampment. Our encampment can fulfill the requirement of cadets wishing to attend a national summer activity. Rhode Island is sponsoring a leadership academy this year, which will be recognized as a regional cadet leadership school. A ground

search & rescue school is being offered this year, which will qualify all cadets who graduate as a ground team member. This could be an alternative to the basic course of the National GSAR summer activity. The basic encampment will be held along with the above-mentioned activities. The Encampment registration and information packet can be downloaded online via this link: <http://riwg.cap.gov/encampment/docs/all.pdf>. Additional information can be found at the RI Wing Encampment Website, at <http://riwg.cap.gov/encampment/>. If you have any questions, feel free to call RI Wg HQ at 401-737-8490, or the cadet commander, C/2lt Benjamin Emerick.

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WHAT KIND OF MAN WOULD DO THIS?

Sent by Col Tom Todd, SWR/CC
Jack Tilley, a Sergeant Major of the Army, was with a group of people who recently were visiting wounded soldiers at Walter Reed Medical Center in Washington, D.C.

He saw a Special Forces soldier who had lost his right hand and suffered severe wounds of his face and side of his body. Sgt. Tilley wanted to honor him and show him respect without offending, but what can you say or do in such a situation that will encourage and uplift? How do you shake the right hand of a soldier who has none? He decided to act as though the hand was not missing and gripped the soldier's wrist while speaking words of comfort and encouragement to him.

However, there was another man in the group who knew exactly what to do. This man reverently took the soldier's stump of a hand in both of his hands, bowed at the bedside, and prayed for him. When he

finished the prayer he stood up, bent over the soldier, kissed him on the head, and told him that he loved him.

Sgt. Tilley was awed by the powerful expression of love for one of our wounded heroes he was witnessing! "What a Christ-like example!" he thought, moved to tears.

What kind of man would do such a thing?

It was the wounded man's Commander-in-Chief, George W. Bush, President of the United States.

This eyewitness account was told by Sergeant Major Jack Tilley at a Soldier's Breakfast at Red Stone Arsenal, AL, and recorded by Chaplain James Henderson, who was stationed there.

COMPLIANCE INSPECTION

The team consisted of six members, three on the CAP/USAF side and three from CAP. The CAP/USAF group was headed by Lt Col Don Herring, Lt Col Jim Clark, and Blenda Clower. Also from CAP/USAF, Col Russell Hodgkins came to watch how his team worked, but not as an inspector.

The CAP team, led by Col Richard Probst, was made up of Col Jackie Floyd and Lt Col Gerry Rosenzweig.

Col Gary's partner State Director of Louisiana Wing Major John Zaremba was here observing.

Col Tom Todd, SWR/CC and Lt Col Blake Fentress, SWR CAP/USAF were here to lend moral support, and the OKWG Staff really appreciated their being here.

On Monday they gave an outbrief and although we won't receive the official writeup for approximately thirty days we were given our grades, which I will list below.

Overall Rating – Satisfactory
DDR – Outstanding
Personnel, Finance, Operations, and Commander – Excellent
ES, CD, Comm, Safety, Prof.Dev, Chaplain, PAO, Supply, Transportation, Real Property, IG, and Legal were all – Satisfactory. Aircraft Maintenance – Marginal (due to 5 planes being grounded overnight due to a discrepancy on speeds that had not been updated in the checklists). OKWG has a really good program but the grounding prevented a Satisfactory rating in that area.

The staff learned a lot, got some great ideas and found some ways we can improve. When the official report comes in with all the Observations, Commendables and Findings, we have thirty days to answer.

COMMANDER'S COMMENTS

I want to thank all the members of the Staff for their time and effort participating in the CI. Col Hodgkins said he was very impressed with the caliber of the staff and how well we worked together. Many compliments were given during their visit. Kacy Harsha received a round of applause that was started by the CI team, they said they rarely gave anyone the rating of "Outstanding." One of the former Marine Corps Commandant's said that "if you do your work right every day, you never have to prepare for an inspection." What we have to do to improve is get all the paperwork in **ON TIME**.

Virginia P. Keller, Col, CAP
Oklahoma Wing Commander