

# OKLAHOMA WINGSPAN



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## UPCOMING EVENTS

### March

12-14	SAREX Muskogee
24-27	NCASE
27-28	Mission Check Pilot Clinic Enid

### April

16-18	Wing Conference
16-18	Airshow Oklahoma MKO
23-25	SAREX Stillwater

### May

6	Space Day 2004
15-16	Check Pilot Clinic
29-30	CN Training

### June

11-13	SAREX Tulsa
18-20	Aerospace America Will Rogers
19-26	Cadet Encampment Bacone College

### July

17-18	Pilot Clinic Enid
17-24	SWR Staff College

## COMMENTS FROM THE COMMANDER

Col. Virginia Keller

This is the first edition of the Oklahoma Wingspan under the new PAO Capt. Kathy Curtin. She has done a great job. Please help her in future editions by submitting articles about your squadrons or something you think may be of interest to the whole wing. It is a very important line of communication.

I want to say a few words here about taking care of our corporate assets, primarily aircraft and vehicles, but not excluding any other asset. When assigned any corporate asset, it should be maintained properly, kept clean and operationally ready to perform missions. If repairs are necessary they should be completed, using the proper manner, either through Wing or some are squadron responsibilities.

Having custody of the asset involves record keeping and paperwork associated with transferring, maintaining, flying or driving. These records determine when an asset can be replaced or what action needs to be taken to keep it serviceable.

It is my hope that all members, seniors and cadets, will treat our corporate equipment with great care, taking a personal interest in keeping everything in good shape and ready for the next user. If possible leave it cleaner than you found it, remember one of our four values "Excellence in All We Do". Each of us needs to maintain that attitude of excellence.

*Virginia Keller, Col, CAP  
Oklahoma Wing Commander*

## NEW CAP COMMAND PATCH

The newly approved CAP Command Patch is authorized for wear on the military-style flight suit and flight suit jacket. It is designed using the same standards as the command patches used by the Air Force and reflects the CAP heritage going back to World War II. It is mandatory after 31 March 04. It

replaces the round seal patch on the flight suits and utility uniform.



## PREFLIGHT BRIEFING

Capt. Kathy Curtin, PAO

Before you “take-off” and read the rest of this newsletter, I would like to make several comments.

The success of this newsletter depends upon each of you to help provide information of interest to share with other Squadrons and CAP members.

The deadline for submission of articles will be the 25th of each month. The newsletter will be made available at the first Monday Wing Staff Meeting and mailed electronically to each

Squadron for distribution to its members.

All comments or articles can be emailed to [OkHorseFly@aol.com](mailto:OkHorseFly@aol.com). Please be sure and put OKLAHOMA WINGSPAN in the subject.

**The “Wind” beneath the Oklahoma Wing is its exceptional group of very competent volunteers.**

I look forward to hearing from all of you.



Captain Kathy Curtin

## NEW OKLAHOMA WING AEROSPACE EDUCATION WEBSITE

Capt. Kelly Wardlaw, OKWG Internal AEO

Oklahoma Wing now has a brand new Aerospace Education website. This site is accessible from the Oklahoma Wing webpage ([www.okwg.cap.gov](http://www.okwg.cap.gov)) or at <http://okaerospace.tripod.com>. This new site contains contact information for Wing AE staff and Squadron AE officers. If you are looking for an activity for your monthly Aerospace meeting, check out the Activity of the Month section. Our Site of the Month features an interesting AE website with information and

resources. Finally, the Aerospace Spotlight will highlight an AE program, award, activity, or member. If you have an activity, website, spotlight or another idea you would like to see on our website, please email Capt. Kelly Wardlaw, OKWG Internal AEO at [recldr@aol.com](mailto:recldr@aol.com). We hope that this will be a valuable tool for our members with an interest in the Aerospace Education Mission.



## NATIONAL CONGRESS ON AVIATION AND SPACE EDUCATION

Have you turned in your registration for the National Congress on Aviation and Space Education?? It's not too late!

"Teaching Today for Tomorrow", the 37th annual NCASE will be held March 24-27, 2004 in Atlanta, GA. This premier conference on Aerospace Education features guest speakers who have distinguished themselves in aviation, space, and/or education. Participants will learn new and exciting curriculum and ideas through concurrent sessions from kites and gliders to

rockets and space shuttles. National awards including: Induction into the Crown Circle, The A. Scott Crossfield Teacher of the Year, the Brewer Trophy and the Dr. Mervin K. Strickler, Jr. Aviation Education Leadership Award will be presented.

No matter what your interests in aviation and space, there is something for everyone. For more information please see the NCASE website at [www.cap.gov](http://www.cap.gov).



## OKLAHOMA WING CONFERENCE

This year's OK Wing Conference will be held at the beautiful Southern Hills Marriott Hotel in Tulsa on 16-18 April. Registration forms and additional information can be found on the Calender at the Oklahoma Wing Website ([www.okwgc.cap.gov](http://www.okwgc.cap.gov)).

Cost for the conference is \$45, additional tickets for the awards banquet Saturday night can be purchased for \$30. The CAP National Commander, BG Richard Bowling, is scheduled as the guest speaker for the banquet.

The annual golf tournament will be held Friday evening, workshops are scheduled for

Saturday, and a commander's call will be held on Sunday morning.

All senior members should plan to attend. The conference is an ideal opportunity to get the latest CAP information, become involved in some very interesting workshops and activities, and socialize with members from other squadrons.

For more information contact 2Lt Brenda Miles.



## CIVIC LEADERSHIP ACADEMY

Concurrent with the Winter National Board, 24 cadets will spend a week in Washington to participate in CAP's first Civic Leadership Academy. The program will help cadets better understand their government. It culminates with the cadets supporting the CAP Legislative Day. This is when all the Wing Commanders visit the Senators and Congressmen from their respective states, to present the Annual Report to Congress.

Each region selected three cadets and C/LtCol Patrick Patterson was one of the three selected to represent the Southwest Region.

**Congratulations  
C/LtCol Patrick Patterson**



## BLAZING GALACTIC TRAILS - SPACE DAY 2004

Space Day is celebrated each year on the first Thursday in May. The goal of Space Day is to advance science, math and technology education and to inspire young people to realize the vision of our space pioneers. The theme for this year's Space Day is "Blazing Galactic Trails".

This would be a good opportunity for Squadrons to share an aerospace activity with

the community.

For more information check out [www.spaceday.org](http://www.spaceday.org)



## ORM UNIVERSITY

The following ORM University article came from the February 2004 SENTINEL (NHQ's safety bulletin) that is supposed to be posted at each squadron and reviewed during the safety meeting.

“Our partnership with the Air Force Safety Center (AFSC) has resulted in their **Operational Risk Management (ORM) University** being shared with CAP. Until now, ORM University was only accessible on the AFSC website by users with a .mil e-mail address. This computer-based training program's new second home is on the CAP website at:

<http://www.capnhq.gob/ormu/>.

ORM course offerings include:

**ORM Fundamentals** (an introduction to the process, techniques and basic tools)

**Essentials for Leaders** (intermediate training on ORM application)

**Application and Integration** (advanced ORM concepts and application)

**Executive Overview** (a course for commanders at all levels)

You can now study, take an exam, and print a certificate for all of the courses in this stand-alone edition of ORM University. It's extremely user friendly and will even remember where you left off during your last study session. ORM is proven methodical approach to manage risk and aid in making risk decisions. We've already seen success using this process in CAP flight operations and cadet activities. Encourage your people to check out these courses and give ORM a try. It might just save a life.”



## NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS UPDATE (NHQ)

**COUNTERDRUG:** The results of our counterdrug efforts have been tallied for FY03 and the impact is staggering. It is the highest ever recorded in CAP's history. Civil Air Patrol support for law enforcement efforts led to the seizure of over \$10 billion in illicit drugs and the arrest of 280 suspected **drug** traffickers. As planned, the online counterdrug orientation and refresher training courses will be available from 1 March through 30 April. Personnel meeting the requirements of CAPR 60-6, Chapter 2 can take the course online starting 1 March. If you think you are eligible contact Capt Jeff Rawdon, [jrawdon@cox.net](mailto:jrawdon@cox.net).

**NEW NATIONAL CD AWARD:** The NEC established the Norm Edwards Counterdrug Officer of the Year. To recognize a current member who has made significant contributions to the CAP counterdrug program. Nominations must be submitted through the wing and region. Each region may forward one nominee to HQ CAP by 31 March.

**EMERGENCY SERVICES:** FY03 was also a banner year for CAP in the emergency services arena. CAP members across the country were credited with saving 140 lives. This is the highest number of saves in the last 10 years, and has only been surpassed twice in the entire history of CAP. Kudos to all for a job well done.

**LOGISTICS:** BDUs, clothing, and other textiles are now available to screen and withdraw from the Defense Reutilization Marketing Offices (DRMO). Authorized members within CAP wings may screen in Person or online at [www.drms.dia.mil](http://www.drms.dia.mil). Uniform/clothing items do not require justification or approval from NHQ/LGS, but remember to get only what you need. All other items require justification and approval from NHQ/LGS prior to withdrawal. Contact the State Director or NHQ/LGS with any questions on withdrawal procedures. [kjones@cap.gov](mailto:kjones@cap.gov).

Col Al Allenback  
USAF Ret. Executive Director

## SWR POLICY LETTER ON MISHAP REPORTING

18 February 2004

Mishap reporting is essential to the efficient and safe operation of our organization. The current CAPM 62-2 outlines CAP's mishap reporting procedures, however, questions remain as to when a mishap must be reported using a CAPF 78.

**POLICY:** Effective immediately a CAPF 78 will be filled out and submitted to a safety officer any time a ground or flight emergency is declared, or, if any of the following conditions exist:

Injury to a crew member or passenger

Damage to aircraft to include a strike to a wire, tree, fence, or any other fixed object

Flight control malfunction resulting in unexpected altitude or heading change

In-flight fires

Loss of thrust (Engine malfunction/shutdown) in flight

Spillage or leaking of hazardous material from aircraft stores or cargo

Departure from intended movement surface

Physiological mishaps – In flight episodes of physical, physiological, medical, pathological, pharmacological or toxicological nature which compromises performance, confuse, disorient, dull, distract, endanger or incapacitate.

All damaging or non-damaging wildlife (bird or animal) strikes

Occurrence of any other situation outlined in CAPR 62-2 requiring report submission

Once a safety officer has received a CAPF 78 he/she will submit the completed form to the wing safety officer who in turn will submit the CAPF 78 to HQCAP/SE who will determine if an investigation of the incident should be conducted. The local unit commander is not authorized to make a determination as to whether or not a safety investigation is necessary.

The intent of this policy is to enhance safety and NOT to punish our members. We can only track *trends* if all incidents, even minor ones, are reported. The Southwest Region has one of the most enviable safety records in CAP and I am intent on keeping it that way. Please join me in ensuring our safety system has information on each and every incident that occurs in our Region.

THOMAS L. TODD Colonel, CAPSWR Commander

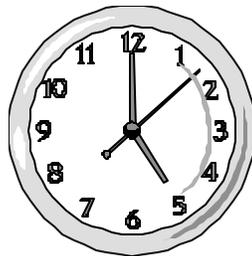
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## **COMMERCIAL AVIATION BACK THEN**

*(From North Central Region Winter News 2003) submitted by Virginia Keller, Col*

- 1914 - The world's first regularly scheduled airline, the St Petersburg-Tampa Airboat Line, offered two flights a day (one passenger per flight) across Tampa Bay, FL.
- 1925 - The first in-flight movie was shown on an Imperial Airways' flight from London to the European Continent. The movie was "The Lost World."
- 1930 - Regular coast-to-coast service began between New York and Los Angeles. The flights by Transcontinental and Western Air (which later became TWA) included an overnight stop in Kansas City, MO because night flying was considered too dangerous.
- 1936 - Pan American Airways' China Clipper service cut travel time between California and China from three weeks to three days. The fare was \$1,438 but you had stopovers in Hawaii, the Midway Islands, Wake Island, Guam and the Philippines.
- 1976-2003 - The Concorde cut travel time between New York and London to three and a half hours by flying at 1,450 miles per hour. This British-French symbol of 1960's supersonic dreaming was never a financial success and the final nine aircraft were recently retired.

**Daylight  
Savings  
Time  
Begins  
April 4th**



**Safety  
Has No  
Quitting  
Time**

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