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Mass. Wing conference, Mar. 26-28, Sturbridge

Report on Tuesday training, 1/26

40 attended: 30 cadets, 6 seniors, 1 parent and 1 relative and 1 guest speaker and 1 guest. Richard Langhoff of the Berlin Airlift Historical Foundation gave an interesting presentation on those thousands of flights that supplied the citizens of West Berlin when Russia cut off supply routes following WWII. He accompanied his slides and movies with narration and models of the planes used in the airlift plus some printed material. Visit the BAHF website at www.SpiritOfFreedom.org. After sody break, cadet A1c Michael Spearin and cadet SrA Jake Noiordzj conducted an Aerospace Education class on hot air balloons, based on module 1. Cadet CMSgt Josh Burchman brought a plane from Alpha-1 and showed cadets the parts of the plane and how they work. Cadet SMSgt Lydia Murdy continued the demonstration inside on the white board. The class will continue next week.

***Next training, 2/2:** BDUs. Safety. AE class. Moral Leadership. Snacks: Guy, Johnson, Justice, Keohan.

2/9: Running gear. AE update. CPFT and written testing. Snacks: TBA.

2/16: Blues. AE update. Drill/Color Guard. Mentoring. Awards & Promotions.

2/23: BDUs. PT. Emergency Services class. Snacks: TBA.

***3/2:** BDUs. Safety. Specialties. Moral Leadership. Snacks: TBA.

***3/9:** Running gear. AE update. CPFT testing. Written testing. Snacks: TBA.

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***3/23:** BDUs. PT. Aerospace class. Specialties. Snacks: TBA.

Asterisked (*) items have changed or were added since the previous newsletter.

***Supporting our troops:** We came very close to filling three boxes in January. Let's try to catch up in February. Each of us promised to bring at least one item every month. The troops appreciate the packages. They enjoy books and use lots of hand sanitizers. They need travel-size containers of items. It's best not to send liquids. Please, nothing in glass containers or foods needing preparation, such as oatmeal. Our web site has a list of things they need. Mutual Bank, 2 Pilgrim Rd. Plymouth, made a generous donation to pay shipping charges.

***Relief for Haiti Earthquake victims:** We volunteered our services but have not been called yet. Meanwhile we will have a donation can on our sign-in table.

***Team America Rocketry Challenge:** Sat., 1/30, 12-3. The first launch on Saturday went fine, topping at 636 feet. The streamer worked well, for a duration of 28 seconds. However on the second launch, a faulty engine caused minor damage. If we can get a new rocket body made, we could try a launch Saturday. The goal is 825 ft., a 40-45 second flight duration and a streamer recovery.

***Color Guard training:** Sat., 1/30, 3-5. There has been no decision on who will be our color guard. If anyone is interested, come to a training session or speak with cadet CMSgt. Myette. We may form 2 teams if we have enough cadets.

Block III Emergency Services training: Sun., Jan. 31, Hanscom AFB Airman and Family Readiness Center. Basic First Aid in the morning, Ground Team Member III prerequisite training in the afternoon. It is very important to tell Lt. Weinstock that you plan to attend. Priority will be for those who have attended Block I and II. We cannot go over the quota. See the training plan on our web site under Emergency Services. Note that Appendix C outlines what will be needed in order to attend the bivouac on Feb 19-21.

***International Space Station:** It will be visible, clouds permitting, a couple times next week. Plain eyes or binoculars work best. Schedule (both are mornings):

Day & time	Object	Duration	Max. elev.	Approach	Departure
Tuesday, Feb 2 6:21	ISS	2 min.	19 degrees	10 above S	19 above SSE
Thursday Feb 4 5:33	ISS	2 min.	20 degrees	10 above S	20 above SE

***Fly Day:** Sat., Feb. 20, weather permitting. On previous fly days cadets went to Martha's Vineyard, circled a house fire in Mansfield, spotted whales in Cape Cod Bay, and went to an air show in N.H. Once at a safe altitude and under the supervision of a qualified CAP pilot, cadets "take the stick" and fly the plane for about an hour. Sign up at Tuesday meetings.

Next SAREX (Search And Rescue EXercise): Sun., 2/21, at Plymouth. Rain date is Sun., Feb. 28. The purpose is to improve coordination between air crews and ground teams. Some air crew will accompany ground teams and some GTMs will serve as air crew. It should be an interesting and instructive day. We have these exercises to prepare in case we are needed in a real situation. They also are a great way to get task signoffs. To participate you need: your CAP ID, 101 card, SQTR and Authorization for Consent (cadets) or CAPF60 (seniors).

***MAWG conference:** Fri-Sun, March 26-28. Sturbridge Host Hotel and Conference Center, Sturbridge. The Conference is a great way to meet cadets from other squadrons, get new ideas, learn new techniques and find out what's going on in CAP nationally. Competitions in: Aerospace Ed. and Safety displays, photography, model building, public speaking and essay. Details on Conference website: www.mawgconference.com. Costs prior to Feb. 26 are \$40 for conference and banquet, \$60 for seniors. Rooms range from \$98.73/night for singles to \$120.67 for quads. We usually put 4 cadets/room, making approx. \$40 per night for cadets. Cadets must register and reserve rooms through the squadron commander by Tuesday, Feb. 23. All prices higher after Feb. 26. Further details at Tuesday meetings. All planning to attend must fill in the sign up sheet.

***Other upcoming events** (See Maj. Yaeger for more information):

Talk to DYS kids in Brockton – Date and time TBA. See Maj. Yaeger for details.

Mission Scanner school – 2/27 and 3/6, Hanscom. See Maj. Yaeger for details.

Spaghetti dinner for disabled vets -- Sun. Mar. 14. One way we can give back.

State Police Academy – See Lt. Weinstock about next summer's program.

NESA (National Emergency Services Academy): Applications are being accepted. Early applicants get discounts. For all the courses, prices, dates, application info, and other details, see the link on our web page under "Activities." It's a great way to spend a vacation. You learn a lot, meet great people and many who attend go back year after year. Ask cadet Goodall about her experiences.