



# Right Face



Central Iowa Composite Squadron, Civil Air Patrol

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## Words of Inspiration

"One way to become enthusiastic is to look for the plus sign. To make progress in any difficult situation, you have to start with what's right about it and build on that. "

-Dr. Norman Vincent Peale

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## Safety Tip of the Month

*Don't forget sunscreen!*



## A Glorious Mess

By Capt Doug Jansen



*Brig Gen Linda Hemminger (left) presents C/Lt Col Casey Schroeder (center) with his Ira C. Eaker Award at the Fourth Annual Dining-Out.*



*C/MSgt Jackie Elliott pours herself a drink from the grog bowl at the Fourth Annual Dining-Out while the color guard looks on.*

What night of fun would be complete without a toilet full of foul liquid? A Dining-Out of course! The Fourth Annual Central Iowa Composite Squadron Dining-Out was the best one yet. Fifty CAP members and distinguished guests enjoyed a night to remember. This year's guest speaker was Brigadier General Linda Hemminger. General Hemminger is the mobilization assistant to the Assistant Surgeon General Nursing Services and Assistant Surgeon General Expeditionary Medical Operations. General Hemminger spoke about her experiences in the Air Force and the need for qualified personnel like our cadets to serve their country.

It was a Dining-Out, so of course plenty of people visited the grog bowl for violating the rules of the mess and rules of proper etiquette. Some members of the mess, like Capt Halbrook, visited the bowl of social grace numerous times. Many new members were oriented to the Rules of the Mess rather quickly.

This year many awards were presented to CICS members. General Hemminger presented C/Lt Col Casey Schroeder with the General Ira C. Eaker Award. The Eaker Award is the second highest award in the Cadet Program and denotes completion of Phase IV and the cadet program. 1Lt Gary Colvin and 2Lt Anita Elliott both earned Commander's Commendations for their outstanding duty performance. Several members became qualified as ground team members and earned their GTM badge. 2Lt's Ann Colvin and Anita Elliott earned their mission observer wings.

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*CICS Seniors Get Taught A New Trick At The Leadership Reaction Course At Camp Dodge.*

### **Bivouac**

By C/SrA Drew Schlosser

This June I participated in the Central Iowa Composite Squadron Bivouac. It was great. There was tons of stuff to do there. We got split into two flights, Alpha and Bravo. I was in Bravo Flight. We got to participate in ELT missions and set up our own courses. We also got to use a GPS and find waypoints on our campgrounds. My flight got lost a couple of times but we eventually found our way home. We also had to carry Capt. Ruffin through a tough stretcher course. It looks easier than it really is. Carrying someone over a five-foot rope, not so simple. We also got to go on a missing person search. We were on that mission for a while. We even found Alpha's target before they did. That night we partied. We had some awesome food. Then we got to watch movies and play video games. That was cool.

The next day we drilled. Everyone got to lead the flight and every person did great. We also practiced flight line directing in "planes". Later in the day we had to direct blindfolded cadets through a course without crushing a foam cup. We had to direct them with sounds, no words. That was crazy. After some O-flights we were called about an actual mission near Iowa Falls. Before we could leave, the ELT was found and we didn't have to leave. It turned out to be a plane that had crashed earlier in the day at the airport. Afterwards we packed up and left.

### **Monthly Trivia**

Civil Air Patrol is buying a new aircraft from an aircraft overseas manufacturer this year. What country is it from?

*(Answer on Page 3)*

## **Old Dog, New Tricks**

By Capt Nick Critelli

Yes, an old dog can learn new tricks and the education took place Tuesday 20 May 2003 at the CICS operation at the Leadership Reaction Course at Camp Dodge, IA. There amidst the water, poles, piles and sand life lessons were learned.

As a barrister or trial lawyer, I have been trained as and work in a world of singular performers. No matter how many people may have been involved in the preparation of our cases, when we stand in court we stand-alone.

Even in the business world, the concept of "team" is jaded by the personal ambition and hidden agenda of the individual members. While a group may act in concert, individualism is still prevalent among the group.

So it is against this background that I approached the CAP operation last Tuesday night. The protocol was deceptively simple: A group of 4 senior members were randomly chosen, briefed on a mission, and sent onto the leadership course to accomplish it.

Mission 1 was to take an ammo box hypothetically containing nitroglycerine up, over and down two 8-foot parallel walls approximately four feet apart. Our makeshift tools were three utility-like poles of varying lengths and a hank of rope.

As we approached the mission I wondered why they called it a "leadership" course. My impression of a military group was that it was always composed of a leader and followers. The leader was all knowledgeable and the followers always compliant. This paradigm would quickly evaporate because I was the leader and I knew I knew nothing. Height and water are not my forte and on this mission only the water was missing. Quickly the group collaborated, formulated a plan and began to solve the problem. Unfortunately I was the problem and they did not yet know it. Not on your life would I attempt to walk up a pole, shinny over a chasm and jump off the other side. Crazy thoughts raced through my mind as I started up the pole. Could I convincingly fake a heart attack, labor pains, indigestion.... anything to get me off that pole. But if I did, my team would suffer. Team! I know about teams. Ultimately it's everyone for them self. We have a word for it in court its called the "cutthroat". Those thoughts vanished as I heard my teammates calling out words of encouragement, extending a helping hand, guiding my path and not-too-elegant descent. I had made it thanks to the help of a great bunch of guys. Then there was Mission II

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## National Weather Service Tour

By C/Amn Tim Erbes

On Tuesday June 17, CICS visited the National Weather Service in Johnston. We watched a brief slide show that covered what the NWS is, its missions, how it operates, and the services they provide. We then received a guided tour of all the computers it takes to run the NWS. Many computers are used by the operators to determine the current weather and to forecast future weather. They showed us everything from simple radar images to integrated sources used to run algorithms to forecast weather. Some of the radar images are gathered on site from a 750,000-watt Doppler radar that uses the most advanced technology today.

A huge part of The National Weather Service is communication; with out communication the office would be useless. They have many ways to communicate; the most used method is the Internet. They use the Internet to distribute radar images, information, and alerts for free to anyone who wants the information. The NWS also uses many different types of radios, including the NOAA Weather Radio (NWR). The NWR is an automated transmission of weather alerts, conditions, and other emergency broadcasts. HAM and HF radios are also used to communicate with spotters through out the state, these spotters volunteer their time to use their amateur radios for anything from rainfall levels to severe storm developments such as tornadoes.

We learned many things from visiting The National Weather Service, but I believe the most important thing we learned was how many hard working people contribute to the NWS to deliver our daily weather forecast, and advice us of threatening storms.

More information can be found at <http://www.crh.noaa.gov/dmx>



*C/MSgt Justin Colvin decided to dig into the bottom of the grog bowl and try to drink too much of it's foul contents.*



*Capt Troy Ruffin simulates an injured patient at the June Bivouac in Sac City.*

## AFRCC Search Management Course

By 1Lt Anita Elliott

On June 21 & 22, 2003, twenty members of the Civil Air Patrol from Iowa, Nebraska and Missouri came together at Camp Dodge to participate in the Air Force Rescue Coordination Center's (AFRCC) Search Management Course. The Search Management Course is a two-day training seminar. The first day is spent learning about the AFRCC and how it functions; the second day is a tabletop exercise putting in to practice the information that was learned the first day.

In the tabletop exercise, each team is given a list of resources available to them for examples – how many airplanes, ground team, communications – mobile or stationary, etc. It is then up to the Incident Commander and his staff to decide how to best distribute and use the resources in order to achieve the objective. The scenario was of an airplane that was overdue. The IC was in contact with AFRCC for additional information as it became available. The scenario was based on an actual mission so it contained usual twists and turns. The outcome of the actual search was revealed at the end of the exercise. The Search Management Course is a valuable training, which teaches cooperation between AFRCC, different agencies and with different people.

### Answer to Monthly Trivia:

CAP is purchasing several Gippsland Aeronautics GA-8 Airvans. It's manufactured in Australia. CAP will be using these for the new Hyper Spectral Imaging Equipment the Air Force is purchasing for us to use in search and rescue.

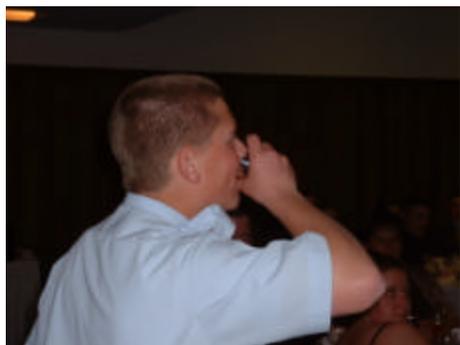
# Noble Eagle Flight Update

## **My First Dining-Out** By C/A1C Josh Egesdal

I was invited to the Fourth Annual Central Iowa Composite Squadron Dining-Out. When we got to the Iowa State Memorial Union it was the social hour where we could talk to all the people who were there.

Then the dinner chimes rang and I went through the receiving line and met Brigadier General Linda Hemminger from the Air Force Reserves. Then the head table went to the front of the room and seated everyone. We did a few toasts and then we ate. While we were eating Captain Jansen opened "The Bowl of Social Grace." Then Captain Jansen welcomed my parents and they were asked if I should be sent to the "Bowl of Social Grace" because they weren't enjoying themselves. Well, they agreed... And I went...

We ended the night with awards. There were many awards given out. Congratulations to all the recipients of those awards. It was quite an experience.



*C/A1C Josh Egesdal drinks from the grog bowl since his parents did not enjoy themselves to the fullest at the Dining-Out*

## **UPCOMING SCHEDULE**

July 2, 2003 - Meeting (Sac City Airport)  
July 9, 2003 - Meeting (Sac City Airport)  
July 12-19, 2003 - Illinois Wing Summer Encampment  
July 16, 2003 - NO Meeting  
July 23, 2003 - PT (Sac City Airport)  
July 30, 2003 -BBQ



*C/A1C Joel Bodholdt slides down a board while 2Lt Ann Colvin crosses the high bridge obstacle on the LRC at Camp Dodge.*

## **Iowa City Exercise** C/MSgt Justin Colvin

Five members from the Noble Eagle Flight participated in the Operations Exercise in Iowa City. Myself and one other member from Sac City, and five others from Ames were one a ground team. One member from Sac City, and two members from Ames were on an aircrew. In all the members of my ground team were Capt Nick Critelli, SFO Troy Ruffin, 1Lt James McLaughlin, C/MSgt Jackie Elliott, C/MSgt Justin Colvin, C/SrA Drew Schlosser, and C/A1C Joel Bodholdt. We even had one lone wolf from Noble Eagle training for his Mission Radio Operator Qualification. C/A1C Josh Egesdal found out that manning radios was a little harder when you have more than one ground team.

Out on the ground teams we had a lot of fun. We did a missing person search and an ELT search. Our ground team in itself was outstanding. We couldn't have gone wrong with SFO Ruffin as our Ground Team Leader. The seniors and cadets learned a lot out on the mission. It was a good exercise for the Central Iowa Composite Squadron and Noble Eagle Flight ground team.

Other members who participated included Lt Col Ralph Tomlinson, Maj Suzanne Tomlinson, Capt Doug Jansen, and 2Lt Ann Colvin.

## A Glorious Mess (cont'd)

The 2003 Of The Year Award Recipients were:

2003 Senior Member of the Year (Ames):

2Lt Roger Elliott

2003 Senior Member of the Year (Noble Eagle):

2Lt Ann Colvin

2003 Cadet of the Year (Ames):

C/1Lt Erin Lowry

2003 Cadet of the Year (Noble Eagle):

C/MSgt Justin Colvin

CICS also debuted its squadron patch. The patch has been in the design phases for several years and is now a reality. The first few patches of the batch were given to members who have made outstanding contributions to make the squadron successful. When the first batch of 100 patches runs out the patch design will be slightly modified to distinguish the first 100 from patches here on. Everyone can now look forward to the Fifth Annual Dining-Out next year.

## COMMANDER'S CORNER

By Capt Doug Jansen

Encampment season is upon us! Many of our cadets will attend their first summer encampment at Volk Field, Wisconsin. Encampment is a major milestone for a cadet and a great opportunity to put all of their CAP training into action. Next month we can look forward to hearing about all of the adventures they had and the new friend they made. I hop that next year we can have all of these cadets return to encampment and have those cadets that couldn't make it this year go for the first time. Good luck!

## Old Dog, New Trick (cont'd)

Mission II was a sadistic course composed on the other element I detest: water. There we were, on the other side of a pond with two stanchions in the middle. Our tools were two fifteen-foot lead pipes, a fifty-gallon metal drum and a hank of rope. We were to take everything and everybody to the other side of the pond. Great, just what I wanted to do on a beautiful Tuesday evening, walk on a pipe over a pond of water carrying a fifty gallon metal drum. But the team went into action. Again group collaboration, plan formulation and execution and away we went. This time I noticed a personal change. When encouraged by my mates to walk on the pipe over the dreaded water, before I could even think about an interesting excuse I found myself on the pipe and standing on the stanchion and worrying about the pipe's stability for the next two guys who were in the process of coming over. Was Roger hoisting too much weight, was the pipe satisfactorily stable for Randy? Before I knew it I was on the pipe walking to the other side of the pond trying to catch a fifty-gallon drum. What had happened! I was experiencing what the British call mate-confidence. The simple fact is that they wouldn't let me down, nor I them. Now there's an interesting twist on human behavior. I work in a world where people are constantly letting each other down for their own selfish reasons and my job is to pick up the pieces and repair the damage. And here I am absolutely convinced that my mates would not let me down.

I learned a lot about mission leadership last night. First and foremost a leader must lead by the collective consent of the team. Secondly, until the weakest member of the team has developed confidence in every other each member, it cannot be effective. But most of all, I learned something about myself. I learned that my self-confidence is indirect proportion to the confidence that I place in others.

With the exception of the musicians and thespians amongst us, as adults we rarely have the opportunity to work as a team where each member is inter-dependent upon the other. Most of our sports are singular and our other group activities tend to be individualist. CAP provided this old dog with the opportunity to learn a new trick.

### Promotions

**Nick Critelli to Capt**

**Zach Dalaba to C/SrA**

**Anita Elliott to 1Lt**

**Tim Erbes to C/Amn**

**John Halbrook to Maj**

**Troy Ruffin to Capt**

**Liz Shehorn to C/A1C**

**Suzanne Tomlinson to Maj**



### New Members

**Brian Lange**

**Randy Lees**



**Total Members:**

**58!**

# Central Iowa Composite Squadron

## Upcoming Events

**1 July** - 1800 hrs Uniform: Blues Location: Ames Airport  
**Activities:** Moral Leadership,

**6-11 July** Uniform: Blues Location: Offutt AFB  
**Activities:** NCR Region Staff College

**8 July** - 1800 hrs Uniform: BDU's Location: Ames Airport  
**Activities:** Safety, Aerospace Education

**12-19 July** - 0800 hrs Uniform: BDUs Location: Volk Field CRTC, WI  
**Activities:** Illinois Wing Summer Encampment

**15 July**- 1800 hrs Uniform: BDUs Location: Ames Airport  
**Activities:** Cadet Orientation Course

**22 July**- 1800 hrs Uniform: BDUs Location: Ames Airport  
**Activities:** TBD

**26 July**- 0800 hrs Uniform: Blues Location: Ashland, NE  
**Activities:** Strategic Air and Space Museum Tour

**29 July** - 1800 hrs Uniform: PT's Location: Ames Airport  
**Activities:** CPFT, Drill, Testing

**5 August** - 1800 hrs Uniform: Blues Location: Ames Airport  
**Activities:** Moral Leadership, Leadership Lab

**12 August** - Uniform: BDUs Location: Ames Airport  
**Activities:** RC Airplane Demo

**15-17 Aug** - 1800 hrs Uniform: BDUs Location: Sac City  
**Activities:** Wing Ding

**19 August** - 1800 hrs Uniform: BDUs Location: Ames Airport  
**Activities:** TBD

**23-24 August** - 0800 hrs Uniform: PT's Location: Offutt AFB  
**Activities:** Offutt Open House / Airshow

**26 August** - 1800 hrs Uniform: PT's Location: Ames Airport  
**Activities:** CPFT, Drill, Testing

**30 August** - 0800 hrs Uniform: Golf Shirt Location: Burlington  
**Activities:** Tow Pilot School

**13 September** - 0800 hrs Uniform: BDUs Location: Washington  
**Activities:** Evaluated Operations Exercise

**20-21 September** - 0800 hrs Uniform: Blues Location: Camp Dodge  
**Activities:** Squadron Leadership School

**20-21 September** - 0800 hrs Uniform: Blues Location: Camp Dodge  
**Activities:** Corporate Learning Course

### July 2003

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### August 2003

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### September 2003

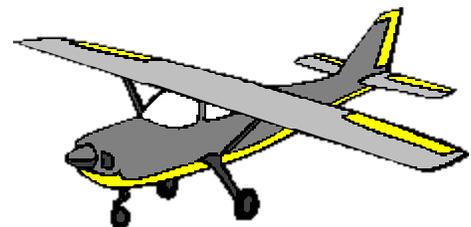
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### Reminders:

- Wing Ding Applications are due soon**
- Check the Website for schedule updates**
- N97465 will be gone to Mankato to support the flight academy**

### Projects In Progress:

- Preparations for the Wing Ding, SLS, and CLC.**
- Strategic Air and Space Museum Trip**
- Radio Communications Training**
- Getting Ready for Encampment**



Meetings: **Tuesday Night 6 to 8 pm**  
 Midwest Flying Service Building  
 Ames Airport

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