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Day two of the Staff College

Well we all survived the first full day of the school.

The day started with the morning Formation and the Flag raising.



A gift from ALPHA and the Director Enlightens us once again



SAFETY

Is of Utmost importance

Do not compromise safety for any reason

Report any problems to
Lt Col Christine St Onge



Tuesday July 13: 1985 – The First Live Aid Concert is held in Wembley Stadium, England

Quote of the day

“Management is doing things right; leadership is doing the right things “ Peter F. Drucker



These are just some tidbits of information to guide you to accomplish the tasks you need to do to make a better you!

The Art of Delegation

Delegation is a skill of which we have all heard - but which few understand. It can be used either as an excuse for dumping failure onto the shoulders of subordinates, or as a dynamic tool for motivating and training your team to realize their full potential.

I delegate myne auctorite" (Palsgrave 1530)

Everyone knows about delegation. Most managers hear about it in the cradle as mother talks earnestly to the baby-

Objective

The objective of delegation is to get the job done by someone else. Not just the simple tasks of reading instructions and turning a lever, but also the decision making and changes which depend upon new information. With delegation, your staff have the authority to react to situations without referring back to you. If you tell the janitor to empty the bins on Tuesdays and Fri-

sitter: "just enjoy the television ... this is what you do if ... if there is any trouble call me at ..."; people have been writing about it for nearly half a millennium; yet few actually understand it.

Delegation underpins a style of management which allows your staff to use and develop their skills and knowledge to the full potential. Without delegation, you lose their full value.

As the ancient quotation above sug-

gests, delegation is primarily about entrusting your authority to others. This means that they can act and initiate independently; and that they assume responsibility with you for certain tasks. If something goes wrong, you remain responsible since you are the manager; the trick is to delegate in such a way that things get done but do not go (badly) wrong.

days, the bins will be emptied on Tuesdays and Fridays. If the bins overflow on Wednesday, they will be emptied on Friday. If instead you said to empty the bins as often as necessary, the janitor would decide how often and adapt to special circumstances. You might suggest a regular schedule (teach the janitor a little personal time manage-

ment), but by leaving the decision up to the janitor you will apply his/her local knowledge to the problem. Consider this frankly: do you want to be an expert on bin emptying, can you construct an instruction to cover all possible contingencies? If not, delegate to someone who gets paid for it.

CREATING A MENTAL MINDSET Lt Col Christine St. Onge, RN

What can you do to accomplish a mindset?

Try mental training!

Use your mind to help you to perform better, a new and improved YOU!

Learn to control your thinking

Create a good healthy mindset to enable your best performance

Who uses mental training?

Athletes at all levels and in all sports; injured athletes;

coaches; various types of performers, e.g., actors, singers; professionals, e.g., surgeons, and executives.

By using mental training, you can build better character and enable you to accomplish your specific task. It will build the following:

- Confidence Focus
Motivation Attitude
Stress Management Emotional Control

Make a list about your best performance. Include in that list what stands out about what you were thinking, feeling. What did you do to make you feel so great

SMILE!!!! It won't hurt you or someone you see. It will make your day shine!!!!

The Origin of "Taps"

by Lt Col William S. Bernfeld, CAP

There are many explanations regarding the origin of the bugle call "Taps." One example, an urban legend, has a Union soldier finding the body of his Confederate son after a battle with the music for "Taps" in the youth's pocket. The father asks that the music be played at his son's burial. I offer another, more accepted, version of the origin of the bugle call "Taps." In doing so I reference "Glory Road," (second volume of "The Army of the Potomac Trilogy" 1952, Doubleday, Garden City, New York) by Pulitzer Prize winning author Bruce Catton and "To the Gates of Richmond" by Stephen W. Sears (1992, Ticknor & Fields, New York).



Shortly after the Battle of Malvern Hill, Virginia (July 1, 1862), future Medal of Honor winner, Brigadier General Daniel Adams Butterfield, an ex-militia officer and New York businessman called his bugler, Private Oliver Willcox Norton into his tent. General Butterfield, a Union College graduate, came from a family that founded the publication that we now know as *The Wall Street Journal*. General Butterfield was known for writing bugle calls for his brigade so his soldiers, in the heat of battle, could distinguish their brigade's calls from those of other adjacent brigades in the line of battle.

It seems that General Butterfield had been unhappy with the regulation call, "lights out." He felt it was not musical enough and did not express his impression of an evening encampment of tired soldiers lying down to a peaceful night's rest. General Butterfield whistled a tune for Norton and asked him to sound it. After some additional co-aborration with his bugler, the call was written down on the back of an old envelop. Butterfield directed Norton to use this call thereafter in place of the regulation call. As Norton sounded it for the first time, other buglers heard its enchanting melody and copied it. The 'call' was eventually adopted by the Army of the Potomac and later by the Western armies as troops were transferred to that theatre of operations. "Taps" according to Catton is "...the drawn-out haunting call that puts the lights out for soldiers and that hangs in the still air over their graves at military funerals..."



General Butterfield was 69 years old when he died in 1901. He is buried beneath an elaborate sandstone grave in West Point. Private Norton of the 83rd Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry Regiment eventually earned his commission and served for the remainder of the Civil War with the 8th United States Colored Troops. He went on to found the American Can Company. His ashes were scattered by his family in Chicago after his death in 1920 at age 81.

ALPHA SEMINAR The A-Team

Who's Who of Alpha+

The Alpha Seminar team known as the A-Team +, is comprised of 7 CAP Officers from around the Northeast Region. Match the following members from the questions found below!

Major Robert Flynn, Major Richard Johns, Jr., Major Ismael Lugo, Jr., Major James Ridley, Captain Edwin Jones, Captain Mark Kukucka and Captain Virginia Ryan.

Who directed the first UCC in the New York Wing in 2003?

Who lives 20 minutes from McGuire AFB?

Which student is related to at least 16 U.S. Presidents?

Who organized and held the first ever TLC in NYWg history?

Who is both an aircraft mechanic and computer technician?

What student spent approximately 20 years as an undertaker's assistant? (Hint: this member's middle name was chosen from a famous WWII general).

This student was published in an armed services magazine?

Who was a platoon leader in the Military Police?

Which member spent 6 years as an auxiliary police officer?

Which student has a family descendant who developed an apple tree in the mid 1880s?

Bonus question: What does RGA stand for?

Answers will be forthcoming in a future edition of **The Lantern**. This quiz was brought to you by The A-Team, "We love it when a plan comes together!!!"



Core Values

INTEGRITY

VOLUNTEER SERVICE:

EXCELLENCE:

RESPECT:

The concept of Core Values has permeated the military culture for centuries. Essentially, the challenge has been a continual one of striving to develop an ethical framework to govern personal and professional conduct of military members. Since it's creation in 1947, the Air Force has always had a basic set of "beliefs" or as referred to today, a set of core values. The most recent set of core values for the United States Air Force was published in 1997. When the Air Force began work on core values development, Civil Air Patrol did likewise. The final version of CAP's core values was formally approved in February 1999 at the Winter National Board. CAP developed these basic values to guide its members in the performance of humanitarian service.

**THIS SPACE
RESERVED
FOR A
STUDENT
ARTICLE
THIS IS A
HINT**

INTEGRITY : This is the very fiber of all core values; without it all other core values cannot prevail. It is the cornerstone for all that is moral and just in our society. It is more than simple honesty. It embraces other attributes such as courage, responsibility, accountability, justice, openness, self-respect, and humility. Lastly, this core value means CAP members must practice the highest standards of self-discipline.

VOLUNTEER SERVICE: CAP adopted this core value because it reflects the very essence of the organization – service to humanity. All CAP volunteers willingly give of their time, energy, and personal resources. Moreover, many have made the ultimate sacrifice by losing their lives while serving the organization. As a minimum, this core values implies a commitment on the part of all CAP members to place the organization's purpose first and foremost. This process starts with the members agreement to obey the rules and regulations of CAP and the Air Force. In this regard, self-discipline is an absolute must.

EXCELLENCE: This core value reflects CAP's continuous effort to be the very best, and to constantly improve it's humanitarian service to America. From personal appearance to resource management, excellence must be the goal of all CAP members.

RESPECT: CAP members come from all walks of life. Therefore, it is extremely important that members treat each other with fairness and dignity, and work together as a team. To do otherwise would seriously impair CAP's capability to accomplish the mission.



Articles for the Lantern are Welcomed and

encouraged. All Students are encouraged to submit their thoughts and Ideas for publication.

Articles will only be accepted in Electronic format and must be submitted before 1500 hours each day.

Lt Col Paul Mondoux

THE UNIFORM OF MY COUNTRY

Over two hundred years ago the first thread of the uniform I wear was woven. While great men dreamed of a country of free people, the army and navy that would win her liberty had already begun to organize. As the fledgling country grew stronger, so did its uniform develop. Each button and ribbon that has been added through the years boasts of victory at sea, conquests on land, and some of military aviation's greatest successes. The added medals and insignia laud moments of heroism known to us all. I wear the uniform of my country because, as America is a blend of races and cultures, my uniform is a woven, visual history of her people's courage, determination, and unique love of freedom.

Without a word this uniform also whispers of freezing troops, injured bodies, and Americans left forever in foreign fields. It documents every serviceman's courage, who by accepting this uniform, promises the one gift he truly has to give: his life. I wear my uniform for the heritage of sacrifice it represents and more.

No factor in America's growth has been greater than the men and women who have worn her uniform to help keep her strong. In war and in peace, they have circled the earth and journeyed to the moon, always carrying America's ideal with them. Their service to her has been a legend of honor.

I wear my uniform with pride for it represents the greatest nation of free people in the world. America serves as an example of those who strive to be free. They recognize this uniform as standing for millions of Americans who respect their world neighbors and wish to live in peace with them. My uniform is an extension of my people and my nation.

Most importantly, I wear the uniform of my country because others do not. America's freedom is a right given by God, but defended by man. It is our overwhelming responsibility to preserve our heritage of freedom for all Americans and I accept that challenge willingly.

I wear the uniform of my country because of its history, its heritage of honor, its service to America, its representation of my people, and because of my desire to live in a free land. Hopefully, I wear this uniform in peace. But America's enemies must know that I will also stand fearlessly in war as those before me have stood.

I pray only that I do not stand alone.

HOW AND WHY WE GOT BOMBS

From Brave Coward Zack, By Smilin-Jack—Zack Mosley

About the middle of May, 1942, "Doc" Rinker and his observer, Tom Manning, spotted a Nazi submarine stuck in the sand in shallow water just offshore from Cape Canaveral, Florida. "Doc" frantically radioed our West Palm Beach base to contact any military base that had a bomber with bombs, and dispatch it immediately. West Palm Beach, a Ferry Command base, didn't have any bombers with bombs. "Ike" Vermillya, our West Palm Beach base commander, got on the phone and called Banana River Naval Air Station and Tampa. Neither had a plane with bombs available at the time. The United States was truly caught short and unprepared. Most armed military aircraft were in Europe and Africa, fighting the Nazi Axis, or in the Pacific fighting the Japanese.

A bomber with depth charges was finally located at the Jacksonville Naval Air Station and dispatched to Cape Canaveral. But several hours had elapsed since the Nazi sub had been located, and by the time the Navy bomber arrived, the sub had freed itself from the sand in the shallow water and had disappeared in to the deep sea.

Everyone was furious to think that the trapped enemy "water snake" had escaped simply because of a lack of fire-power.

Ike Vermillya personally knew General "Hap" Arnold, National Commander of the U.S. Army Air Forces. "Ike" immediately phoned "Hap" and told him the sad story. To say "Hap" was also furious is to put it mildly. "Hap" yelled, "Ike, start gettin' those little Civil Air Patrol planes armed with bombs, even if you have to throw th' damned bombs outa 'th' WINDOWS!"

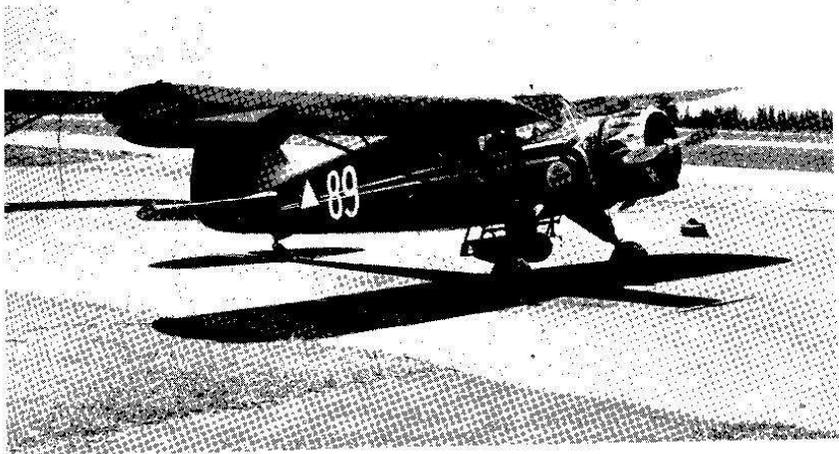
National C.A.P. headquarters was immediately faced with a dilemma.

"How th' hell are we gonna' hang bombs on small three- and four-place civilian planes with fragile air-frames?"

Some Civil Aeronautics Administration airworthiness inspectors were contacted and figured out how bomb racks could be installed under the bellies of the planes, and how much stress the frames of different types of planes could take.

Little three-place Stinson Voyagers with 90 horsepower engines were each to be fitted to carry one 100pound demolition bomb. My Rearwin was to be similarly fitted. Four-place Fairchild's were to be fitted to carry two 100- pound bombs, and Stinson Reliants were selected to carry one approximately 100- pound depth-charge each, but the bottom fin of the depth-charge would have to be sawed off to clear the runway on take-offs and landings.

Two lengths of bailin' wire were attached to the bombs and depth-charges. The wires came up through the floor, and yellow and red handgrips were attached. I the observer pulled a RED handle, the arming pin was pulled; and when the YELLOW handle was pulled, the bomb or charge would be dropped.



Zack's 4th plane, a rebuilt flatwing Stinson with a 245 H.P. Lycoming engine and carrying a 300-pound depth charge for C.A.P. Anti-Sub Patrol.

A BIG COMPLIMENT FROM A NAZI COMMANDER



"After eighteen months of anti-sub Civil Air Patrol, the military had enough planes built to take over all anti-submarine operations. C.A.P. pilots who had flown over 300 hours on ocean coastal patrol were eventually awarded U.S. Army Air Force Air Medals. We were very proud of this.

Colonel Earle Johnson remained C.A.P. national commander until World War I I was over. Then President Harry Truman assigned Earle to a very unusual job.

Colonel Earle's special assignment was to go to Japan and Germany, pose as a

magazine writer, and interview civilians and military prisoners to get their reactions about losing the war and having their countries occupied by Americans and Allies.

After the world tour, Earle stopped by Stuart, Florida, to visit us. We went deep-sea fishing, and he told the following story.

While visiting a war criminals' prison in Germany, he managed to get an interview with the ex-commander of the Nazi submarine "wolf pack" that had operated off the U.S. Atlantic coast. Earle asked, "Commandant, what do you consider to be the most outstanding factor of your defeat off the Atlantic coast of America?"

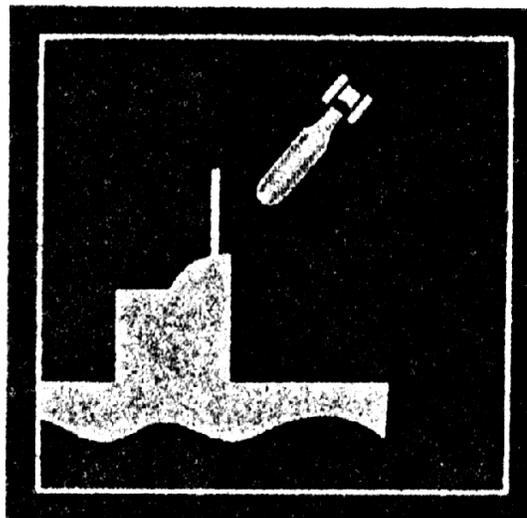
The commandant angrily replied, "***It vos dose gottdamned leetle red and yellow air-planes!***"

Naturally, C.A.P.'s contribution was only a small part of the amazing, mammoth war effort by the millions of loyal Americans and Allies, but it is comforting to know that we worried th' hell"

That's a first hand source--- not hearsay..

From the CAP Historical Research Department

" Although the victory against the submarine was a joint operation of the Army, Navy, Coast Guard, and the CAP, it is a fact that the U-boats disappeared in direct proportion to the spread of CAP operations. The Berlin radio commenting on the dwindling effectiveness of its underseas campaign, complained of the unexpected appearance of the fleets of civilian aircraft as the main hazard which forces the U-boats out of our coastal waters. "



COASTAL PATROL

12JULY10

**Northeast Region Staff College Begins, WRIGHTSTOWN, NJ,
Maj Louis P. Fenech, Jr. BRAVO SEMINAR**

Looking for a great meal at a rock-bottom price? How about a superior hotel at a budget price? Well look no further...just go to the McGuire Resort and Spa (a.k.a. McGuire Air Force Base).

So far this week the students attending Civil Air Patrol's Northeast Region Staff College have been treated to 1st class treatment at a wonderful facility. The service in both the Air Force Inn and the Base Dining Facility has been gracious and efficient.

An added bonus to this experience has been the competent and interesting Air Force instructors who have given the students a different way to look at issues that can affect their home units.

The College, under the command of Lt. Col. Dennis Bannon, has proved to be well-organized and with his capable staff has offered an excellent environment to hone the skills necessary for CAP Command and Staff positions in the wings represented by the students attending.

With the promise of future culinary experiences including a "gourmet" barbecue, there seems to be a lot to look forward to this week.



08JULY10

NY Wing Cadet earns Spaatz Award, WHITE PLAINS, NY

Maj Louis P. Fenech, Jr. BRAVO SEMINAR

Cadet Colonel James A. Ridley, II satisfactorily completed the highest level offered in the CAP Cadet Program, the Gen Carl A. Spaatz Award today at NY Wing Headquarters in White Plains NY. Under the scrutiny of the Wing Air Force Liaison Officer Kathy McNulty, Cadet Ridley passed the leadership exam, sit-ups, sit & reach and the shuttle run having already completed the other requirements to earn the award.



Cadet Ridley of the Col. F. Gabreski Squadron from Patchogue, NY has served as the squadron's cadet commander as well as his current position of Cadet Leadership officer.

On Thursday, July 15th Ridley will celebrate his 21st birthday and will transition to the Officer side of CAP.

When asked how he felt right after passing the test, Ridley exclaimed, "I am feeling great!. I can't believe how hard it is to get this award...I worked hard and now got what I was working for." Cadet Col. Ridley is the 1762nd cadet to achieve this award.



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