



# Mountain Flyer

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## Wing holds annual conference

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The West Virginia Wing of the U.S. Civil Air Patrol held its annual conference and banquet on Oct. 6, 2007 at the Charleston Marriott in Charleston, W.Va.

The conference and banquet allowed the Wing to recognize the achievements of both individual members and units. Several activities for both cadets and senior officers were also held.

This year's drug demand reduction seminar was made by representatives of the West Virginia State Police's Special Tactical Unit. Next, was the return of the model building contest where two classes were open for members to compete in, novice and advanced. The third major activity was for cadets.

An inaugural cadet quiz bowl allowed cadets to compete against each other in the wing to test their knowledge of aerospace education, leadership and CAP knowledge. The quiz bowl had three categories of competition: Airman, NCO, and Officer. Winners in each received a trophy and was recognized at the banquet.

Wing Commander Col Rodney Moore told members that the Wing has accomplished much. "Our cadet program has excelled, and our total membership increased 3% this past year," said Moore. "We continue to accomplish the missions of Civil Air Patrol. We earned a "save" from the Air Force Rescue Coordination



Wing Chief of Staff Lt Col Dennis Barron welcomes everyone to the morning session of the 2007 West Virginia Wing Conference. It was held in Charleston, W.Va. on October 6, 2007.

Photos by Major Jeffery Schrock/ Wing HQ

Center in April 2007. I am very proud of the team work displayed by our members, which resulted in the rescue of a crashed glider pilot in a remote area, under arduous conditions."

Moore said in a prepared welcoming letter to members that in everyone's busy lives today, including the countless hours that he knows the members spend conducting the missions of CAP, that we do not simply say "thank you" often enough.

"Here's a big thanks from the command staff to all the members of the West Virginia Wing for your hard work and dedication." said Moore. The conference also welcomed visitors from the state, W.Va. Air National Guard, Middle East Region (MER) Civil Air Patrol, MER CAP/ USAF Liaison Region, and other visitors. Pictures of the conference and banquet are located at :

[www.flickr.com/photos/civil\\_air\\_patrol\\_wv\\_wing](http://www.flickr.com/photos/civil_air_patrol_wv_wing)



CAP members gather for another conference and the first annual Cadet Quiz Bowl is held.

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## Martinsburg color guard places second in parade

By Lt Col Dennis Barron  
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The color guard team from Martinsburg Composite Squadron received a second place in trophy in the annual Apple Harvest Parade on October 20, 2007

The parade, which runs through the streets of Martinsburg for over two miles, was the largest parade held with over 200 units. Numerous color guard units were in the parade, but the Civil Air Patrol color guard was judged the second best out of all the units.

The color guard team was composed of Cadets Jennifer Kroening,

Joshua Rock, John Dye, and Joseph Dye. In addition, Cadets Joel Lyons and Jonathan Browne carried the squadron's drug demand banner. Cadet Chris Frey was in charge of the marching unit.

Photos by Lt Russ Voelker/ Martinsburg PAO



## Squadron Leadership School held at Wing Headquarters

The West Virginia Wing of the U.S. Civil Air Patrol completed another very successful Squadron Leadership School (SLS) at its headquarters building in Charleston, W.Va. The program was presented over a two day period, and covered topics such as leadership, communication, the organization of Civil Air Patrol, the importance of the squadron in CAP, and the importance of volunteer service, plus many more topics.

13 members from West Virginia Wing, and two from North Carolina

Wing received graduation certificates, and now are step closer to completing their level two training.

Members who attended were:

Frank N. James and his daughter, Erin of Golden Eagle Composite Squadron—North Caroling Wing; Greg Blackburn, Kenneth Dilley, Ronald Hicks, and George Stepp of Beckley Squadron; Charles Case of Charleston Cadet Squadron; Lewis Craddock, Randy Landes, Harold Sklar, and Robert Wardell of Clarksburg Squadron; William Minear of Mid Valley Squadron;

Joseph Strait and Jeff Sullivan of Potomac Highlands Squadron; Sixto Velez of Parkersburg Squadron.

Presenters who volunteered to assist were: Vickie Bond of Charleston Cadet Squadron, Minear, Sklar, and Motsinger. Project Director Major Debbie Boggs said training opportunities like this would not be possible without the dedication of folks like these. "This class was a very interesting diverse and vocal group of motivated volunteers." said Boggs.



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[www.wvwc.cap.gov/pao/pao.htm](http://www.wvwc.cap.gov/pao/pao.htm)

## Morgantown Squadron launches new DDR Podcast

By **1st Lt Mark Shatzer**

[Morgantown Composite Squadron](#)

Morgantown U.S. Civil Air Patrol's Drug Demand Reduction Department has recently released a monthly anti-drug podcast service to the Morgantown area and beyond.

The podcast is called Drug Demand Reduction Over Internet Protocol (DDROIP), and can be found at [www.ddroip.com](http://www.ddroip.com) or in your iTunes Store.

The cast of the show invite and encourage their listeners to call or email them with questions or suggestions for upcoming episodes.

DDROIP also hosts several contests throughout the year to keep their listeners involved. According to organizers of the podcast, great

things are being planned for the future of the squadron and the community.



## Clarksburg Composite Squadron wins cadet competition

By **Major Debbie Boggs**

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The West Virginia Wing Cadet Competition, held Nov. 17, 2007 at the Army National Guard Center in Gassaway, W.Va. put cadets from three squadrons to a variety of tests.

The competition proved exciting as cadets from Martinsburg Composite, Morgantown Composite and Clarksburg Composite squadrons showed off their skill and knowledge throughout the day.

Clarksburg Composite came out on top, and its Color Guard will represent the wing April 4-6, at the Mid-

dle East Region Civil Air Patrol Cadet Competition at Fort Pickett, Va.

The cadets were judged in several areas, including standard drill, formal presentation, innovative presentation, flag raising ceremonies and inspection. Their knowledge was also tested in the written exam on basic customs and courtesies, leadership, physical fitness, flag etiquette and Civil Air Patrol history. In addition, the panel quiz tested their aerospace savvy.

The activities did not stop with the color guard competition. The West Virginia Wing also conducted its first Speak-Off, with cadets giving speeches in three categories -- Basic, Advanced and Impromptu. Those cadets will repre-

sent West Virginia at the next Middle East Region Speak-Off.

The awards of the day were: Overall winner – Clarksburg Composite; Fleet Foot, male – Cadet Daniel Dawson, Clarksburg Composite; Fleet Foot, female – Cadet Jenna Householder, Clarksburg Composite.

High Score written exam – Cadet Suver Shekhawat, Morgantown; First Place Panel Quiz Team – Clarksburg; Outstanding Cadet – Cadet Jennifer Kroening, Martinsburg. Speak-Off winners: Basic Speech – Cadet Lincoln Sklar, Clarksburg; Advanced Speech – Cadet Ryan Landes, Clarksburg Composite; Impromptu Speech – Mark Guiney, Martinsburg.



Photos by Maj Jeffery Schrock & Capt Vickie Bond

# Wing ground team silences ELT from crashed glider site

By Major Jeffery Schrock  
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Four ground team units from the West Virginia Wing U.S. Civil Air Patrol left families and friends during the Thanksgiving holiday to search for an ELT (emergency locating transmitter) going off in a mountainous region of West Virginia.

A ground team composed of two seniors and six cadets made the trip up the mountain located in Pendleton County, near the town of

Circleville, W.Va. At approximately 10:20 a.m., they silenced the ELT.

For at least two of the ground teams members, Wing Commander Col Rodney Moore, and Lt Mark Shatzer of Morgantown Composite Squadron it was their second trip.

The ELT was located, and it was in the wreckage of a glider that crashed last April.

Apparently, the wreckage was disturbed that afternoon, and the ELT was set off, which had not

been removed at the time the original crash was located.

"I want to thank all of the team members for their willing assistance in bringing this mission to a successful completion," said Lt Col Eugene Thorn, incident commander. "They all had to leave their friends and families on a holiday to chase what turned out to be nothing more than someone who was playing with something that they should have left alone. Our team members had no way of knowing

that the signal they were trying to locate was false, until they found the ELT. Without one word of complaint, they did what they were trained to do, and they did it in very windy conditions."

The four ground teams comprised of units from Mercer County Composite Squadron, Charleston Cadet, Clarksburg Composite, and Morgantown Composite. An aircrew from Martinsburg also assisted in the location of the target.



Photos by Major Don Robbins/  
Morgantown Composite  
Squadron

# Wreaths Across America Ceremony held at W.Va National Cemetery

By Major Jeffery Schrock  
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Units from the Clarksburg and Morgantown Composite Squadrons of the West Virginia Wing U.S. Civil Air Patrol gathered along with members of the Taylor County Color Guard VFW Post #3081, American Legion #12, and Disabled American Veterans #24 to hold a wreath laying ceremony at the West Virginia National Cemetery in Grafton, W.Va. on Dec. 15<sup>th</sup>, 2007

The *Wreaths Across America* story began over 15 years ago when Worcester Wreath Company (a for-profit commercial business from Harrington, Maine) began a tradition of placing wreaths on the headstones of our Nation's fallen heroes at Arlington National Cemetery.

Over that period of time, Worcester Wreath has donated 75,000 wreaths which were placed by volunteers in a wreath-laying cere-

mony each December. This year, Worcester Wreath Company will do even more to show its respect and appreciation for those who serve, by doing the following:

\* Doubling its annual donation to 10,000 wreaths destined for Arlington National Cemetery.

\* In addition to the Arlington Wreath Project, over 1,800 ceremonial wreaths, representing all branches of the armed forces, will be sent to over 200 other state and national veterans cemeteries across the country.

\* For the first time in 2007, ceremonial wreaths will also be donated to 24 veterans cemeteries on foreign soil, and aboard U.S. ships sailing in all seven seas.

\* And lastly, on Dec. 10<sup>th</sup>, 2007 51 wreaths will be donated for a special wreath-laying ceremony at each State Capital and a 36" ceremonial wreath for our Nation's Capital.

The West Virginia Wing joined in this project last year and hopefully

will make this an annual event. The program began with the presentation of colors, pledge to the flag, national anthem, opening remarks by a Civil Air Patrol member, wreath laying ceremony, a 21-gun memorial salute, taps and closing prayer. Ceremonies also took place at the Grafton National Cemetery. Photos from the event can be seen by visiting: [www.flickr.com/photos/cap\\_west\\_virginia\\_wing/](http://www.flickr.com/photos/cap_west_virginia_wing/)



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## About Us



The U.S. Civil Air Patrol was founded on Dec. 1, 1941, less than a week before the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor brought the U.S. into World War II. CAP, the official auxiliary of the U.S. Air Force, is a nonprofit organization with more than 55,000 members nationwide.

CAP performs 95 percent of inland search and rescue missions, as tasked by the Air Force Rescue Coordination Center, and was credited by the AFRCC with saving 58 lives in 2006.

Its volunteers also perform homeland security, disaster relief and counter-drug missions at the request of federal, state and local agencies. Members play a leading role in aerospace education and serve as mentors to the more than 22,000 young people currently participating in the CAP Cadet Program. West Virginia Wing is one of 52 Wings in the U.S. We have 12 units with a membership of approximately 680 men and women officers. The Wing is under the command of Col Rodney Moore. For more information, go to [www.cap.gov](http://www.cap.gov).

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