



CAPTIONS

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Special points of interest:

- May Promotions
- See what CAP item is for sale
- Events coming in June
- WTA Information
- Squadron website and contact information

CAPTIONS is the monthly publication for Northshore Composite Squadron, produced by the Squadron's Public Affairs Officer 2Lt. Connie Warner. Cadets volunteer to submit articles about events they've attended.

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NORTHSHORE COLOR GUARD REGIONAL COMPETITION



Member of elite Air Force Honor Guard judging, Anduiza, Dorcus, Warren and Briant as they fold our Flag of Majesty to perfection.

The dry, hot air of the Nevada desert welcomed us as we stepped out of the airport. From that point on, all of us on the 2004 Color Guard team knew, we were finally here. Regionals. We had spent over 3 months training day and night for the next few days. We were all ready for it. Of course, before we got down to business, we had to have a little fun. We decided to head down to the New York, New York and have some fun.

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AVIATION APPRECIATION DAY AT PAINE FIELD

The day got off to a very interesting start. It was already raining and everyone was a little late (some more late than others). We got the news early that the flights were canceled, we were all disappointed but we still had fun. We got to tell cars where to park and we stood around looking "all important". After that most of us ate breakfast after our first shifts outside. The breakfast was good (2 pancakes with 4 sausages to be exact). The food warmed us up because half of us neglected to bring jackets so the hot chocolate and food and coffee warmed us right up.

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“After a long exhausting day, the judging results finally came in.”



Briant, Jensen, Warren , Anduiza and Dorcus having a moment of Brotherhood to celebrate their awesome efforts in the mile run.

Captain Sterling and Major Walter allowed us to stop and play laser tag, a number of arcade games, and ride on the giant roller coaster. The whole experience was great.

After arriving at Indian Springs, we got settled. We took the written exam later that night, and headed to bed. The next morning we all got up and had the mile run. Then, we got into our uniforms and had the inspection, standard drill, outdoor practical, and indoor presentation. After a long and exhausting day, the judging results finally came in. The California team took a well-deserved 1st place, and Washington took 2nd. To us, this seemed like a complete failure, but in the end, second place is excellent, and everyone knows that next year, we're winning nationals.

c/SrA Tyler Jensen

*CAP Membership
as of April 30, 2004*

*Cadets 26,360
Seniors 35,261
Total 61,621*

**MEETING POINTS
Promotions for May 2004**

Anduiza	c/Master Sergeant
Yang	c/Technical Sergeant
Briant	c/Staff Sergeant
Keane	c/Senior Airman
Street	c/Senior Airman
Myers	c/Airman First Class
Vaaga	c/Airman First Class
Agustin	c/Airman
Roecker	c/Airman

Seniors

Garrison	2Lt
Myers	2Lt

Gathered by 2Lt Linda Garross

B-17 TOUR AT MUSEUM OF FLIGHT

B-17's were the United States heavy bomber right from the beginning; in fact, they were involved in the first WWII battle involving the US, Pearl Harbor. Just as the Japanese Zeros were starting to attack Pearl, A flight of B-17s, flying in from the states, flew in and tried to land at the airports, they were out of fuel and had no weapons. Through out the war the B-17s were upgraded, but never truly replaced.

Standing about 19ft tall, with a wingspan of 103ft, and a length of 74ft, it was a large bomber, at least, from the outside. It had 13 .50 cal machine guns and 6,000 lb of bombs. During the war 12,677 B-17s were built. One of the newer advancements in bombing technology that was used on this bomber was the Norton bombsight, which would take control of the B-17s autopilot and guide the bomber over the target and drop the bombs.



When we first arrived at Boeing field, we soon found out that the Bomber was in a hanger on the far side of the field. You know what that means? It means we got to walk. 10 minuets later we arrived at the hanger, which looked like every other one we've passed. We went to the door we

were told to go through and, they did this on purpose, the bomber was right there. The nose was feet away from the wall, and facing directly at the door. The bomb bay doors were open and the 50's were all out and ready to go, it looked like it was fresh off the assembly line. After a walk around or two, we were told to pair up, and allowed to tour the aircraft, not around the aircraft, but through it. We started at the back, were the tail gunner sat, and got in one at a time to try out the spot. We then moved up through the fuselage, trying the waist gunners, walking through the bomb bay, and getting in the top turret. We then sat in the pilot and co-pilot seats, and talked to a man who flew on of these things during the war. Once we got yelled at to move on, we moved up into the nose compartment of the bomber, where the navigator and bombardier sat. We all tried out the Norton bombsight and got to talk with another WWII vet. Then we hurried out of the plane.

Once we were done there we took some pictures and walked back to the cars and, more importantly, an F/A-22 Raptor, Air Dominance Fighter.

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FOR SALE

Combat Boots
Size 13 New \$40

425/923-7220

2Lt Eric Long

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FIRE MOUNTAIN BME-47

Basic Marksmanship Encampment was held in Centralia WA, and hosted by the Fire Mountain Squadron. The first day was rather laid back, we picked where we were going to sleep, and then had a class on general gun safety. We had a fantastic homemade pizza dinner, and then went to bed. The morning came very early, and we were all half asleep as we rode over to the firing range. We were paired up and shot 22 marking rifles from several different positions. The shooting continued all through the day. Finally, after we'd fired several hundred rounds each, the whole encampment went to the local pool for a relaxing swim. After some nice warm showers, we headed back to the church where we were staying. After taking a small test on the material we'd picked up over the weekend, we all went to bed.

The next morning we had an awards ceremony, and headed home. All the Cadets from Northshore did extremely well. All of the cadets who went for their first time achieved the rank of Marksman, and one cadet, Stratton, Added bars to his sharpshooter rank. Overall the entire experience was very fun and educational. I would highly recommend it to anyone at the squadron.

c/SrA Tyler Jensen

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B-17 TOUR AT MUSEUM OF FLIGHT

Though we couldn't get to close, since it was for Boeing people only, but we did get little pins and some pictures of it. Then we had to leave.



Though the time was too short to look at every part of the B-17, we did get to talk with a number of vets who, I'm sure, all had really good stories to tell. We also learned a number of things about the B-17, such as the fact that it had an auto pilot, the bombardier and navigator had .50s to defend the bomber with and there was no tail gun on the first B-17s. All we have to do now is save up \$276,000 to buy our own B-17 flying fortress.

c/SMSgt Cy Williams

WTA WEEKENDS AND WTA ENCAMPMENT

Emergency Services Training was held the weekend of May 22, 2004 at WTA. This was the last weekend in the series of classes for Emergency Services. Once I complete all the classes that are available, I hope to become a part of the senior instructor staff if they will have me. I loved working with the cadets and found myself longing for the days that I worked in the Emergency Services field as an Air Force cop and later a 911 call-taker/police dispatcher.

WTA will be holding ES classes every month. The series will start the third weekend of June where Cadets will study and take the GES test. You will work on receiving your First Aid and CPR cards. Several outside activities will also take place. Test on-line if you cannot go to the June WTA Weekend. If needed, I will help you complete this, as it is required to receive your 101 cards.

July 31st through August 8th WTA will also hold an Emergency Services encampment where you will work to receive and complete all activities on your 101 cards. Once completed you will be a Ground Team Member trained to respond to a variety of CAP missions. Missions consist of missing aircraft searches, natural disasters, homeland security and more.

For information and sign-up details contact me at 425/485-2628 or email garriseattle@aol.com. I would like to take as many of Northshore Squadron Cadets as possible.

2Lt. Garri Garrison

“Being a Ground Team Member you will be trained to respond to a variety of CAP missions.”

ROCKETRY

The first Rocketry meeting Lt. Wilander came and taught us how to find the altitude of our bottle rockets after we launched them by using two people each 100 feet in opposite directions of the launch pad. Then taking their measurements off of their sites, we used a chart or mathematical equation. The second meeting everyone brought their rockets and launched them. They all went at least 67 feet, except the one Byrne and Warner made! The rocket with the highest altitude reached 129 feet. We also found out that by adding some water into the bottle, the bottle will go higher yet adding too much will barely reach 20 feet.

c/A1C Jason Warner

“The rocket with the highest altitude reached 129 feet.”

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AVIATION APPRECIATION DAY

Most of us got the chance to be in the new tower and see all the monitors and such that they had around the room. It was very fascinating. I hope that next time more people will be able to join us. Oh by the way there is one more exciting little piece of information that I will share with you. A 777 plane was doing test flights and one of the engines failed so it had to do an emergency landing. Well we all had a very fun time. I hope to see you all there for the next one.

c/B Stefanie Roecker

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Cadets - Contact your Flight Sergeant for registration details
"O" Flights - Every last Saturday of month

Call 2Lt Eric Long 425/923-7220 Tuesday before to reserve your flight.

War Birds - June 26

Information call 2Lt Eric Long 425/923-7220

WTA Washington Training Academy - June 26—27

Emergency Services—Camp Murray

First Aid/CPR/BBP +SO

Introduction to Emergency Services (GES, ICS, B-CUT)

State Emergency Operations Center (EOC) Tour

Register on-line at wawg.cap.gov/training

Emergency Services Encampment - June 26—July 4

Applications and money in by June 2nd

Collings Foundation Crowd Control - June 30—July 2

Contact Maj. Russell Garlow at 360/652-1380

Arlington EEA Fly-In - July 4—11

Applications and money in by June 14

Submit forms 23 & 24 Seniors: 27 & 24 and Check for \$75

Northshore Schools Out For Summer—June 21

Meeting Agenda and Uniform Tuesdays of each month

6:30-7:00 Drill

7:00-7:10 Opening Formation

7:10-8:00 Aerospace/Moral Leadership/Emergency Services, PT

8:00-8:10 Break

8:10-8:40 First Aid

8:40-8:50 Commanders Call

8:50-9:00 Closing Formation

1st Tuesday—Promotions, Aerospace, and drill (Blues)

2nd Tuesday—PT, testing & drill (PT gear)

3rd Tuesday—Aerospace, Emergency Services (BDU)

4th Tuesday—Moral Leadership, First Aid/Emergency Services (BDU)

5th Tuesday—Open