



# Spin Control

### KUDOS

Congratulations to **Maj Robert Turner**, Prince George's Composite Squadron, for his article in the March issue of CAP NEWS.

The March issue of **Present Tense**, the quarterly update from the Marketing and Public Relations Directorate at National headquarters features an article from **Spin Control**. Is Maryland getting some national attention or what?

Speaking of attention, one of the areas rated as "Outstanding" in our recent SAR/DR Evaluation is public information. Let's make sure we maintain this high standard by qualifying as many PAOs as possible as mission rated public information officers. Remember the PAO Speciality Track requires serving as a trainee or mission PIO for two SAR/DR exercises or missions for a senior rating, and serving as the mission PIO for an additional two SAR/DR exercises for the master rating.



### DID YOU KNOW

- ★ In 1999, CAP's aircraft accident rate was the lowest in CAP history. In fact, with a rate of .93 accidents per 100,000 flight hours, CAP's accident rate was lower than general aviation, U.S. Air Force Aero Clubs, and the U.S. Air Force.
- ★ In 2000, CAP's accident rate was .94 The accident rate for the U.S. Air Force was 1.08. The accident rate for general aviation and U.S. Air Force Aero Clubs has not yet been published.
- ★ In 2000, CAP completed 2,819 missions involving 21,085 personnel comprising 3,475 sorties and 7,304 flight hours resulting in 77 lives saved.
- ★ The Maryland Wing completed 53 missions involving 480 personnel resulting in 1 life saved. (If you do not know about the save, ask anyone from the Bethesda-Chevy Chase Composite Squadron.)
- ★ The DEA, U.S. Customs, the U.S. Forest Service, and other state and local law enforcement agencies estimated that that the Civil Air Patrol assisted in the confiscation or eradication of billions of dollars in illegal drugs in 2000.
- ★ With 1,323 members (672 seniors and 651 cadets) the Maryland Wing is the largest in the Middle East Region. We are the 13th largest wing in Civil Air Patrol.



## NEW MDWG PUBLIC RELATIONS TOOLS

Maryland Wing Public Affairs has introduced two new publications for use by local units.

**Propwash** is a new external newsletter. It will be published six times yearly in February, April, June, August, October, and December. The publication is suitable for distribution to county commissioners, city councils, service organizations, local school boards, and other similar public groups. The publication is formatted so that it can be printed on heavy paper, folded, and mailed. We recommend Hammermill Accent Cover, 32 lb. bond, 8 1/2 x 11 white. It's not as expensive as some of the fancier paper, but the document looks good and will easily hold up through the mail. The document is available in Adobe Acrobat format on the Maryland Wing website.



The **Maryland Wing Civil Air Patrol Fact Sheet** is the companion to the nationally produced **CAP Fact Sheet**. This publication is particularly suited for media packets, recruiting activities, and presentations. The document is formatted in Microsoft Word so that the contact information at the bottom of the page can be customized to show the local unit name, address, and contact information. The back of the document is blank so that local units can add information about local unit activities. To obtain a copy of the file, please e-mail MDWG/PA at [kjw@dmv.com](mailto:kjw@dmv.com) and request the **Maryland Wing Civil Air Patrol Fact Sheet**.

## START PLANNING NOW FOR CAP'S 60TH

What does your unit have planned to celebrate Civil Air Patrol's 60th birthday on 1 December 2001? Here are some ideas you can use to create community awareness.

◆ Contact your local airport about hosting a fly-in breakfast "birthday party." Contact the media. Invite the public. Arrange to have a CAP aircraft on site. Hand out information about Civil Air Patrol.

◆ Contact local businesses to help support a full-page ad in the local newspaper congratulating Civil Air Patrol on 60 years of service. Each business donates \$20.00 towards purchase of the ad and in return, their name appears on the ad.

◆ Do a presentation for your county commissioners and city council. Ask them to adopt a resolution naming the week of 1 December as "Civil Air Patrol Week."

◆ Contact local businesses with electronic message boards. Ask them to run the message "Congratulations Civil Air Patrol on 60 years of service to America. December 1, 1941 - December 1, 2001. Civil Air Patrol: Where Imagination Takes Flight"



## CIVIL AIR PATROL

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# MARYLAND WING CIVIL AIR PATROL

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### THE WING

- ◆ Commander, Col Lawrence L. Trick, CAP (Patuxent River, MD)
- ◆ Vice-Commander, Lt Col James H. Steinmeier, CAP (Baltimore, MD)
- ◆ Chief of Staff, Maj John Kilgallon, CAP (Laurel, MD)
- ◆ The Wing is divided into four groups consisting of 23 squadrons
- ◆ Maryland Wing Music is a special activity unit open to members from across the Wing (hosts the Military Music Academy open to CAP members in all 52 Wings)
- ◆ 12 Corporate owned aircraft
- ◆ Approximately 1300 members

### AEROSPACE EDUCATION

*The Frank G. Brewer-Civil Air Patrol Memorial Aerospace Awards are the highest CAP awards given individuals and organizations within and outside of CAP who have made exceptional contributions to the advancement of youth in aerospace activities. In 2000, of the five honors awarded at the National Conference, two went to members of the Maryland Wing.*

- ◆ Five-year Brewer Anniversary Award: Senior Member Mary S. Feik (Maryland Wing External Aerospace Education Officer)

- ◆ Senior Member Award: Capt Elmer Mooring (Maryland Wing Standards and Evaluation Officer)

### CADET PROGRAMS

- ◆ Approximately 650 cadets in 22 Squadrons
- ◆ Honor Guard Unit comprised of cadet members from across Wing
- ◆ Drill Team Unit comprised of cadet members from across Wing
- ◆ Hosts Maryland Wing Powered Flight Academy
- ◆ Hosts Maryland Wing Glider Flight Academy
- ◆ Participates in Tri-Wing Encampment
- ◆ 34 cadets earned The General Billy Mitchell Award in 2000
- ◆ 5 cadets earned The Amelia Earhart Award in 2000
- ◆ 2 cadets earned The General Ira C. Eaker Award in 2000

### EMERGENCY SERVICES

- ◆ Provides Bay Patrol (3 aircraft on patrol over the Chesapeake Bay on weekends and holidays from Memorial Day through the end of September)
- ◆ Since September, 2000 has participated in three missing aircraft searches
- ◆ Provides search and rescue support to local authorities for missing persons
- ◆ Assists Federal agencies in the war on drugs

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