



Commander's Corner



Welcome to the return of the '**Sopwith Camel!** Since the 'brown shoe' days of the squadron (the 1960's), Sandy Springs Cadet Squadron has, from time to time,

printed a unit newsletter, named after the steed of our fearless hero. I'm happy to revive this tradition, but I must stress: This is a Cadet squadron, so the bulk of the material should come from the cadets! Your Senior staff will be glad to help, but this is YOUR newsletter, cadets!

I'd like to start off by thanking all of you who are volunteering your time to help your fellow citizens by being part of the Civil Air Patrol. Whether you're a new cadet or an old, ... er, ... 'seasoned' senior member, you are giving YOUR time to make this the great unit that it is. Your efforts help our youth become responsible, productive members of our society, and our unit is an invaluable part of the 'big picture' team that defends this nation and serves it's people.

As Project Officer for Exercise FROSTBITE 05, I'd also like to thank those who participated this year. This exercise keeps improving, thanks to YOU!

As we look into the rest of 2005, there's still a lot to keep us busy. ES training never ends, and I'd like to get as many cadets qualified as Ground Team Member, and as many seniors qualified as Ground Team Leaders, as possible. SSCS has always pulled more than it's share of the load in this area, so I'd like to spread the workload out as much as possible.

On the cadet activity front, we've got lots of things to keep you busy and interested. Besides the ever-present ES training, we're looking forward to more aircraft and glider orientation rides, more Color Guard presentations, more parades to march in, and of course Encampment and Special Activities this summer. Our senior staff is always looking for more, so if any of you have suggestions on activities that could interest the unit, let us know.

In closing, I'd like to encourage all of you to participate as actively as you WANT to. CAP can suck as much out of your life as you're willing to let it! ☺ But there's more to life, so keep an even keel, and save your energy for that midnight phone call that asks if you want to look for a missing aircraft in the dark rain. THAT is when your fellow citizens may need you the most.

Welcome Back, Snoopy!!
LTC Berry

FROSTBITE 2005 -- One for the BOOKs

It was characteristically cold, wet, busy and... one of the



Captain Gallagher and S/Sgt Niedhart celebrate birthdays in the Mission Base Command Tent as the other 'Cadetcicles' look on.

most successful and interesting FROSTBITE Exercises ever. First, some facts. The exercise included the following statistics;



2005 Frostbite Statistics:

- 127 Seniors and Cadets (16 Squadrons)
- 9 Ground Mission Sorties
- 3 Flight Sorties
- 5 Training Classes (65 ES Students Trained)
- 3 Stuck Vehicles
- 2 Birthday Celebrations

From the very beginning the event began with good coordination between the Snoopy advanced team, which set up the signs and Mission Base Camp just in time to begin receiving the arriving units. With Savannah arriving first, they took on much of the tasks of manning early details such as draining the road swamps and setting up camp sites and signs. As a reward, they became exempt from guard duty during the remaining nights. The exercise was cut short due to expected weather which threatened to hamper the departure of vehicles from the remote area on Sunday.

Wing Conference Recognizes Snoopy



SSCS Cadets and Senior Members display their award as the GAWG 2005 Outstanding Cadet Squadron of the Year

During the recent Georgia Wing Conference at Warner Robins AFB on April 28th, Sandy Springs Cadet Squadron

cadets earned several honors. The awards presentation was held at Hanger One at the Robins AFB Aviation Museum. Major Dan Fisher's leadership as squadron commander for the past 15 years culminated in the squadron being honored as GA WING Cadet Squadron 2005 due to the many opportunities for training and leadership he provided the cadets. C/Lt Col Megan Gallagher, an honor student at University of Georgia, was presented with the Ira Eaker Award by Brigadier Georgia Air National Guard Commander General Scott Hammond. Cadet Gallagher is the first Sandy Springs cadet to receive this award in many years.

Wing Cadet Competition

The Sandy Springs Color Guard earned **second place honors** in the GAWG Cadet Competition, led by Team Commander, Cadet Nathan McCaskey. The competition



Cadet McCaskey's Team 'works the cones' during evaluation of the drill phase of competition

was held at the Gwinnett County Airport, home of the Gwinnett County Composite Squadron. Cadet McCaskey also earned honors as fastest male in the mile run, at 5 min 39sec., and he tied for first place academic honors.



Glider Orientation Flying Kicks Off the Spring

Snoopy took to the air for the first time this season when cadets and Senior Members hooked up with the GAWG Glider Instructors for a full days worth of fun while soaring through the skies of north Georgia . Capt Mike Reed recently led eight cadets in Glider O-flights at Rome Airport on April 16th, turning 26 sorties in one day. Six of the eight cadets took their first glider flights and are ready to return for more. Cadets were teamed up into two teams and assigned to one of two gliders for the rest of the day. Those gliders became their responsibility for



Cadets Mihok and Novak (DCCS) assist Cadet Zucco as the Tow taxis into position for the next glider launch

launch and recovery. Each cadet took their turn at several positions during operations, executing duties as Wing Runners, Tow Plane Relays, Tow Rope tenders and, of course, piloting the gliders. The training lasted all day, starting at 08:00 when the cadets departed at the squadron and ended around 16:30. The operation involved two of the three GAWG gliders, *American Spirit* and *Silent Eagle* towed by the dual mission tricycle landing gear configured Maule Tow Plane.

Canton air show

The Snoopy Squadron changed pace on April 2d with a new addition to the annual activity schedule. The Canton Air

Show, featuring helicopters and 'First Responders' from around north Georgia held their first helicopter air show in Canton, Georgia. The event was to be held at the Heritage Park grounds but poor weather ultimately resulted in the event being moved to a blocked-off four lane road north of Canton. The resulting crowd was subsequently very light with rain and even sleet showering down on the event throughout the morning. Winds were often high and the temperature in the 40's. But the show went on with cadets from Sandy Springs, Bartow Etowah, Cobb Country and also the Young marines providing crowd control duty as necessary. After the Canton Air Show, the unit had an overnight FTX on the Allatoona WMA where they navigated to, and found the target, a Corps of Engineers benchmark plate.



Cadets Gallagher Niedhart, and Rasmussen break from the days duties to watch a US Forestry Service demonstration

SQUADRON ADMIN

Promotions and awards

- **C/1Lt Heather Gallagher** has also recently been promoted to C/Capt and presented the Amelia Earhart Award.
- **C/Maj Megan Gallagher**, was presented with the Ira Eaker Award and promoter to C/LtCol



- **C/SMsgt Nathan McCaskey** was awarded the Air Force Association Award and also earned an appointment to the United States Air Force Academy

UP Coming Events

<u>Events</u>	<u>Dates</u>
Powered Flying	Re-Scheduled
C-130J / F-22 Program Plant Tour	ECD May 2005
Resaca Reenactment	20-22 MAY
Wing SAR Eval	21 May
Capt Reed's STAR WARS Party	28 May
Dobbins Air Show	Cancelled

SQUADRON MORAL WELFARE

All you CAP STAR WARS fans, waiting for the 19 May premier of the new addition to the STAR WARS saga, "**Revenge of the Sith**", are invited to the STAR WARS premier party at Captain Reed's house on the Saturday, the 28th of May. Details are below and, yes...., it's a costume party. So bring your best STAR WARS outfit and enjoy the fun, food and drinks at Captain Reed's place in Marietta.



QUOTES OF THE WEEK

Too many people overvalue what they are not and undervalue what they are.

- **Malcolm Forbes**

Rudeness is a weak man's imitation of strength.

- **Eric Hoffer**