

# Maroon Marauder

“Always On Parade”

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## Message from the Cadet Commander

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### **Squadron 85 Cadets,**

In the last newsletter I addressed improving the level of professionalism within the squadron and working as a team. I am happy to say that I have seen improvement in each of these areas. I can see that you have all become more of a team that you were before and are working to help each other where needed. I would like to see you all continue on this path. Keep up the good work!

The new goal for next couple of months is a personal challenge, yet it will affect the entire team. The challenge is to continue to put in time outside of our weekly meetings to improve in areas such as: your uniform, drill, memory work or studying for tests. Pick an area in which you know you are weak in and push to improve upon it. An easy way to do this is to schedule a timeline for the improvement. You may also want to find cadet who is strong in that area and ask them for help. The staff is also here to help, if you have any questions just ask (make sure you follow the chain of command though) and we would be glad to help. It is important for you to make sure you are proficient in these areas. We will soon be carrying out inspections and most of you have been here long enough to know what is expected. Succeeding in this challenge will not only benefit you, but the squadron as a whole. In addition, this would allow us to spend less time reviewing the basic things and more time on new and different activities. You all have what it takes to succeed, put your mind to it and work together, and you won't fail. ▽

~ C/CMSgt. Braxton Philip, Cadet Commander, CAP

## **CONGRATULATIONS TO THE FOLLOWING CADETS FOR THEIR PROMOTIONS AND AWARDS in Q2 '07!**

Cadets:  
**T. BROMENSCHENKEL  
ERIC NEW  
MITCHEL WICKS**



**C/Airman**

Cadet:  
**KARISSA THORPE  
EVAN YANAGIHARA**



**C/Airman 1<sup>st</sup> C**

Cadets:  
**ADAM POLK  
JARED POLK  
BROOK STEVENS  
RICHARD YOUNG**



**C/Sr. Airman**

Cadet:  
**KYLE BOND**



**C/Staff Sgt**

Cadet:  
**BRAXTON PHILIPP**



**C/Chief Master Sgt**

Cadet:  
**C/SSgt. Kyle Bond**



**Wright Brothers  
Achievement**

## Message from the Squadron Commander ~ Review Your Honor Code

As many of you are getting ready for activities such as Basic Cadet School (BCS) and Encampment, and even for those that are not, remember to memorize and realize the California Wing Cadet Honor Code.

***On my honor, as a Civil Air Patrol Cadet of California Wing, I will not lie, cheat, steal or commit any act of intentional dishonesty or tolerate those who do.***

This is your honor code. In accepting and living this code, you gain pride in knowing your word will be trusted implicitly and that you may trust others who have accepted this code. This code encompasses the respect you have for the property of others and the consideration you expect others to have for your property. It places responsibility on each individual to accept credit only for his own personal achievement. Accepting this code implies a moral courage to protect the Cadet Corps from any cadet who places his standards below those of the Corps.\*

Don't just say the words, live by them. Before attending an Encampment or a BCS look up each of the key words: lie, cheat, steal, dishonesty, and tolerate. Figure out what each of these words mean. Consider why these word embody critical pitfalls with enough weight to commit ourselves to their prevention.

All of you are doing an outstanding job at keeping our squadron moving forward. Keep up the extraordinary work and remember to fly with honor! ▼

~ Andrew J. Peters, Capt, US CAP, Squadron 85 Commander

*\*Excerpted from California Wing, Civil Air Patrol "Cadet Honor Code" Reference Pamphlet*

## So You Want a Career as a Pilot: Charting the Right Path ...



**START HERE: SQUADRON 85 CADET & AEROSPACE PROGRAMS**

Over the next three newsletters I'm going to talk about paths to a career flying airplanes. There are three basic ways to do this, and two of them have an affiliation with the military. There are different routes to each path and countless variations, so I'll stick with the bigger picture. I have only taken one of these paths, so my info on the others has been gleaned from others. For those of you interested in a flying career, please come talk to me in more detail. I'll try to include web links where I have them.

Here are the three basic paths. Join the Active Duty Military, join the Military in the Reserves, or take the civilian path. As I said, there are multiple routes within each path. This time, I'll talk about the Active Duty Military, which is the path I took.

### **Active Duty Military Flying**

Learning to fly through the active duty military involves getting accepted to flight school after meeting rigorous qualifications (including medical) and being accepted to join the military. Except for helicopters in the Army, you will need to have a four year college degree. You will be commissioned as an officer (Second Lieutenant or Ensign to start). You can be commissioned through three means – one of the Service Academies, through Reserve Officer Training Corps (ROTC), or through Officer Training School (OTS). You can get your degree from any college and apply to OTS for commissioning and a pilot training slot. If you go through ROTC, you can get 2-4 year scholarships at schools where they have ROTC detachments. The third choice, the Service Academies, are competitive to get in to, but provide the highest chance of securing a pilot training slot. The Air Force has the most pilots of the services, followed by the Navy. However, the Navy and Army have large contingents of helicopters, which, if they appeal to you, are easier to get training slots for.

Once selected and commissioned, you go through a flight screening program. In the Air Force, this now consists of a couple months of flying in a single engine aircraft to determine if you have the skills to proceed to pilot training.

Once through the flight screening process, you will start pilot training. You are in for at least a one-year fire hose of training (imagine getting a fire hose into you mouth and turning the water on – intense, to say the least!) You'll qualify to enter a track leading to fighters or bombers, or to a track going to air lifters or tankers. In the Navy, you'll quickly determine whether you'll fly helicopters or fixed-wing. You'll start flying jets. You'll receive the best flying training in the world and will finish with the equivalent of a single and multi-engine Commercial rating with an Instrument rating.

Congratulations on finishing pilot training! You have received a couple million dollars worth of the military's resources. Your cost? Your next ten years are now devoted to the military.

After pilot training, you'll transition to your specific aircraft. This training can last from 3 months to a year, depending on the aircraft. Then you'll move to your first base of assignment somewhere in the world. This may be an exotic location overseas with lots of opportunity to travel, a base in the states flying airplanes all over the world, a bomber base in northern North Dakota, guarding our borders, or a base near a Navy port, training for a six-month deployment on an aircraft carrier. You'll have ten years to pay back for your training which will be 2-3 assignments. You may fly the same aircraft, transition to another, go back to a training unit to teach new pilots, or have a period in a non-flying job (unlikely in the first 10 years). You will either fly a lot of places or likely deploy to a lot of places from 30 days to 6 months or even a year depending on the situation in the world and your service. You will watch the news to see the next place the U.S. is getting involved. You'll be flying some of the best aircraft in the world, from the C-17 or the B-2 to even the F-22, or the Super Hornet in the Navy.

After your initial 10-year commitment is completed, a lot of folks will stay in the military, continuing to fly, or taking on more leadership roles. Many will stay to 20 years to get an active duty retirement before beginning a second career, either flying with the airlines or something else. Others will leave Active Duty after their commitment and do the same, more likely to pursue an airline job. Some of these people will continue to serve in the Reserves along with their new airline jobs. The airlines are a whole topic themselves. I can cover that in another article.

In writing this I realized I could easily add 10 more pages to just this path to provide more detail on the services, the Academies, life in the military, and more. Please let me know if this interests you and I can fill you in with more details. ▼

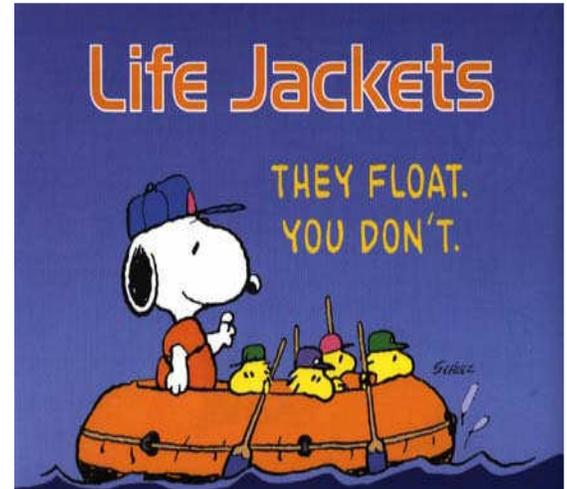
## Safety Brief ~ Water Safety

Summer is here and it's time for fun with friends and family and for vacations and trips to the river or beach. Let's remember to respect nature and be prepared for whatever water sport you choose.

Every year several lives are lost by not being prepared. Also remember that rivers have undercurrents and beaches and lakes can have sharp drop off areas that can surprise you. Even the best of swimmers can find themselves in danger.

Never go to the water alone. Don't take risks. You only have one life to live, take care of it and have a safe and fun summer. ▼

~ Carla Warde, 1Lt, CAP, Medical/Safety Officer



For additional water safety tips, please visit:

<http://www.redcross.org/services/hss/tips/healthtips/safetywater.html>

## Testing Tips

**CONGRATULATIONS TO  
C/SSgt. KYLE BOND  
for SCORING 100% !!**

For practice Leadership and Aerospace Test, please go to: <http://www.cap85.org/cadets/cadets>. These will assist in reviewing the material and approved as a study aid by the Squadron Commander.

When taking the Aerospace test, the test is on the entire Module, not just the first Chapter.

In addition, pay special attention to:

- ▼ **Bold** and *italic* typed Print
- ▼ End of Chapter review/study aids
- ▼ Side column notations

Keep in mind, regarding testing ahead, per CAPR 52-16, sec. 2-2 (b):

**(3) Test Banking. Cadets may not test beyond their next achievement. For example, a C/TSgt may take Achievement 5 tests, but not Achievement 6 tests**

Our testing scores are still hovering around 75%, let's all push hard to get our Squadron average well above 85%! ▼

~ Rick Kaita, 2Lt., CAP, Testing Officer

## CLEAR YOUR CALENDARS NOW!

**Our only Squadron fund raiser event is the Diamond Springs Labor Day Bazaar.  
We EXPECT all cadets to make themselves available for this activity.**

**Dates: Sunday September 2 – Monday September 3**

*Details to follow at meetings*



### CAPITAL AIR SHOW RECAP

On behalf of the Capital Air Show Coordinators (Air Support, Ltd.), I would like to thank all the cadets and senior members that participated in the Capital Air Show. Although there were some long, hot shifts, we all performed exceptionally well. Our presence was gratefully appreciated by the Air Show Coordinators and we have definitely defined our professionalism. You all worked well with the other cadets from the other eight Squadrons that participated.

Your presence was also appreciated by Brig. Gen. Michael Worden, whom hopefully some of you had an opportunity to meet. For those of you that had an opportunity to meet Maj. Malachowski and for those that did not, please remember her main points for success in life:

- ▼ Keep away from drugs and alcohol
- ▼ Keep away from individuals of bad influence
- ▼ Good grades – and good grades
- ▼ Don't be concerned about those that may make fun of you- your self-esteem will carry you (remember she was called a geek – now she is a Thunderbird pilot, who's laughing now?)
- ▼ Follow your passion and have fun!

~ Aaron P. Yanagihara, 2Lt., CAP, Capital Air Show Project Officer

## Calendar of Meeting Topics and Uniform

**PLEASE CONSULT SQUADRON WEBSITE WEEKLY FOR CHANGES IN MEETING TOPICS AND OR UNIFORM REQUIREMENTS.**

**JULY**            3:    \*\* NO MEETING / 4<sup>TH</sup> of JULY  
                       10:   Aerospace / BDU / Testing  
                       17:   Leadership/ BDU / PRB  
                       24:   PT /Testing  
                       31:   Moral Leadership / Blues / PRB

**27-29:    BCS / ATS**

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**AUGUST**        7:    Aerospace / BDU / Testing  
                       14:   Leadership / BDU / PRB  
                       21:   PT/ Testing  
                       28:   Moral Leadership / Blues / PRB

**11-19:    CAWG ENCAMPMENT**  
**18-19:    PCAM AIR SHOW**

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**SEPTEMBER**

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                       11   Leadership / BDU / PRB  
                       18:   PT/ Testing  
                       25:   Moral Leadership / Blues / PRB

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**2-3:        SQ. ACTIVITY- DIAMOND SPRINGS  
 LABOR DAY BAZAAR**

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