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# NorCal Group 5

## Commander's Corner

*Dennis Parham, Group 5  
Commander*

Greetings and I hope you all had a happy Easter weekend with family and friends.

I was recently given an opportunity to read a letter signed by General John P. Jumper, Chief of Staff, and James G. Roche, Secretary of the Air Force. In that message it was stated that they are interested in involving the Air Force Auxiliary in homeland security missions and that they are tasking the CAP to develop a concept of operations that can be used to predict what our involvement might be. As a result a CAP Homeland Security Working Group will meet on April 4<sup>th</sup> to begin the task of identifying the resources needed to accomplish this mission.

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This is exciting news! It appears as if we will have a key job to do in ensuring the security of our nation in a similar way that the "Heroes Next Door" did during World War II. One of the statements made in the message is, "The Auxiliary has a proud heritage of service to our

great country and we consider them a full partner on the Air Force team."

What this means is that we must be ready; ready for the flying missions,



ready for the ground missions, ready to support our community using the special skills we have developed through frequent and meaningful training.

I urge you all to participate by doing whatever you can to get training in the time remaining this year. Attend the conferences and learn more about what is happening in California Wing and the Pacific Region. Get your CAP Driver license. Attend a First Aid/CPR class. Attain a new level of proficiency in your chosen field. Attend a SAREX and learn all you can about how an operations base works and how you can fit in.

Don't be left out of the important work that is sure to be sent our way. Don't just stand by and watch what's going on, step forward and participate! You WILL be needed!

**Semper vigilans!**

# The Flight Deck

2Lt. Jeff Huber, Aircraft Manager

## N5524H Aircraft Update

Group 5's C182 will be retrofitted with a Glider Tow Hook assembly during the week of April 1<sup>st</sup>. The aircraft will be down during this period. Please check the schedule prior to getting a flight release to make sure the aircraft will be available.

## Note on Scheduling Aircraft

As we approach the busiest time of year for flying, the aircraft schedule will become increasingly tighter. With SAREX's, Glider events, Scheduled Missions and plain proficiency flying, you will need to pay close attention to the schedule

on the WMU. Before calling for flight releases, check the Web and make sure the aircraft is available. It's a lot of work for you and the FRO to go through the motions only to find out that the aircraft is not there.

If you schedule the aircraft and something has come up and you cannot make the time you have indicated, take the time to go back and cancel the time on the WMU as a courtesy to your fellow pilot. Other pilots may want to use it, and therefore will be able to schedule it.

Concerning no-shows. A no-show is considered as 30 minutes past the time originally scheduled. If a no-show occurs, and another crew shows up at the aircraft, that crew can call for a release, the release will be granted under the normal

flight release guidelines. If anyone has questions or concerns regarding this policy, please contact me to discuss them.

## C1 Proficiency Flights

We are approaching the best time of year to fly and maintain our proficiency. CAP requires all pilots to maintain a higher level of proficiency. This is why they have created the C1 mission symbol to be used for this purpose. I have put together some suggestions for all to look at and use during these flights to maximize your flight experience.

## Spring Time Study Guide for Proficiency –Stick and Rudder Skills

1. Pattern/Landing at uncontrolled/controlled fields
2. Short/Soft field landings/takeoffs
3. Go-around procedures
4. Crosswind takeoff/landings
5. Slow Flight
6. Power on/off stalls
7. Accelerated stalls
8. Steep turns
9. Ground reference maneuvers
10. Forced landings

## Instrument Skills (Safety Pilot Required. Required every 6 months per FAR 61.57)

1. Basic aircraft control under the hood
2. VOR tracking
3. Precision/non-precision approaches
4. Partial panel flight

## Contribute to the NorCal Group 5 Newsletter

We are interested in receiving articles from all Units on topics that you feel will be of interest to all Group 5 members.

You may submit articles and pictures (if available) either electronically or by regular mail. Electronic formats for articles should be in Microsoft Word format, or compatible. Electronic photo submissions should be sent in JPG format. Send electronic submissions to Steve Taylor, Group 5 Public Affairs Officer at [SJTEntrprs@aol.com](mailto:SJTEntrprs@aol.com).

If by regular mail, send photos in a protected envelope and provide your name and address for return. Mail documents to Steve Taylor, Public Affairs Officer, at the Group 5 Headquarters address.

*God Bless America!*



*"Let's Roll!"*

5. Unusual attitudes under the hood
6. Missed approaches
7. Holds and procedure turns

**Judgement/Knowledge Skills**

1. Pre-flight planning
2. Emergency Procedures
3. Review aircraft POH
4. Avionics ops, including programming the GPS
5. Radio communications
6. Interpreting weather and NOTAMS
7. Calculating aircraft performance/W & B

Retaining skills is the pilot's responsibility. Pilots generally think they are retaining their flying skills pretty well. The accident statistics show many have overestimated their actual capabilities. The evidence shows pretty clearly that – if not exercised- complex flight skills will get rusty.

Even pilots who fly some during the winter are not immune to rusty pilot syndrome. The type of flying they do may not involve emergency procedures or precise flying. In fact many pilots tend to let precision slip and end up with some unsafe habits.

A long winter hibernation from flying can seriously rust flight skills. Refresher training can keep your edge shiny and sharp and ready for action when a flight is no longer routine. And using the above ideas will help keep you ready for that next Form 5.

**Fly Safely!**

## Cadet's Corner

*Capt. James A. Szykowny, Cadet Programs Officer*

The month of February was a busy month. First, the BCS was held on Feb. 8-10 at Beale AFB and was attended by 23 basic cadets, 14 staff, and 4 senior members. It was highly successful, and we are planning another one sometime in July.

The CPC Conference was highly informative and as always an event that all cadets should attend once in their career. Squadron 85 had a few problems on the first day but overcame them on the second day and placed 2<sup>nd</sup> overall out of 6 teams.

Squadron 85 won the testing by a wide margin and scored the highest marks ever. They even outscored Squadron 85 scores from last year. Cadet S/Sgt. Sky Mote received the outstanding cadet of the competition. Group 5's support was better than it has been in a long time with over 30 cadets at the event. I wished that more group squadrons had sent a color guard team to the event. NEXT YEAR!

A drill and ceremonies school is in the works for the near future. Look for the flyer and plan to attend. It will be for all ranks. I am requesting résumé's from all Cadet Officers and NCO's so I can have a good idea as to who will be staff.

The Encampment was discussed at the conference regarding the date. It is a problem because of the conflict with school opening. Those wishing to attend can get a letter from the Wing Cadet Programs to

present to your school principle to see if you can get out for the encampment. E-mail the Cadet Programs for more information.

A reminder for all squadrons to let me know about events for their squadron if they want assistance.

## Great Loss for Group 5 & CAP

*2Lt. Steve Taylor, Public Affairs Officer*

On March 3, 2002, Group 5 and Civil Air Patrol lost a dedicated member, colleague, and a friend with the passing of Major Kathryn "Kay" Mark. For over 20 years Kay was well known as a hardworking and very dedicated member of the Civil Air Patrol and valued staff member of NorCal Group 5.

She wore many hats in the organization, performing the duties as the Admin. Officer, Finance Officer and primary Alerting Officer. She leaves a great void in our organization and an emptiness in our hearts that will be hard to fill.

A memorial service will be held at the Elks Lodge, located at 920 "D" Street in Marysville, CA., on Saturday, April 20 at 11:00 a.m. All CAP members are invited to attend.

There will be a meal served after the service. For those planning to attend the meal please RSVP with the number of people by April 11. You may phone Howard Mark at (916) 645-3409.

Contributions may be sent to the American Lung Association in the name of Kathryn "Kay" Mark.

# New Web Site

*2Lt. Steve Taylor, Webmaster*

The new re-designed version of the Group 5 Web site was finally completed and released on March 2. Hopefully by now you've had a chance to take a look at it. First and foremost, this is YOUR site, and any suggestions you have to make it more useful for you and your Unit should be submitted to me ASAP so it can be reviewed and implemented.

The site is designed to provide you with direct access to the information you need on the web to conduct your CAP business. The left menu bar not only navigates you through the Group 5 site, but it also has direct links to the most important and most frequently accessed areas of the Wing, Region, and National web sites.

For example if you need to check the Wing calendar, instead of going to the Wing site and navigating, just click the "Calendar" link in the Wing section of the menu bar on our site and your there! Need to schedule an aircraft, click on the "WMU" link in the Wing section and go! You'll never be more than two clicks away from what you need.

A more robust set of links exists in the "Members Resources" area. Once again, these links have been identified as the most used on a regular basis and designed to save you valuable time on the web by providing quick and direct access to specific areas on other CAP sites. The "Members Resources" page has direct links to Forms, Regulations, Manuals, and Pamphlets from the National CAP site as well as the site hosted by the Mississippi Wing. You'll also have

direct access to the WMU, e-Business Services, CAP Bookstore, the Bookstore catalog, the Hock Shop, the Supply Depot, and more.

The Group 5 Home page also has rotating photo images. These images change randomly each time you access the Home page. The image will represent an important current topic or event, and by clicking on the photo you will be taken to another page that contains more information on that topic in the form of an article or links to additional information. Photos and articles will play a large role in the attractiveness and freshness of the site, so be sure and send photos to me whenever you have events. We can either link the photo directly to an article on our site or to the related information on your Unit web site if available. This will help keep all the units informed of activities, etc. And don't forget to look at the "What's New" section at the bottom of the Home Page.

## New Calendar

The common complaint among all the Group 5 Unit webmasters is having to maintain a calendar based on the ever changing calendars of their Unit, other Units, Group 5, Wing, etc. Right now I have a basic month-at-a-glance format calendar which I update based on input I receive (sometimes), or by actively searching for the event information (mostly). You webmasters know what I'm talking about.

Well, beginning around April 1 (no fooling) I will be uploading a new centralized interactive calendar which will allow each Unit to add, update, and delete event items. Does this mean another calendar to keep track of? No, this means you can finally get rid of the one you're

currently fighting to maintain, if you so choose. Everyone within Group 5 will be able to update and view the same calendar! Group 5's calendar will work much the same way as Wing's calendar does now.

I will work with each Unit's webmaster to help integrate the calendar code into their existing web site, and provide user-id and passwords for administration. The calendar is Internet based. For authorized users, it means that you can update the calendar from anywhere as long as you have access to the Internet. More on this later, but I think this will alleviate some major headaches for you. I was going through the same problem and I believe this will definitely be an improvement. Watch for it soon!

# Group 5 HQ Has To Move!

*Dennis Parham, Group 5 Commander*

Because of the generosity of the officials at Sacramento County Office of Airports, Group 5 Headquarters has lavished in a beautiful building at the Sacramento Executive Airport for the last two years. Unfortunately, as of 30 June 2002, we have to move to another location. In a conversation with our contact, Angela Hourigan, she informed me that they have been pleased with our presence but they have come to a point where they need the space that we occupy. That leaves us with quite a dilemma.

Mr. John Downey, SAC Airport Manager, has offered some ground space for us to place a building in pretty much the same manner as

Squadron 126 in Redding was able to arrange with their management authority. We will be discussing this with Mr. Downey to see if the offer still stands. However, the next problem is finding a building and the means to getting it hooked up to utilities. We will be examining this situation as well as other options over the next month or two and hopefully will find a solution.

If you have any ideas you would like to offer toward finding a solution for our upcoming homeless situation, please contact Major Parham at 916-548-7201 or email to [denny@surewest.net](mailto:denny@surewest.net).

## Transportation

*Capt. John Mayfield*

It seems that many of us in the Air Force Auxiliary are often traveling for one reason or another. Taking Cadets to events and training, moving equipment, going to conferences, etc. Most of the time when we do this it is done using ground transportation and many times that ground transportation is via a Civil Air Patrol corporate vehicle.

It would be nice to provide each and every unit with a corporate vehicle but that is simply impossible so, privately owned vehicles (POV) are used to supplement our lack of a large and varied fleet of our own. Here are some things to think about regarding the use of corporate vehicles or POV's:

Corporate vehicles should be maintained as if they were your own in that they need to be checked

daily. The fluid levels, tire pressure, safety equipment, etc., is required to be examined using the CAP Form 73 as a checklist. There must be a copy of the corporate insurance coverage document in the vehicle as well as required by CAP regulation and California Law. Each corporate vehicle must also carry with it, at a minimum, a first aid kit and fire extinguisher. Drivers must be currently licensed by the State of California or other current state license and carry a CAP Driver's Permit.

When used for CAP purposes, a POV is referred to as a "temporary use vehicle" in CAP Regulation 77-1. It must be maintained properly so as to be safe, and the owner must provide proper insurance as provided by law. And it must be driven in conditions that do not exceed its design limitations or are outside its designed purpose. The driver must be properly licensed for the type of vehicle, and busses operated by CAP drivers are not to be used.

If you have any questions regarding vehicle use within the Air Force Auxiliary or need help coordinating the use of a corporate vehicle within Group 5, contact the Transportation Officer, John Mayfield, at 707-423-7937 or email him at [john.mayfield@60mdg.travis.af.mil](mailto:john.mayfield@60mdg.travis.af.mil).

## Chaplain's Corner

*George Dawson, Chaplain*

Moral values, honesty, and integrity are hot topics these days. We all recognize the need for ethical behavior and high moral values and

standards in our complex society. Fortunately, in CAP we have a forum for discussing the kind of things that make for a better world and a more civilized society. It is called Moral Leadership. Right now, and for all the years that I have been a Chaplain in CAP, it has been a struggle to find the time to do all the things we want to accomplish in a regular squadron meeting.

It takes creative thinking and dedication to run an effective program of any sort. CAP is no exception.

It also takes dedicated people who need to be recognized for the work they do and their commitment to the success of the organization they are part of. CAP has always had Chaplains, and for many years now they have been involved in conducting Moral Leadership training. I say "involved in" because Moral Leadership is a cadet program which the Chaplain assists in by guiding the cadets through the sessions. We now have Moral Leadership Officers who are part of this program. Welcome aboard.

I believe that Moral Leadership is as important if not the most important part of the cadet training program. If we don't teach our young people the value of high moral standards, such as commitment, dedication, honesty and integrity, we are cheating them and our country. The latest incident regarding drug use at our Air Force Academy should serve as a good example and a reminder that high moral standards, and living up to them, are the backbone of our freedom. For those of you Senior Staff who are having trouble making time for Moral Leadership whether it

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is conducted by a Chaplain or a Moral Leadership Officer, I want to you to seriously answer this question. Is one hour a month really too much time to devote to teaching and developing good character traits and values in our young people? Or how about this: how much time do you as parents or grandparents spend instilling good values in your children/grandchildren? These cadets who are going through our programs really are the ones who will be the leaders in the next 5-10 years and beyond. I for one want them to be the very best we can produce.

One closing thought, I received a phone call last month from a former cadet. He had been in one of the squadrons that I served as Chaplain. He called just to say "Thank you for the influence you were in my life while I was a CAP cadet. And I wanted you to know how much I appreciate all your help, I just received my nomination to the US Navel Academy. You will always be my Chaplain." So to all you Chaplains and Moral Leadership Officers out there, you are important to the cadets and the seniors. Keep up the good work. Stay faithful, stay the course. We serve a great nation, we are part of a great cause, the cause of freedom. For all of you who fly, and search and teach and lead, you have our support and prayers too.

May God Bless all we do

## Group 5 Patch Contest Deadline Extended

*Dennis Parham, Commander*

The deadline to submit your entry for the Group 5 Badge Contest has been extended to April 15<sup>th</sup>. All members from all squadrons within Group 5 are highly encouraged to participate.

Patches, badges, coats of arms, and other symbols have been associated with organizations for centuries. Patches, especially, are a well-known part of Civil Air Patrol...except for NorCal Group 5. We don't have a patch and I think we need one.

We need your submission of completed color art proposing a design based on Group 5's location in Northern California and including your choice of things like mountains, airplanes, the valley, and any other symbolism, in good taste, that will represent NorCal Group 5 properly.

All Squadron Commanders will perform the judging after the cutoff date and the winner will be announced shortly thereafter. The prizes are:

- First Place: \$50.00 Cash, 5 Free Patches, and public acknowledgement of credit for the design.
- Second Place: \$15.00 Cash and 3 Free Patches.
- Third Place: \$10.00 Cash and 1 Free Patch.

Once again, the postmark date has been extended to 15 April 2002.

Mail your submission to Major Dennis Parham, 8512 Banner Court, Antelope, CA 95843, and include your name, rank, return address, unit, and a telephone number where I may contact you.

This contest is open to Senior Members and Cadets. The submissions must come from active and participating members with current CAP membership. Entries after the deadline will not be considered. All art must be in color and reproducible. I'm sure that in an organization as large as Group 5 we must have lots of talented, creative artists out there! Get your entries in right away and claim your prize!

### Coming Events

**March 30**  
**DDR-funded O-Rides**  
Group 5 Headquarters  
Sacramento, California

**April 12-14**  
**SAREX**  
Group 5 Headquarters  
Sacramento, California

**May 17-19**  
**SAREX**  
Auburn Squadron 92

**July 19-21**  
**High-Altitude SAREX**  
Redding Squadron 126



