

NorCal Group 5 News

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Chaplain's Corner

George Dawson, Group 5 Chaplain

By the time you all read this almost all the Independence Day celebration will be over and we will be getting on with our busy lives. However, since July 4th is still fresh in my experience I want to add just a few simple thoughts that I hope will carry us through the "normal routines" of our daily lives.

First, as a Christian minister and your Chaplain I would like to express my Thanksgiving to God for the privilege of living in this great land of freedom. Since I have two sons serving in the active military, one in the Army Guard, (he is active in search and rescue and fire fighting) and the other in the Air Force (he is in pilot training) I have a great appreciation for all those who serve. As a retired Air Force member, I know what it takes to keep our country free.

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Second, as a member of Civil Air Patrol, I know the degree of sacrifice and service it takes from the civil side of the house to keep our nation free and functioning. So, I thank God for each one of you. It is a good work you do whether you are a pilot, observer, administrator, leader of cadets, etc.

The Bible is a great book of inspiration for those who give themselves in service to others and to great causes. "And let us not



lose heart in doing good, for in due time we shall reap if we do not grow weary." (Galatians 6:9, NASB).

Growing weary can happen because we try to do too much, and we try to do it in our own strength. God promises that if we will look to him he will give us the strength to do the work or meet the challenges before us.

"Yet those who wait for the Lord will gain new strength. They will mount up with wings like eagles. They will run and not get tired. They will walk and not become weary." (Isaiah 40:31, NASB).

Third, let us keep in mind the heritage we have and the motto of our country. On all our money we have the words "In God We Trust." May that always be true for each of us what ever our faith may be. Then too, our pledge says we are "One Nation Under God..."what a great thought. Let us always remember that our nation was conceived and born out of a desire and struggle for

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Liberty. It was Thomas Jefferson who said: "The God who gave us life, gave us liberty at the same time." Daniel Webster said: "God grants liberty only to those who love it and are always ready to guard and defend it." May we who enjoy the fruits of liberty always be ready to do the same.

God bless each of you and may the rest of this year be as successful as you want it to be in each area of your lives.

Group 5 Address Change

2Lt. Steve Taylor, Public Affairs

Permanent Location Available Soon
As most of you are aware by now,

on June 28 Group 5, along with Squadron 14, was required to vacate the building at Executive Airport that had been their Headquarters for the last 2 years. All equipment and files have been placed in storage until we can acquire a new location.

Until that time, we have a new mailing address for you to use in corresponding with Group 5. The new mailing address is:

**HQ NorCal Group 5
Post Office Box 60129
Sacramento, CA 95860-0129**

Plans are underway for NorCal Group 5 to eventually be moving into new quarters at the warehouse for the Grant High School District, which is located on the corner of Winona Way and Roseville Road in North Highlands (entrance on

Winona Way). They have graciously offered the use of their facility to us, and we anticipate moving in sometime around the end of August or the beginning of September.

Please note that it is anticipated that our monthly meetings will take place in their meeting facility beginning August 1st at the same location.

The NorCal Glider Program

2Lt. Todd Sprague, Director of Gliders

NorCal Glider On Its Way!

On July 13th, thanks to Major Dennis Parham's tireless efforts, there will be a glider moving to make its new home in Northern California.

The Schweizer-SGS 2-33, 2953H, has a brand-new paint job. The glider is to be used mainly for cadet orientation rides and glider training leading to solo flights. It will be available to NorCal squadrons to have glider days, during which cadets and seniors can get glider rides at little or no cost.

For each glider ride, Group 5 asks that the member donate \$5 to the glider's maintenance fund. Seniors will pay the towing costs for their own flights, whether it is at an FBO or via a tow-equipped corporate aircraft. Costs to seniors will be lower once we have tow pilots for our tow-equipped 182, but initially it will be FBO prices, about \$40 per tow. National Headquarters will reimburse the towing cost for Cadet orientation glider flights.

Cadets or Seniors wishing to take glider flights or work at glider operations must pass the Wing

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.

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.

United We Stand



God Bless America!

Runner test at NHQ. Certificated senior pilots can add a glider rating per F.A.R. part 61.109(f).

Senior pilots who desire to commit some time and study to becoming a tow-pilot must pass the Wing Runner and Tow-Pilot tests and have at least the following qualifications:

- **Airman Certificate:** FAA private pilot certificate, single-engine airplane
- **Medical Certificate:** 3rd class medical certificate
- **Total PIC:** 200 hours
- **High performance:** 50 hours
- **Takeoffs & Landings:** 25 each
- **Powered Flights:** 6
- **Glider Flights:** 4

A tow-pilot school and glider orientation day is in the works – a day for interested members to come learn about glider operations.

Anyone with questions, comments, suggestions, or a helping hand can contact the Group 5 Director of Gliders, Todd Sprague, by email at todd@pcavionics.com.

Happy landings!

ECI Courses

LtCol. John Ching, ETS

Did you know USAF-ECI has specialized correspondence courses for CAP members? There are six short courses specially developed for the training of CAP members. One such course is **ECI 00013 - CAP Senior Officer Course**.

It is required for completion of Level II training and promotion to Captain, under duty performance.

Two other well-known ECI courses for CAP members are **ECI 02130A - CAP Scanner Course**, and **ECI 02130B - CAP Mission Observer Course**. These courses are required for those that seek ES qualification as a scanner or observer.

The lesser-known courses are **ECI 02010 - CAP Public Affairs Officer**, **ECI 02130D - Introduction to CAP Emergency Services**, and **ECI 02170 - CAP Safety Officer Course**. So, if you are Public Affairs Officer, ES Officer, or a Safety Officer, you may want to enroll in the applicable course.

To enroll in any ECI course, mail a completed ECI Form 23 to ECI, and mail a photocopy of the ECI Form 23 to Gp. 5/ETS. Please remember that the correct zip code/shred of Test Control Office (box 9 on the ECI Form 23) for CAWG members is 914097688-4.

Lt. Huber wins Group 5 Patch Contest

2 Lt. Steve Taylor, Public Affairs

Group 5 is pleased to announce that it now has it's own customized patch.

Earlier in the year we held a patch design contest allowing all members in Group 5 to submit their ideas and artwork of a patch that would proudly represent the members of Group 5.

After reviewing all entries, the reviewing committee selected the design submitted by 1Lt. Jeff Huber, NorCal Group 5 Aircraft Manager.

The artwork represents Northern California with a Sierra Mountains and forest background. In the foreground is a bald eagle in majestic flight over the valley. Wording around the patch states "Integrity*Leadership*Commitment".

For winning the contest, Lt. Huber will receive the first place prize of \$50.00 cash, and 5 Free Patches.

The patch has been turned over to an embroidering company for production and will be available to all Group 5 members very soon.

Coming Events

July 19-21
High-Altitude SAREX
Redding Squadron 126

August 5
Monthly Group 5 Staff Meeting
Grant School District Facilities
North Highlands, California

September 6-8
EAA Golden West Fly-In
Yuba County Airport
Marysville, California

Group 5 Staff

Maj. Dennis Parham
Commander

Capt. David Strannard
Deputy Commander
Counter-Narcotics
Operations
Emergency Services

LtCol. John Ching
Administration

Maj. George Dawson
Chaplain

2Lt. Curtis Hensley
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Capt. Jim Szykowny
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LtCol. Charles Starr
Communications

2Lt. Samuel Jones
Historian

Maj. Harry Van Rintel
Inspector General

Maj. Marie Whaley
Financer

2Lt. Daryl Kielich
Aircraft Maintenance Officer

1Lt. Bill Slavensky
Aircraft Maintenance Officer

2Lt. Mark Naber
Management Information Officer

2Lt Steve Taylor
Public Affairs Officer

