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Major Joe Ely Carrales, CAP

Notes from the Front Lines

Contributed by Maj Dennis Cima
Group IV Commander
Texas Wing, SWR

3 July 2007

The comments below were sent by PFC Christopher Gallegos, a former CAP cadet with Thunderbird Composite Squadron, TX 179, Houston TX. He served on one of Thunderbird's competition color guard teams, served as squadron 1st Sergeant, and was Summer Encampment 1st Sergeant at Randolph AFB, TX in 2002.



He is currently stationed in Iraq with the US Army 6-9 Calvary. These are his words:

To the Cima's, the Crawford's, and my own mother and father,

"My life has been filled triumph and tragedy, ups and downs, highs and lows. But it's also been filled with something that most people lack in their lives, and that's loving people to guide me through troubled waters. I have been blessed with not one loving family, not even two loving families, but three loving families that have given me the strength and guidance that has made me the man I am today. I have looked death in the eye, stared into the heart of fear itself as less than 48 hours ago I was walking head on into a heavy engagement between the Iraqi police and a group of insurgents. I knew what monster lay in front of me waiting for me as automatic weapon fire tore through the trees past us and kicked dirt around our feet. Yet I was totally at peace ready to do my job and complete the mission. I couldn't explain it but I was ready. Words can't begin to describe the level of gratitude for the different ways each of you have contributed to the man that I have become. Thank you for believing in me."

The Crawford's lost their son, Chaz, in Iraq last year.



Perspectives: Interviews with CAP Personalities

A Chat with Texas Wing Director of Training, Lt Col Brooks Cima, CAP

By Major Joe Ely Carrales, CAP

The Corpus Christi Comp Squadron presents an interview with Lt Col Brooks Cima, CAP, Texas Wing Director of Training, conducted 2 July 2007.

Once again greetings and welcome to this our second interview for *Through the Air Over South Texas*. I am your host, Major Joe Ely "Sparky" Carrales and in this Unit's on going effort to inform and entertain, I am pleased to introduce Lt Col Brooks Cima to the members of the Corpus Christi Comp Squadron. I first spoke with Lt Col Cima over the telephone many years ago when some CAP Cadets were interested in attending a Wing Encampment. Lt Col Cima is legendary for her work with the CAP Cadet Program in the Texas Wing, so much so, that the powers that be have harnessed her talents for training.



**Lt Col Brooks Cima, CAP
Wing Director of Training**

So, let's begin this interview with a simple question... Lt Col Cima, what is your position at Texas Wing as you see it and do you find this position presents similar or different challenges than your previous post in Cadet Programs??

"Similar to the early days in Cadet Programs - the basic information was there but it was being taught at the squadron and Group level in various interpretations. I believe my job is to make sure we are standardized in our training in order that we make the best, most efficient use of the training time our volunteers have to give this organization so that we can perform our missions as required by our customers."

I concur; we should make every effort to insure that the quality of training in the Texas Wing is "uniform." We can agree that Texas provides huge logistical challenges. That being said... What are some of your goals for Training in Texas Wing for 2007 & 2008?

"I want to provide training opportunities that will enable us to be better prepared for the missions that are coming our way. For example, Videography training to help with our photo missions, IT training to teach people how to upload photographs for our customers, CERT and ARC training for our ground team members and mission staff training so that we have the ability to deploy a number of well-trained mission base staffs should the need arise in a disaster."

No doubt, we are in service to our State, and I feel these elements are places where we can all benefit. There is, therefore, much to do. How can we, in the Groups & Squadrons, best support you in your work?

"Attend the trainings at the Wing level, become trainers and take the information back to your squadrons and groups. Ask your members to be patient as we raise standards in order to make Texas Wing "excellent" in all areas of ES, pilot training and cadet training."

Along these lines, recently, the Texas Wing has made several important changes to how training is conducted; namely, the new Skill Evaluator Trainer, or SET, procedure. Earlier this week, after a much anticipated waiting, you announced the latest "SET list." How does this differ from the old set list of days past?

"SET was basically a quick quiz that could make anyone "qualified" to evaluate training. The Evaluator qualification is carefully given by the Wing Commander to individuals that have demonstrated excellence in their area of ES expertise."

If I may be so bold, how was this list generated?

"The Wing Commander is so serious about raising standards that he personally checks every candidate sent up through the chain of command. I simply publish this list for him"

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Perspectives: Interviews with CAP Personalities

Lt Col Brooks Cima, CAP Part II



Lt Col Cima is in charge of revamping the Texas Wing's training cycles.

A very bold approach indeed on Col Smith's part; what are some criteria for being considered for this list?

"qualifications, time in service in that area, missions performed."

How often will this list be updated?

"Twice monthly for a while and then on the first of each month. Just a bit more about SET vs. Texas Wing Evaluator..."

We are no longer using the SET list as published through OPs Quals. Our new TXWG Supplement to 60-3 takes away the duties of those with SET qualifications and hands them to individuals named as TXWG Evaluators. There is no new training for these folks to go through, they just need to send their request to be an evaluator through the chain of command and the Wing Commander determines if they are qualified. "

I thank you, Lt Col Cima for addressing these questions. I am sure we will be being Lt Col Cima's name more and more as members of our unit participate in the training she mentioned. As for the new "Set list," it is available from CC-CAP squadron command on request. *SEMPER VIGILANS!!!*



GROUP V SPORTS COMPETITION

Civil Air Patrol U.S. Air Force Auxiliary

On Saturday 28 July 2007, Group V will be having a sports competition! It will be held at **Group V Headquarters, 7914 Dave Erwin Dr. Brooks City-Base, TX** from 1000 to 1700. All Group V squadrons are invited to attend. Prepare yourself for

- Ultimate Frisbee
- Flag Football
- Soccer
- Volleyball
- Basketball
- PFT Competition
- Relay Races

Uniform of the day is PTUs. You will need to bring some money (about \$10) and should bring a board game in case it rains.
Concession services will be provided by Alamo Composite Squadron.
Your squadron will need to RSVP with an expected number of cadets and senior members by 21 July 2007. The POC for this event is C/CMSgt Kim Gibbon. Please direct any questions to her at (830) 281-5506
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Information on CAP Memorials

By Major Joe Ely Carrales, CAP

SOUTH TEXAS – The U.S. Civil Air Patrol is about to celebrate its 66th year of existence. In that time many CAP Officers and even some Cadets have made sacrifices conducting the Missions of the Civil Air Patrol, many of them making the Ultimate sacrifice. Currently, a Memorial to the Civil Air Patrol is being organized and created for display at U.S. CAP National Headquarters.

Assistant National Historian Major. Jim Shaw, CAP announced on line on 2 July 2007 that he has finished the first panel of the Civil Air Patrol Memorial.

The memorial will initially be housed at the NHQ Building. Afterwards it is to be moved outside to an area on the premises of Maxwell A.F.B. in Alabama. I think they want to see what it looks like before they commit to putting it on the base for public display.

The Five panels will describe:

Dedication - This is the panel that will be above the names of the people that have lost their lives.

Created With A Purpose - This panel has founding and charter information. Dates started, public law, first base, first patrol, first line of duty death.

Achieved Through Resolve - This panel will have a map of the United States with each of the original bases identified.

Proven In Time Of Need - This panel will have a picture of the plane dropping a bomb on a U-Boat. The Sub will be full length and the bomb will be era specific, as well as the plane.

Members - This panel will have current Missions For America and will list Operations, Cadet Programs, and Aerospace Education with a graphical representation for each. It will also have the tag line "CAP provides 95% of the"



“Taking a picture of glass is hard.” Said major Shaw, “The glass does have finger prints on it. When looking at the panel only the Etched Design will be seen. There are a total of 5 panels. Each panel has a different purpose.”



Another panel of the Memorial.

If you note the first letter of each of these panels you will see the Meaning of this pentagon shaped memorial.

Dedication - Dedicated

Created / People - Civil

Achieved in the Air & Ground - Air

Proven on Patrol - Patrol

Members current Missions - Members

“The first letters of these panels will be "slightly" enlarged more than the others.” said Major Shaw, “The pentagon shaped frame is being built by a iron works company in Warner Robins and lead by Lt. Col. Todd Engelman. We are both working on this as well as my son a C/SSGT. This memorial is being paid for by myself and Todd. The NB collected some money to support our work and had to approve it.”

While there are some individual memorials to members lost (including on at Arlington National Cemetery), this memorial will be different. The difference is that this one will have the members names listed on the memorial. After the panels are completed a process to verify all of the members killed in the line of duty and their names will be engraved on a brass name plaque and added to the memorial.

“If anyone would like to donate for this,” adds Major Shaw, “you are more than welcome to. Just send an e-mail to caphistorian@mchsi.com I will give you the address. We appreciate any and all help.”

2B, Kingsville Record and Bishop News, July 4, 2007

Cadet Morgun Bedynek promoted to Cadet Airman

By Major Joe Ely Carrales,
CAP

Cadet Airman Morgun Bedynek was promoted to that rank upon completion of this Cadet Physical Fitness Program on 19 June 2007. Cadet Bedynek is one of the six original Brahma Cadets having joined the unit earlier this year at Memorial Middle School.

Cadet Bedynek serves as the unit's Cadet Administrative officer maintaining forms and applications as well as assisting in tracking his fellow cadet's progress. To be eligible for this promotion, cadets have to complete criteria in four areas; Cadet

Leadership, Moral Leadership, be attentive to Unit Activities and complete a physical fitness program. The results in the cadet attaining the General John F. Curry Achievement.



**Cadet Airman
Morgun Bedynek**

Cadet Bedynek has participated in T-45 Goshawk Simulator Flights at NAS Kingsville and even worked crowd control at Corpus Christi's Beach-to-Bay Marathon. He is currently going to the 9th Grade at H.M. King High School.

"Cadet Bedynek is poised for great things in the Civil Air Patrol," said Corpus Christi Squadron Commander Major Joe Ely Carrales.

TXWG GP V CAC CONSTITUTION

PREAMBLE

WHEREAS the Group V Cadet Advisory Council (GP V/CAC) is designed to provide an organization through which cadets may gain leadership experience at the group level and,

WHEREAS the GP V/CAC will aid the Group Commander and the Group Director of Cadet Programs in monitoring and implementing the cadet program and,

WHEREAS the GP V/CAC shall make recommendations to senior cadet staff for the improvement of the cadet program.

NOW THEREFORE be it resolved that we, the Group V Cadet Advisory Council, Civil Air Patrol, hereby adopt this document as the Constitution of the Group V Cadet Advisory Council.



ARTICLE I – GENERAL

1.1. The Group V CAC (GP V/CAC) is an organization convened by order of the Group V Commander in accordance with CAPR 52-16, Chapter 3.

ARTICLE II – TERM

2.1. The GP V/CAC term begins 1 July and lasts through June. Elections should take place at the June meeting. Incoming representatives should try to attend the June meeting to ensure fairness in nominations.

ARTICLE III – OBJECTIVES AND PURPOSES

- 3.1.** To aid in expressing and resolving the views of cadets within Group V and to present them to the Group V Director of Cadet Programs.
- 3.2.** To provide an alternative form of communication for cadets within Group V.
- 3.3.** To ensure that suggestions for resolving conflicts or improving the cadet program from the group or squadron level are heard.

ARTICLE IV – POWERS

4.1. The GP V/CAC can make recommendations but has no authority to implement them.

ARTICLE V – MEMBERSHIP

5.1. Any cadet in Group V is eligible to be a member of the GP V/CAC.

ARTICLE VI – FUNDS AND PROPERTIES

6.1. GP V/CAC may receive gifts, bequests, devices, legacies, and donations to complete its objectives.

ARTICLE VII – AMENDMENTS

- 7.1.** This constitution may be amended at any time with the approval of two-thirds of the voting members of GP V/CAC, and the approval of the Group V Commander.
- 7.2.** The GP V/CAC shall adopt and maintain Bylaws for the administration of the activities, businesses, and affairs of the GP V/CAC.

TXWG GROUP V CAC BYLAWS

ARTICLE I – INTRODUCTION

1.1. The Bylaws are adopted to the constitution of the Group V Cadet Advisory Council (GP V/CAC).

ARTICLE II – MEMBERSHIP

- 2.1. **Composition.** The GP V/CAC will consist of one primary and one alternate representative from each squadron. Squadron representatives will be appointed by their respective squadron commanders. The GP V/CAC Chair will yield representation of his or her squadron to the alternate representative upon election. Squadron level representatives will be identified by the wearing of a green cord as outlined in CAPR 52-16, chapter 3, figure 3-1.
- 2.2. **Eligibility.** The cadet must be a Group V cadet in good standing, Wright Bros. Award preferred, but not required.
- 2.3. **Duties.** Representatives shall attend meetings regularly, participate actively, submit a verbal squadron report, and inform their squadron members of the activities of the GP V/CAC.
- 2.4. **Terms.** The Term of Office is one year, with two terms maximum per echelon. The beginning of the term is 1 July and lasts through 30 June.

ARTICLE III – OFFICERS

3.1. Election.

- 3.1.1. Nominees must be present or submit notification of acceptance and a resume to the Group V senior advisor. They may be nominated for multiple positions, but can only hold one position. They must win election by clear majority.
- 3.1.2. Order of elections will proceed as follows: Chairman, Vice Chairman, Recorder.
- 3.1.3. Any elected official can be removed from their position with a with a clear majority without them being present.

3.2. Chair Responsibilities.

- 3.2.1. Setting an agenda.
- 3.2.2. Guiding and directing the meeting.
- 3.2.3. Forming committees as necessary.
- 3.2.4. Send and receive correspondence related to CAC.
- 3.2.5. Appoint members to attend Group V staff meetings.
- 3.2.6. Related duties as required.

3.3. Vice Chair Responsibilities

- 3.3.1. Assist in the duties of the Chairman.
- 3.3.2. Serve as the Chairman in the absence of the Chairman.
- 3.3.3. Related duties as required by the Chairman.

3.4. Recorder Responsibilities.

- 3.4.1. Taking roll and recording the minutes.
- 3.4.2. Distributing typed copies of the minutes to key personnel (Group V Commander, Group V Director of Cadet Programs, Group V Assistant Director of Cadet Programs, Group V Cadet Advisory Council Senior Advisor, and all GP V/CAC members) within ten days of the meeting.
- 3.4.3. Related duties as required by the chairman.

ARTICLE IV – OPERATIONS

4.1. Meetings.

- 4.1.1. To have a meeting, a quorum of two-thirds of the primary representatives with current CAPF 2a on file at Group V Headquarters must be present and moderated by either the Chair or Vice Chair. The Group Director of Cadet Programs, or their appointed representative, must be present during all meetings to serve as Senior Member Advisor to the GP V/CAC. The Group Commander or his appointed representative is welcome to attend any and all meetings without prior approval. All cadets and senior members of Group V may attend any of the GP V/CAC meeting (space permitting) but must follow the rules of the meeting.
- 4.1.2. The GP V/CAC will make recommendations on the time and place of the next meeting that will not conflict with previously scheduled CAP activities.

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- 4.1.3. Issues of discussion that preclude the GP V/CAC from having a timely and concise meeting will be put to a committee consisting of at least three representatives (primary or alternate) and chaired by one primary representative.
- 4.1.4. A vote on any issue, policy, recommendation, etc. shall occur when the proper motion has been made and seconded and will be passed by a simple majority. In the event of a tie, the Chair will cast the deciding vote.
- 4.1.5. Meetings will be run in a professional manner. The council is made of equals with the use of grade prohibited among the members. Visitors shall respect the autonomy of the council and refrain from speaking until properly recognized by the Chair.
- 4.2. Agenda.**
 - 4.2.1 Any special agenda items should be submitted to the Chair no later than ten days prior to the meeting.
 - 4.2.2 The agenda will be distributed to representatives before the meeting.
- 4.3. Minutes.**
 - 4.3.1. The minutes shall mirror the agenda.

Texas Wing on Flash Flood and Flood Safety

Watches and Warnings

Flash Flood or Flood Watch

Flash flooding or flooding is possible within the designated area. Be alert to signs of rising water and be ready to evacuate at a moment's notice. Tune to your TV for updates on conditions and forecasts.

Flash Flood or Flood Warning

Flash flooding or flooding has been reported or is imminent. When a warning is issued for your area, or the moment you realize yourself that a flash flood is imminent, act quickly to save yourself.

Urban and Small Stream Advisory

Flooding of small streams, streets, and low-lying areas, such as railroad underpasses and storm drains, is occurring.

Flood Flood or Flood Statement

Follow-up information from the National Weather Service regarding a flash flood or flood event.

Flood Safety

- If advised to evacuate, do so IMMEDIATELY. Move to a safe area before access is cut off by flood water.
- Get to higher ground. Get out of areas subject to flooding. This includes dips, low spots, washes, etc.
- Avoid areas of flowing water. The water can rise quickly. Six inches of fast-moving water can knock you off your feet. A depth of two feet will lift a car and make it float. NEVER try to walk, swim, or drive through such swift water. STOP, turn around, and find another route.
- If your vehicle stalls, leave it immediately and seek higher ground. Rapidly rising water may engulf the vehicle and sweep it-- and its occupants-- away.
- Be especially cautious at night when it's harder to recognize flood dangers. The reflection of still water in your headlights will give you no indication of the water's true depth, and the road bed may be washed out under the water.

Before a Flood

- Know your flood risk and elevation about flood stage. Do your local streams or rivers flood easily?
- Install check valves in building sewer traps to prevent flood water from backing up into the drains of your home.
- Homeowners' and renters' policies rarely cover flooding. Contact your insurance agency about getting flood insurance.
- Store drinking water in clean bathtubs and various containers if water service may be interrupted.
- Keep a stock of food that requires little cooking and no refrigeration in case electric power is interrupted.
- Keep your automobile fueled. If electric power is cut off, gas stations may not be able to operate pumps.

After a Flood

- If fresh food has come in contact with flood waters, throw it out.
- Contact your local public works department about water safety. Boil drinking water before using. Wells should be pumped out and the water tested for purity before drinking.
- Electrical equipment should be checked and dried before being returned to service.
- Use flashlights-- not lanterns, torches, or matches-- to examine buildings. Flammables may be inside.
- Report broken utility lines to appropriate authorities.

Stay safe



BRAHMA CADET FLIGHT LOG

KINGSVILLE, TEXAS

"Tales of the Civil Air Patrol from the Heart of the Wild Horse Desert"



THREE CAP CADETS from KINGSVILLE to be Awarded ENCAMPMENT RIBBONS



Kingsville, Texas— Cadets Bryce Nix, Michael Beal and Celeste Resendez will receive the Civil Air Patrol encampment ribbon for attending the 2007 Texas Summer Encampment that was held on 17-24 June 2007 at Camp Maxey near Paris, Texas.

They will acquire their awards at the 10 July 2007 meeting of the Brahma Cadet Flight at CAP Station Kingsville. Cadets will be give the ribbon and may purchase the Mess Dress mini-medal at <http://civilairpatrolstore.com>.

Cadets do not wear mess dress uniforms or medals, however, should they become CAP Officer Adult members they may opt to wear that uniform combination.

BRAHMA CADET FLIGHT PERSONNEL

CAP Officers

Major Joe Ely Carrales– Commander, Corpus Christi Comp Squadron
1st Lt John Hoelscher– Personnel Officer; AE Officer, Christi Comp Squadron
Major Paul Treptow: Group V Assistant COMM Officer

Cadet members

Cadet Airman Bryce A. Nix- Flight Cadet Commander
Cadet Airman Michael Beal– Flight Element Leader
Cadet Airman Chelsie Skarda– Flight Logistics and Supply
Cadet Airman Basic Morgun Bedynek– Flight Admin
Cadet Airman Basic Emily Garcia– Flight Public Affairs
Cadet Airman Basic Celeste Resendez– Flight cadet



CC-CAP GOALS—THIRD Quarter 2007

Goals: Unit autonomy and implementing 100% unit recruiting growth holding Dec 2006 numbers as the starting point.

THIRD Quarter— All pilots, when qualified, will be required to fly 2 hours per month and attend monthly Stan/Eval meeting. Capt Bazemore will arrange the Stan/Eval meeting on a night other than the regular meeting night to focus on safety of flight and mission issues. Ground Team goals will be developed.

- 1) All pilots as of Dec 2006 obtain a current BFRFORM 5— Lt. Hoelscher and Lt. Garmon have achieved BFR;
- 2) FAA pilot proficiency (Wings Program) required for all pilots. In Progress
- 3) 4 Pilots MS qualified— 1st Lt Jerry Lunceford.
- 4) All Unit pilots as of December 2006 qualify as Form 5 CAP Pilots— In Progress Capt Bazemore and 1st Lt Lunceford have Form 5
- 5) Addition of 4 Mission Scanners— In progress, Capt Bazemore has qualified
- 6) Addition of 5 UDF qualified CAP Officers/Cadets— Cadets in Kingsville have begun training, training is begun in Corpus Christi
- 7) Addition of 3 GT3 members drawn from the UDF qualified
- 8) Setup a Stationary COMM set up— Resolving Antenna Issues
- 9) Mid-year Banquet/Picnic
- 10) Recruit more Pilots, CISM, Cadets and Ground Resource personnel— Cadet Growth at Kingsville
- 11) Attend all Third Quarter DSARS
- 12) Conduct communication drills to test the hardware and train the squadron on use of equipment and proper communication protocols.
- 13) Identify and develop plans to setup land based communication needs for mission base located at Robstown Airport.
- 14) Bolster CISM— In progress, Lt Phelps to attend National CISM Activity

CORPUS CHRISTI COMP SQUADRON EMERGENCY SERVICE RESOURCES
by QUALIFICATION



MEMBERSHIP

Total Membership: 27 CAP Officers: 15 Cadets: 12
Level I membership: 14 Cadets with Curry Achievement: 6

EMERGENCY SERVICES

Qualified GES: 14 Qualified OPSEC: 22 Skills Evaluators: 11
DEPLOYMENTS THIS QUARTER: 0 SAR-EX: 0

GROUND RESOURCES

Urban Direction Finding: 6 Ground Radiological: 1

AVIATION/FLIGHT OPS RESOURCES

CAP Airplane Pilots: 2 CAP Command Pilot Rated: 1 CAP Transport Pilot: 2
FAA Wings Program: 2 Mission Pilots: 1 Mission Scanners: 6
Mission Observers: 1 CAP Air Crews: 1 Cadet Orientation Pilot - AFROTC 1
Cadet Orientation Pilot--Grp 2 1 CAP Instructor Pilot - Airplane 1

COMMUNICATIONS

Basic Communicators: 12 Advanced Communicators: 1 Mission Radio Operators: 5



The new aircraft maintenances rates effective 1 March 2007.

Cessna 172 rate is 30.00 Cessna 182 rate is 41.00 Gippsland GA8 rate is 37.00