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## PROSE

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### Mitchell Award to a Dedicated Cadet



Cadet Ewing looking proud and properly so.

On Tuesday, December 9, 2008 Middletown Cadet Squadron cadet member, Cadet 2nd Lt Lauren E. Ewing was presented with the prestigious Mitchell Award. The award was presented to Cadet Ewing by, Civil Air Patrol's 2008 National Cadet of the Year, Cadet Col Jacob Reed of the Maryland Carroll Composite Squadron and MER-DE-025 Commander and Civil Air Patrol's 2008 National Senior Member of the Year, Lt Col John McGaha.

When asked what it meant to have the award presented by Cadet Col Reed and Lt. Col. McGaha she said "it was very important to her, not only because of Cadet Reed and Lt Col McGaha's -

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### WHAT WEIGHS 3 ½ TONS USES A LOT OF ENERGY AND SAVES THE GOVERNMENT \$50,000 PLUS PER DAY?



Funny... they don't look like super heroes

On Saturday 21 February 2009, the Delaware Wing of the Civil Air Patrol conducted a Search and Rescue Exercise. The purpose of the exercise was to simulate the location of a downed and in trouble aircraft. The only thing

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they knew was at approximately 8:00 a.m. a plane went missing. Additionally, they were informed that the plane was somewhere between Northern Delaware and Cape May New Jersey.

That means that an area of x-square miles has to be searched and searched quickly if they are to save any lives. By 9:30 a.m. the Delaware Wing launched its first aircraft. Since these crews know what is expected of them they could be briefed in transit to the first possible search location.

At the same time a command center was set up under the Command of Lt. Col. Larry Kibler. By 10:00 a.m. the command center was fully staffed and operational. Lt. Col. Kibler had by that time 40 airmen under his direct command and four aircraft were in the air. Like a conductor leading an orchestra he began to conduct the performance. Naturally, like any training mission unexpected challenges are intentionally placed in the way of the search teams. This exercise was no different, among the unexpected challenges Lt. Col. Kibler faced was simulated broken equipment, bad weather and unexpected dignitaries wanting a first hand account of the situation.

By 1:30 p.m. the downed aircraft was located. Immediately, Ground teams were notified and preceded to the target area to begin the difficult task of assessing the damage and executing a rescue. By 4:00 p.m. the rescue was completed and the site sealed for possible FAA or other governmental investigation.

Do situations like this happen in the real world? Of course they do and more often than you might think. Each time one occurs someone has to respond. In this case and in almost every case like the one, I described above, it is the Civil Air Patrol that responds.

In less than 10 hours the Delaware Wing of the Civil Air Patrol mobilized over 40 volunteers, or about 3 ½ tons, and those 40 brave volunteers used every bit of energy they had to locate and save another human being. As a student of statistics in my younger years I was able to calculate that this 10 hour search and rescue would have cost the government or the tax payers approximately \$ 58,000.00. What did this mission actually cost, nearly, nothing at most a few hundred dollars. Why because each person involved is a volunteer. Like me the assets we require or need to carry out our assigned tasks are from our personal resources. The government does give us some money but the fact is we save the government approximately \$75,000.00 each day we are activated in the pursuit of saving lives.

Since, 1941 the Civil Air Patrol is one of the best assets this country has, and in these difficult economic times our commitment is even more important.



After it is over.... Then the evaluation.

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## MITCHELL AWARD

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individual accomplishments but also because they serve as role models for her and other cadets". She also respects their commitment and dedication to the Civil Air Patrol. Also Cadet Ewing said "Receiving the Mitchell is important because my brothers and sister all achieved this award, so I also worked very hard and dedicated myself to earn it."

"I am so proud that my family was there to see me receive the Mitchell from Jake and Col McGaha. I have been in Civil Air Patrol five years and joined because, I thought as a teenager it would be a good opportunity for me and could open other doors. I learned career options and it is a great stepping stone to other activities." Cadet Ewing also stated, "It just made the evening that much more special because my entire family has known Lt Col McGaha and Cadet Col Reed for many years, and they both have had a great influence on the lives of my brothers and sisters too!"

In order to achieve The Mitchell award, cadet Ewing had to successfully complete phases one and two, the "learning phase" and "leadership phase." of the cadet program. Another requirement for this award is attending an encampment. Lauren attended the 2004 Tri- wing encampment as a cadet basic at Camp Fretterd in Maryland. While there, she learned the fundamentals of leadership and mentored a cadet on leadership. It comes as no surprise that Cadet Ewing successfully graduated from encampment. Another eligibility requirement for the Mitchell award

involved writing an essay and speech. She then presented the speech to cadets in the squadron. After successfully completing the essay and speech portion of the leadership phase, Cadet Ewing passed the comprehensive exams on both Aerospace and Leadership earning her the distinguished Billy Mitchell Award award.

Lauren is an exceptional cadet; she participates actively in squadron events. She is currently serving as the Cadet Commander for the 2009 Delaware Diamond Flight Drill Team. As drill team commander, her main focus is building a relationship with her cadets and to teaching them the fundamentals of drill. Her mission is to inform cadets about how to be an honest and genuine leader and help build outstanding members of the community through the Civil Air Patrol programs.

When Lauren is not participating in CAP activities she attends the Lancaster Bible College as a student of music ministry/student ministry studies and she enjoys volunteering through her youth group.

Everyone in the Middletown Cadet Squadron congratulates Lauren on her accomplishment.

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## WHY ARE MORALS IMPORTANT?

Gee! Charley Manson has a nice smile so I guess he's alright huh? Billy Graham has a nice smile too so I guess that he and Charley are pretty much the same aren't they? We all know that that is just not so! Well what's the difference between them? Morals!

As far as I know Charley has none and Billy

has many if not most. That may be an extreme example but it certainly does illustrate how morals make a difference in how we live our lives, and our worth to God and country. Charley is a man that has been nothing but a burden to society and a source of great pain and anguish to many people because of his conduct. And on the other hand we have the example of Billy Graham who has been, and who has brought, blessing to every one he has come into contact with. He (Billy) has lived a moral life and preached morals in every sermon he has written. You don't have to agree with his theology to appreciate his message. Which should be our inspiration? Which one should we try to be like to what ever degree we are able?

"I don't really steal, I just take a few pencils from work every now and then and they have more than they need." Willy Sutton just took money from Banks and every one knows that they have more than they need. **It's just a matter of degree! The act is the same. A journey of a thousand miles begins with a single step and so does the road to Hell!**

See you next month,

Until then, God Bless.

By Chaplain Pyle

Chaplain (Lt.Col. ) Richard Pyle CAP

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## Middletown Spreads Holiday Cheer

CAP Middletown Cadet Squadron collected enough food to provide three large holiday food baskets for three needy families in Middletown. MER-DE-025 squadron originally set a goal to collect food for a Thanksgiving and Christmas food basket for one needy family in our local community.

With the help of everyone in the CAP Middletown Cadet Squadron donating food, and Cadet Chris Dengler, the Holiday Food Drive Project Officer, collecting door-to-door, we managed to gather enough food to fill baskets for three local needy families. Each basket weighed in excess of 50 pounds.

Cadet Noah Wible volunteered to receive the gift card donations from our local Wal-mart store manager, Edna Hughes. The generous donations from Wal-mart enabled our squadron to include a \$20.00 gift card with each food basket, so the families could purchase their perishable food items for the holidays.

Then Cadet Dengler, made arrangements for a local charity organization to deliver the baskets to the



Front row: Alyssa Rively, Anthony Gaglio, Noah Wible, Chris Dengler, Jacob Wible, and Mike Khilnani. Second row: Derek Smith, Stephanie Smith, Louis Hew, Caroline Dengler, and Anson Tuthill. Third row: Will Ocana.

families in need.

On November 19<sup>th</sup> 2008, Cadets Noah Wible, Jacob Wible, Caroline Dengler, Chris Dengler and Senior Member Chad Cutlip presented the bounty our squadron collected to Ed Lichman and Ted Whitlock

representatives of the Knights of Columbus and Antonia Vandenberg, coordinator of the Hispanic outreach ministry.

The presentation was held at the St. Joseph's Parish, in Middletown Delaware. They were overwhelmed to receive the enormous holiday food baskets and thanked everyone who contributed to the successful food drive.

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#### AVIATION SLANG

- ❖ BRAVO ZULU n: Praise for a good job.
- ❖ GONG n: A medal.
  
- ❖ OLD MAN, THE n: Base commander.
  
- ❖ THROTTLE BACK *Verb*: To slow down.



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Your stories make this letter possible. Only with your help can we let the general public know what good work the Delaware Wing does for Community and the State. So please send in your articles and leads.

Thanks

Peter

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#### Wanted:

I need a few individuals with geek like skills, in a politically correct universe a few persons with the ability to write open source code in a low level machine language preferably on and for a Windows (non Vista) platform.

The purpose is to create a Windows/Mac desk top and screen saver with the CAP theme. We are now developing a decent

library of photos to build upon. Additionally, we could manipulate some of our various insignias as Icon replacements. As an example the CAP National Insignia will replace the C:\

Drive  , My Documents =  ,

Virus protection =  etc. Currently, we are about the only component of the military that does not have its own computer theme. I am sure that it would be a great seller even if we give it away. Anyone interested in working on this project please let me know.

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Thanks to Col. Ted Sheober, beginning, April 2009 we hope to have downloads that will be suitable for use as Desktop Wallpaper.

## AND IT BEGINS, AS THEY GO OFF TO SUCCEED

This month the first of our super achievers, Karen Chinnery, announced her appointment to the U. S. Air Force Academy. When interviewed she identified herself as a not so special

person. She did say that she love to compete and thinks she will enjoy the challenge of the Academy along side other equally talented but male Cadets. She pointed out it that will make beating them even more pleasurable. Karen, told me she has been home schooled and in the same breath said her dad is a really tough grader. The best I can do is get solid b's . The readers should know that

Karen routinely scores well above average on national testing. She also is a competitive swimmer, because she is home schooled she is a team of one. The good part of being a team of one is that she can say she is the best swimmer on the team, but "I guess that makes me the worst to." Karen is also the DEWG Cadet



of the Year, The Cadet Advisory Council chairwoman.

When asked, who are her favorite male and female actors are she said Cary Grant and Audrey Hepburn. That took me completely off guard. Amazingly, she has a depth of movie history that is almost limitless. She completely understood the difference between good acting and good screen effects. She is brilliant, well rounded, with a sense of humor and when Ms. Chinnery enters the Academy she will still be seventeen. On behalf of the Wing you have both our best wishes and prayers.

*Semper Vigilans*