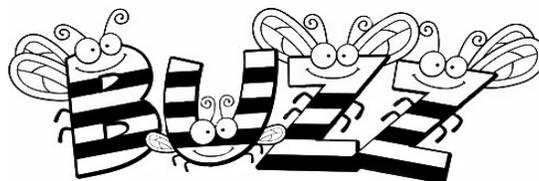




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Kicking off 2014 with SLA & ALS

This weekend cadets participated in either the Sheldon Squadron Leadership Academy (SLS) or an Airman Leadership Academy (ALS). Cadets in-processed, settled in, attended a safety meeting and then dove right in to classes.

Squadron Leadership Academy

This school was designed to improve general knowledge of the cadet staff on running squadron activities. SLA cadets learned how to properly shine their shoes and how to improve their uniform wear.

SLA cadets learned about the different line and support positions at Camp Curry in preparation for their next step as leaders. They discussed which positions they would want to be and helped prepare and serve lunch.

Overall Cadets were able to learn more about the expectations of staff, learn more about the importance of proper training and how to properly motivate fellow cadets.

Airman Leadership Academy

This school was designed to improve the general of knowledge of cadets. Cadets were able to learn more about developing their followership skills and proper uniform wear.

The activity began with an extensive uniform class right after the safety meeting. Saturday morning cadets were up early doing PT, followed by classes about CAP History, the CAP Core Values, Customs & Courtesies, Cadet Programs, the CAP Organization and Mission, and more. Cadets also participated in drill & ceremonies practice as well as completing group leadership projects (known as GLP's).

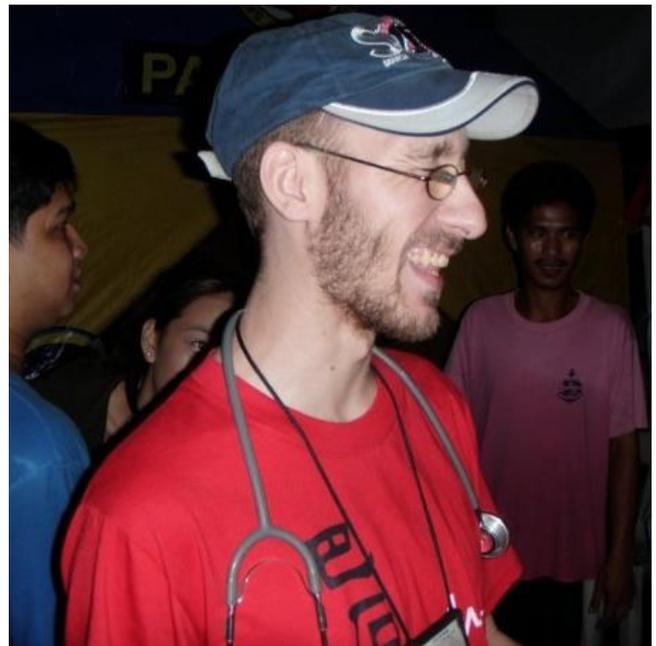
It was a passed fast activity with a large amount of information, but cadets were able to meet their require curriculum and are now more prepared to proceed through the phases of Cadet Programs.

Upcoming Activities

- Watch for information coming soon regarding Winter Fundraiser!
- Camp Curry 47, @ KMS 21 February to 23 February 2014
- Squadron Boosters Meeting @ KMS, on 27 February 2014 at 6:45 p.m.
- Promotion Ceremony @ KMS, at 7:00 p.m., on 27 February 2014
- Operation Seguin II, Seguin, TX, Friday, 21 March to Sunday, 23 Mach 2014

Behind the Scenes Members...

The Sheldon Cadet Squadron is comprised of 123 cadets and 21 senior members. While half of our senior members attend activities on a regular basis others are unable to attend weekend activities due to prior commitments and distance. If you, or your cadet, has been to a few weekend activities and been in CAP a year or more, you can probably identify Lt Col Levesque, Maj Applegate, Maj Hicks, Maj Levesque, Capt Gates, Capt Mathis, Capt Schulin, Lt Donnelly, Lt Gaviria, Lt Gates, Lt Nesbit and Lt Stiles. However, we have some senior members, like the recently departed Lt Col Flowers who have been members of our squadron for years and have been known to travel hours to attend a weekend activity or CAP event, some even mentor cadets in person and via phone and mail. During the Camp Curry months we have featured several of our former cadets, which will continue with in February and April, but for January we would like to introduce you to a couple of our “behind the scenes senior members” who aren’t always seen, but do have roles they play in the squadron and C.A.P.



Meet Dr. (Capt.) Jason McDonald –

Capt Mc Donald is one of our distant senior members. In November, while doing healthcare work in the Philippines he was present when the devastating Typhoon Haiyan killed at least 6,166 people and injured 28, 626 others in the Philippines. His office was destroyed, but in his words this gave him “more time to focus on getting people to safety.” While assisting with disaster search and rescue he was able to help transport over 1,000 people to safety. Over the years Capt McDonald has helped with relief efforts after other typhoons, but he said this was the worse he had ever seen. His work often takes him overseas and he often volunteers with CAP, the Red Cross, the Rotary Club and the International Responders for Emergencies and Disaster Organization (IREED).



Catching Up (continued)....



Meet Lt. Col. Mark Eubanks – Lt Col Eubanks is the former commander of the 272nd Engineering and Installation Squadron. Numerous members of the 272nd have been tasked with constructing the communications infrastructure used by thousands of service-members and military contractors in Afghanistan and elsewhere. Lt. Col. Eubanks himself has been deployed and helped the squadron out various times over the years with squadron needs. Sheldon cadets who traveled last April to Operation Seguin One met several members of the 272nd Engineering and Installation Squadron. Lt. Col. Eubanks was able to work it out that members of his unit also attended and camped nearby. They provided our cadets with views from a Humvee, a backhoe and night vision goggles. They also helped teach our cadets about communication equipment and the types of equipment they use in their jobs with the Air National Guard. In November our color guard team presented colors at the Change of Command ceremony for Lt. Col Eubanks when he stepped down as the commander of the 272nd Air National Guard.



Meet Capt Jawad Sultan – While Capt Sultan is currently a pilot working for US Airways out of New York, he and his wife still reside in the Houston area. He is a former cadet and one of our squadron's Aerospace Education experts. Cadets who attended the Aerospace Education Weekend in November were able to meet him for the first time. Capt Sultan has spent the last couple of years training and traveling with his career, so we haven't seen him at weekend activities the last few years. However, in November he and Maj Hicks were able to set tours up for our cadets at the 1940 Air Terminal Museum, the United Maintenance Hub, an Airport Operations Tour and a tour of the FedEx facility at IAH. Capt Sultan was able to get our cadets access to areas unavailable to the general public. The tours were great fun and very educational for all.

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Achieves
More!**

Commander's Corner

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January Promotions

C/CMSgt Donnelly

C/CMSgt Melendez

C/CMSgt Romero

C/MSgt Hurtado, A

C/MSgt Lopez, A

As we start off the New Year, we have begun making more proactive changes that will reward those who are dedicated to becoming better cadets and leaders in CAP's largest cadet squadron. I am continuing the Merit of Order List (MOL) that will let everyone know where they stand among their peers by CAP class. When we reach major activities that have limitations, I use the MOL to determine who goes. This is major for those attending Operation Seguin II and the Ropes Course in the spring. Cadets receive a point for each promotion, each activity attended and participation in the fund raisers. Prior to last year, we had allowed the older, more experienced cadets to receive preferential selection even when junior cadets were more proactive in meeting the squadron goals. The criteria will include squadron activities with the start of the new school year.

I am very pleased with our strong activity participation this year. Bringing back Airman Leadership School and having a second Squadron Leadership Academy with 50 cadets was terrific. It even resulted in five NCO promotions! The success of fun night is a great chance to celebrate your good works and to socialize. The one down side is that we need cadets to turn in their permission slip and/or activity fee the **Friday BEFORE** the activity. The late fees added up to almost \$50 and were an unnecessary expense for simply failing to turn in a piece of paper on time.

Last thought- Read "The Buzz", check the squadron web page or Facebook page. Check the calendar on the back wall or the one on the bulletin boards. There is no need to be fooled on dates, times and locations. The first 15 cadets that see and tell me what the article was about will get a prize.

Help!

How can you help?

- We always need help at weekend activities!
- Participate in the booster club and squadron fundraisers. Look for the fundraiser to kick off within the next few weeks. The TX802 Boosters will be helping raise funds to put towards the cost of squadron flight simulators.
- Serve on the military ball committee, help contact volunteers, or help with the fundraising committee.
- Board elections are coming soon, if you are interested in running keep an eye out for information on how.