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Preflight Brief

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New Members:



New Senior Members John Homan and Mordi Shushan receive the “Magic Hat”. Maj Joe DiMento, gets the hat for returning to SQ-87. Welcome home Joe.

Lt Col Morrison goes to Washington:



Lt Col Morrison, second from left, with CAWG staff.

During the first week in March, Lt Col Morrison went to Washington DC to lobby the California Congressional Delegation about CAP funding for the upcoming budget cycle. Col Morrison is CAWG Legal Staff and was representing the wing. Typically, the USAF asks for about 10 million dollars less than CAP needs and Congress increases the amount. It was interesting to hear how the system works and Col Morrison’s take.

O-Rides: March and April were great months for O-Rides. More than 30 cadets flew during 5 days of O-Rides, including the Vista H.S. AFJROTC Cadets.

08MAR15 - SQ-201 O-Rides at MYF, Maj Redmon and Capt Oster flew the cadets with SM Camp assisting as ground crew.



14MAR15 - O-Rides with SQ-47 at L-18, Maj Knight and 2nd Lt McCarthy flew the Cadets, Maj Lee, Maj DiMento, Capt Gangi, and SM Camp provided ground support. This was Lt Eric McCarthy's first O-Ride since becoming a CAP Pilot. Well done Eric.



15MAR15 – SQ-201 at MYF, Maj Lee and Capt Oster flew the cadets while Lt Col Goins and SM Camp provided ground support. This was Maj Lee’s first flight since qualifying as an O-Ride pilot. Good job Rich.



28MAR15 – Vista AFJROTC O-Rides - Col Lostetter took the bull by the horns and got the funding, approval from the school district and cooked lunch. Great pulled pork. Maj Knight did the flying, Maj Lee was in charge of the ground team, Lt Col Goins had his RC Helo, Capt Oster and 2nd Lt Steve Parker kept us safe and photo bombed the media. SMs Camp, Giroux and Roxanne Parker worked with the families, cadets and media. A camera crew from KPBS-TV and a photographer from the U-T covered the event. Everyone did a great job.



04APR15 - SQ-47 - O-Rides at L-18. Capt Oster flew the cadets and Capt Gangi was ground support.



Pilot Qualification News:



Lt Col Goins passed his Form 5 and his Form 91, Good to go for another year as a CAP pilot.



Lt Col Morrison and Capt Oster attended the Mountain Flying Course and are now Mountain Qualified Mission Pilots. Well done!
Lt Morrison also passed his Form 91 with Maj Knight, good job.

Capt Joe Vallejo has been hired by San Bernardino County Sheriff's Department to fly fixed wing aircraft. Everything from Cessna's to King Air's. Congrats Joe.

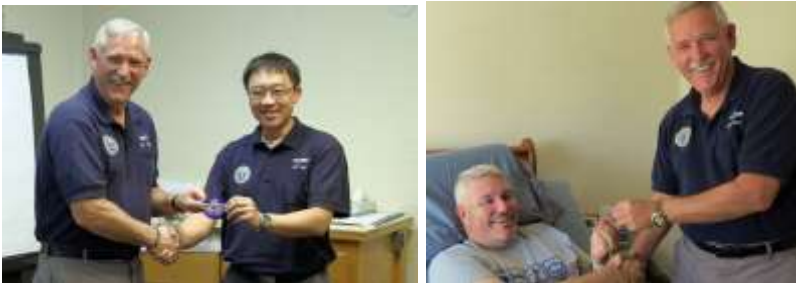


Maj Knight passed his Form 5 in the Turbo 206 with Mark Robinson. Mark is moving to Nevada Wing and Roy was his last CAWG Form 5.

Awards and Promotions:



SM Mordi Shushan completed his Level 1 in record time. Good job Mordi. SM Richard Giroux became 2nd Lt Giroux, well done Richard. 2nd Lt Eric McCarthy receives his O-Ride Qualification patch for passing his Form 5 with Cadet O-Ride endorsement. As seen above Eric flew his first O-Ride in March. Well Done



Maj Lee receives his O-Ride Patch for his flight suit; Rich passed his Form 5 with O-Ride endorsement; and Rich flew his first O-Ride in March. Good Job Rich. SM Camp had a couple of visitors while recouping from a DVT. Maj Knight and Lee came to his sick bed to promote him to 2nd Lt.

Food News:



Col Lostetter and 2nd Lt Camp showed off their cooking skills in March. Vinny smoked pulled pork and Jerry served chili. SQ-87 enjoyed the new found talents