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FEMA Training - During the weekend of 2-3 May 2015, 2d Lt Steve Parker attended FEMA ICS-300 training at Los Alamitos JFTB. Emergency management training is a big part of being ready and knowing how CAP and SQ-87 fits into the Incident Command Structure in time of disaster or National Emergency. Are you up to date with your ICS training? Well done Steve.



SQ-47 Awards Banquet - SQ-87 was invited to SQ-47 awards banquet on 9 May 15.

The Skyhawks wanted to thank SQ-87 for the support over the last year in providing O-Rides, aerospace education and assisting with SQ-47 events.



Above SQ-47 CO Maj Audrey DiGiantomasso presents SQ-87 Members with SQ-47 challenge coins for the support SQ-87 has given to the Skyhawks. **Above right**, Capt. Stu and Bozzy Oster enjoy the evening with Shirley, Capt Gangi is to her right just out of frame.



To the left we have the full group photo. From the left, Maj Roy and Phyllis Knight, Maj Rich and Ping Lee, Col Vinny Lostetter, Capt Stu and Bozzy Oster, Capt Vince Gangi and Shirley and Group 8 Commander Maj Jim Redmon.

Col Lostetter (**Right**) took the opportunity of the Eaker award presentation to inspire the crowd. Vinny spoke about this not being the best day of the cadets' young life, but one of the first of a long line of achievements. Vinny is an excellent public speaker, good job Vinny.



13 May 15 Meeting – Two new members to SQ-87. Tom Buscemi (**lower left**) is returning to SQ-87 after taking some time away from CAP, welcome back Tom. Capt Dan Van Hise (**lower center**) is transferring into SQ-87 from SQ-59 in Temecula looking for a more grown up experience. Welcome Dan. Maj Knight (**lower right**) is presented with a



certificate of appreciation from Group 8 CO Maj Jim Redmon. The certificate from FEMA is for Maj Knight's work with the National Continuity Program. It all seems vaguely familiar. Well Done Major!

Ardent Sentry and California Wing Evaluation – 11-16 May 15, during this period the CAWG participated in Ardent Sentry a disaster drill of a major earthquake in Southern California. All the squadrons in SoCal stood down as casualties of the earthquake, while NorCal Squadrons did the heavy lifting. Starting on 13 May 15, the Wing Operational Evaluation took place with USAF observers taking note of CAWG's ability to carry out the mission. CAP-403 flew full duty days on 15 May and 16 May. On 15 May, Maj Jim Redmon, Maj Rich Lee and 2d Lt Eric McCarthy flew missions in the rain and weather. They took photos of crash sites and responded to evolving mission profiles. This crew timed out at a full 14 hour duty day including flight to and from Whiteman Airport. On 16 May 15, Maj Rdemon, Capt Stu Oster and 2d Lt Steve Parker flew to Whiteman to participate in the Wing Eval. After getting their mission, Lt Parker had started planning the routing and other mission items as a good MS and was told he would sit this one out as a USAF evaluator would take his place in CAP-403. Maj Redmon and Capt Oster flew with the USAF Major in an eventful sortie and many lessons were learned. Our crew had to deal with weather, LAX ATC, more weather, hunger, airports and other challenges and rose to the occasion. Again the crew had a full 14 hour duty day and worked very hard on their mission. **Below left** - Day one crew, Maj Redmon, Maj Lee and Lt McCarthy. **Below Middle** – CAP-403 at Big Bear Airport. **Above Right** – The view on top of the weather from CAP-403



Valley Center Western Days Parade – 23 May 15, Maj Knight, Capt Stu Oster and 2d Lt Bill Ulmer participated in the Valley Center annual event. SQ-87 was given a lot of press as it was announced in 6 different locations that Stu and Bill were Sheriff's volunteers and CAP members. Roy, on the other hand, helping out on the veterans float got no love from the PA announcer. Roy, it looks like you are running for office. Way to serve the community gentlemen.



O-Rides 23 May 15 – Even though the weather was dicey the SQ-87 Team of Capt Dan Van Hise, 2d Lt Steve Parker (Pilot), 2d Lt Jerry Camp, and SM Roxanne Parker got the rides in after a two hour delay. Dan brought his 172 up to the transient parking and gave the parents an aircraft brief while Roxanne Parker and Jerry Camp provided the Cadets some ground training. A good time was had by all.





Life in the Squadron – Lt Col Will and Barbara Gordon are enjoying a trip to Paris, yes the one in France, and the east coast. They will return on 1 July and we look forward to hearing all about their trip.

New Plane – On 25 May 15, SM Mordi Shushan and SM Roxanne Parker flew commercially to Utah to pick up Mordi's new, to him, Piper Warrior 160 **(Pictured Right)**. The pair flew 8 hours with only

one stop for fuel and "personal administration" (as the Brits like to say). It was great that Mordi gave Roxanne the opportunity to log hours on the ferry flight. Roxanne is building time to advance her professional aviation career. Mordi and his wife are going to start on their advanced ratings in the Warrior. Congrats on the new plane, Mordi (make keys, lots of keys).



Maj Dale Hetrick (shown right)– Lt Col Will Gordon shot an e-mail, from Pairs no less, to Maj Knight informing Roy that Dale was in ill health. Roy contacted Betty on 23 May and was able to talk to Dale himself. The word is that Dale has a 70% occlusion of his carotid artery and will have surgery 10 June to correct the blockage. Roy said he was in great spirits.

Dale is a past Commander of SQ-87 (twice) and has over 100 Missions and 200 sorties. He used to own his own plane, a Europa, and has been flying a long time. Let us keep Dale and Betty in our thought and prayers. Roy will keep us up dated on Dale's progress and recovery.

SAREX – In the next few days e-mail will go out asking for volunteers to provide items or to have jobs at the SAREX over and above the training opportunities. Please step up and lend a hand.

Even if you don't get to fly this round there will be other training opportunities, UDF, Comms, IC Staff and many more. Please contact, Maj Rich Lee, 2d Lt Jerry Camp and Maj Knight if you have any questions. This is going to be an outstanding SAREX.

Error by Omission – In the last Preflight Brief, we stated that SM John Homan attended Mission Aircrew School at KRAL in April. 2d Lt Richard Giroux also attended. The PAO staff has been punished and sent to bed without dinner. Their final punishment is they have to continue publishing the Preflight Brief. We are sorry for the error.

This concludes the Preflight Brief, if you have any questions or comments please contact 2d Lt Jerry Camp at jerry.camp@sq87-cap.org.