



# Preflight Brief



CAP SQ-87 Newsletter

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Group 8 / CA Wing

## September Started Off with O-Rides and Ended With Awards

**O-Rides 5 SEP 2015** – SQ-87 pulled off O-Rides at two different airports in two different aircraft. We flew Cadets from SQ-47 at Fallbrook Community Airpark in CAP-410. Maj Jim Redmon was the Mission Pilot supported by Major Joe DiMento, Capt Vince Gangi and 2d Lt Jerry Camp as PAO. Once again Lt Jessica Arnold was the outstanding coordinator of the O-Rides from SQ-47. 2d Lt Eric McCarthy was the Mission Pilot for SQ-144 O-Rides at Gillespie Field in El Cajon in CAP-403. SQ-57 also flew SQ-144 Cadets at KSEE.



**Airmen of SQ47 and SQ87 celebrated Labor Day by working even harder performing missions for America** (Story and Photos by Maj Rich Lee inflight and location photos Lt Col Carl Morrison) The day started with a SQ-87 crew taking cadets of SQ-47 on their Orientation Flights, while a second SQ-87 crew flew in CAP-410 sharpening their skills and getting qualified as Aircrew. Later on, a third crew launched on an actual ELT search mission.

Cadet O-Rides was flown by Lt Col Carl Morrison (CA-001) supported on the ground by Maj Rich Lee (SQ-87), Lt Col Brian Billing (SQ-47) and 2d Lt Jessica Arnold (SQ-47) who also brought iced cold water for the cadets and donuts for everybody!

Labor Day Continued...Cadet O-Rides:



Flying to Borrego Springs



In the Terminal of Borrego Springs Airport



A UH-1 had a mechanical issue and the Marines posed with our cadets.



With the USMC bird in the background more posing.



C/TSgt Christine Lee



C/TSgt Lee at the controls of CAP-403.



Col going gangsta after flight 3 with Cadet Lee.



The happy Lee family, Ping, C/TSgt Christine and Maj Rich Lee.



Taxiing



Back to the spot.



Short final.



Lt Col Morrison, C/TSgt and Maj Lee.

The second crew consisted of Lt Col Jerry Rohles (Check Pilot) and Maj Tom Buscemi. They flew CAP-410 and successfully completed a check-ride.



Maj Tom Buscemi took his Form 5 on Labor Day with Lt Col Jerry Rohles in CAP-410.



CAP-410 Taxiing back.



Despite Lt Col Rohles best effort Maj Tom Buscemi passed his Form 5.

The third crew consisted of Mission Pilot Capt Stu Oster, and Mission Observer 1st Lt Bill Rote. They flew an ELT mission near Corona, CA and located the 2 ELT's. 1Lt Bill Rote's first none distress find.

Labor Day Continued...ELT Mission:



When the alert went out Lt Col Morrison and Maj Lee put all the gear together and even started the log entries for Capt Oster and 1Lt Rote could preflight the airplane and go. SQ-87 Team Work! A great day of flying.

**9 SEP 2015 Squadron Meeting** (Photos and story by 2d Lt Jerry Camp) Another busy meeting for an active squadron. We even got out on time. It must have been the heat.



Capt Stu Oster receiving his Homeland Security Ribbon for the VIP Missions.



Maj Tom Buscemi receiving his wings for passing his Form 5.



Maj Knight presents the credit for the ELT find on 7 SEP 15 with 1Lt Bill Rote.



The assembled masses.



Maj Lee covered the CAP Alert system and how SQ-87 works the system.



Capt Dan Van Hise had a great AE presentation on how ATC got him home for the birth of his fifth child.

**9/11 Memorial Flag Flights** (Story and photos by 2Lt Jerry Camp) When most people fly a flag they take the flag out to the yard and run it up a pole or a mast. On 9/11, Squadron 87 flies flags inside CAP-403, a Cessna 182Q. It was a hot day, but a great day for flying. Mission Pilots were Maj Roy Knight, Squadron Commander, Maj Tom Buscemi and 2d Lt Eric McCarthy. Crew members were Lt Col Dee Osarget (SQ-47), Lt Col Mike Woods (SQ-47), Maj Joe DiMento, and SM John Homan. 2d Lt Jerry Camp was PAO and Fallbrook Base Communications Officer. The flags were supplied by Capt Sonya Rea of Escondido Cadet Squadron 714.



**San Diego Group 8 Awards Banquet** (Story and Photos by 2d Lt Jerry Camp, edited by Maj Roy Knight)

18 SEP 2015 - Group 8 had its second annual Awards Banquet at The Old Spaghetti Factory. It was a fun evening hosted by Maj Veta and Maj Redmon. SQ-87 did very well in the awards department. We took home 8 awards both individual and squadron.



Pilot of the Year - Capt Stu Oster



Senior Member of the Year - Maj Rich Lee



Observer of the Year - Maj Rich Lee



PAO of the Year - 2d Lt Jerry Camp



Communications Officer of the Year - Capt Vince Gangi



And, of course: Senior Squadron of the Year!



The Officers of SQ-87



The SQ-87 Family

Counterdrug Officer of the Year - Lt Col Jerry Rohles (Not pictured)

Safety Officer of the Year - Capt Steve Parker (Not pictured)

Well done to all the Airmen of SQ-87!

**23 SEP 2015 Meeting** (Photos and Story by 2<sup>nd</sup> Lt Jerry Camp)

It all started with a full table at dinner and continued at the Scout Shack. A lot of awards and business in this jam packed meeting.



Before meeting dinner, lots of new faces.



The usual suspects



Maj Knight welcomes Maj Jacob Summey from SQ-144 with a "Magic Hat".



Maj Redmon SD Group 8 Commander presents Lt Col Jerry Rohles with Group Counter Drug Officer of the Year. Well done Jerry!



Maj Knight reads the plaque stating that SQ-87 is Group Senior Squadron of the Year. Good Job to the entire squadron.



Maj Knight presents 1Lt Bill Rote with his find ribbon for the 7 SEP 15 find of the ELT. Bill was the MO on that mission with Capt Oster. Well done Bill.



The Capt Stu Oster show here Capt Oster was presented with his Senior Safety Specialty Rating. Capt Oster also received the Grover Loening Ribbon for achieving Level III, a Bronze Star for his Leadership Ribbon and last but not least...



...was promoted to Major. Major Oster congratulations on all of your achievements.



Maj Rich Lee covered important information on the use of ground DF equipment in the UDF role. He demonstrated a number of devices and techniques on how to get the most effective use out of them. Great presentation Rich.



Maj Tom Buscemi went over the critical topic recognized by the FAA for flight safety. Tom illustrated them in a circular action format. Good Information Tom.



1Lt Bill Rote gave us some insight to ADS-B in and how it works and how to build a ADS-B receiver at home using a Raspberry Pi2.

**Upcoming Events:**

California Wing Conference, 25-27 Sep 2015, Radisson Hotel Newport Beach.

Miramar Airshow 2-4 OCT 2015

Next SQ-87 Meeting, 14 OCT 15 at the Scout Shack in Fallbrook. Bring a friend.

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